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Hillsdale's Nicolet Named 2007 GLIAC Football Player of the Year

2007 GLIAC Football Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Mark Nicolet (Sr, QB, Hillsdale College)

Freshman of the Year: Jimmy Berezik (Fr, RB, Grand Valley State University)

Offensive Back of the Year: Joique Bell (So, RB, Wayne State University)

Offensive Lineman of the Year: Brandon Barnes (Sr, RT, Grand Valley State University)

Defensive Back of the Year: Brandon Carr (Sr, DB, Grand Valley State University)

Defensive Lineman of the Year: Jake Visser (Jr, DT, Ferris State University)

Coach of the Year: Chuck Martin, Grand Valley State University

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Hillsdale College senior quarterback **Mark Nicolet** (Zionsville, Ohio) was named the 2007 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Football Player of the Year in balloting conducted by the league's head coaches. Wayne State University sophomore running back **Joique Bell** (Benton Harbor, Mich.) was voted Offensive Back of the Year, while Grand Valley State University's **Chuck Martin** garnered Coach of the Year honors.

The rest of the GLIAC's postseason awards were chosen as follows: rookie running back **Jimmy Berezik** (Fraser, Mich./Warren De La Salle) of Grand Valley State earned Freshman of the Year accolades; senior corner back **Brandon Carr** (Flint, Mich./Carman-Ainsworth) of Grand Valley State earned Defensive Back of the Year honors; senior tackle **Brandon Barnes** (Detroit, Mich./Pershing) of Grand Valley State earned his second consecutive Offensive Lineman of the Year award; while Ferris State University junior defensive tackle **Jake Visser** (Coopersville, Mich.), earned the League's Defensive Lineman of the Year title.

Nicolet has rewritten the offensive record book for the Chargers in 2007, setting new marks for most completions (34), and passing yards (426) in a single game, as well as touchdown passes (31), completions (240), and passing yards (3,335) in a single season. A two-time team captain, Mark is a Northwest Region finalist for the Harlon Hill Award. He has been ranked among the national leaders all season in pass efficiency, touchdown passes and passing yards. His 3,145 passing yards in GLIAC games this season broke the conference record for passing yards in a season. Nicolet finished the regular season as the GLIAC's leader in passing yards, touchdown passes and total offense.

Bell has been named GLIAC Offensive Back of the Year for the second consecutive season. He becomes just the

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fourth person in GLIAC history to be a two-time recipient joining Hillsdale's Scott Schulte (1992-93), Grand Valley's Jeff Fox (co-1997, co-1998), and GVSU's David Kircus (co-2001, co-2002). Bell led the GLIAC in rushing attempts (289), rushing yards (1427), yards per game (129.7) and rushing touchdowns (25), while ranking second in all-purpose yards per game (165.7). He won the GLIAC overall scoring title by 58 points (168-110), while tying the GLIAC single-season league points record of 156 set by Kircus in 2001. Bell had four games this year with four rushing touchdowns and equaled the GLIAC mark with five total touchdowns at Mercyhurst.

Fourth-year Grand Valley State head coach Chuck **Martin** led the Lakers to their third-straight GLIAC title and third-consecutive undefeated regular season. Grand Valley State set the all-time Division II record for consecutive wins (38), while also establishing a GLIAC mark for consecutive wins (30). Martin has guided the two-time defending NCAA DII Champion Laker football squad to a 48-3 mark during his four-years at the helm. GVSU has been ranked #1 in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II poll since Sept. 20, 2005.

Berezik set the GVSU freshman rushing record with 812 yards and eight touchdowns on 103 carries this season. Berezik, who is averaging 7.9 yards per carry, broke the 100-yard rushing mark three times during his freshman campaign. Berezik also led GVSU in all-purpose yards (1,179) in 2007.

Carr tallied two interceptions, nine pass deflections, 30 tackles and a fumble recovery from his cornerback position this season. A two-time First-Team All-GLIAC selection, Carr is 8th on the NCAA DII all-time career passes defended list with 46. Carr has 35 pass deflections and 11 career interceptions.

Barnes was named the GLIAC Offensive Lineman of the Year for the second straight year. A three-time First-Team All-GLIAC honoree, Barnes led a Laker starting offensive line that helped GVSU average better than 235 yards rushing and receiving and yielded just five QB sacks on the year.

