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## Defending D-II Champion Grand Valley State University Tabbed 2007 Preseason Favorite By GLIAC Football Coaches

*Lakers Garner 12 First-Place Votes, Outdistance Second-Place Northwood by 24 points*

**BAY CITY, Mich.** -- Two-time defending NCAA Division II Champion Grand Valley State University was picked to win the 2007 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) football title by the head football coaches of the league in preseason balloting.

The Lakers outdistanced Northwood University by 24 points in the voting (144-120) and garnered all 12 of the first-place votes they were eligible for. NU posted a second-place league finish in 2006 and received the lone remaining first-place nod.

The poll was released in conjunction with the league's football media day luncheon held at the Bay Valley Resort in Bay City, Michigan.

The league's 13 head coaches participated in the balloting, but were not allowed to vote for their team. The first-place team on each ballot received 12 points, while second received 11 points, etc.

Saginaw Valley State University placed third in the balloting with 115 points. Ferris State University (108 points) finished just seven points behind the Cardinals in the poll to place fourth. Wayne State University tallied 96 points and finished in fifth place.

Michigan Technological University narrowly edged out the University of Indianapolis for sixth place. The Huskies recorded just two more points (87-85) than the Greyhounds in the balloting.

Ashland University outdistanced Hillsdale College by 11 points (72-61) to finish eighth in the poll. Northern Michigan University placed 10th with 48 points while Mercyhurst College tallied 29 points to place 11th. The University of Findlay edged out Gannon University for 12th place by just three points (26-23) to round out the poll.

The 2006 season saw two GLIAC teams earn berths in the NCAA Division II playoffs. GVSU claimed the top seed in the Northwest Region after finishing the 2006 regular season undefeated. Northwood garnered the #4 seed in the region but fell to South Dakota (31-28) in the first round of the playoffs. The Lakers defeated South Dakota (35-17), North Dakota (30-20), and Delta State, Miss. (49-30) before defeating Northwest Missouri State in the 2006 D-II Championship game, 17-14.

For more information about GLIAC football please check the GLIAC football web page at: [www.gliac.org/](http://www.gliac.org/).

<b>2007 GLIAC Preseason Football Coaches Poll</b>	
<i>School (first-place votes)</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. Grand Valley State (12) .....	144
2. Northwood (1) .....	120
3. Saginaw Valley State .....	115
4. Ferris State .....	108
5. Wayne State .....	96
6. Michigan Tech .....	87
7. Indianapolis .....	85
8. Ashland .....	72
9. Hillsdale .....	61
10. Northern Michigan .....	48
11. Mercyhurst .....	29
12. Findlay .....	26
13. Gannon .....	23

<b>2006 GLIAC Final Standings</b>				
	<b>GLIAC</b>		<b>Overall</b>	
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
#1 Grand Valley State	10	0	15	0
#21 Northwood	8	2	8	3
Ferris State	7	3	8	3
Michigan Tech	6	4	6	4
Saginaw Valley State	6	4	6	4
Wayne State	6	4	6	5
Indianapolis	5	5	6	5
Hillsdale	5	5	5	6
Ashland	4	6	4	6
Mercyhurst	3	7	3	7
Northern Michigan	3	7	3	7
Findlay	1	9	2	9
Gannon	1	9	1	10
<i># - Ranking in final 2006 AFCA D-II poll</i>				



# 2007 GLIAC Football Composite Schedule

## Saturday, August 25

Mercyhurst at Kentucky State	1 pm
Michigan Tech at Winona State (Minn.)	2 pm

## Thursday, August 30

St. Joe's (Ind.) at Grand Valley State	7 pm
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## Saturday, September 1

Michigan Tech at Wayne State*	Noon
Ashland at Saginaw Valley State*	Noon
Mercyhurst at Northwood*	Noon
Gannon at Hillsdale*	2:30 pm
Northern Michigan at Indianapolis*	6 pm
Charleston (W.Va.) at Findlay	1 pm
Kentucky State at Ferris State	7 pm

