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Ferris State's Eric Lilleboe Named 2008 GLIAC Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year"

Findlay's McGeean Earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, Findlay's Al Baker Named "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Sophomore **Eric Lilleboe** of Ferris State University was named the 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year." University of Findlay rookie **Joe McGeean** earned the conference's "Freshman of the Year" title, while **Al Baker** of the University of Findlay was tabbed "Coach of the Year."

Lilleboe tallied a team-leading 73.3 stroke average on 2,199 strokes in 30 total rounds this campaign. He placed among the top 10 individuals in 10 tournaments this season along with holding six top-five individual performances. The sophomore from Lansing Catholic Central concluded the campaign by registering a runner-up individual finish in the 2008 NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional by firing an even-par 216 (74-70-72) at the Red Hawk Run Golf Course in Findlay, Ohio. His effort helped the Bulldogs to a third-place team finish at the regional championships.

McGeean had a standout inaugural campaign for the Oilers during the 2007-08 season. He helped the Oilers capture their first GLIAC title ever by tying for seventh with a three round score of 219 (75-73-71). His final total was two strokes off of the school record for 54 holes. McGeean also was instrumental in the Oilers seventh place finish at the Super Regional, shooting a 223 (72-77-74) which was good for tenth. In the fall, McGeean tied for fifth at the first Great Lakes Regional with a 143 (72-71) and also checked in fourth at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational after carding a 144 (71-73).

Baker led the Oilers to their first ever GLIAC Championship during the fall season as his team shot a school record 889 (298-292-289) during the 54 hole competition. Baker also led Findlay to a seventh place finish at the NCAA Super Regional after his squad fired a 905 (300-296-309). The award is Baker's second during his tenure with Findlay as he captured the same honor after the 2001-02 campaign.

Joining **Lilleboe** on the 2008 All-GLIAC First Team are: senior **Eric Atsma** of Findlay; sophomore **Matt Malloure** and senior **Josh Orlor** of Grand Valley State University; junior **Kasey Hocquard** of Saginaw Valley State University and senior **Ryan Johnson** of Wayne State University.

The 2008 All-GLIAC Second Team includes: junior **Tyler Hering** of Grand Valley State; senior **Brett Hudson** of Wayne State; freshman **Joe McGeean** of Findlay; senior **Chris Robertson** of Ashland University; senior **Sean Rutherford** of Saginaw Valley State and junior **Luigi Spadafora** of Northwood University.

A complete list of the 2008 All-GLIAC Men's Golf teams are on the following page.

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2008 GLIAC Men's Golf Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Eric Lilleboe - Ferris State University
Freshman of the Year: Joe McGeean - University of Findlay
Coach of the Year: Al Baker - University of Findlay

2008 GLIAC All-Conference Men's Golf Teams

First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Eric Lilleboe	Ferris State	So.	Okemos, Mich./Lansing Catholic Central	71.9
Matt Malloure \$	Grand Valley State	So.	Farmington Hills, Mich./Brother Rice	72.2
Eric Atsma	Findlay	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./South Christian	72.3
Josh Orler	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Mason, Mich.	72.3
Kasey Hocquard	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Cheboygan, Mich.	72.5
Ryan Johnson	Wayne State	Sr.	New Boston, Mich./Huron	72.7

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Brett Hudson	Wayne State	Sr.	Bloomfield, Mich./Orchard Lake	73.2
Sean Rutherford	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	East Lansing, Mich./Haslett	73.2
Luigi Spadafora	Northwood	Jr.	Milford, Mich.	73.2
Tyler Hering	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Muskegon, Mich.	73.3
Chris Robertson	Ashland	Sr.	Rittman, Ohio	73.3
Joe McGeean	Findlay	Fr.	Springfield, Ohio/Northwestern	73.4

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Joe Juszczuk	Wayne State	So.	Dearborn Heights, Mich./Divine Child	73.5
Josh Burt	Grand Valley State	So.	Diamondale, Mich.	73.6
Kurt Valley	Ferris State	So.	Bay City, Mich./Western	73.7
Joe D'Andrea	Ashland	Sr.	Westerville, Ohio/St. Francis DeSales	73.8
Matt Erickson	Ferris State	Sr.	DePere, Wis.	74.1
Danny Evans	Ashland	Jr.	Malvern, Ohio	74.1
Bryan Lynch	Wayne State	So.	White Lake, Mich./Lakeland	74.1

* - All-GLIAC Men's Golf selections are based upon a player's stroke average in his 10 best rounds in league play, including the three rounds of the GLIAC Tournament. All ties are broken by total strokes in the GLIAC Tournament.
 \$ - GLIAC Tournament medalist.