



GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) continues to be a leader in the development and promotion of intercollegiate athletics for men and women.

Inaugurated during the 1972-73 season, the GLIAC is in its 31st season of operation and has 13 member institutions: Ashland University, Ferris State University, University of Findlay, Gannon University, Grand Valley State University, Hillsdale College, Lake Superior State University, Mercyhurst College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Northwood University, Saginaw Valley State University and Wayne State University.

The GLIAC, which introduced softball as a charter sport during its inaugural campaign, sponsors team championships in 19 men's and women's athletic competitions. All member institutions with the exception of Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan participate in softball.

The 1985 season marked the conference's first-ever post-season softball tournament. The tournament changed the way the GLIAC recognized its conference champion. Since 1985, the conference title has been awarded to the team that accumulated the most points based on regular-season and tournament finish.

This season's tournament will be hosted by Lake Superior State and the overall conference champion will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament. Grand Valley State finished runner-up at the 2002 NCAA Championship Tournament in Salem, Va. Wayne State represented the GLIAC at the 2003 NCAA National Championship Tourney in Salem, Ore.

Since 1976, the GLIAC has crowned 34 conference softball champions and Ferris State has staked claim to two of those league championship titles, most recently in 2000.

GLIAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

2003	Grand Valley State	1993	Wayne State
2002	Ashland	1992	Saginaw Valley State
2001	Grand Valley State	1991	Hillsdale
2000	Ferris State	1990	Wayne State
1999	Ferris State	1989	Wayne State
1998	Ashland	1988	Wayne State
1997	Ashland	1987	Grand Valley State
1996	Ashland	1986	Wayne State
1995	Wayne State	1985	Wayne State
1994	Wayne State		

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2003 GLIAC FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM (FINAL PLACING)	CONFERENCE				OVERALL						TOURNAMENT FINISH	
	W	L	T	PCT	W	L	T	PCT	HOME	ROAD		NEUTRAL
Grand Valley State #1	17	1	0	.944	49	6	0	.891	13-0	14-3	22-3	1st
Ashland #2	12	6	0	.667	40	18	0	.690	10-2	12-6	18-10	3rd
Gannon #3	5	7	0	.417	28	21	0	.571	7-5	9-6	12-10	2nd
Wayne State #4	15	3	0	.833	39	15	1	.718	10-1-1	9-5	20-9	5thT
Findlay #5	7	7	0	.500	16	24	0	.389	3-3	5-11	8-10	4th
Saginaw Valley State #6	7	9	0	.438	21	21	0	.500	6-4	3-9	12-8	7thT
Northwood #7	6	10	0	.375	17	27	0	.386	6-6	4-5	7-16	5thT
Hillsdale #8	7	11	0	.389	18	17	0	.514	6-4	4-8	8-5	9thT
Lake Superior State #9	4	12	0	.250	5	44	0	.102	3-14	1-25	1-5	7thT
Ferris State #10	6	10	0	.375	18	29	1	.385	4-6-1	4-6	10-7	9thT
Mercyhurst #11	2	13	0	.133	9	34	1	.216	1-6	3-9-1	5-19	11th

NOTE: The GLIAC Championship is determined equally by a team's GLIAC finish in the regular season and its finish in the GLIAC Championship Tournament. Points are awarded from 11 to 1 for both a team's finish in the GLIAC regular season and the GLIAC Championships and then totaled to determine the conference champion.

2003 ALL-GLIAC TEAMS

FIRST TEAM				HONORABLE MENTION TEAM			
NAME	SCHOOL	Pos	Yr	NAME	SCHOOL	Pos	Yr
Sara Vroegindewey	Grand Valley State	IB	Jr.	Colleen Devery	Ashland	1B	Jr.
Jennifer Goldschmeding	Grand Valley State	2B	Jr.	Leslie Eberhardt	Ashland	P	Jr.
Keri Jonas	Grand Valley State	SS	Sr.	Amanda Opbroek	Ferris State	P	Sr.
Sara Mathes	Ashland	3B	So.	Dana Conklin	Ferris State	3B	Jr.
Kelly Martin	Saginaw Valley State	C	Sr.	Brandy Bower	Findlay	IF/OF	Fr.
Robin Altenburger	Findlay	OF	Jr.	Stacy Sharp	Findlay	P/OF	Fr.
Gretchen Messenger	Hillsdale	OF	Sr.	Joanna Fergus	Gannon	1B/C	Fr.
Tara Marsh	Grand Valley State	OF	Fr.	Heather Ford	Gannon	P	Sr.
Leah Ondrovick	Wayne State	DP	Jr.	Erin Ballinger	Grand Valley State	IF/OF	Jr.
Jordan Sinclair	Wayne State	UTL	Fr.	Bobbie Connor	Grand Valley State	C	Sr.
Josie Nelson	Ashland	P	Jr.	Lindsey McNaughton	Hillsdale	P/OF	Fr.
Jennifer Mackson	Grand Valley State	P	Jr.	Colleen McNutt	Hillsdale	3B	So.
				Heather Salmi	Lake Superior State	IF/OF	Jr.
				Chelsea Sparrow	Lake Superior State	UTL	Fr.
				Marissa Bartholomew	Mercyhurst	P/IF	So.
				Kate Conochan	Mercyhurst	1B/OF	Fr.
				Erin Martin	Northwood	3B	Sr.
				Lisa Shepard	Northwood	P/1B	Fr.
				Jesse Kaniszewski	Saginaw Valley State	OF	Jr.
				Laya Taylor	Saginaw Valley State	2B	Jr.
				Maria D'Agostino	Wayne State	C	Jr.
				Beth Berry	Wayne State	1B	Jr.

COACH OF THE YEAR – Keri Becker, Ferris State

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Jennifer Mackson, Grand Valley State

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR – Meghan Misiak, Wayne State

GLIAC OVERALL CHAMPIONS

2003*	Grand Valley State	22.0	Wayne State	12-3	
2002*	Ashland	20.0	1987*	Grand Valley State	10-0
2001*	Grand Valley State	11.0	1986*	Grand Valley State	10-1
2000*	Ferris State	12.0	1985*	Wayne State	10-2
1999*	Ashland	23.0	1984	Saginaw Valley State	9-1
1998*	Ashland	22.0	1983	Wayne State	12-0
1997*	Ashland	20.0	1982	Ferris State	10-0
1996*	Ashland	19.0	1981	Grand Valley State	8-2
	Wayne State	19.0		Wayne State	8-2
1995*	Wayne State	13.0	1980	Grand Valley State	11-1
1994*	Wayne State	13.5	1979	Grand Valley State	9-1
1993*	Wayne State	11.0	1978	Grand Valley State	9-1
1992*	Wayne State	11.0	1977	Grand Valley State	12-0
1991*	Hillsdale	11.5	1976	Grand Valley State	11-1
1990*	Saginaw Valley State	10.0			
	Wayne State	10.0			
1989*	Hillsdale	11-4			
	Saginaw Valley State	13-2			
	Wayne State	10-5			
1988*	Saginaw Valley State	12-3			

* – Title decided by regular season and tournament results