## Saturday, September 8

Saginaw Valley State at Gannon*	1 pm
Indianapolis at Michigan Tech*	1 pm
Northwood at Findlay*	1 pm
Hillsdale at Northern Michigan*	4 pm
Mercyhurst at Ferris State*	7 pm
Grand Valley State at Ashland*	7 pm
Wayne State at St. Joe's (Ind.)	1 pm

## Saturday, September 15

Michigan Tech at Northwood*	Noon
Ferris State at Saginaw Valley State*	Noon
Wayne State at Mercyhurst*	1:30 pm
Ashland at Hillsdale*	2:30 pm
Gannon at Indianapolis*	6 pm
Findlay at Grand Valley State*	7 pm

## Saturday, September 22

Findlay at Wayne State*	Noon
Northwood at Ashland*	1 pm
Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech*	1 pm
Hillsdale at Ferris State*	7 pm
Mercyhurst at Gannon*	7 pm
Saginaw Valley State at Northern Michigan*	7 pm
Indianapolis at St. Joe's (Ind.)	1 pm

## Saturday, September 29

Saginaw Valley State at Northwood*	Noon
Indianapolis at Findlay*	1 pm
Ashland at Mercyhurst*	1:30 pm
Northern Michigan at Ferris State*	2 pm
Michigan Tech at Hillsdale*	2:30 pm
Wayne State at Grand Valley State*\$	7 pm
Tiffin (Ohio) at Gannon	1 pm

## Saturday, October 6

Findlay at Saginaw Valley State*	Noon
Gannon at Wayne State*	Noon
Ferris State at Michigan Tech*	1 pm
Grand Valley State at Mercyhurst*	1:30 pm
Northwood at Northern Michigan*	4 pm
Hillsdale at Indianapolis*	6 pm

## Saturday, October 13

Michigan Tech at Saginaw Valley State*	Noon
Northern Michigan at Ashland*	1 pm
Ferris State at Gannon*	1 pm
Wayne State at Hillsdale*	2:30 pm
Mercyhurst at Findlay*	4 pm
Indianapolis at Grand Valley State*	7 pm

## Saturday, October 20

Grand Valley State at Northwood*	Noon
Michigan Tech at Northern Michigan*	1 pm
Findlay at Gannon*	1 pm
Hillsdale at Mercyhurst*	1:30 pm
Ashland at Ferris State*	2 pm
Wayne State at Indianapolis*	6 pm

## Saturday, October 27

Northwood at Wayne State*	Noon
Gannon at Michigan Tech*	1 pm
Mercyhurst at Northern Michigan*	1 pm
Ashland at Findlay*	1 pm
Saginaw Valley State at Indianapolis*	6 pm
Ferris State at Grand Valley State*	7 pm
Tiffin (Ohio) at Hillsdale	2:30 pm

## Saturday, November 3

Grand Valley State at Saginaw Valley State*	Noon
Wayne State at Ashland*	1 pm
Hillsdale at Findlay*	1 pm
Northern Michigan at Gannon*	1 pm
Indianapolis at Mercyhurst*	1:30 pm
Northwood at Ferris State*	2 pm

## Saturday, November 10

Ferris State at Wayne State*	Noon
Indianapolis at Northwood*	Noon
Gannon at Ashland*	1 pm
Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*	1 pm
Findlay at Michigan Tech*	1 pm
Saginaw Valley State at Hillsdale*	2:30 pm

## Saturday, November 17

NCAA Division II First Round Games - campus sites

## Saturday, November 24

NCAA Division II Second Round Games - campus sites

## Saturday, December 1

NCAA Division II Quarterfinals - campus sites

## Saturday, December 8

NCAA Division II Semifinals - campus sites

## Saturday, December 15

NCAA Division II Championship

\* - GLIAC Game

\$ - Game to be played at 5/3 Ballpark, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Game Times are subject to change.