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## **UINDY SELECTED FAVORITE TO WIN GLVC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

INDIANAPOLIS – The University of Indianapolis softball team has been unanimously selected as the favorite to win the 2010 Great Lakes Valley Conference Softball Championship in a vote of the league's 15 head coaches. The Greyhounds, who advanced to the NCAA Division II World Series in 2009, collected 196 total points in the annual GLVC Preseason Poll.

Quincy finished second in the voting with 171 total points and defending GLVC Champion Northern Kentucky rounded out the top three by collecting 160 total points. Lewis finished fourth in the voting with 159 total points and was followed by Missouri-St. Louis who collected 144 total points and the final first-place vote.

Missouri S&T garnered 115 total points to place sixth, edging Southern Indiana who finished with 114 total points. Bellarmine placed eighth in the poll with 105 total points and was followed by UW-Parkside (103 total points), Saint Joseph's (87), Rockhurst (74), Drury (57), Kentucky Wesleyan (44), Illinois-Springfield (26) and Maryville (20).

UIndy posted a 37-21 overall record in 2009 and captured the Midwest Regional and Midwest Super Regional crowns. The Greyhounds placed third in the GLVC regular season standings with a 17-7 league mark and went 1-2 at the NCAA Division II World Series.

Under the guidance of head coach Missy Frost-Fisher, the Greyhounds return a pair of All-GLVC First Team selections, including junior second baseman Jamie Keltz and the 2009 GLVC Player of the Year Megan Russell. Keltz hit .274 last season with 26 RBIs, nine doubles and nine home runs. Russell hit .344 with 53 RBIs, 17 home runs, 10 doubles and a .699 slugging percentage. She was also 20-12 in the circle with a 1.39 earned run average.

Quincy, guided by head coach Charlene Obert, posted a 28-25 overall record and finished second in the GLVC regular season standings with a 15-6 conference mark. The Lady Hawks will be led by junior pitcher Torie Bunzell who posted a record of 23-13 and a 1.18 earned run average last season. She struck out 380 batters in 237.1 innings for the Lady Hawks to garner an All-GLVC First Team nod.

Defending GLVC Champion Northern Kentucky will look to repeat in 2010 behind head coach Kathy Stewart. The Norse posted a 32-23 overall record in 2009 and won the league title as the No.6 seed after notching a 13-11 conference mark. The Norse are led by junior pitchers April Ehlers and Chelsie Roy who went 19-13 and 13-10 in the circle, respectively, last season.

The 2010 season marks the first with the league expanded to 15 teams. Illinois-Springfield and Maryville enter the conference schedule for the first time, though neither will be eligible for the GLVC Tournament.

The GLVC Tournament will be held on May 7-9 at the EastSide Centre in East Peoria, Illinois.

The complete 2010 GLVC Softball Preseason Poll follows. The poll is conducted by gathering the votes of each of the 15 GLVC member institutions' head softball coaches. The coaches are prohibited from voting for their own institution in the poll.

	<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Total Points</u></b>	<b><u>(First-place votes)</u></b>
1.	Indianapolis	196	(14)
2.	Quincy	171	
3.	Northern Kentucky	160	
4.	Lewis	159	
5.	Missouri-St. Louis	144	(1)
6.	Missouri S&T	115	
7.	Southern Indiana	114	
8.	Bellarmino	105	
9.	UW-Parkside	103	
10.	Saint Joseph's	87	
11.	Rockhurst	74	
12.	Drury	57	
13.	Kentucky Wesleyan	44	
14.	Illinois-Springfield*	26	
15.	Maryville*	20	

\*Not eligible for GLVC Softball Championship Tournament

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