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2005 Conference Standings

(Through games of Oct. 8)

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grand Valley State	6	0	1.000	6	0	1.000
Saginaw Valley State	6	0	1.000	6	0	1.000
Northwood	5	1	.833	6	1	.857
Michigan Tech	5	1	.833	5	1	.833
Ashland	4	2	.667	5	2	.714
Indianapolis	4	3	.571	4	3	.571
Findlay	2	4	.333	3	4	.429
Northern Michigan	2	4	.333	2	4	.333
Ferris State	2	4	.333	2	5	.286
Hillsdale	2	5	.286	2	5	.286
Gannon	2	5	.286	2	5	.286
Wayne State	1	5	.167	1	5	.167
Mercyhurst	0	7	.000	0	7	.000

Last Week's Results

Saturday, Oct. 8

at Saginaw Valley State 44, Mercyhurst 14*
 at Wayne State 25, Michigan Tech 14*
 Ashland 27, Northern Michigan 10*
 Northwood 24, at Gannon 7*
 Indianapolis 28, at Findlay 0*
 Grand Valley State 38, at Hillsdale 10*
 at North Dakota 44, Ferris State 7

This Week's Games

Saturday, Oct. 15

Michigan Tech at Northwood, Noon*
 Findlay at Wayne State, Noon*
 Northern Michigan at Ferris State, 2 pm*
 Ashland at Hillsdale, 2:30 pm*
 Gannon at Indianapolis, 4 pm*
 Saginaw Valley State at Grand Valley State, 7 pm*
 * - GLIAC Games

GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week:

Vinnie Miroth - Saginaw Valley State
(JR, QB, 5-11, 195, Cameron Park, Calif./Oak Ridge)

Saginaw Valley State University junior quarterback Vinnie Miroth got his first start on Saturday in a 44-14 win over Mercyhurst and had a great deal of success with 393 passing yards and four TD's. Miroth completed 17-of-26 passes on the day and hooked up with Rick Cottengim for a school record 96-yard TD bomb in the third quarter. Miroth threw for 265 yards in the second half and was 10-of-17 in the final 30 minutes.

Offensive Honor Roll: Dalorean White - AU, Michael Simpson - UF, Astin Martin - GV, Casey Gillin - UI, Jeff Nowling - MC, Daryl Graham - MT, Matt Haynes - NU, Nick Body - WS.

GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week:

Anthony Adams - Grand Valley State
(SO, LB, 6-2, 230, Troy, Mich./Troy)

Grand Valley State University sophomore linebacker Anthony Adams tallied nine total tackles, two tackles for loss (-13), and one of six QB sacks by the Laker defense in a 38-10 win over Hillsdale. GVSU limited the Chargers to just 247 yards of total offense in the victory. Adams is the Lakers' top tackler in 2005, averaging 8.67 stops per contest which ranks 15th in the GLIAC this season.

Defensive Honor Roll: Chris Holland - AU, Kevin McCann - UF, James Rankin - GU, Nick Sutherland - HC, Matt Maze - UI, Ben Bluemle - MC, Erik Lehman - MT, Dexter Reid - NU, Dan Fodrocy - SV, Derrion Fuqua - WS.

2005 Off. Players of the Week: (8/29) L. Marana - MT; (9/5) B. Anderson - NM; (9/12) B. Rivera - NM; (9/19) L. Barnhart - SV; (9/26) C.J. Van Wieren - FS; (10/3) D. Graham - MT.

2005 Def. Players of the Week: (8/29) K. Scott - GU; (9/5) C. Kurian - NM; (9/12) J. Couretas - NM; (9/19) J. Horn - NU; (9/26) A. Guy - WS; (10/3) J. Meikle - MT.

GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week:

Nick Parker - Indianapolis
(SR, P/PK, 5-9, 200, Granger, Ind./Penn)

University of Indianapolis senior punter and place kicker Nick Parker pinned the Oilers inside their own 5-yardline on two occasions, averaging 40.3 yards per punt in a 28-0 Greyhound win. He also buried two kickoffs beyond the endzone for touchbacks and made good on all four of his point-after attempts.

Special Teams Honor Roll: Lawrence Conner - FS, Roland Hamilton - UF, Carlos Cardenas - GU, Mark Catlin - GV, Matt Vanover - HC, Doug Daniel - NU, Jonathan Klyce - WS.

