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Mercyhurst's Lisa Casement Named 2005 GLIAC Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Mercyhurst College junior forward **Lisa Casement** was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) women's soccer "Offensive Player of the Year" in balloting conducted by the league's coaches.

Grand Valley State University earned the other three awards with senior defender **Kate Duda** taking home conference "Defensive Player of the Year," while forward **Katy Tafler** was honored with the league's "Freshman of the Year" award, and **Dave DiIanni** was named "Coach of the Year."

Casement played in all 20 matches this year and led the team in goals (26), including six game-winners, and points (66). She finished second on the team in assists (14) and shots (95). In 2004, Casement was named to the All-GLIAC First Team and earned Second Team All-Region accolades. She also led the team during the 2004 campaign in goals (13), assists (6), points (32), shots (67), shots on goal (31), and game-winning goals (5). In Casement's freshman year, she recorded 16 goals which was nearly half of the teams total of 36. She also led the team in points (36), shots (62), and had four game-winning goals. She was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year, First Team All-GLIAC and team MVP in 2003. For her career she has totaled 55 goals and 24 assists.

Duda was a part of GVSU's defense that has allowed a GLIAC low ten goals en route to a school-best 19-2 record. She has appeared in all 21 of the Lakers matches and is part of a defense that ranks ninth in goals against in NCAA Division II. In addition to her defense, Duda assisted on two goals during the year.

Tafler currently leads the Lakers in goals scored (25) and points (58). She ranks second on the squad with eight assists. Tafler holds the GVSU single-season goals scored record and is tied for the total points record. Tafler finished the regular season seventh in NCAA Division II in points per game (2.95) and goals per game (1.26). She was named GLIAC Player of the Week three times during her freshman campaign (8/30, 10/31, 11/8).

DiIanni has led GVSU to a 51-9-2 (.839) record in his three seasons and has guided the Lakers to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. The Lakers' 19-2 (.905) record this season will go down as the best in school history. DiIanni helped the Lakers to their first-ever Great Lakes Regional Championship and improved his postseason record to 3-2. Grand Valley captured its first-ever GLIAC soccer championship this year posting a 7-1 league record.

Joining Casement, Duda, and Tafler on the 2005 All-GLIAC first team are: senior forward **Maria Manzo** and junior forward **Caitlin Carducci** of Ashland University, senior midfielder **Jen Gaylor** of Ferris State University, senior forwards **Jen Swalec** and **Mirela Tutundzic** and junior midfielder **Shannon Carrier** of Grand Valley State, senior midfielder **Amy Snyder** of Northwood University, and freshman midfielder **Stephanie Roy** of Saginaw Valley State University.

The complete listing of the 2005 All-GLIAC women's soccer teams and postseason awards are listed on the following page.

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2005 GLIAC Women's Soccer Postseason Awards

Offensive Player of the Year:

Lisa Casement - Mercyhurst (So, F, Mississauga, Ont./Erindale Secondary)

Defensive Player of the Year:

Kate Duda - Grand Valley State (Sr, D, Utica, Mich.)

Freshman of the Year:

Katy Tafler - Grand Valley State (Fr, F, Mississauga, Ont./Cawthra Park)

Coach of the Year:

Dave DiIanni - Grand Valley State

2005 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>
Forward	Caitlin Carducci	Ashland	Jr.	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy
Midfielder	Shannon Carrier	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Plainwell, Mich.
Forward	Lisa Casement	Mercyhurst	So.	Mississauga, Ont./Erindale Secondary
Defender	Kate Duda	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Utica, Mich.
Midfielder	Jen Gaylor	Ferris State	Sr.	Roscommon, Mich.
Forward	Maria Manzo	Ashland	Sr.	Pickerington, Ohio
Midfielder	Stephanie Roy	Saginaw Valley State	Fr.	Royal Oak, Mich./Dondero
Forward	Amy Snyder	Northwood	Sr.	Niagara Falls, Ont./St. Paul
Forward	Jenny Swalec	Grand Valley State	Sr.	St. Clair Shores, Mich./South Lake
Forward	Katy Tafler	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Mississauga, Ont./Cawthra Park
Forward	Mirela Tutundzic	Grand Valley State	Sr.	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	Jr.	Inverness, Scotland/Culloden
Defender	Ashley Bigelow	Ashland	Jr.	Lexington, Ohio
Midfielder	Erin Brockway	Ashland	Sr.	Ashland, Ohio
Defender	Lisa Burg	Ashland	Jr.	Medina, Ohio
Goalkeeper	Stacy LaLond	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Cheboygan, Mich.
Defender	Jessica Lamb	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Mentor, Ohio
Forward	Lindsey Pawloski	Ferris State	Sr.	Royal Oak, Mich./Kimball
Forward	Sarah Powell	Mercyhurst	Fr.	McKean, Pa./General McLane
Forward	Kelly Pruitt	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Shelby Twp, Mich/Utica
Midfielder	Courtney Rowan	Gannon	Fr.	Mentor, Ohio/Notre Dame Cathedral
Defender	Kourtney Willert	Grand Valley State	So.	Elk Grove Village, Ill./Conant