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## Hillsdale's Bartlett Named 2007 GLIAC Volleyball Player of the Year

*GLIAC Honors: GVSU's Rapin, Freshman of the Year; GVSU's Riley, Libero of the Year, SVSU's Stanton, Coach of the Year*

BAY CITY, Mich. --Hillsdale College senior outside hitter **Melissa Bartlett** (Chatham, Ontario/Kent) was named the 2007 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) volleyball "Player of the Year" in voting conducted by the league's head coaches. Grand Valley State University's Rebeccah Rapin (Saginaw, Mich./Nouvel) was tabbed "Freshman of the Year," while Grand Valley State senior **Allyson Riley** (Battle Creek, Mich./St. Philips) earned "Libero of the Year" honors. Saginaw Valley State University's **Will Stanton** was named "Coach of the Year" by his peers.

**Bartlett** has enjoyed an outstanding season for the nationally-ranked Chargers in 2007. She finished the regular season as the GLIAC's leader in total kills (563) and kills per game (5.36). She is second in Hillsdale history in total kills in a single season and ranks fifth on the Chargers' career kills list (974) in less than two full seasons played. Bartlett was named GLIAC South Division Player of the Week four times this campaign, including two weeks in a row to conclude the regular season. She led the Chargers to the 2007 GLIAC South Division title with a 24-6 overall record and 15-2 in conference play. Bartlett also leads the team in service aces (49) and is second in digs (343).

**Rapin** is averaging 2.16 kills and 1.12 blocks per game in her first season for Grand Valley State. Her .318 hitting percentage ranks eighth in the GLIAC and is 78<sup>th</sup> best in the nation. Rapin's 1.12 blocks per game is fourth best in the GLIAC and 62<sup>nd</sup> in the nation. Her 102 assisted blocks leads the Lakers and is the second most in the conference.

**Riley** earns her third consecutive GLIAC Libero of the Year award. She is averaging 5.80 digs per game, which is second best in the GLIAC and 28<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Riley has tallied 2,417 career digs, which is the most in Grand Valley State and GLIAC history and ranks sixth in NCAA history. She also ranks first in GVSU's career records, posting 5.37 digs per game and her 185 career aces is seventh best in Laker history. Riley owns the top three GVSU single-season records in digs.

**Stanton** led his Cardinal team to a berth in the 2007 GLIAC Tournament. This marks just the second time in school history that the Cardinals have made the conference tournament, with the only other time coming in 1997. In his fifth year at SVSU, Stanton guided the Cardinals to a break-out season in 2006, finishing the season above .500 for the first time since 1998 with a record of 14-13. This season, he took a team with just four seniors and finished with a record of 20-12 overall, and 9-9 in GLIAC conference play. The 20 wins mark the second highest total in school history.

Joining Bartlett and Riley on the 2007 All-GLIAC first team are: Grand Valley State junior outside hitter **Danielle Alexander** and senior middle blocker **Erica Vandekopple**; Hillsdale junior setter **Stephanie Booms**, Ashland University senior outside hitter **Mary Kate Glowe** and senior setter **Lynsey Warren**; Northern Michigan University senior setter **Brittany McGowan** and junior middle hitter **Caryn VanBeckum**; Northwood University senior outside hitter **Lana Sorokina**; Ferris State University senior outside hitter **Lindsay Tye**; and University of Findlay senior opposite hitter **Kelsey Wesaw**.

A complete list of the 2007 All-GLIAC Volleyball teams can be found on the following page.

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# 2007 GLIAC Volleyball Postseason Awards All-Conference Teams

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## Player of the Year:

Melissa Bartlett, Hillsdale College  
(Senior, OH, Chatham, Ontario/Kent)

## Libero of the Year:

Allyson Riley, Grand Valley State University  
(Senior, Libero, Battle Creek, Mich./St. Philips)

## Freshman of the Year:

Rebecca Rapin, Grand Valley State University  
(Freshman, MB, Saginaw, Mich./Nouvel)

## Coach of the Year:

Will Stanton, Saginaw Valley State University

## All-GLIAC First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Danielle Alexander	Grand Valley State	Jr.	RS	Newport, Mich./Carelton Airport
Melissa Bartlett	Hillsdale	Sr.	OH	Chatham, Ontario/Kent
Stephanie Booms	Hillsdale	Jr.	S	Marysville, Mich.
Mary Kate Glowe	Ashland	Sr.	OH	Avon Lake, Ohio/Magnificat
Brittany McGowan	Northern Michigan	Sr.	S	Naperville, Ill.
Allyson Riley	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Lib.	Battle Creek, Mich./St. Philips
Lana Sorokina	Northwood	Sr.	OH	Zakumuiza, Latvia/Murianu Sport
Lindsay Tye	Ferris State	Sr.	OH	Gregory, Mich./Chelsea
Caryn VanBeckum	Northern Michigan	Jr.	MH	DePere, Wis.
Erica Vandekopple	Grand Valley State	Sr.	MB	Pellston, Mich.
Lynsey Warren	Ashland	Sr.	S	Worthington, Ohio/Bishop Watterson
Kelsey Wesaw	Findlay	Jr.	OPP	Lansing, Mich./Christian

## All-GLIAC Second-Team

Veronica Armstrong	Michigan Tech	Jr.	OH	Battle Creek, Mich.
Jamie Ashmore	Grand Valley State	Jr.	S	LaPorte, Ind.
Myassa Bazzi	Wayne State	Jr.	Lib.	Dearborn, Mich./Schoolcraft
Mallory Fleming	Findlay	Sr.	OH	Gibsonburg, Ohio
Kristy Gilchrist	Ferris State	So.	MH	Macomb, Mich./Anchor Bay
Amy Howard	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	S	Cass City, Mich.
Megan Howard	Hillsdale	Sr.	Lib.	Adrian, Mich./Lenawee Christian
Jennifer Jung	Michigan Tech	Jr.	MH	Andover, Minn./Coon Rapids
Jamie Palazzolo	Ferris State	Sr.	Lib.	Emmett, Mich./Yale
Sarah Redoute	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	OH	Clinton Twp., Mich./L'Anse Creuse
Kitt Smith	Hillsdale	So.	OH	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Amanda Stefanski	Ashland	So.	MH	Independence, Ohio

## All-GLIAC Honorable Mention

Britney Jurchenko	Ashland	So.	MH	Lakewood, Ohio
Andrea Rich	Ferris State	Jr.	S	New Baltimore, Mich./Anchor Bay
Courtney Niemeyer	Findlay	Fr.	MH	Lima, Ohio/Central Catholic
Ashley Tubbs	Gannon	Jr.	MB	Meadville, Pa.
Lauren Reber	Grand Valley State	Jr.	OH	Flint, Mich./Carmen-Ainsworth
Jamie Murray	Hillsdale	Jr.	DS/S	Howell, Mich.
Jamie Groos	Lake Superior State	Sr.	OH	Escanaba, Mich.
Kendall Ashworth	Mercyhurst	Fr.	Lib.	Gibsonia, Pa./Pine-Richland
Kelsey Skoog	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Lib.	Long Lake, Minn./Orono
Breanne Zaremba	Northern Michigan	Jr.	OH	Milwaukee, Wis.
Lauren Chapman	Northwood	Fr.	S	Bascom, Ohio
Carmen Schacher	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Lib.	Flint, Mich./Kearsley
Kim Gear	Wayne State	Jr.	MB	Watervliet, Mich.