



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE FOOTBALL

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BULLDOG BITES

☛ **THIS WEEK:** The Ferris State University football team continues its two-game season opening homestand by taking on the Mercyhurst Lakers in its 2007 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) opener this Saturday, Sept. 8, at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. Kickoff for the Community & Fireworks Night contest is set for 7 p.m. (EDT) with the annual fireworks show taking place following the game. Tickets for all home games will be available at the gate or may be purchased in advance by contacting the FSU Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888. In addition, tickets can be bought online at www.starticketsplus.com.

☛ **MEDIA COVERAGE:** Saturday's game will be carried live locally by WYBR (102.3 FM) with Jason DaDay handling the play-by-play duties. A live video and audio webcast will be available through B2 Networks for a charge of \$6 on FSU's Athletics Website at www.ferris.edu/sports (Click on B2 Networks icon). Live internet statistics via "GameTracker" will also be available during the game via FSU's athletics website.

☛ **OPENING DAY WIN:** Ferris State opened the 2007 campaign with a 42-19 non-league victory over Kentucky State before a crowd of 2,359 this past Saturday (Sept. 1) evening at FSU's Top Taggart Field. Ferris scored its six touchdowns in the game over a stretch of seven-straight drives after trailing 12-7 following the opening frame. Senior quarterback **C.J. Van Wieren (Holland/West Ottawa)** helped account for five of the Bulldogs' six touchdowns in the win.

☛ **PLAYER OF THE WEEK:** FSU's **C.J. Van Wieren** was named this week's *D2Football.com* Co-National Offensive Player of the Week in addition to being the GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week after helping account for five of the Bulldogs' six touchdowns in the win over KSU. Van Wieren completed seven-of-eight passes for a personal career-high 294 yards and two touchdowns. He also added a team-best 118 rushing yards on 17 carries along with three TD's running the ball. Van Wieren's performance included a 79-yard scoring toss to senior receiver **Mike Guevara (Manteca, Calif)**. He ran for two scores and threw for two more as the Bulldogs scored four consecutive touchdowns in the second and third quarters to take the lead for good.

☛ **PRESEASON RECOGNITION:** The Bulldogs earned preseason recognition this summer as the nation's 18th-ranked squad in the 2007 *Lindy's College Football Preview* Division II Preseason Top 25 Poll. Ferris was 8-3-0 overall in 2006, which represented the program's most single-season victories since 1996. The Bulldogs also finished the year ranked 17th in *Don Hansen's Football Gazette's* final Division II Top 40 poll and 22nd nationally in *D2Football.com's* final Top 25 poll.

2007 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Kentucky State	W, 42-19
Sept. 8	Mercyhurst* (Community & Fireworks Night)	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Saginaw Valley State*	12 p.m.
Sept. 22	Hillsdale* (Community Health Day)	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Northern Michigan* (Hall of Fame Inductees Day)	2 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Michigan Tech*	1 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Gannon*	1 p.m.
Oct. 20	Ashland* (Homecoming)	2 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Grand Valley State* (Anchor-Bone Classic)	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	Northwood* (Senior Day)	2 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Wayne State*	12 p.m.

All times are Eastern and subject to change

Home games in **Bold**

*GLIAC Game

GAME 2 ▲ 2007 SEASON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007



FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS (1-0, 0-0 GLIAC)

vs.

MERCYHURST LAKERS (1-1, 0-1 GLIAC)

KICKOFF: 7 p.m. (EDT)

SITE: Big Rapids, Mich.

STADIUM/SURFACE: Top Taggart Field (7,200)/Artificial Turf (AstroTurf 12)

RADIO COVERAGE: WYBR-FM (102.3) - Jason DaDay (Play-by-Play)

INTERNET COVERAGE: www.ferris.edu/sports (Click On B2 Networks icon)

GAME FACTS

☛ **2006 RECORDS:** Ferris State registered a 8-3-0 overall record and placed third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) with a 7-3-0 mark. The Bulldogs were 3-2 at home and 5-1 on the road a season ago.

Mercyhurst is currently 1-1-0 overall in the 2007 season after losing its league opener at Northwood Saturday (Sept. 1) by a score of 28-10 in Midland, Mich. The Lakers defeated Kentucky State 21-6 on the road in their season opener (Aug. 25) at Frankfort, Ky. Last season, the Lakers compiled both a 3-7-0 overall and GLIAC record while placing tied for 10th in the league standings. MC was 3-2 at home, 0-5 on the road, and 0-0 at neutral sites last fall.

