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2005 Conference Standings

(Through games of Sept. 17)

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grand Valley State	4	0	1.000	4	0	1.000
Michigan Tech	3	0	1.000	3	0	1.000
Saginaw Valley State	3	0	1.000	3	0	1.000
Ashland	2	1	.667	3	1	.750
Findlay	2	1	.667	3	1	.750
Northwood	2	1	.667	3	1	.750
Hillsdale	2	2	.500	2	2	.500
Indianapolis	2	2	.500	2	2	.500
Northern Michigan	2	2	.500	2	2	.500
Gannon	1	3	.250	1	3	.250
Wayne State	0	3	.000	0	3	.000
Ferris State	0	4	.000	0	4	.000
Mercyhurst	0	4	.000	0	4	.000

Last Week's Results

Saturday, Sept. 17

at Saginaw Valley State 42, Findlay 3*
 Northwood 35, at Mercyhurst 7*
 at Northern Michigan 15, Wayne State 13*
 Grand Valley State 14, at Ashland 10*
 Hillsdale 43, at Gannon 9*
 Indianapolis 7, at Ferris State 3*
 * - GLIAC Games

This Week's Games

Saturday, Sept. 24

Indianapolis at Wayne State, Noon*
 Findlay at Northwood, Noon*
 Ashland at Michigan Tech, 1 pm*
 Northern Michigan at Gannon, 1 pm*
 Mercyhurst at Ferris State, 2 pm*
 Saginaw Valley State at Hillsdale, 7 pm*
 * - GLIAC Games

GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week:

Logan Barnhart - Saginaw Valley State
 (SR, RB, 5-9, 200, Haslett, Mich.)

Senior running back Logan Barnhart set career-highs with 143 rushing yards and three total touchdowns in SVSU's 42-3 win over Findlay. He carried 13 times and averaged eleven yards per carry with two rushing scores, including a career-long 60-yard TD run in the first quarter on SVSU's first possession. Barnhart also caught two passes for 42 yards, including a 30-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter.

Offensive Honor Roll: Jason Schwalm - AU, Michael Simpson - UF, Matt Butler - GU, Eric Fowler - GV, Phil Martin - HC, Marcus Nalley - UI, Buddy Rivera - NM, Kyle Kolbe - NU, Nick Body - 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.

GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week:

Jon Horn - Northwood
 (SR, S, 5-11, 188, Battle Creek, Mich./Central)

Senior safety Jon Horn picked off three Mercyhurst passes in the first half of Northwood's 35-7 victory over the Lakers. His three interceptions tied a Northwood team record. Horn also added a pair of tackles, including one for a loss. He was the leader of a NU defense that allowed just 247 yards of offense and didn't give up any points until there were 19 second remaining in the game. Horn is currently tied for second in the GLIAC interceptions (3).

Defensive Honor Roll: Devin Conwell - AU, Mike Klobucher - FS, Nick Notario - UF, Joe Dipre - GU, Joe Ballard - GV, Andy Dion, Jr. - HC, Chris White - UI, Brandon Zangaro - MC, Josh Miller - SV, Tryone Spencer - WS.

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.

GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week:

Kyle Marotz - Northern Michigan
 (SR, PK, 5-9, 173, Green Bay, Wis./Bay Port)

Marotz set Superior Dome records with his five field goals, in six attempts, while leading the Wildcats to a 15-13 win over Wayne State. He scored all of NMU's points, including connecting on the game-winning kick, a 37-yard boot, with no time remaining. Marotz also made field goals of 41, 32, 22, and 23 yards. The five made field goals also tied the NMU single-game mark.

Special Teams Honor Roll: Rock Lewis - AU, Jim Skodak - FS, Roland Hamilton - UF, Carlos Candenias - GU, Matt Regnrey - GV, Chad Gurica - HC, Nick Parker - UI, Ben Bluemle - MC, Robert Height - NU, David Chudzinski - 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.

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Ashland - AU sophomore Rock Lewis (Maple Heights, OH) scored the Eagles' lone touchdown against Grand Valley State when he scooped up a blocked punt and rambled six yards for a touchdown. That's the second touchdown Lewis has scored on special teams this season, earlier he picked up a fumble at Ferris State and returned it eight yards for a touchdown...senior safety Devin Conwell (Baltimore, MD/Montgomery C.C.) had eight tackles (four solo), one tackle for loss, a pass breakup and blocked a punt against the Lakers...after four games, senior wide receiver Dalorean White (Warrensville, OH/Erie C.C.) has 19 receptions. A year ago White had 24 catches in 11 games...the Eagles haven't yielded a touchdown in the first quarter this season. When Grand Valley State scored in the second quarter on Saturday, that marked the first time this season the defense had been scored upon in the first two quarters. Ashland has outscored the opposition, 16-2 in the first quarter and 27-14 in the second stanza.

