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Northwood's Peter Kazianschuetz Named 2008 GLIAC Men's Tennis "Player of the Year"

Mercyhurst's Hansson Named "Freshman of the Year," NU's Colestock Tabbed "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Northwood University freshman **Peter Kazianschuetz** was named the 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) men's tennis "Player of the Year" by the league's head coaches in all-conference balloting.

The coaches named Mercyhurst College's **Tim Hansson** the conference "Freshman of the Year," while **Zane Colestock**, head coach of the Northwood men's tennis team, was tabbed the "Coach of the Year."

Peter Kazianschuetz led Northwood to its 14th straight GLIAC Championship this season, posting a 21-6 overall record combined at No. 1 singles and doubles. He went 5-1 in GLIAC singles play and 4-2 in GLIAC doubles matches. Kazianschuetz saved his best play for the GLIAC Tournament, where he posted a 5-0 record. He teamed with Pierre Martinier Bot to go 3-0 at No. 1 doubles and then went 2-0 at No. 1 singles.

In his first season, **Tim Hansson** moved into Mercyhurst's No. 1 singles and doubles spot and thrived in that role. He went 8-6 in the top spot this year, including a mark of 5-2 in GLIAC play. Hansson played well in close matches, running up a 2-0 mark in three set matches. He had an identical 8-6 record in doubles play and added a 4-3 GLIAC record.

Zane Colestock has now been named GLIAC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year nine times in his career. He guided Northwood to its 14th straight GLIAC Championship this weekend after Northwood defeated third-seeded Grand Valley State in the finals. Colestock is now 476-134 (.780) in his 34th year as the Northwood head coach.

Joining Kazianschuetz and Hansson on the 2008 All-GLIAC men's tennis first team are: junior **Olivier Brignoli** and junior **Bertrand Vigouroux** of Northwood; junior **Lewis DeGeneault** of Ferris State University; freshman **Renato Tamashiro** and sophomore **Tony Dang** of Grand Valley State University; sophomore **Antoine Marenaud** and freshman **John Maubacq** of Wayne State University.

The 2008 All-GLIAC men's tennis second team includes: sophomore **Pierre Martinier Bot** and senior **Carlos Canudas** of Northwood University; senior **Akshay Chellappa** and sophomore **Ahmet Kursad-Demir** of Ferris State University; junior **Brett Girard** of Michigan Technological University; senior **Donavon Mitchell** of Wayne State University sophomore **Patrick Troy** of Grand Valley State University; sophomore **Pawel Wegryzn** of Lake Superior State University and junior **Travis Whipple** of the University of Findlay.

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

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2008 GLIAC Men's Tennis Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Peter Kazianschuetz - Northwood University

Freshman of the Year: Tim Hansson - Mercyhurst College

Coach of the Year: Zane Colestock - Northwood University

2008 GLIAC All-Conference Men's Tennis Teams

First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Olivier Brignoli	Northwood	Jr.	St. Yrieix, France
Tony Dang	Grand Valley State	So.	Ottawa, Ontario
Lewis DeGeneault	Ferris State	Jr.	Eugene, Ore./Sheldon
Tim Hansson	Mercyhurst	Fr.	Norrkoping, Sweden
Peter Kazianschuetz	Northwood	Fr.	Gnas, Austria
Antoine Marenaud	Wayne State	So.	Bordeaux, France/Camille Jullian
Johan Maubacq	Wayne State	Fr.	Bussy St. Georges, France
Renato Tamashiro	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Bertrand Vigouroux	Northwood	Jr.	Chateauneuf de Gadagne, France

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Pierre Martinier Bot	Northwood	So.	Chamberg, France
Akshay Chellappa	Ferris State	Sr.	Mumbai, India/Lander
Carlos Canudas	Northwood	Sr.	Barcelona, Spain
Ahmet Kursad-Demir	Ferris State	So.	Samsun, Turkey
Brett Girard	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Marquette, Mich.
Donavon Mitchell	Wayne State	Sr.	Detroit, Mich./Mumford
Patrick Troy	Grand Valley State	So.	Beverly Hills, Mich./Birmingham Brother Rice
Pawel Wegrzyn	Lake Superior State	So.	Mississauga, Ontario
Travis Whipple	Findlay	Jr.	Fostoria, Ohio/Hopewell Louden

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Kevin Brundle	Ferris State	Sr.	Grand Blanc, Mich.
Philip Claus	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Grand Ledge, Mich.
Alejandro Gomez	Wayne State	Sr.	Comitan Chiapas, Mexico
Bryan Karazia	Ferris State	Sr.	Livonia, Mich./Brother Rice
Alex Minicozzi	Northwood	Fr.	Adelarde, Australia
Mateusz Przbysz	Mercyhurst	So.	Warsaw, Poland/Niagara Academy
Alex Switzer	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Trenton, Mich.