☛ **THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE** – **Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 13th season, 78-55-0 (.586) – (5-2-0 vs. Mercyhurst). Pierce has compiled a 40-24-0 (.625) coaching mark in home encounters and is 30-20-0 (.600) in September contests to date. Pierce, who played at Ferris (defensive back) from 1974-77, is the 12th head coach in Ferris State's history.

MERCYHURST – **Marty Schaeztle** (Bucknell, 1983), 6th season, 17-38-0 (.309) – (0-5-0 vs. Ferris State). Schaeztle spent five seasons as an assistant coach at NCAA Division I-AA Bucknell before coming to MC.

☛ **FERRIS STATE VERSUS PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS:** Ferris State is 15-13-2 (.533) all-time against Pennsylvania-based colleges, which includes a 5-6-2 (.462) road ledger and a 10-7-0 (.588) home mark. The Bulldogs' most common opponent from Pennsylvania other than MC and fellow league member Gannon is the Indiana (Pa.) Indians, who are 5-1-0 versus the Bulldogs.

☛ **Did You Know?:** Ferris has had a winning season in 12 of its last 18 seasons and in seven of head coach **Jeff Pierce's** 12 years at FSU. The Bulldogs won five consecutive conference championship titles from 1992-96 and were league co-champions with Northwood in the 1999 season.

☛ **MORE PRESEASON HONORS:** FSU senior guard **Bill Bourdlais (Newberry)** and junior defensive tackle **Jake Visser (Coopersville)** were both named to the 2007 *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* NCAA-II Preseason All-America Team. A total of 153 players representing four geographic regions were named to the annual preseason listing.



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HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE



Jeff Pierce starts his 13th year at Ferris State in 2007 and owns the distinction of being the Bulldogs' all-time winningest coach. He reached the milestone in 2004 (9/4) with Ferris' overtime win at Ashland.

Under Pierce, FSU has won or shared three GLIAC titles (1995-96, 99) while earning consecutive (1995-96) NCAA-II Playoffs berths, including a semifinal-round appearance in 1995.

YEAR	SCHOOL	W	L	T	PCT.
1995	Ferris State	12	1	0	.923
1996	Ferris State	10	2	0	.833
1997	Ferris State	3	7	0	.300
1998	Ferris State	5	6	0	.454
1999	Ferris State	7	3	0	.700
2000	Ferris State	5	6	0	.454
2001	Ferris State	7	4	0	.636
2002	Ferris State	5	5	0	.500
2003	Ferris State	6	5	0	.545
2004	Ferris State	6	5	0	.545
2005	Ferris State	3	8	0	.273
2006	Ferris State	8	3	0	.727
2007	Ferris State	1	0	0	1.000
TOTALS		78	55	0	.586

PIERCE'S RECORD BREAKDOWN

YEAR	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	GLIAC	NON-CONF.	PLAYOFFS
1995	7-0	5-1	0-0	10-0	2-1	2-1
1996	5-1	5-1	0-0	9-1	1-1	
1997	1-5	2-2	0-0	3-7	0-0	0-0
1998	3-2	2-4	0-0	5-5	0-1	0-0
1999	3-1	4-2	0-0	7-2	0-1	0-0
2000	2-3	3-3	0-0	5-5	0-1	0-0
2001	4-1	3-3	0-0	7-3	0-1	0-0
2002	4-1	1-4	0-0	4-5	1-0	0-0
2003	3-2	3-3	0-0	5-5	1-0	0-0
2004	2-3	4-2	0-0	6-4	0-1	0-0
2005	2-3	1-5	0-0	3-7	0-1	0-0
2006	3-2	5-1	0-0	7-3	1-0	0-0
2007	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
TOTALS	40-24	38-31	0-0	71-47	7-8	3-2

BULLDOG BITES

➤ **PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS:** Senior defensive tackle **Kurt Hout (Arvada, Colo./West)** and **Jake Visser** have been chosen as 2007 pre-season All-Americans by *D2football.com*. Hout was recognized as one of 12 first-team defensive selections while Visser earned second-team pre-season laurels. Visser earlier this summer was tabbed as both a 2007 *Street & Smith's* Division II Preseason All-America First Team selection along with being named to the 2007 *Lindy's College Football Preview* All-Division II Preseason All-America Second Team.