Visser tallied the Ferris State's second-highest tackles figure (106) this season and led the squad in tackles for loss with 14.5 for minus 62 yards, which ranked fifth in the conference. He posted a team-best nine quarterback hurries along with 5.5 sacks for a loss of 41 yards. Visser received 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV First Team recognition and was chosen as this week's (Nov. 14) D2football.com National Defensive Player of the Week. Along with placing fifth among this season's league leaders in tackles for loss, Visser also ranked sixth in total tackles (9.6 tpg.). A 2007 Street & Smith's Division II Preseason All-America First Team selection and D2football.com Preseason All-America Second Team pick along with being named to the 2007 Lindy's College Football Preview All-Division II Preseason All-America Second Team, was a 2006 honorable mention All-America selection by both D2Football.com and Don Hansen's Football Gazette. He earned FSU team MVP honors this campaign.

2007 GLIAC All-Conference Football Teams

First Team Offense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
QB	Mark Nicolet	Hillsdale	Sr.	Zionsville, Ind.
RB	Joiue Bell	Wayne State	So.	Benton Harbor, Mich.
RB	Mark Bossuah	Northern Michigan	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
RB	Torris Childs	Northwood	Jr.	North Chicago, Ill.
RB	Richard Stokes	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Winton Woods
H-Back	Scott Blasko	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Lansing, Mich./St. Joseph
WR	Ric Cottengim	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Elk Grove, Calif.
WR	Nick Gurica	Hillsdale	Sr.	Adrian, Mich.
WR	Antione Trent	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Ottawa Hills
WR	Aaron Waldie	Hillsdale	Jr.	Sylvania, Ohio/Southview
OL	Brandon Barnes	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Detroit, Mich./Pershing
OL	Bill Bourdlais	Ferris State	Sr.	Newberry, Mich.
OL	Vince Cashdollar	Ashland	Sr.	Newark, Ohio
OL	Billy Eisenhardt	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Macomb, Mich./Dakota
OL	Dan Marshall	Northwood	Sr.	Belmont, Mich./Rockford
OL	Pete Moyryla	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Laurium, Mich./Calumet
PK	Jeremy Burr	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Saginaw, Mich./Swan Valley
Spec.	Dante Dunn	Wayne State	Jr.	Lansing, Mich./Waverly

First Team Defense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
DL	Kyle Clement	Northwood	Sr.	Hudsonville, Mich.
DL	Jimmy Fleshman	Indianapolis	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio/Centennial
DL	Josh Miller	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Waterford, Mich./Mott
DL	Dan Skuta	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Flint, Mich./Carman-Ainsworth
DL	Jake Visser	Ferris State	Jr.	Coopersville, Mich.
LB	Anthony Adams	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Troy, Mich.
LB	Leonard Bush	Indianapolis	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Roger Bacon
LB	Kirk Carruth	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Saginaw, Mich.
LB	Tom Korte	Hillsdale	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central
LB	Derek Volmering	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Harbor Beach, Mich.
DB	Kenneth Akridge	Indianapolis	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio/Chaminade-Julienne
DB	Bill Brechin	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Addison, Ill./Addison Trail
DB	Brandon Carr	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Flint, Mich./Carman-Ainsworth
DB	DeVaughn Dixon	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Detroit, Mich./Renaissance
DB	Kevin Shaw	Indianapolis	Sr.	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
P	Matt Vanover	Hillsdale	Sr.	Adrian, Mich.

2007 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team

Ashland: Kyle Calvert (Sr./LB), Reggie Gamble (Jr./OL), Jake Grove (Sr./DL), Jaman Jarvey (Fr./RB), Chris Meyer (Sr./DL), David Ziegelhofer (Sr./WR); **Ferris State:** Nate Fricke (Sr./WR), Mike Guevara (Sr./WR), Jordan Moore (Jr./LB), Eric Schumacher (Sr./DL), C.J. Van Wieren (Sr./QB), Pat Wells (Sr./DB); **Findlay:** Anthony Fields (So./DB), Will Harnar (Sr./OL), Joe Knopick (So./P), Kevin McCann (Sr./H-Back), Caleb Meyer (Sr./DB), Cameron Stevens (Fr./PK); **Gannon:** Ron Keels (Sr./WR), Alton Kenner (Sr./LB), Chris Murphy (Jr./DL), Jon Richardson (So./RB); **Grand Valley State:** Sam Allen (Jr./OL), Matt Beaty (Sr./LB), Brad Iciek (So./QB), Jacob Henige (Sr./OL), Danny Richard (Fr./DL), Blake Smolen (So./WR); **Hillsdale:** Chet Crowley (Sr./OL), Josh Hutchison (Sr./DB), Vinnie Panizzi (So./RB), Matt Patillo (So./TE), Dan Staph (Sr./OL), Josiah Swartz (Jr./OL); **Indianapolis:** Randall Courtney (So./DE), Tim Dury (So./OL), Casey Gillin (Sr./QB), Trent Harris (Sr./DT), Seth Pickett (Sr./TE), Eric Quintana (So./OL), (Continued on page 4).

