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## Mercyhurst Sweeps 2002 GLIAC Men's Soccer Postseason Awards

**BAY CITY, Mich.** -- Mercyhurst College sophomore forward **Mike Blythe** was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) men's soccer "Offensive Player of the Year" in balloting conducted by the league's coaches.

Mercyhurst senior defender **Shawn Burke** was tabbed the conference's "Defensive Player of the Year" while teammate, defender **Nick Jordan**, was honored with the league's "Freshman of the Year" award. **Keith Cammidge**, who guided Mercyhurst to a GLIAC title in his first season at the Laker helm, earned "Coach of the Year" accolades.

**Blythe** tallied team highs with 11 goals and 30 points in 19 matches for the Lakers this season. The Hull, England native posted eight assists and tallied a team-high three game-winning goals in 2002. Blythe had one of his best matches as a collegian in a Division II playoff win over the University of District of Columbia when he recorded two goals and an assist. Blythe becomes a two-time All-GLIAC performer after earning second-team honors last season.

**Burke**, known as one of the league's best defensive players, proved that he could be an offensive threat by tallying three goals and three assists in 2002. He also had the knack for heroics, recording two game-winning goals including the clincher in a Division II quarterfinal match against Rockhurst (Mo.). A native of Berea, Ohio, Burke becomes a three-time All-GLIAC first-team selection after earning the same honors in 2000 and 2001.

**Jordan** had a stellar rookie season for the Laker defense, helping his squad post the second best goals against average in the league (1.26 goals per game). The native of Mentor, Ohio scored only one goal this season, but made it a memorable one. He scored the game-winner and the lone goal of the match in a 1-0 victory over Northwood University. Jordan played in all but one match for the Lakers in 2002 and tallied three points.

**Cammidge** took over as the Mercyhurst coach on August 1, 2002 and guided the Lakers to their seventh straight GLIAC championship, and a berth in the NCAA Division II Final Four. Mercyhurst posted a 17-2 mark overall mark this campaign, set a school record with 15 consecutive wins to start the 2002 season and was ranked No. 1 among Division II schools for the first time in school annals. Cammidge brought an extensive background in soccer to Mercyhurst, including 14 years as an NCAA Division I head coach and 17 years of coaching overall.

A total of six Mercyhurst players earned first-team All-GLIAC honors. Joining Blythe, Burke, and Jordan on the All-GLIAC first team are Laker teammates: junior forward Shane Hogan, senior midfielder John Kitcho, and senior midfielder Chris Whalley. Also earning first-team accolades are: sophomore defender Khashayar Azizollahi and senior midfielder Sean Riley of Gannon University; junior defender Dan Crew and senior midfielder Matt Rahe of Ashland University; and sophomore midfielder Stephen Walker of Saginaw Valley State University.

The complete listing of the 2002 All-GLIAC men's soccer teams and postseason awards are listed on the following page.

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## 2002 GLIAC Men's Soccer Postseason Awards

### Offensive Player of the Year:

Mike Blythe - Mercyhurst (So, F, Hull, England/Wolfreton)

### Defensive Player of the Year:

Shawn Burke - Mercyhurst (Sr, D, Berea, Ohio)

### Freshman of the Year:

Nick Jordan - Mercyhurst (Fr, D, Mentor, Ohio)

### Coach of the Year:

Keith Cammidge - Mercyhurst

## 2002 GLIAC All-Conference Men's Soccer Teams

### First-Team

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Defender	Khashayar Azizollahi	Gannon	So.	Gothenburg, Sweden/Polheursgyurnasiet
Forward	Mike Blythe	Mercyhurst	So.	Hull, England/Wolfreton
Defender	Shawn Burke	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Berea, Ohio
Defender	Dan Crew	Ashland	Jr.	North Royalton, Ohio/St. Ignatius
Forward	Shane Hogan	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Sewickley, Pa./Quaker Valley
Defender	Nick Jordan	Mercyhurst	Fr.	Mentor, Ohio
Midfield	John Kitcho	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep
Midfield	Matt Rahe	Ashland	Sr.	Broadview Heights, Ohio
Midfield	Sean Riley	Gannon	Sr.	Chagrin Falls, Ohio/Kenston
Midfield	Stephen Walker	Saginaw Valley State	So.	Manchester, England/Philips
Midfield	Chris Whalley	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Nottingham, England/Elizabethan

## All-GLIAC Men's Soccer

### Second-Team

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Goal Keeper	Ben Becker	Northwood	Sr.	Hartford, Wis.
Midfield	Steve Geier	Findlay	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ross
Forward	Randy Hughes	Findlay	Jr.	Newark, Ohio
Midfield	Rory Hussey	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Dublin, Ireland/Clongowes Wood
Defender	Anthony Lacerenza	Findlay	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio/Carroll
Forward	Edgar Rivera	Hillsdale	Fr.	Wheeling, Ill.
Forward	Brent Scarbrough	Ashland	Fr.	Akron, Ohio/St. Vincent-St. Mary
Forward	Nate Stocum	Ashland	Jr.	Brunswick, Ohio
Midfield	Gretar Sveinsson	Gannon	Sr.	Reykjavik, Iceland/Menntaskoliu
Forward	Adrian Thomas	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Marval, Trinidad & Tobago
Midfield	Paul Thomas	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Manchester, England/Kasken Moor