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2009 GLIAC Football Preview



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GLIAC Coaches Pick Grand Valley State University as 2009 Preseason Football Favorite

Bay City, Mich. -- The head football coaches of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) chose Grand Valley State University, defending league champions, to win the 2009 GLIAC football title in preseason balloting.

The league's 12 head coaches participated in the balloting, but were not allowed to vote for their team. The first-place team on each ballot received 11 points, while second received 10 points, etc. The poll was released in conjunction with the league's football media day luncheon held at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City, Michigan.

The Lakers outdistanced Ashland University by 14 points in the voting (121-107) and garnered 11 first-place votes. Ashland posted a second-place league finish in 2008 and received the lone remaining first-place nod.

Michigan Technological University placed third in the balloting with 94 points. The closest balloting between teams was for fourth and fifth place, where Wayne State University (89) finished four points ahead of Saginaw Valley State University (85). Hillsdale College tallied 71 points and finished in sixth place.

The biggest gap came between seventh and eighth place where Ferris State University (66) sailed over Indianapolis (51) by fifteen points.

The University of Findlay narrowly edged out Northern Michigan University for ninth place. The Oilers recorded just five more points (38-33) than the Wildcats in the balloting. Northwood University finished nine points ahead of Tiffin University for 11th place (24-13) to round out the poll.

The 2008 season saw two GLIAC teams earn berths in the NCAA Division II playoffs. Both Grand Valley State and Ashland extended their play into the postseason. Grand Valley defeated Ashland in the NCAA D-II Super Region Three semifinal, 40-7. The Lakers were then defeated in the Division II Quarterfinals by Minnesota-Duluth (19-13 2OT).

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2009 GLIAC Football Preseason Coaches' Poll

<i>School (first-place votes)</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. Grand Valley State (11)	121
2. Ashland (1)	107
3. Michigan Tech	94
4. Wayne State	89
5. Saginaw Valley State	85
6. Hillsdale	71
7. Ferris State	66
8. Indianapolis	51
9. Findlay	38
10. Northern Michigan	33
11. Northwood	24
12. Tiffin	13

2008 GLIAC Football Final Standings

	GLIAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
# 4 Grand Valley State	10	0	11	1
# 15 Ashland	8	2	9	4
Michigan Tech	7	3	8	3
Wayne State	7	3	8	3
Saginaw Valley State	7	3	7	3
Hillsdale	6	4	7	4
Ferris State	5	5	6	5
Indianapolis	4	6	5	6
Northern Michigan	2	8	2	8
Northwood	2	8	2	8
Findlay	1	9	2	9
Tiffin	1	9	1	10

- Ranking in final 2008 AFCA D-II poll



2009 GLIAC Football Composite Schedule

Thursday, August 27

Ashland at Bloomsburg (Pa.)	6:00 p.m.
Urbana (Ohio) at Findlay	7:00 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at California (Pa.)	7:00 p.m.
Kentucky Wesleyan at Indianapolis	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 29

Hillsdale at St. Joseph's (Ind.)	12:00 p.m.
Mercyhurst (Pa.) at Wayne State	12:00 p.m.
Tiffin at Ferris State (Non-Conf.)	7:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State at West Texas A&M	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 3

Findlay at Tiffin*	7:30 p.m.
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Saturday, September 5

Michigan Tech at Hillsdale*	12:00 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Northwood*	12:00 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Wayne State*	12:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Indianapolis*	6:00 p.m.
Ashland at Ferris State*	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 12

Ferris State at Findlay*	12:00 p.m.
Hillsdale at Northwood*	12:00 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Ashland*	1:00 p.m.
Tiffin at Northern Michigan*	4:00 p.m.
Wayne State at Indianapolis*	6:00 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Grand Valley State*	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19

Northwood at Saginaw Valley State*	12:00 p.m.
Findlay at Wayne State*	12:00 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Michigan Tech*	1:00 p.m.
Ashland at Tiffin*	1:30 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Ferris State*	7:00 p.m.
Indianapolis at Hillsdale*	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26

Northwood at Findlay*	12:00 p.m.
Hillsdale at Ashland*	1:00 p.m.
Wayne State at Tiffin*	1:30 p.m.
Ferris State at Northern Michigan*	4:00 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Indianapolis*	6:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech*	6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3

Indianapolis at Northwood*	12:00 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State*	12:00 p.m.
Ashland at Wayne State*	12:00 p.m.
Hillsdale at Findlay*	4:00 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Ferris State*\$	7:00 p.m.
Tiffin at Grand Valley State*	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Findlay at Michigan Tech*	1:00 p.m.
Wayne State at Northern Michigan*	1:00 p.m.
Northwood at Ashland*	1:00 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Tiffin*	1:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Ferris State*	2:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Hillsdale*	2:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

Tiffin at Northwood*	12:00 p.m.
Ashland at Saginaw Valley State*	12:00 p.m.
Ferris State at Wayne State*	12:00 p.m.
Hillsdale at Northern Michigan*	1:00 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Indianapolis*	6:00 p.m.
Findlay at Grand Valley State*	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24

Northern Michigan at Findlay*	12:00 p.m.
Ferris State at Northwood*	12:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Ashland*	1:00 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Michigan Tech*	1:00 p.m.
Wayne State at Hillsdale*	2:30 p.m.
Tiffin at Indianapolis*	6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31

Findlay at Saginaw Valley State*	12:00 p.m.
Northwood at Wayne State*	12:00 p.m.
Indianapolis at Ashland*	1:00 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Tiffin*	1:30 p.m.
Hillsdale at Ferris State*	2:00 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 7

Ashland at Findlay*	12:00 p.m.
Ferris State at Saginaw Valley State*	12:00 p.m.
Tiffin at Hillsdale*	1:00 p.m.
Wayne State at Grand Valley State*	1:00 p.m.
Northwood at Michigan Tech*	1:00 p.m.
Indianapolis at Northern Michigan*	1:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 14

Division II First Round Playoffs, Campus Sites	TBA
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Saturday, November 21

Division II Second Round Playoffs, Campus Sites	TBA
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Saturday, November 28

Division II Quarterfinals, Campus Sites	TBA
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Saturday-Sunday, December 5-6

Division II Semifinals, Campus Sites	TBA
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Saturday, December 12

Division II Finals	
Braly Municipal Stadium, Florence, Ala.	TBA

* - GLIAC Game

Game Times are subject to change.

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\$ - Game played at 5/3 Ballpark, Comstock Park, Mich.