2005 S.T. Players of the Week: (8/29) C. Gurica - HC; (9/5) R. Hamilton - UF; (9/12) R. Hamilton - UF; (9/19) K. Marotz - NM; (9/26) B. Koenig - MT; (10/3) J. Eichler - FS.

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Ashland - Thanks to Saturday's 27-10 win over Northern Michigan, the Eagles reached five wins, which equals their total from all of last season...senior wide receiver Dalorean White (Warrensville, OH/Erie C.C.) had 275 all-purpose yards in the win over NMU. White had four catches for a career-best 155 yards and an 82-yard TD catch. He carried the ball five times for 68 yards with TD runs of 39 and 17 yards. The senior returned one kickoff for 52 yards...the Eagles led, 13-0 after one quarter last week and for the season, have outscored the opposition, 36-5 in the first quarter...junior nose tackle Kyle Zelazny (Westerville, OH/South) had three tackles (all solo), a forced fumble and a pair of sacks against NMU...AU barely missed rolling up consecutive 400-yard days. Two weeks ago against Mercyhurst, the Eagles had 457 yards in total offense. Against Northern Michigan, the Eagles had 399 yards...only once in seven games this season has a running back reached 100 yards rushing against the Eagles. Dating back to last season, running backs have reached the century mark just four times in 14 games...punter Trevor Wood (Newark, OH/Licking Valley) punted four times for 40 yards last week and had a career-long 71-yard punt. Over the last two weeks, Woods is averaging 39.3 ypp.

Ferris State - Ferris State is presently 5-7-0 (.417) in non-league games since 1990 after its loss at North Dakota Saturday. The Bulldogs, who dropped a 45-0 decision at UND last season (10/9) are 4-6-0 (.400) on the road to date as nine of their last 10 non-conference encounters have been away from Big Rapids... Senior split end Larry Burton (Lansing/Eastern) has totaled 105 more receiving yards this season than in the previous campaign. Burton has racked up 147 yards on eight catches in eight games this fall after producing 42 yards on four grabs in nine contests for the 2004 campaign... Senior split end Brandis Bowie (Lansing/Sexton) is 76 receiving yards away from tying Brian Busen (1995-98; 1,244 yds.) for 11th place on FSU's all-time receiving yardage leaders list. Bowie, who had the Bulldogs' lone touchdown at North Dakota on a 23-yard TD pass reception, has currently compiled 1,168 career yards on 104 catches in 38 outings... Ferris is now 0-3-0 against schools from North Dakota. The Bulldogs were dealt a 55-35 loss by North Dakota State in the 1999 season opener (9/2) at the Fargo Dome in Fargo, N.D.

Findlay - The Oilers were defeated 28-0 on Saturday by Indianapolis...Findlay gave up two touchdowns in each of the first two quarters of the game and couldn't muster up any offense as they fell to 3-4 on the season with a 2-4 record in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference...For the game, Indy had the ball 37:23 compared to the Oilers 22:37...Findlay also allowed 443 total yards and 26 first downs...Offensively, the Oilers were led by Michael Simpson, who rushed 16 times for 79 yards...Defensively, the Oilers were led by Kevin McCann and Nick Notario, who each racked up 15 tackles in the game...Notario added two tackles for a loss while McCann had one interception...Findlay's defense didn't allow a point in the second half and hasn't allowed a point in the third quarter this season...The shutout loss was Findlay's first since the 2003 season when Grand Valley State beat them 44-0.

Gannon - Gannon suffered defeat at the hands of a nationally-ranked opponent for the second consecutive week, dropping a 24-7 decision to 15th-ranked Northwood last Saturday ... Gannon trailed 17-7 early in the fourth quarter and was unable to convert a fourth-and-seven from the NU 23-yard line with a pass into the endzone ... one play later, Northwood iced the victory with a 77-yard touchdown run ... Gannon has allowed 11 scoring plays of 30 yards or longer through seven games ... Clarence Scott (Maple Heights, Ohio/Maple Heights) entered last week's game at Michigan Tech with no career receptions, but has caught eight passes for 119 yards and two TDs in the last two games ... Scott posted career-highs in catches (5) and yards (86) against Northwood ... James Rankin (Shaker Heights, Ohio/Warrensville Heights) entered the Northwood game with seven career tackles, but made a career-high 14 stops against the T-Wolves ... Alton Kenner (Buffalo, N.Y./Turner-Carroll) made a career-high 13 tackles ... Joe Dipre (Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep) recorded a season-high 14 stops ... Ron Bailey (Cleveland, Ohio/Shaw) moved into third place on Gannon's career all-purpose chart with 3,079 career all-purpose yards ... Gannon is 0-6 against Top 25 teams since joining the GLIAC in 2004 ... the Golden Knights allowed over 400 yards of total offense for the third consecutive week ... Gannon was out-scored 7-0 in the fourth quarter, extending the season deficit to 54-0 in the final quarter.