➤ **WINNING FIRST:** The Bulldogs have now won 11 of their last 19 season openers to date following Saturday's victory over KSU. This year marks the second consecutive season the Bulldogs have opened the year with a win over the Thorobreds after a 31-13 road victory a year ago in Frankfort, Ky.

➤ **KEY GAME STATS:** Junior defensive back **Terrell Heggins (Lansing/Everett)**, who transferred from Grand Rapids Community College, had an interception in his first game with the Bulldogs versus Kentucky State **Mike Guevara** had three catches for 160 yards in the game, including a 79-yard touchdown reception **Jake Visser** netted a team-high 11 tackles, including eight solo stops in the Bulldogs' victory over KSU. The consensus Preseason All-America selection also had two quarterback hurries and assisted on a tackle for loss. His performance helped the Bulldog defense limit the Thorobreds, who scored only a single touchdown in the final three quarters of the contest.

➤ **GREAT STRETCH:** Ferris scored its six touchdowns in the game against Kentucky State over a stretch of seven-straight drives. The Bulldogs scored back-to-back on their final drive of the first period and initial drive of the second quarter. Following a punt, FSU found the endzone on its final drive of the opening half and then began the second half by scoring on four consecutive drives.

➤ **MORE GAME NOTES:** The win over Kentucky State was Ferris' fourth victory in its last six non-league outings. The game versus the Thorobreds was only FSU's second non-conference game at home dating back to 1990 Saturday's triumph gave Ferris State its ninth victory in its last 15 home-opening encounters. This year represented the first time since 2004 the Bulldogs' first game of the year was at home The Bulldogs improved to 40-39-4 (.506) in home openers dating back to 1920, which includes a 10-8-0 mark since 1990. The Bulldogs are now 9-6 in their last 12 home-opening encounters.

➤ **MORE JOB DUTIES:** Junior kicker-punter **Jim Yates (Goshen, Ind.)** has added to his job duties this fall. The 6-1 Yates converted all five of his PAT tries versus Kentucky State. He also tallied a 48-yard punt in the contest and averaged 58.3 yards along with two touchbacks on kickoffs. Yates kicked off seven times for 408 total yards. His two punts went for 74 total yards as he averaged 37 yards per punt. Yates, who was FSU's primary punter in 2006, had never place kicked in a game for the Bulldogs prior to Saturday's contest.

THE LAST MEETING (FSU vs. MERCYHURST)

SEPTEMBER 9, 2006 ● AT LOUIS J. TULLIO FIELD - ERIE, PA. (1,107)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Ferris State	0	14	7	7	28
Mercyhurst	0	0	0	7	7

SCORING SUMMARY

2nd Quarter
 10:15 FS: Van Wieren 72 run (Eichler kick)
 2:11 FS: Van Wieren 8 run (Eichler kick)
3rd Quarter
 7:23 FS: Miller 35 pass from Van Wieren (Eichler kick)
4th Quarter
 11:07 FS: Miller 42 run (Eichler kick)
 6:56 MC: Watson 7 pass from Phillis (Scanlon kick)

TEAM STATS

	BULLDOGS	LAKERS
First Downs	16	16
Rushes-Yds	36-234	29-(-33)
Passing Yards	172	252
Att/Comp/Int	18/11/2	43/23/2
Total Net Yards	406	219
Punts/Avg	3/20.3	7/36.1
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	0/0
Penalties-Yds	2-8	4-25
Possession Time	24:05	35:55

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing

FS: Robert Miller - 12/142 yds, 1 TD
 MC: Richard Stokes - 13/22 yds

Passing

FS: C.J. Van Wieren - 18/11/2, 172 yds, 1 TD
 MC: Mitch Phillis - 43/23/2, 252 yds, 1 TD

Receiving

FS: Cole Meredith - 4/29 yds; Mike Guevara - 3/74 yds
 MC: Jeff Nowling - 7/140 yds

Punting

FS: Jim Yates - 2/49, 24.5 avg., 34 long, 0 Inside 20
 MC: Brandon Hill - 7/253, 36.1 avg., 53 long, 1 Inside 20

