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GVSU's Audrey Koopsen Named 2008 GLIAC Women's Tennis "Player of the Year"

Michigan Tech's Zhilkina Named "Freshman of the Year," NU's Colestock Tabbed "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Grand Valley State University senior **Audrey Koopsen (Kalamazoo, Mich./Hackett)** was named the 2008 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 Michigan Technological University rookie **Victoria Zhilkina (St. Petersburg, Russia)** the conference's "Freshman of the Year," while **Zane Colestock**, head coach of the Northwood University women's tennis team, was tabbed the "Coach of the Year."

Koopsen posted an 8-5 overall record at singles this season, including a 6-4 mark in dual play (all at No. 1 singles). She was also 6-3 in GLIAC play. In doubles competition, she split time with Jaime Oppenlander and Maria Gassanova. She posted a 6-2 record with Gassanova and a 4-3 mark with Oppenlander. She was 6-3 in GLIAC competition, including a 4-1 mark while paired with Gassanova. She helped GVSU to a 10-2 overall record, including an 8-1 regular season record. She was named the 2007-08 ITA Great Lakes Region Player to Watch.

Zhilkina went a combined 22-1 in singles and doubles for Michigan Tech as a rookie. The St. Petersburg, Russia, native posted a 10-1 No. 1 singles record and a perfect 12-0 doubles slate at No. 2. Her only loss was a 7-6, 6-2 setback to Northwood University's Darina Berkova.

Colestock led Northwood to its sixth straight GLIAC Championship over the weekend, guiding Northwood to a perfect 12-0 record in the fall. The Timberwolves went 45-9 (.833) in GLIAC singles play and 25-2 (.926) in conference doubles. Northwood also won both the singles and doubles crowns at the Wilson/ITA Great Lakes Regional Championships this fall. Now in his 34th season as a head coach at Northwood, Colestock has won a total of 650 career matches combined for his men's and women's career.

Joining Koopsen and Zhilkina on the 2008 All-GLIAC first team are: sophomore **Darina Berkova** and senior **Ashley Neumann** of Northwood University; sophomore **Sharon Gill** of Wayne State University; senior **Sylvia Oliveros-Torres** of Michigan Technological University; freshman **Maria Gassanova** of Grand Valley State University; and freshmen **Victoria Goudy** and **Paola Orozco** of Ashland University.

The 2008 All-GLIAC second team includes: senior **Devin Games** of Findlay; freshman **Katelyn Schaffer** and sophomore **Darylann Trout** of Grand Valley State; freshman **Kristina Goranskaya** of Wayne State; freshmen **Roberta Huetter** and **Sabrina Kihm** of Northwood University; sophomore **Amy Ingle** of Ferris State; senior **Katie Hanover** of Saginaw Valley State University; and freshman **Ingrid Pflieger** of Lake Superior State University.

A complete list of the 2008 All-GLIAC women's tennis teams are on the following page.

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2008 GLIAC Women's Tennis Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Audrey Koopsen - Grand Valley State University
Freshman of the Year: Victoria Zhilkina - Michigan Technological University
Coach of the Year: Zane Colestock - Northwood University

2008 All-GLIAC Women's Tennis Teams

First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Darina Berkova	Northwood	So.	Ceske Budejovic, Czech Republic
Maria Gassanova	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario
Sharon Gill	Wayne State	So.	Windsor, Ontario/Academie Ste. Cecile
Victoria Goudy	Ashland	Fr.	Mansfield, Ohio/Lexington
Audrey Koopsen	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Kalamazoo, Mich./Hackett
Ashley Neumann	Northwood	Sr.	Port Colborn, Ontario
Silvia Oliveros-Torres	Michigan Tech	Sr.	San Louis Potosi, Mexico
Paola Orozco	Ashland	Fr.	Mexico City, Mexico
Victoria Zhilkina	Michigan Tech	Fr.	St. Petersburg, Russia

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Devin Games	Findlay	Sr.	Hillsdale, Mich.
Kristina Goranskaya	Wayne State	Fr.	Thornhill, Ontario/Northview Heights
Katie Hanover	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	St. Johns, Mich.
Roberta Huetter	Northwood	Fr.	Gnas, Austria
Amy Ingle	Ferris State	So.	Battle Creek, Mich./Hastings
Sabrina Kihm	Northwood	Fr.	Dusseldorf, Germany
Ingrid Pflieger	Lake Superior State	Fr.	Grossaitingen, Germany
Katelyn Schaffer	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Lahser
Darylann Trout	Grand Valley State	So.	Clarkston, Mich.

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jennifer Bradford	Wayne State	So.	Detroit, Mich./Mumford
Danielle Coldren	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	West Bloomfield, Mich./Harper Woods Notre Dame
Paige Cooper	Ashland	Fr.	Mansfield, Ohio/Lexington
Haley Dudon	Findlay	So.	Dayton, Ohio/Vandalia Butler
Ann Grant	Ferris State	Sr.	Port Huron, Mich./Northern
Samantha Jang-Stewart	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Calgary, Alberta/Western Canada
Chelsea Johnston	Grand Valley State	So.	Novi, Mich./Northville
Weronika Lomacka	Lake Superior State	Sr.	Warsaw, Poland
Teauana Long	Tiffin	Jr.	Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Raphaela Perisic	Northwood	So.	Aachen, Germany
Jackie Shipman	Grand Valley State	So.	Saline, Mich.
Sarah Tegner	Ashland	Fr.	Amal, Sweden/Karlbergsgymnasiet