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## **Ferris State's Molly Basha Named 2006 GLIAC Women's Tennis "Player of the Year"**

*Northwood's Neumann Named "Freshman of the Year," GVSU's Black Tabbed "Coach of the Year"*

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Ferris State University senior **Molly Basha** was named the 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) women's tennis "Player of the Year" by the league's head coaches in all-conference balloting.

The coaches named Northwood University rookie **Ashley Neumann** the conference's "Freshman of the Year," while **John Black**, head coach of the Grand Valley State University women's tennis team, was tabbed the "Coach of the Year."

**Basha** compiled an impressive 15-1 overall singles record and was 18-2 in doubles play during the fall campaign as the Bulldogs posted a 9-3 ledger. The 5-7 Basha registered a perfect 12-0 singles dual mark at the number one flight, including a 9-0 record in league matches. She teamed with fellow senior Marissa Muchow to post an identical 12-0 dual mark at the top doubles flight. The duo, which was 9-0 in conference play, also advanced to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Small College Championships (Oct. 12-13) where they finished seventh overall in the Division II field at Fort Myers, Fla. The tandem previously claimed the regional doubles crown at the ITA Great Lakes Championships (Sept. 15-17) in Midland, Mich.

Basha, who won her final 12 singles outings of the fall campaign, also reached the regional semifinals in singles play and was named GLIAC Player of the Week (Sept. 19). Presently, she holds a 67-17 career singles record and is 65-16 to date in doubles action at FSU. Both totals rank her among the top 10 all-time performers in school history.

**Neumann** joined Northwood in the middle of the fall season and immediately became one of the elite players in the league. She posted a combined record of 13-1, going 7-0 in singles and 6-1 at doubles. Playing from the No. 3 singles position, Neumann did not drop a set and lost a total of just 10 games in seven matches. From the No. 1 doubles positions, she dropped her first career match before running off seven straight victories with partner Julia Goncalves. Neumann is the fourth straight Northwood player to earn Freshman of the Year honors (Sue Rossano, Julia Goncalves, Carolin Rosskothén).

**Black** has led the Lakers to five-straight winning seasons since coming to GVSU in the summer of 2002. He has compiled an 87-36 record in his five years at Grand Valley State, including an impressive 20-5 record in his first year as head coach. Black has tallied a 40-12 record in GLIAC play, while leading the Lakers to the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Tournament in each of his four years as head coach.. The Lakers' best league performance under Black came this season as GVSU earned an 8-1 record, and a second place finish in the GLIAC.

A complete list of the 2006 All-GLIAC women's tennis teams are on the following page.

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## 2006 GLIAC Women's Tennis Postseason Awards

**Player of the Year:** Molly Basha - Ferris State University  
**Freshman of the Year:** Ashley Neumann - Northwood University  
**Coach of the Year:** John Black - Grand Valley State University

## 2006 All-GLIAC Women's Tennis Teams

### First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Molly Basha	Ferris State	Sr.	Eau Claire, Wis./Regis
Jennifer Daly	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Orchard Park, N.Y.
Julia Goncalves	Northwood	Jr.	Curitiba, Brazil
Lindsay Grimmer	Grand Valley State	So.	Troy, Mich./Southfield Christian
Celina Grondin	Lake Superior State	So.	Fleurimont, Quebec
Jenna Killips	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Ludington, Mich.
Megan LaMothe	Lake Superior State	Jr.	Troy, Mich.
Marissa Muchow	Ferris State	Sr.	Green Bay, Wis./Ashwaubenon
Ashley Neumann	Northwood	Fr.	Port Colborn, Ontario
Silvia Oliveros-Torres	Michigan Tech	So.	San Luis Potosi, Mexico/I.T.E.S.M.
Amy Palmgren	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Holly, Mich.
Amanda Pressotto	Wayne State	Sr.	Trenton, Mich.
Desiree Roset	Northwood	Sr.	Barcelona, Spain
Sue Rossano	Northwood	Sr.	Toluca, Mexico

### Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Samantha Jang-Stewart	Michigan Tech	So.	Calgary, Alberta/Western Canada
Monika Malinska	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Prague, Czech Republic/Business Academy
Dee Mays	Wayne State	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Utica
Elizabeth Mullane	Mercyhurst	Fr.	White Lake, Mich./Walled Lake Northern
Steph Nicolson	Wayne State	Jr.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Andover
Jenna O'Dell	Ferris State	Sr.	Escanaba, Mich.
Emily Zellner	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Midland, Mich.

### Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Lindsay Adams	Lake Superior State	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Chelsea Downing	Mercyhurst	Fr.	Cherry Hills Village, Colo./Cherry Creek
Katie Hanover	Saginaw Valley State	So.	St. Johns, Mich.
Audrey Koopsen	Grand Valley State	So.	Kalamazoo, Mich./Hackett
McCall Monte	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Grosse Point Park, Mich./Grosse Point South
Cristina Oliveira	Northwood	Sr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Megan Raynor	Mercyhurst	Fr.	Mayville, N.Y./Chautauqua Lake