Defensive

FS: Jeff Hollandsworth - 11 tackles (three solo); Jake Visser - 9 tackles (five solo), 4.0 TFL for -24 yds., 4.0 sack for -24 yds.; Chris Machalak - 7 tackles (two solo), 2.5 TFL for -11 yds., 1.0 sack for -7 yds.; Kurt Hout - 7 tackles (one solo), 0.5 TFL for -1 yd.
 MC: Jimmy Kokrak - 11 tackles (three solo), 2.0 TFL for -7 yds., 0.5 sack for -4 yds.; Bryan Boyce - 8 tackles (four solo), 1.5 TFL for -7 yds., 1.0 sack for -6 yds., 1 INT for 0 yds.; Charles Gleisner - 8 tackles (one solo), 1.0 TFL for -3 yds.

NOTES: Ferris State remained undefeated and got off to its best start since 1996 as the Bulldogs won for the fifth consecutive time against Mercyhurst. FSU's defense stepped up to hold the Lakers to -33 yards rushing and 219 total yards in offense. Ferris also recorded 10 sacks for minus 74 yards. Quarterback C.J. Van Wieren accounted for all of the Bulldogs' first-half points with a 72-yard TD run and then an eight-yard keeper all in the second quarter. FSU widened its lead in the third quarter as Van Wieren hooked up with split end-tailback Robert Miller on a 35-yard TD pass play to finish a two-play, 41-yard drive. Miller stretched Ferris' margin to 28 points early in the fourth quarter with a 42-yard TD run. The Lakers got their lone score on a seven-yard TD aerial from quarterback Mitch Phillis to wide receiver Mark Watson with just under second minutes remaining.

MORE BULLDOG BITES

➤ **CONFERENCE OPENERS:** Ferris State is 9-17-1 (.352) in conference openers since 1980 and sports a 4-10-0 (.286) home mark in those outings during that period. The Bulldogs posted a 28-7 win at Mercyhurst last season (9/9) after suffering a 30-10 road loss at Grand Valley State in the 2005 season opener (8/27). The last time FSU won its conference opener at home was in 2001 (9/8) with a 33-10 triumph over Findlay at Top Taggart Field.

➤ **TRAINING CAMP NOTES:** Ferris' officially opened fall camp Wednesday, Aug. 8, as the squad's freshmen reported to campus for the first time. The Bulldogs' returning veterans reported Thursday, Aug. 9, with the squad's first official practice held Friday, Aug. 10. Prior to the Kentucky State game, FSU held 25 total workouts along with two scrimmages. Ferris' three-week training camp period not only has featured practices and scrimmages, but also meetings, lifting, conditioning, testing and various orientation sessions. FSU held its final pre-season scrimmage on Aug. 24 at Top Taggart Field. Classes at Ferris State University began last Monday (Aug. 27).

➤ **NEW RULES TO WATCH:** The biggest rule change this season has come on kickoffs, as the ball is now placed five yards back at the 30-yard line rather than the previous spot at the 35-yard line. Other rule changes this year were geared toward adding plays to the game that were eliminated by rule changes last year. The clock now stops on possession changes and won't start on kickoffs until the receiving team touches the ball.

ALL-TIME SERIES INFORMATION

- Ferris State has a 5-2-0 advantage in a series which started in 2000. Mercyhurst was victorious in the first two outings while Ferris has won the last five meetings to date.
- Four of the seven meetings have been decided by 11 points or more and Ferris is 2-2-0 (.500) in those contests.
- In the last five meetings, Ferris is averaging 28.8 points per game (144 total) while Mercyhurst is scoring at an 16.4 points a game clip (82 total) for a +12.4 points an outing margin during that period.
- Ferris State is 3-0-0 in contests decided by 10 points or less (3-0-0 away) and is 2-2-0 in games decided between 11 or more points (1-2-0 at home).
- The Bulldogs are averaging 23.0 points per contest (92 total) in its four road appearances while the Lakers are averaging 18.3 points a game (73 total) for a +4.7 points per game differential.
- Ferris is averaging 394.6 yards per game in total offense (2,762 total yds.) in the all-time series while Mercyhurst has compiled a 267.6 yards average (1,873 total yds.). In passing, the Bulldogs are averaging 223.4 yards an outing (1,564 total yds.) and the Lakers have recorded 202.3 yards (1,416 total yds.) for a +21.1 yards per game margin. Ferris has rushed for an average of 171.1 yards a game (1,198 total yds.) to Mercyhurst's 65.3 yards (457 total yds.) per contest for a +105.8 yards differential.