Grand Valley State - GVSU's 358 rushing yards on 41 carries at Hillsdale was the most by a Laker squad since a 379 yard outing versus Wayne State in 2001...The GVSU offense averaged 9.2 yards per play, while Hillsdale notched 3.5 yards per play...RB Astin Martin (Grand Rapids, Mich./Creston) rushed for a season-high 169 yards and one TD on 17 carries, while catching two passes for 14 yards. Martin averaged 9.9 yards per carry...WR Terry Mitchell (Port Huron, Mich.) caught three passes for 127 yards and one TD (42.1 ypc)...The Laker defense recorded six QB sacks by six different players at Hillsdale...The GVSU defense limited Hillsdale to 94 yards of total offense in its first eight drives... GVSU is 64-9 since the 2000 season and 57-5 since 2001...The Lakers are 40-3 in GLIAC action since 2001 and its senior class enters the Saginaw Valley State contest with a 44-4 overall mark.

Hillsdale - The Chargers went 0-3 for the second straight season facing the GLIAC's version of "murderer's row," playing Saginaw Valley, Northwood and Grand Valley in successive weeks. In 2004, Hillsdale was outscored 149-42 in those games, but the margin this season in those games was significantly closer. The three nationally ranked teams outscored Hillsdale 112-33...The Chargers held the time of possession advantage over the Lakers, 31-28...Hillsdale also continued its trend of being one of the least-penalized teams in the conference, being whistled for just two penalties in the game. Defensive back Nick Sutherland had a career-high 10 solo tackles...Junior tailback Brett Neller's only carry of the game was a four-yard touchdown run...As a team, the Chargers rushed for 117 yards against a Grand Valley defense that gives up an average of 99 yards per game.

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Indianapolis - Indianapolis held a 21-9 minute lead in time of possession in the first half of its 28-0 win over Findlay ... The Hounds, the GLIAC leader in time of possession, held the football for 37:23 against the Oilers ... The shutout marked the first for the Greyhounds in GLIAC play in their history ... The last shutout that the Greyhounds registered in league play was an Oct. 1, 1988 blanking of Valparaiso (56-0) when the teams were members of the Heartland Collegiate Conference ... Justin Russell caught a game-high eight passes for 118 yards and a touchdown ... Though only playing in the last two games, Russell is already second on the team in season receiving yardage (247) ... Chris White had 2.0 sacks to up his league-leading total to 8.0 ... His 2.0 tackles for loss put his GLIAC-high mark at 11.5 for the season ... The Greyhounds have won three straight road games for the first time since 2001.

Mercyhurst - The Lakers dropped to 0-7 on the season with a 44-14 loss at Saginaw Valley...converted-QB Jeff Nowling led Mercyhurst receivers with nine catches for 106 yards...Mitch Phillis passed for a touchdown and ran for another...with two touchdowns, the Lakers crossed the goal line an equal number of times as Saginaw Valley's previous five opponents combined and became the first squad to score twice in the same game in 2005 against the Cardinals ... Mercyhurst dropped to 1-7 all-time against SVSU...the Lakers turned the ball over four times and have 34 on the season...Saginaw's 96-yard TD was the longest pass play in a Mercyhurst football game. Mercyhurst's long is 95 yards, while the opponents record was a 92-yard strike by St. Francis (Pa.) back in 1997...Ben Bluemle made a season-high 14 tackles.

Michigan Tech - Daryl Graham (Detroit, Mich./De Porres) recorded his third 100+ yard game of the season with 111 at Wayne State last Saturday (Oct. 8). The sophomore tailback had a 73-yard touchdown run during the game, marking the second-straight game he's had a 70-yard TD run ... Senior wide receiver Brian Janeshek (Green Bay, Wis./Preble) hauled in seven passes for 59 yards and a touchdown at Wayne State (Oct. 8). He is now within four catches and three touchdowns of MTU career records ... Junior Erik Lehmann (LaSalle, Mich.) recorded 1.5 sacks at Wayne State and now has 5.5 on the season — that's the sixth-most for a season in school history ... The loss at Wayne State was only MTU's second in 17 regular season games.

