



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 32nd 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 double-elimination league tournament, which will be conducted at the Emerson Park Softball Complex in Midland, Mich., will feature only the conference's top eight teams based upon the each team's winning percentage for league games only. The overall conference champion will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament. Grand Valley State, which was the lone GLIAC participant in the 2004 NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional, 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 35 conference softball champions and Ferris State has staked its claim to two of those league championship titles with the most recent one occurring in 2000.

GLIAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

2004	Cancelled	1994	Wayne State
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

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2004 GLIAC FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM (FINAL PLACING)	CONFERENCE				OVERALL					TOURNEY FINISH		
	W	L	T	PCT	W	L	T	PCT	HOME		ROAD	NEUTRAL
Grand Valley State (1)	14	2	0	.875	36	8	0	.818	10-2-0	11-3-0	15-3-0	—
Wayne State (2)	15	5	0	.750	36	22	0	.621	12-5-0	7-4-0	17-13-0	—
Ferris State (3)	14	6	0	.700	24	21	1	.533	12-6-0	8-3-1	4-12-0	—
Ashland (4)	12	6	0	.667	27	17	0	.614	3-1-0	12-6-0	12-10-0	—
Saginaw Valley State (5)	11	9	0	.550	26	19	1	.576	11-5-0	7-12-0	8-2-1	—
Hillsdale (6)	9	11	0	.450	16	18	1	.471	8-7-0	6-8-1	2-3-0	—
Gannon (7)	7	11	0	.389	28	17	0	.622	13-5-0	3-9-0	12-3-0	—
Lake Superior State (8)	7	11	0	.389	13	22	0	.371	5-6-0	7-15-0	1-1-0	—
Mercyhurst (9)	7	13	0	.350	16	23	1	.413	3-4-0	6-11-0	7-8-1	—
Findlay (10)	5	15	0	.250	13	33	0	.283	6-12-0	4-11-0	3-10-0	—
Northwood (11)	3	15	0	.167	14	31	0	.311	4-10-0	3-12-0	7-9-0	—

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.

** The 2004 GLIAC Championships were cancelled **

2004 ALL-GLIAC TEAMS

FIRST TEAM			HONORABLE MENTION TEAM		
NAME	SCHOOL	Pos Yr	NAME	SCHOOL	Pos Yr
Nicki Merchant	Ferris State	IB Sr.	Ann Dunmire	Ashland	DP Jr.
Jenna McWilliams	Wayne State	2B Jr.	Michelle Congrove	Ashland	OF Jr.
Sue Verbeem	Wayne State	SS So.	Rachel Chartier	Ferris State	P Jr.
Dana Conklin	Ferris State	3B Sr.	Jessie Wright	Ferris State	OF Jr.
Maria D'Agostino	Wayne State	C Sr.	Brandy Bower	Findlay	SS Jr.
Robin Altenburger	Findlay	OF Sr.	Alicia Fetter	Findlay	C Jr.
Jessie Kaniszewski	Saginaw Valley State	OF Sr.	Joanna Fergus	Gannon	1B So.
Bree Beabout	Ashland	OF Fr.	Casey Brengle	Gannon	C/DP So.
Leah Ondrovick	Wayne State	DP Sr.	Erin Ballinger	Grand Valley State	OF Sr.
Sara Mathes	Ashland	UT Jr.	Lindsay Crawford	Grand Valley State	IF Sr.
Heather Ford	Gannon	P Sr.	Lindsey McNaughton	Hillsdale	P So.
Jennifer Mackson	Grand Valley State	P Sr.	Colleen McNutt	Hillsdale	1B Jr.
			Stephanie Matthew	Lake Superior State	3B Sr.
			Cherish Samuels	Lake Superior State	P So.
			Rachelle Haight	Mercyhurst	1B Jr.
			Kate Conochan	Mercyhurst	1B So.
			Jackie Ruma	Northwood	P/1B Sr.
			Katie Albert	Saginaw Valley State	2B Jr.
			Haley Slade	Saginaw Valley State	OF Sr.
			Jordan Sinclair	Wayne State	UT So.
			Meghan Misiak	Wayne State	P So.
			COACH OF THE YEAR – Doug Woods, Grand Valley State		
			PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Jennifer Mackson, Grand Valley State		
			FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR – Sarah Ytsma, Wayne State		

GLIAC OVERALL CHAMPIONS

2004	Grand Valley State	14-2	1988*	Saginaw Valley State	12-3
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			

* – Title decided by regular season and tournament results