FERRIS STATE LEADS SERIES 5-2-0

FSU SCORING AVERAGE: 24.0 (168 points)
MC SCORING AVERAGE: 18.3 (128 points)
SCORING DIFFERENTIAL: +5.7 (FSU)
LAST MEETING: FSU 28, MC 7 (9/9/06)
LAST MEETING AT BIG RAPIDS: FSU 33, MC 27 (9/24/05)
AT BIG RAPIDS: FSU leads 2-1-0
AT ERIE: FSU leads 3-1-0
CURRENT SERIES WIN STREAK: 5 (FSU 10/19/02 – 9/9/06)
LONGEST SERIES WIN STREAK: 5 (FSU 10/19/02 – 9/9/06);
 2 (MC 10/14/00 – 10/13/01)
MOST POINTS IN A FSU WIN: 33 (FSU 33, MC 7* – 10/18/03; FSU 33, MC 27* – 9/24/05)
MOST POINTS IN A MC WIN: 25 (@MC 25, FSU 14 – 10/13/01)
MOST DECISIVE SCORE: FSU 26 (33-7* – 10/18/03); MC 11 (21-10* – 10/14/00) & (25-14 – 10/13/01)
MOST POINTS SCORED BY FSU: 33 (FSU 33, MC 7* – 10/18/03; FSU 33, MC 27* – 9/24/05)
 * – Denotes FSU home game

FERRIS STATE-MERCYHURST SERIES RESULTS

DATE	RESULT	SITE	9/9/06	FSU 28-7	A
10/14/00	MC 21-10	H			
10/14/01	MC 25-14	A	FSU leads 5-2-0		
10/19/02	FSU 19-13▲	A	FSU wins in bold		
10/18/03	FSU 33-7	H	◆ – Night Game		
9/25/04	FSU 31-28	A	▲ – Overtime		
9/24/05	FSU 33-27♣	H	♣ – Hall of Fame Game		
			* – Homecoming Game		

BULLDOGS ON THE WEB

- **BULLDOG GAMEDAY:** Complete information on every Bulldog home and road contest this year can be found by visiting the Bulldog Gameday page on the FSU Athletics Website at www.ferris.edu/sports (click on *football* and then *Bulldog Gameday*). The Gameday information, which will be updated several days prior to each game, includes links to all pertinent notes and statistics for both teams as well as links for the respective broadcast and internet media coverage available for the contest.
- **YEARBOOK AVAILABLE ONLINE:** The 2007 Ferris State University Football Yearbook is available to view online in a PDF format. The 68-page publication contains information for all Bulldog football fans. The publication features such information as 2007 player rosters, season outlook, player biographies, coaching staff information, 2006 season statistics, career and season statistical records, series records, game records, etc. Visit the FSU athletics website at www.ferris.edu/sports to find the publication online.
- **FOLLOW THE BULLDOGS:** Bulldog fans now have the ability to catch Ferris State in action even when they can't be at the stadium. A live video and audio webcast is slated to be offered for all 2007 Bulldog home football games via an agreement with B2 Networks. In addition, selected road games at B2 partner schools will also be available. For more information, visit the FSU Athletics Website (www.ferris.edu/sports) and click on the B2 broadcast icon.

