

GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) embarks on its third year in the 2001-02 athletics season after the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference (MIFC) merged into the GLIAC effective July 1, 1999. The MIFC had been in existence for three years as one of the nation's leading NCAA Division II football conferences.

The merger was approved by the conference's Executive Council on May 18, 1999, and ratified by the President's Council.

The University of Indianapolis is currently the only institution in the conference which isn't officially a GLIAC member, but is an associate member as a football-only school. As part of the merger agreement, the GLIAC Executive Council granted Gannon University of Erie, Pa., a waiver until 2004 to play a full football schedule in the GLIAC. Gannon presently fields a non-scholarship football program.

Last season, the 12-member conference had two post-season representatives as both Northwood and Saginaw Valley State qualified for NCAA-II Championship Playoff berths. Northwood won its NCAA-II Playoff First-Round contest and advanced to the quarterfinal round. In 1998, Grand Valley State was the GLIAC's lone NCAA-II Playoff participant, which at the time marked the ninth straight year a conference member had competed in NCAA post-season action. Ferris State holds the conference record for most playoff appearances with five total (1992-96), including a semifinal appearance in 1995.

Following the 1989 season, the GLIAC dropped football as a conference-sponsored sport, and the Heartland Collegiate Conference (HCC), already a football-only conference, went out of existence as the MIFC was formed between the merger of the two conferences.

On February 8, 1989, at Grand Valley State's Eberhard Center, formal commitments were submitted by the six GLIAC institutions sponsoring football - Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Hillsdale, Northern Michigan, Saginaw Valley State and Wayne State - and the five HCC teams - Ashland, Butler, Indianapolis, St. Joseph's (Ind.), and Valparaiso, to form the now defunct MIFC.

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2000 GLIAC FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	GLIAC					OVERALL						
		W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY
1st	Northwood	9	1	.900	367	221	10	2	.833	409	259	5-1	5-1
	Saginaw Valley State	9	1	.900	315	249	9	3	.750	366	316	4-1	5-2
3rd	Grand Valley State	7	3	.700	310	248	7	4	.636	337	284	4-1	3-3
4th	Northern Michigan	6	4	.600	223	237	6	5	.545	247	272	4-1	2-4
5th	Ashland	5	5	.500	223	271	6	5	.545	247	288	2-3	4-2
	Michigan Tech	5	5	.500	263	250	5	5	.500	263	250	4-1	1-4
	Ferris State	5	5	.500	285	232	5	6	.455	298	256	2-3	3-3
8th	Wayne State	4	6	.400	292	321	4	6	.400	292	321	2-3	2-3
	Mercyhurst	4	6	.400	251	312	4	7	.364	257	326	1-4	3-3
10th	Indianapolis	2	8	.200	272	306	3	8	.273	305	313	3-3	0-5
	Hillsdale	2	8	.200	188	214	3	8	.273	209	233	1-5	2-3
	Findlay	2	8	.200	152	280	2	8	.200	152	280	1-4	1-4

2001 GLIAC COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

<p>Thursday, August 30 Edinboro (Pa.) at Ashland, 7 p.m. EDT Minnesota-Crookston at Grand Valley State, 7 p.m. EDT St. Cloud State at Northern Michigan, 7 p.m. EDT Wayne State at Northern Iowa, 8:05 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, September 1 Hillsdale at Saginaw Valley State, 12 p.m. EDT Indianapolis at St. Joseph's (Ind.), 1 p.m. EDT Findlay at Indiana (Pa.), 7 p.m. EDT Ferris State at South Dakota State, 8 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, September 8 Michigan Tech at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT Northern Michigan at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT Findlay at Ferris State*, 7 p.m. EDT Northwood at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m. EDT Saginaw Valley State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT Wayne State at Ashland*, 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, September 15 Mercyhurst at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EDT Indianapolis at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EDT Ferris State at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT Ashland at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT Grand Valley State at Northwood*, 7 p.m. EDT Hillsdale at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, September 22 Northern Michigan at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EDT Mercyhurst at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT Ferris State at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EDT Grand Valley State at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT Saginaw Valley State at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT Findlay at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, September 29 Ashland at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT Indianapolis at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT Michigan Tech at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EDT Wayne State at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT Northwood at Ferris State*, 7 p.m. EDT Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, October 6 Mercyhurst at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT Michigan Tech at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT Hillsdale at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT Wayne State at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m. EDT Grand Valley State at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m. EDT Findlay at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT</p>	<p>Saturday, October 13 Ashland at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EDT Saginaw Valley State at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT Findlay at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m. EDT Hillsdale at Wayne State*, 1 p.m. EDT Ferris State at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT Grand Valley State at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, October 20 Wayne State at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT Northern Michigan at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT Michigan Tech at Ferris State*, 2 p.m. EDT Indianapolis at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EDT Northwood at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT Mercyhurst at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, October 27 Ashland at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EDT Indianapolis at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EDT Hillsdale at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT Saginaw Valley State at Findlay*, 4 p.m. EDT Ferris State at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m. EDT</p> <p>Saturday, November 3 Saginaw Valley State at Michigan Tech*, 11:30 a.m. EST Northwood at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m. EST Ashland at Indianapolis*, 1 p.m. EST Findlay at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EST Ferris State at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EST Wayne State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EST</p> <p>Saturday, November 10 Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EST Northwood at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EST Hillsdale at Grand Valley State*, 1 p.m. EST Mercyhurst at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EST Indianapolis at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m. EST Michigan Tech at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EST</p> <p>Saturday, November 17 NCAA Division II First Round (campus sites)</p> <p>Saturday, November 24 NCAA Division II Quarterfinals (campus sites)</p> <p>Saturday, December 1 NCAA Division II Semifinals (campus sites)</p> <p>Saturday, December 8 NCAA Division II National Championship (Florence, Ala.)</p>
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PAST GLIAC CHAMPIONS

2000 - Northwood (9-1), Saginaw Valley State (9-1)	1994 - Ferris State (10-0)
1999 - Ferris State (7-2), Northwood (7-2)	1993 - Ferris State (8-0-2)
1998 - Grand Valley State (9-1)	1992 - Ferris State (8-2), Butler (8-2), Grand Valley State (8-2), Hillsdale (8-2)
1997 - Ashland (9-1), Grand Valley State (9-1)	1991 - Butler (9-1)
1996 - Ferris State (9-1)	1990 - Grand Valley State (9-1)
1995 - Ferris State (10-0)	