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Michigan Tech's Josh Buettner Named 2003-04 GLIAC Men's Basketball Player of the Year

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Junior forward **Josh Buettner** of Michigan Tech University has been selected as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) men's basketball Player of the Year. Rookie guard **Alex Jones** of Ashland University was chosen as Freshman of the Year. Michigan Tech head coach **Kevin Luke** earned his fourth GLIAC Coach of the Year award. All three were selected by the GLIAC men's basketball coaches in conjunction with all-conference balloting.

Buettner has helped Michigan Tech to its third straight 20-plus win season by leading the conference in scoring (22.0 points per game) and blocks (1.2 per game). His scoring average of 22.0 is the best by a Husky player since the 1994-95 season. The 6-9 junior forward owns 1,418 career points and ranks ninth on Tech's all-time scoring chart. Buettner, a native of Shawano, Wis., was an All-GLIAC North Division Second Team pick a year ago and has earned GLIAC All-Academic Team honors twice.

A native of Englewood, Ohio, **Jones** took over as Ashland's starting point guard midway through the season. He led the Eagles in scoring (12.5 points per game), three-point field goals (54) and steals (33), despite starting just 15 games. Jones shot 41.5 percent from three-point range (54-135). Over Ashland's final five games he averaged 16.8 points per outing. Jones was named the GLIAC South Division player of the week on Feb. 9.

Luke earns GLIAC Coach of the Year laurels after leading the Huskies to a 20-6 mark and a second-place finish in the North Division. The 10th-year skipper, who was the Basketball Times National Coach of the Year a year ago, has led the winningest program in the conference during his tenure. He won his 200th career game on Tuesday (Mar. 2) vs. Northern Michigan and now owns a 200-90 career coaching record.

Joining Buettner on the All-GLIAC North Division First Team are: Ferris State University junior guard **Carlton Epps** and senior guard **Willie Thomas**; Northwood University senior guard **Dallas Logan**; and Michigan Tech junior guard **Jason Marcotte**.

The All-GLIAC South Division First Team includes: Wayne State University senior center **Kendon Edwards**; Hillsdale College senior forward **Tom Farmer**; Mercyhurst College senior forward **Josh Helm** and senior guard **Justin Shouse**; and Gannon University junior center **Geoff Husted**.

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**Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
2003-04 Men's Basketball All-Conference Teams and Postseason Awards**

Player of the Year: Josh Buettner - Michigan Tech University (Jr., F, Shawano, Wis.)

Freshman of the Year: Alex Jones - Ashland University (Fr., G, Englewood, Ohio/Northmont)

Coach of the Year: Kevin Luke - Michigan Tech University

GLIAC North Division All-Conference First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Josh Buettner	Michigan Tech University	Jr.	F	Shawano, Wis.
Carlton Epps	Ferris State University	Jr.	G	Benton Harbor, Mich.
Dallas Logan	Northwood University	Sr.	G	Detroit, Mich./Loyola
Jason Marcotte	Michigan Tech University	Jr.	G	Ishpeming, Mich./Westwood
Willie Thomas	Ferris State University	Sr.	G	Columbus, Ohio/Eastmoor Academy

GLIAC South Division All-Conference First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Kendon Edwards	Wayne State University	Sr.	C	Waukegan, Ill.
Tom Farmer	Hillsdale College	Sr.	F	Olivet, Mich.
Josh Helm	Mercyhurst College	Sr.	F	Grove City, Ohio
Geoff Husted	Gannon University	Jr.	C	Canton, Ohio/Massillon Perry
Justin Shouse	Mercyhurst College	Sr.	G	Erie, Pa./McDowell

GLIAC North Division All-Conference Second Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Eric Chess	Grand Valley State University	Jr.	C	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Billy Hill	Northern Michigan University	Sr.	F	Negaunee, Mich.
Scott Jamison	Lake Superior State University	Jr.	F	Port Huron, Mich./Northern
Anthony Parker	Saginaw Valley State University	Jr.	F	Muskegon, Mich./Mona Shores
Dennis Springs	Ferris State University	So.	PG	Toledo, Ohio/Scott

GLIAC South Division All-Conference Second Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Brandon Andrews	Gannon University	Sr.	G	Rochester, N.Y./Bishop Kearney
Cory Coe	Hillsdale College	So.	G	Williamston, Mich.
Morris Hall	Wayne State University	Jr.	G	Detroit, Mich./Henry Ford
Dustin Pfeifer	University of Findlay	So.	PG	Washington Court House, Ohio
Frank Phillips	University of Findlay	So.	G	Cincinnati, Ohio/Roger Bacon

GLIAC North Division All-Defensive Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Carlton Epps	Ferris State University	Jr.	G	Benton Harbor, Mich.
Courtney James	Grand Valley State University	So.	G	Kentwood, Mich./East Kentwood
Jason Marcotte	Michigan Tech University	Jr.	G	Ishpeming, Mich./Westwood
Jeff McHenry	Michigan Tech University	Sr.	F	Bath, Mich.
Dennis Springs	Ferris State University	So.	PG	Toledo, Ohio/Scott

GLIAC South Division All-Defensive Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Darrell Evans	Wayne State University	Jr.	G	Detroit, Mich./Redford
Demondi Johnson	Gannon University	So.	PG	Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Frank Phillips	University of Findlay	So.	G	Cincinnati, Ohio/Roger Bacon
Brad Rethman	University of Findlay	Sr.	F	Fort Loramie, Ohio
Justin Shouse	Mercyhurst College	Sr.	G	Erie, Pa./McDowell