Ferris State - Junior middle linebacker Mike Klobucher's (Grand Haven/North Muskegon) game-high 17 tackles (nine solos) against Indianapolis represented his second highest single-game total of his career. Klobucher, who has compiled double digits in tackles the last three contests to date and is averaging 15.0 stops per game (45 total) in that span, registered a career-best 20 tackles in the Bulldogs' 2004 season opener vs. Grand Valley State (8/28)... Senior flanker Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston) moved into third place on Ferris' all-time receiving yardage leader list in the Indianapolis game with 19 receiving yards on four catches. Brewster has presently totaled 2,564 career yards on 196 receptions in 36 contests and surpassed Neal Mozdierz (1996-99; 2,563 career yds.) for third-place honors. The FSU wideout now trails Cedric Gordon (1985-87; 2,576 career yds.) by 12 yards for second place... Ferris' defense limited Indianapolis to only 23 yards passing (two-of-nine attempts) which is the lowest single-game total in at least the last six seasons dating back to 1999. The 2002 Bulldog team held Northwood to 54 yards through the air (four-of-eight attempts) in a 41-24 setback at Northwood (10/5).

Findlay - The Oilers fell to Saginaw Valley State for the sixth straight time on Saturday, 42-3 in Saginaw, Michigan...Nick Notario played well defensively with 15 total tackles...Bryan Carpenter also played well defensively, making a career high nine tackles in the game...Melvyn Griffin, who came into the game ranked first in the nation in passes defended, tallied another breakup on Saturday in the loss...Michael Simpson, seeing a steady dose of running plays for the first time this season, racked up 79 yards in the game...Roland Hamilton broke the school record for most punting yards in a game with 442 yards and tied the school record for most punts in a game with 12... The record for most punting yards in a game at Findlay had held up since the 1969 season when Lynn Billings punted for 425 yards against Bluffton.

Gannon - Gannon dropped its third consecutive game last Saturday against Hillsdale after a season-opening victory over

Mercyhurst ... the Golden Knights lost the game despite owning advantages in total yards (365-264), total plays (85-52), passing yards (272-50), first downs (19-12), and time of possession (36:16-23:44) ... Matt Butler (Sewickley, Pa./North Allegheny) made his first career start at quarterback and went 20-of-39 for 272 yards ... Butler's passing total was 56 yards less than the entire team's total in the first three games ... Saturday's loss snapped Gannon's three-game home winning streak ... Gannon had a 10-3 advantage in turnovers after the first two games, but has lost the turnover battle by a 5-1 count in the last two games ... Ron Bailey (Cleveland, Ohio/Shaw) moved into fifth place on Gannon's all-time rushing chart with 2,069 career yards ... Bailey will move into fourth place with six more yards ... Brendan McNicholas (Kirtland, Ohio/Kirtland) tied Gannon's record for field goals with his 20th career conversion in the second quarter ... Brad Hammond (Waterdown, Ontario/Waterdown) made his first career start at wide receiver and hauled in five receptions for 92 yards ... Dave Ditka (Warren, Pa./Warren), who moved from linebacker to wide receiver this year, set season-highs in receptions (6) and yards (65).

Grand Valley State - Grand Valley State is 55-5 since the 2001 season, including a 38-3 record in GLIAC action...The Laker senior class is 42-4.....The Grand Valley State defense has yielded just one TD (4th quarter at Indianapolis) this season (4 games/16 quarters)...Senior all-purpose performer Brandon Langston (Northville, Mich.) moved into a tie for fourth in all-time receptions (124). Langston is also just six yards shy of reaching the 1,000-yard career kickoff return mark (994). In addition, Langston has 874 career rushing yards...Grand Valley State recorded five pass deflections Saturday at Ashland, giving the Lakers a total of 22 in four games this season.

Hillsdale - Hillsdale's 43-9 win over Gannon ended a seven-game road losing streak for the Chargers, dating back to Oct. 11, 2003. In that game, a 49-26 win over Wayne State, was the last time Hillsdale scored this many points in a regulation contest... The win over the Golden Knights was also Hillsdale's biggest margin of victory since Nov. 16, 2002, when the Chargers beat Mercyhurst 56-7. Hillsdale has scored a total of 81 points against Gannon in the past two meetings of the schools...The Chargers had four sacks in the game, bringing their season total to 13. The team had 11 sacks all of last season...In five returned punts and kicks, Chad and Nick Gurica piled up 188 return yards, an average of 37.6 yards per kick and punt return...Chad Gurica now has three career 95-yard kick returns for touchdown, two coming in this season's first four weeks.

Indianapolis - The Indianapolis defense produced five sacks en route to a 7-3 win over Ferris State ... The Hounds rushed the ball on 50 of their 60 total offensive plays, rolling up 207 yards on the ground ... Nick Parker punted the ball seven times for 310 yards (44.3 avg), including a 59-yarder that went down the FSU 10 ... Chris White had two of the Greyhounds' sacks and had four tackles for loss to increase his team-leading totals to 5.0 sacks and 8.5

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tackles for loss ... Marcus Nalley had his first career 100-yard rushing game as he rolled-up 135 yards on 21 carries ... Sam Elmore scored his team-leading fourth touchdown of the season (two rushing, two receiving) ... Bruce Renner, with his 12 total tackles, extended his double-digit tackle streak to eight straight games and 25 of his last 30 ... The Hounds had just two pass completions the entire game and both were to running backs (Elmore, David Link) ... Mitch Brown made his first career start at quarterback ... Casey Gillin and Brown each took snaps at QB in the same game for the third straight contest.

