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Wayne State's Ryan Johnson Named 2005 GLIAC Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year"

Findlay's Atsma Earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, GVSU's Underwood Named "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Sophomore **Ryan Johnson** of Wayne State University was named the 2005 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year." University of Findlay rookie **Eric Atsma** earned the conference's "Freshman of the Year" title, while **Don Underwood** of Grand Valley State University was tabbed "Coach of the Year."

Johnson, the 2004 GLIAC men's golf "Freshman of the Year," earned GLIAC medalist honors last fall after firing a three-round total of 221 to win by two strokes. He set the school record for season scoring average (74.10) while finishing in the top 10 in 10 of his 15 tournaments. In addition to his first place finish at the GLIAC championship, Johnson was the runner-up four times (Northern Michigan Invitational, NCAA Regional at Timbergate, Motor City Invitational and Mercyhurst Invitational) this past season. He set the 18-hole school mark with a 67 last fall at the Northern Michigan University Invitational and helped the Warriors to their best NCAA Super Regional finish (third) in school history earlier this month by placing 12th with a 227.

Atsma, a Grand Rapids, Michigan native, averaged 75.5 strokes a round for the Oilers this season. He led the Oilers in scoring in six tournaments this season and placed 12th in the Great Lakes Super Regional held in St. Joseph, Missouri to end the season. In the fall, Atsma helped the Oilers to a second place finish in the GLIAC Championships with a two day score of 229, good for fourth place in the event.

Underwood in his 12th season at Grand Valley State, led the Lakers to a third place finish in the GLIAC Championships in the fall. Underwood guided GVSU to four first place finishes this season, including the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Invitational. Grand Valley finished second at the NCAA Super Regional, just missing the cut to the Division II Championships. Underwood has also earned GLIAC Coach of the Year honors in the 1999-00 and 2000-01 seasons.

Joining **Johnson** on the 2005 All-GLIAC First Team are: **Alex Balog** of Ferris State University; **Eric Atsma** and **David Morgan** of the University of Findlay; **Josh Orlor** of Grand Valley State University; and **Jason Holyszko** of Northwood University.

The All-GLIAC Second Team includes: **Todd Griffin** and **Derek Radley** of Ferris State; **Tony Mango** of Grand Valley State; **Dave Patronik** of Gannon University; **Craig Bishop** of Mercyhurst College; and **Justin Holyszko** of Northwood.

A complete list of the 2005 All-GLIAC Men's Golf teams are on the following page.

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2005 GLIAC Men's Golf Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Ryan Johnson - Wayne State University

Freshman of the Year: Eric Atsma - University of Findlay

Coach of the Year: Don Underwood - Grand Valley State University

2005 GLIAC All-Conference Men's Golf Teams

First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Ryan Johnson	Wayne State	So.	New Boston, Mich./Huron	72.5
David Morgan	Findlay	Sr.	Spencer, Ohio/Black River	73.1
Alex Balog	Ferris State	So.	Trenton, Mich.	73.5
Eric Atsma	Findlay	Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./South Christian	73.7
Josh Orler	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Mason, Mich.	74.2
Jason Holyszko	Northwood	Sr.	Bay City, Mich./Western	74.3

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Todd Griffin	Ferris State	Jr.	Shelby, Mich.	74.3
Justin Holyszko	Northwood	Sr.	Bay City, Mich./Western	74.7
Tony Mango	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Milford, Mich.	75.0
Derek Radley	Ferris State	Jr.	Mentor, Ohio/Lake Catholic	75.1
Dave Patronik	Gannon	Jr.	Orchard Park, N. Y.	75.1
Craig Bishop	Mercyhurst	So.	Brampton, Ont./Centennial	75.1

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Kyle Murphy	Grand Valley State	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich./East Kentwood	75.4
Rob Schlitts	Hillsdale	Jr.	Traverse City, Mich.	75.4
Sean Rutherford	Saginaw Valley State	Fr.	Haslett, Mich.	75.5
Adam Miller	Saginaw Valley State	So.	Gaylord, Mich.	75.6
Jeff Carlson	Ferris State	So.	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa	75.7
Kyle Mason	Ferris State	So.	Mt. Pleasant, Mich.	75.9

* - All-GLIAC Men's Golf selections are based upon a player's stroke average in his 10 best rounds in league play, including the three rounds of the GLIAC Tournament. All ties are broken by total strokes in the GLIAC Tournament.