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Ashland's Maria Manzo Named GLIAC Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year for Second Consecutive Season

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Ashland University junior forward **Maria Manzo** was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) women's soccer "Offensive Player of the Year" for the second consecutive season in balloting conducted by the league's coaches.

Ashland sophomore defender **Karen Carty** was tabbed the conference's "Defensive Player of the Year" while Grand Valley State University's, **Susan Christenson**, was honored with the league's "Freshman of the Year" award. **John Hall**, who guided Ashland to its eighth consecutive GLIAC title, earned "Coach of the Year" accolades for the second straight year.

Manzo ended this year with 21 goals, 7 assists and 49 points. She scored both of Ashland's goals as the Eagles won a pair of 1-0 matches to claim the Great Lakes Regional championship. Manzo is second at AU in career goals (51) and career points (119). Manzo has led Ashland in goals and points for three years, leading her team to three straight GLIAC championships and NCAA Division II playoff appearances. The Pickerington, Ohio, native is also a standout in the classroom, as she has earned CoSIDA Academic All-Region recognition this season.

Carty, a sophomore from Fairfield, Ohio, helped the Eagles record 10 shutouts. Ashland outscored the opposition, 60-18 and in two matches at the Great Lakes Regional tournament, did not allow a goal. Over the final 17 matches of the regular season, AU allowed less than two goals 16 times. Carty also scored a pair of goals this season.

Christenson helped the Lakers to the second best overall record (15-5) in school history by being a key contributor on the defense. Christenson, a Livonia, Mich. native, was a part of a GVSU defense that allowed just 17 goals and 142 shots on the season. She helped the Lakers allowed just 7.1 shots per game and 0.84 goals per game over the 2004 campaign. Christenson also tallied 15 shots and added three goals.

Hall has coached the Ashland women's soccer team for four seasons. The Eagles have claimed the GLIAC title and advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs every season. This year, AU closed out the regular season with a 13-match winning streak and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals. The Eagles finished the year 19-2-1. Hall's four-year record as the AU head coach is 66-6-6. Hall needs two more victories to become AU's career leader in wins.

Joining Manzo and Carty on the 2004 All-GLIAC first team are: senior midfielder **Jen Berardinelli**, sophomore defender **Lisa Burg**, and senior midfielder **Ursula Staneff** of Ashland; junior forward **Mirela Tutundzic** of Grand Valley State; sophomore forward **Lisa Casement** and senior defender **Jessica Lamb** of Mercyhurst College; junior forward **Amy Snyder** of Northwood University; senior forward **Jennifer Prior** of Saginaw Valley State University; and senior forward **Jessica Booth** of the University of Findlay.

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2004 GLIAC Women's Soccer Postseason Awards

Offensive Player of the Year:

Maria Manzo - Ashland (Jr, F, Pickerington, Ohio)

Defensive Player of the Year:

Karen Carty - Ashland (So, D, Fairfield, Ohio)

Freshman of the Year:

Susan Christenson - Grand Valley State (Fr, D, Livonia, Mich./Ladywood)

Coach of the Year:

John Hall - Ashland

2004 All-GLIAC Women's Soccer Teams

First-Team

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Midfielder	Jen Berardinelli	Ashland	Sr.	Willowick, Ohio/Eastlake North
Forward	Jessica Booth	Findlay	Sr.	Dearborn, Mich.
Defender	Lisa Burg	Ashland	So.	Medina, Ohio
Defender	Karen Carty	Ashland	So.	Fairfield, Ohio
Forward	Lisa Casement	Mercyhurst	So.	Mississauga, Ont./Erindale Secondary
Defender	Jessica Lamb	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Mentor, Ohio
Forward	Maria Manzo	Ashland	Jr.	Pickerington, Ohio
Forward	Jennifer Prior	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Flushing, Mich.
Forward	Amy Snyder	Northwood	Jr.	Niagara Falls, Ont./St. Paul
Midfielder	Ursula Staneff	Ashland	Sr.	Westlake, Ohio
Forward	Mirela Tutundzic	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Wyoming, Mich./Rogers

Second-Team

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Midfielder	Finella Annand	Mercyhurst	So.	Inverness, Scotland/Culloden
Defender	Julie Brickman	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Eastlake, Ohio/Notre Dame Cathedral
Midfielder	Ashleigh Burke	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Saginaw, Mich./Heritage
Forward	Caitlyn Carducci	Ashland	So.	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy
Midfielder	Shannon Carrier	Grand Valley State	So.	Plainwell, Mich.
Defender	Susan Christenson	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Livonia, Mich./Ladywood
Forward	Renee Kozma	Ashland	Sr.	Akron, Ohio/Revere
Forward	Lindsey Pawloski	Ferris State	Jr.	Royal Oak, Mich./Kimball
Defender	Adrienne Sluga	Mercyhurst	Fr.	Mentor, Ohio
Defender	Jacque Sluga	Mercyhurst	Fr.	Mentor, Ohio
Forward	Jenny Swalec	Grand Valley State	Jr.	St. Clair Shores, Mich./South Lake