Mercyhurst - This marks the first time Mercyhurst has started 0-4 since 2001, and just the third 0-4 start in school history...Starting fullback Brandon Zangaro played extensively on defense and made a team-high 10 tackles... Ben Bluemle, who also made 10 tackles, saw some action on offense...Mercyhurst was held to just 267 yards and was outgained by the opposition for the first time this season... John Egbert's late touchdown averted what would have been just the second time Mercyhurst was shutout at Tullio Field...the Lakers were shutout in their first contest at the stadium, 20-0 by Robert Morris in 1996, but have scored in each of the subsequent 42 games there... when Mitch Phillis entered the game for the Lakers, it marked the first time Mercyhurst used three quarterbacks in the same contest since September 21, 2002 (L, 51-7 at Saginaw Valley).

Northern Michigan - NMU has played three of its four games this season at the Superior Dome, but will only play two home games the rest of the campaign... Kyle Marotz kicked the game-winning 37-yard field goal with no time left on the clock against Wayne State. It was his first game back since breaking his collarbone in preseason drills. His five made field goals set a new Superior Dome record and tied an all-time NMU mark, his six attempts also set a new Superior Dome record... Vincent Mayfield had nine receptions for 98 yards against the Warriors and now has 194 for his career and just needs two more receptions to tie the NMU career record of 196...For the first time this season the 'Cats had the ball longer than their opponent (33:37) in a game...Buddy Rivera led the 'Cats in total offense against the Warriors with 238 yards (42 rushing, 196 passing)...Jim Couretas led the 'Cats on defense with 11 total tackles (six solo, five assisted), two TFLs and one sack.

Northwood - The No. 21 Northwood University football team posted its third straight victory Saturday afternoon with a 35-7 win over Mercyhurst ... it was the Timberwolves' 10th win in their last 11 road games ... the story of the game was Northwood's defense, which allowed the Lakers to gain just 247 yards of offense for the contest, including 53 on the ground ... NU also forced Mercyhurst into five turnovers ... leading the defensive effort was senior safety Jon Horn (Battle Creek, Mich./Central) ... he picked off three passes in the first half alone ... his three interceptions tie a school record, which has now been accomplished four times ... Tommy Paulsen (Lake Orion, Mich.) picked off three passes the previous week

against Saint Joseph's ... in the first 42 seasons of NU football, only one player (Kerry Fegan - 1993) had ever intercepted three passes in a game - Northwood has now had an individual player do that three times the last two seasons (Paulsen, Horn, Martell Foster - 2004) ... the offense was led by junior quarterback Kyle Kolbe (Clare, Mich.) ... he rushed for a career-high 161 yards on 21 carries ... Kolbe also threw for 77 yards on 8-11 attempts ... the Timberwolves set season-highs in both rushing offense (392) and total offense (469).

Saginaw Valley State - SVSU rolled up their third straight win and fourth straight dating back to last season in a 42-3 win over Findlay...SVSU leads 6-0 in the all-time series and has outscored the Oilers, 264-68, in the process...Senior running back Logan Barnhart (Haslett, Mich.) established a new career-high with 143 rushing yards and three total TD's...Barnhart averaged eleven yards per carry and scampered 60 yards on a TD in the first quarter... Freshman Tony Awrey (Saginaw, Mich./Nouvel Catholic) had his first 100-yard receiving day with seven catches for 136 yards and a 55-yard TD in the first quarter...Tony and his brother, Bob, combined for 12 catches for 196 yards and two TD's...Sophomore Chris Dougherty (Grinnell, Iowa) threw for a season-high 347 yards and a season-high four TD's...He was 27-of-41 with no interceptions and for the season is 71-of-112 for 925 yards and eight TD's with one interception...He has an efficiency rating of 154.55 and is averaging 308.3 yards passing and completing 63.4 percent of his passes... Sophomore Josh Miller (Waterford, Mich./Mott) led the Cardinals with three sacks for a loss of 15 yards as SVSU sacked Findlay quarterbacks seven times...Miller had eight stops as SVSU limited Findlay to 133 total yards.

Wayne State - Wayne State did not allow a touchdown for the first time since October 1, 1994 (a 21-3 win over St. Francis) ... junior wide receiver Nick Body (Ortonville, Mich./Our Lady of the Lakes) had six catches for 111 yards, his seventh career 100-yard game and second vs. NMU (first was Oct. 25, 2003 at NMU). He also had an 18-yard punt return giving him 129 all-purpose yards in the contest ... junior Jerriel Burrus (Belleville, Mich.) had a career-best 42-yard kickoff return eclipsing his previous best of 41 yards versus Gannon on August 30, 2003 ... after being outscored 107-2 in the first quarter in 2004, WSU now holds a 7-6 advantage through the first three games in 2005 after Smith Julmisse's first career WSU touchdown ... senior defensive lineman Michael Hall (Inkster, Mich./Belleville) had his third consecutive 11 tackle game.