Northern Michigan - The 86 yards passing against Ashland on Saturday was a season low as was the 223 yards of total offense ... Once again, NMU lost the time of possession battle as the team had the ball for 24:43 against Ashland ... The 'Cats have lost the time of possession battle five times this season ... Kyle Marotz kicked a 47-yard field goal against Ashland which was his longest of the season ... Marotz is tied with Brad Anderson in scoring as both have 30 points ... Buddy Rivera leads the 'Cats in total offense with 1,695 yards, rushing (371) and passing (1,324) ... Chad Kurian had 14 total tackles against Ashland as they all were solo ... Jim Couretas ended the game with the Eagles with 10 total tackles (nine solo, one assisted) ... Matt Shem returned his first interception of the season

for a 55-yard touchdown on Saturday at Ashland ... NMU now has five interceptions on the season

Northwood - The No. 15 Northwood football team made it six straight victories overall with a 24-7 win over Gannon ... Northwood's defense was the story early in the game - NU out-gained the Golden Knights 100-19 in the opening quarter while holding a 7-0 advantage in first downs ... NU used a trick-play to make the score 17-0 late in the first half ... Running back Robert Height (Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech) took a pitch and threw it deep to Richard Gills (Grand Rapids, Mich./Creston), who made a spectacular one-handed grab in the end zone from 34-yards out to cap a 95-yard drive ... Matt Haynes (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.) took a handoff early in the fourth quarter and went 77 yards for a touchdown that made the score 24-7 ... Northwood finished the game with a 423-244 advantage in total yards ... NU held a 22-14 edge in first downs and a 31:34-28:26 advantage in time of possession ... Haynes led all rushers with 153 yards for on just 12 carries ... Charleston Hughes (Saginaw, Mich.) had a team-high nine tackles. Kyle Clement (Hudsonville, Mich.) added 1.5 sacks, while Dexter Reid (Waukegan, Ill./Carmel) picked of his team-leading fourth and fifth interceptions this season.

Saginaw Valley State - The California connection proved to be too much for Mercyhurst on Saturday in a 44-14 win for SVSU ... Junior Vinnie Miroth (Cameron Park, Calif./Oak Ridge) got his first start at SVSU and made the most of it going 17-of-26 through the air for 393 yards and four TD's ... Sophomore Rick Cottengim (Elk Grove, Calif.) caught four of Miroth's passes for a career-high 217 yards and the two hooked up on a school record 96-yard TD in the third quarter ... Senior Logan Barnhart (Haslett, Mich.) had his third multi-TD game of the season rushing for two second-half TD's and overall carrying 18 times for 132 yards ... Senior Dan Fodrocy (Muskegon, Mich./Catholic Central) tallied six tackles, three tackles for a loss of eleven yards, one and a half sacks and one interception returned six yards which stalled a Mercyhurst drive in the fourth quarter ... SVSU's defense had a season-best four takeaways (two fumbles, two interceptions) and held the Lakers to 257 total yards.

Wayne State - The Warrior run defense which entered the game 123rd in the nation allowing 201 yards a game, held the NCAA's ninth-ranked rushing team nearly 100 yards under its average (MTU rushed for 180 yards and was averaging 278.4) ... Wayne State controlled the ball for nearly 10 minutes more than the Huskies (34:37 to 25:23), and was very opportunistic ... The 14 points allowed by WSU is the fewest since a 35-14 win over Northern Michigan on Oct. 7, 2000 ... The Warriors intercepted three passes for the first time since Oct. 4, 2003, at Ashland ... The 25 points is the most by Wayne State since scoring 45 in a victory at Northern Michigan on Oct. 25, 2003 ... Junior running back Chris Middlebrooks (Romulus, Mich.) set a team season-high with 35 carries against MTU. It was also his third consecutive 100-yard game. Middlebrooks moved past Wes Carlos (1950-52) for 10th place on the all-time rushing attempts chart with 320. A.J. Vaughn (1965-67) is ninth with 351 carries.