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## Grand Valley State University Tabbed 2008 Preseason Favorite By GLIAC Football Coaches

*Lakers Receives 11 First-Place Votes, Outdistance Second-Place Ashland by 16 points*

**BAY CITY, Mich.** -- Defending league champion Grand Valley State University was picked to win the 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) football title by the head football coaches of the league in preseason balloting.

The league's 12 head coaches participated in the balloting, but were not allowed to vote for their team. The first-place team on each ballot received 11 points, while second received 10 points, etc.

The Lakers outdistanced Ashland University by 16 points in the voting (121-105) and garnered 11 first-place votes. Ashland posted a second-place league finish in 2007 and received the lone remaining first-place nod.

The poll was released in conjunction with the league's football media day luncheon held at Zehnder's Restaurant in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Saginaw Valley State University placed third in the balloting with 83 points. Northwood University (78 points) finished just five points behind the Cardinals in the poll to place fourth. Hillsdale College and Michigan Technological University each tallied 73 points and finished in a tie for fifth place.

Ferris State University narrowly edged out the University of Indianapolis for seventh place. The Bulldogs recorded just two more points (66-64) than the Greyhounds in the balloting.

Wayne State University outdistanced Northern Michigan University by 8 points (48-40) to finish ninth in the poll. The University of Findlay edged out Tiffin University for 11th place by just five points (25-16) to round out the poll.

The 2007 season saw two GLIAC teams earn berths in the NCAA Division II playoffs. Both Grand Valley State and Ashland extended their play into the postseason. The Eagles had their season ended with an opening round loss to Central Washington (40-24). The Lakers were defeated in the Division II semifinals by Northwest Missouri State University (34-16), making it only the second time in the last seven years they did not participate in the Division II championship game.

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

<b>2008 GLIAC Preseason Football Coaches Poll</b>	
<i>School (first-place votes)</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. Grand Valley State (11) .....	121
2. Ashland (1) .....	105
3. Saginaw Valley State .....	83
4. Northwood .....	78
5. Hillsdale .....	73
Michigan Tech .....	73
7. Ferris State .....	66
8. Indianapolis .....	64
9. Wayne State .....	48
10. Northern Michigan .....	40
11. Findlay .....	25
12. Tiffin .....	16

<b>2007 GLIAC Final Standings</b>				
	<b>GLIAC</b>		<b>Overall</b>	
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
#3 Grand Valley State	9	0	12	1
#22 Ashland	8	1	8	2
Hillsdale	7	3	8	3
Ferris State	6	4	7	4
Michigan Tech	6	4	6	5
Indianapolis	5	5	6	5
Northwood	5	5	5	5
Northern Michigan	5	5	5	5
Findlay	4	6	5	6
Mercyhurst	3	7	4	7
Saginaw Valley State	3	7	3	7
Wayne State	2	8	3	8
Gannon	1	9	1	10
# - Ranking in final 2007 AFCA D-II poll				



# 2008 GLIAC Football Composite Schedule

## Thursday, August 28

Indianapolis at Kentucky Wesleyan 8 pm

## Saturday, August 30

Findlay at Urbana (Ohio) Noon  
 Mercyhurst (Pa.) at Wayne State 12:30 pm  
 Winona State (Minn.) at Michigan Tech 1 pm  
 Bloomsburg (Pa.) at Ashland 1 pm  
 St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Hillsdale 2:30 pm  
 Ferris State at Tiffin 2:30 pm

## September 6, 2008

Wayne State at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon  
 Tiffin at Findlay\* Noon  
 Hillsdale at Michigan Tech\* 1 pm  
 Ferris State at Ashland\* 1 pm  
 Northwood at Northern Michigan\* 4 pm  
 Indianapolis at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm

## September 13, 2008

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

## September 18, 2008

Michigan Tech at Northern Michigan\* 8 pm

## September 20, 2008

Saginaw Valley State at Northwood\* Noon  
 Tiffin at Ashland\* 1 pm  
 Wayne State at Findlay\* 4 pm  
 Hillsdale at Indianapolis\* 6 pm  
 Ferris State at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm

## September 27, 2008

Findlay at Northwood\* Noon  
 Tiffin at Wayne State\* Noon  
 Indianapolis at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon  
 Northern Michigan at Ferris State\* 2 pm  
 Ashland at Hillsdale\* 2:30 pm  
 Michigan Tech at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm

## October 4, 2008

Wayne State at Ashland\* 1 pm  
 Ferris State at Michigan Tech\* 1 pm  
 Grand Valley State at Tiffin\* 1:30 pm  
 Findlay at Hillsdale\* 2:30 pm  
 Saginaw Valley State at Northern Michigan\* 4 pm  
 Northwood at Indianapolis\* 6 pm

## October 11, 2008

Ashland at Northwood\* Noon  
 Tiffin at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon  
 Northern Michigan at Wayne State\* Noon  
 Michigan Tech at Findlay\* Noon  
 Ferris State at Indianapolis\* 6 pm  
 Hillsdale at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm

## October 18, 2008

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

## October 25, 2008

Hillsdale at Wayne State\* Noon  
 Northwood at Ferris State\* Noon  
 Michigan Tech at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon  
 Findlay at Northern Michigan\* 1 pm  
 Indianapolis at Tiffin\* 1:30 pm  
 Ashland at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm

## November 1, 2008

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

## November 8, 2008

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

## November 15, 2008

Division II First Round Playoffs, Campus Sites TBA

## November 22, 2008

Division II Second Round Playoffs, Campus Sites TBA

## November 29, 2008

Division II Quarterfinals, Campus Sites TBA

## December 6-7, 2008

Division II Semifinals, Campus Sites TBA

## December 13, 2008

Division II Finals  
 Braly Municipal Stadium, Florence, Ala. TBA

\* - GLIAC Game

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Game Times are subject to change.