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Tiffin's Rhys Cannella and Tony Iyayi Named 2009 GLIAC Men's Soccer "Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year," Respectively

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Tiffin University junior midfielder **Rhys Cannella (Luton, England)** was named the 2009 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) men's soccer "Offensive Player of the Year," while teammate, senior defender **Tony Iyayi (Lagos, Nigeria)**, was named "Defensive Player of the Year" in balloting conducted by the league's coaches.

Ashland University forward **Mitch Deyhle (Cincinnati, Ohio/LaSalle)** was honored with the league's "Freshman of the Year" award, while **John Hall**, who guided Ashland to the 2009 GLIAC Championship, earned "Coach of the Year" accolades.

Cannella has enjoyed an outstanding 2009 season, currently leading the GLIAC in points, with 29, and goals scored, with 12. A Second Team All-GLIAC performer in 2008 and a 2009 GLIAC Player of the Week honoree, Cannella ranks fourth in the Midwest Region in goals per game and fifth in points per game. He also leads a Dragons offense which is fourth in the region in scoring.

Ayayi has been the primary center back for the Dragons in 2009. A First Team All-GLIAC performer in 2008, Iyayi moved from forward to sweeper in 2009 and leads the defense which is fourth in the region in shutout percentage. He has also provided offense from the defensive position, scoring five goals for Tiffin this season.

Deyhle became a staple for Ashland on corner kicks as the server in the second half of the season. In the Eagles' last seven matches, he has tallied all four of his assists and his lone goal. He is also part of an AU defense that has only allowed nine goals on the season. Deyhle has helped the Eagles to their current ranking of fifth in the nation in goals against average at 0.47.

Hall earns his third GLIAC Men's Soccer "Coach of the Year" award (2005, 2008) after leading Ashland to its second consecutive regular season GLIAC title. After leading his team to a 15-4-2 mark last season, his Eagles currently sit at 11-2-5 this season. He is in his ninth season coaching the Eagles and is the all-time leader in wins with 87. Hall has taken the Eagles to three NCAA Division II playoff appearances.

Joining Cannella and Ayayi on the All-GLIAC first team are: sophomore forward **Ashton Campbell** and sophomore midfielder **Michael O'Neill** of Tiffin; senior forward **Steve Hufstader** of Northwood University; senior forward **Kevin Fox** of Saginaw Valley State University; junior forward **Ross Ashley**, senior midfielder **James Livingston**, senior defenders **Luke Brookfield** and **Michael Kennedy**, and senior goal keeper **Blaize Lishewski** of Ashland.

The complete listing of the 2009 All-GLIAC men's soccer teams and postseason awards are listed on the following page.

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2009 GLIAC Men's Soccer Postseason Awards

Offensive Player of the Year:

Rhys Cannella - Tiffin (JR, MF, Luton, England)

Defensive Player of the Year:

Tony Iyayi - Tiffin (SR, D, Lagos, Nigeria)

Freshman of the Year:

Mitch Deyhle - Ashland (FR, MF, Cincinnati, Ohio/LaSalle)

Coach of the Year:

John Hall - Ashland

2009 All-GLIAC Men's Soccer Teams

All-GLIAC First-Team

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Forward	Ross Ashley	Ashland	Jr.	Ashland, Ohio
Forward	Ashton Campbell	Tiffin	So.	Luton, England
Forward	Steve Hufstader	Northwood	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./F.H. Northern
Forward	Kevin Fox	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Flushing, Mich.
Midfielder	Rhys Cannella	Tiffin	Jr.	Luton, England
Midfielder	James Livingston	Ashland	Sr.	Aughton, England
Midfielder	Michael O'Neill	Tiffin	So.	Luton, England
Defender	Luke Brookfield	Ashland	Sr.	Ormskirk, England
Defender	Tony Iyayi	Tiffin	Sr.	Lagos, Nigeria
Defender	Michael Kennedy	Ashland	Sr.	Liverpool, England
Goalkeeper	Blaize Lishewski	Ashland	Sr.	Sylvania, Ohio/St. Francis DeSales

All-GLIAC Second-Team

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Forward	Andrew Iden	Ashland	So.	Marysville, Ohio
Forward	Corey Keister	Findlay	So.	Chillicothe, Ohio/Zane Trace
Forward	Chen Tzfanian	Northwood	Fr.	Hod Hasharon, Israel
Midfielder	Ross Aitchison	Northwood	Sr.	Berwick, Scotland
Midfielder	B.J. Goodwin	Findlay	Sr.	Alliance, Ohio/Marlington
Midfielder	Tom Mangotic	Ashland	Sr.	Maumee, Ohio/Anthony Wayne
Defender	Steve Everett	Northwood	So.	London, England
Defender	Brock Humphries	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Shelby Township, Mich./Utica Eisenhower
Defender	Roger Kummer	Tiffin	Jr.	Galloway, N.J./Absegami
Defender	Frederic Schloezel	Northwood	Sr.	Gevelsberg, Germany
Goalkeeper	Jeff Frisch	Tiffin	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio/Northland