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Second Team Offense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
QB	Billy Cundiff	Ashland	So.	Uniontown, Ohio/Connecticut
RB	Preston Garris	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Muskegon, Mich./Mona Shores
RB	Dawon Harvey	Ashland	So.	Columbus, Ohio/Central State
RB	Joel McDaniel	Findlay	Sr.	Leipsic, Ohio
RB	Eric Wright	Indianapolis	Jr.	Lewisburg, Ohio/Tri-County North
H-Back	Brandon Hill	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Timberlake, Ohio/Eastlake North
WR	Brandon Gilmore	Ashland	Sr.	Mansfield, Ohio/Madison
WR	Brandon Horn	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Farmington Hills, Mich./Northwestern
WR	Robert Miller	Ferris State	Sr.	Carson, Calif./Harbor C.C.
WR	Fred Wells	Northern Michigan	Jr.	Flint, Mich./Southwestern
OL	Zach Dennis	Indianapolis	Sr.	Speedway, Ind.
OL	Nate Hollins	Ashland	Jr.	New Concord, Ohio/John Glenn
OL	Kris Krempien	Northern Michigan	Jr.	Mukwonago, Wis.
OL	Mitch Krombach	Northwood	Sr.	Grayslake, Ill./Carmel
OL	Sean Stevens	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Grand Ledge, Mich.
OL	Jared Veldheer	Hillsdale	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills Northern
PK	Jim Yates	Ferris State	Jr.	Goshen, Ind.
Spec.	Dawon Harvey	Ashland	So.	Columbus, Ohio/Central State

Second Team Defense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
DL	Ryan Gaydosh	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Medina, Ohio
DL	Dion Harvey	Findlay	Sr.	Akron, Ohio/Tallmadge
DL	Kurt Hout	Ferris State	Sr.	Arvada, Colo./West
DL	Eric Weber	Hillsdale	Jr.	Defiance, Ohio/Tinora
DL	Zac Wild	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin
LB	Nick Bloch	Northern Michigan	Sr.	Brownsville, Wis.
LB	Alan Guy	Wayne State	Sr.	Rochester Hills, Mich./Rochester Adams
LB	Leroy Goulbourne	Northwood	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla./McArthur
LB	Cheyne Nelson	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Victorville, Calif./Serrano
LB	Kevin Noe	Ferris State	Jr.	Orleans, Mich./Belding
DB	Theo Hall	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Winton Woods
DB	Terrell Heggins	Ferris State	Jr.	Lansing, Mich./Everett
DB	Justin Hood	Ashland	Sr.	Youngstown, Ohio/Chaney
DB	Jacob McGuckin	Grand Valley State	So.	Allen Park, Mich.
DB	Dexter Reid	Northwood	Sr.	Waukegan, Ill./Carmel
P	Kurtis Fournier	Saginaw Valley State	So.	Warren, Mich./Cousino

2007 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team (Continued from page 3)

Mercyhurst: Charles Gleisner (So./LB), Aaron Haynes (Jr./WR), Tim Herbener (So./LB), Mitch Phillis (Sr./QB), Gary Smith (Sr./OL), Josh Szeluga (So./TE); **Michigan Tech:** Pat Flannery (Sr./OL), Ben James (Sr./TE), Lee Keys (Sr./DL), Chris Nowak (Sr./DB), Keith White (Jr./WR), Kirk Williams (Sr./WR); **Northern Michigan:** Joe Dost (Sr./LB), Dan Elmore (Jr./WR), Tyler Larson (Sr./DL), Mike Mahloch (Sr./DL), Zach Nichols (So./WR), Buddy Rivera (Sr./QB); **Northwood:** Alan Drummond (Jr./OL), Luke Krombach (Jr./OL), Quillan Mathis (Fr./WR), Aaron Seaver (Jr./OL), Casey Steffen (Sr./RB), Matt Worton (Sr./DL); **Saginaw Valley State:** Chris Dougherty (Sr./QB), Joe Dougherty (Sr./WR), Josh Gibbs (Sr./OL), John Jacobs (So./LB), Mike LaVand (So./LB), Mark Miller (Sr./DB); **Wayne State:** Muhammed Abdullah (Sr./OL), Tristan Black (Jr./LB), Daryl Graham (Jr./RB), Frank Lietke (Sr./OL), John Rehberg (Sr./TE), Stan Thornton (Fr./KR)