BULLDOG BITES

- **PRO HOPEFULS:** Defensive tackle **Kurt Hout** was regarded as one of the top 15 NCAA Division II players being considered by National Football League scouts, according to the 2007 *D2football.com* Pro Hopefuls List. The Pro Hopefuls List, which was put together by *D2football.com* Pro Prospects correspondent Josh Buchanan, listed the top 15 prospects overall. In addition, 35 other players were ranked behind them with offensive guard **Bill Bourdlais** found as the 35th-best D2 prospect coming out this year. Buchanan also posted a 53-man team roster of Division II prospective players and the list included Hout, Bourdlais and Bulldog senior safety **Patrick Wells** (Miamisburg, Ohio).
- **WELCOME BACK TROOPS:** The Bulldogs took a break from their 2007 pre-season camp schedule on Aug. 17 to help welcome home and honor a unit which recently finished serving a greater purpose. The Bulldog players and coaching staff were among the first to greet three buses full of local national guard members, who returned home from a 14-month tour of duty in Iraq. After the second of two practice sessions, the Ferris players, coaches and staff helped form a human tunnel as the 148 members of the 125th Infantry Battalion of E Company came off the bus in Mecosta County and entered FSU's Jim Wink Arena, where a large celebration was held in front of family and friends before a near capacity crowd of 1,900 people.
- **GAME DAY PROMOTIONS:** Ferris will have a special game day promotion for each of its final five home contests at Top Taggart Field. Community Night will be held in conjunction with FSU's second home tilt versus Mercyhurst (Sept. 8) with the annual Fireworks Night to take place after the contest. FSU's game against Hillsdale (Sept. 22) will represent Community Health Day while the Northern Michigan (Sept. 29) matchup will mark the school's eighth-annual Hall of Fame Day contest. Homecoming is set for Oct. 20 when the Bulldogs host Ashland with the Senior Day activities taking place Nov. 3 during FSU's regular-season home finale against Northwood.
- **RANKINGS INFO:** Ferris was listed 28th in the 2007 *College Sports Report* Division II preseason rankings (www.collegesportsreport.com). Ferris placed fourth among the GLIAC schools featured in the College Sports Report rankings *D2football.com* columnist Tony Nicolette, who will cover the GLIAC for the online service this fall, had the Bulldogs picked second in his preseason league listing this year behind Grand Valley State FSU was not ranked, but was listed among other schools receiving votes in the 2007 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II poll.
- **FSU AMONG 2006 NCAA DIVISION II LEADERS:** Ferris ranked among the top 100 NCAA-II teams in 10 statistical categories last season, including: 20th in team sacks (2.64 spg.), 21st in rushing offense (182.8 ypg.), 31st in pass efficiency (139.8 avg.), 37th in sacks allowed (1.55 spg.), and 46th in total offense (343.6 ypg.). Individually, **Jake Visser** led the GLIAC and was ninth nationally in sacks (1.0 spg.) along with 30th in solo tackles (4.7 avg.).
- **NEW STARTERS UP FRONT:** Three of the Bulldogs' five offensive linemen made their initial collegiate starts versus Kentucky State. Redshirt freshman **Matt Wellman** (Portland) earned the starting nod at left tackle with sophomore **Joe Doman** (Ann Arbor/Whitmore Lake) lined up at center with sophomore **Brad Bammert** (Flushing) found at right tackle. In addition, senior left guard **Cory Jones** (Hicksville, Ohio) made only his second appearance ever in the starting lineup as a Bulldog player. The fifth offensive line starter, right guard **Bill Bourdlais**, picked up All-GLIAC honors last year.
- **TOUGH UNIT:** Ferris returns all four starters from a year ago on its defensive line, which could be one of the league's if not the nation's top units. While both **Jake Visser** and **Kurt Hout** have earned numerous preseason honors at the interior tackle spots, the squad's two starting defensive ends have plenty of experience as well. Senior **Erik Schumacher** (Lake Isabella/Beal City) was an honorable mention All-GLIAC pick a year ago and junior **Kyle Walker** (Grand Haven) started all 11 contests in 2006.
- **UP NEXT:** Ferris hits the road for the first time this season as the Bulldogs venture two hours east to battle the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals Saturday, Sept. 15, in GLIAC action at SVSU's Wickes Memorial Stadium in University Center, Mich. Kickoff is set for 12 p.m. (EDT). The game represents the Bulldogs' only road encounter in their initial five outings this campaign.
- **GAME BREAKDOWN:** Since 1990, Ferris State has compiled the following record in each game of the year:
 Game 1 – 10-8-0; **Game 2 – 9-8-0**; Game 3 – 8-7-1; Game 4 – 9-8-0;
 Game 5 – 13-2-1; Game 6 – 12-4-0; Game 7 – 8-8-1; Game 8 – 13-4-0;
 Game 9 – 13-4-0; Game 10 – 11-6-0; Game 11 – 8-5-0.

2007 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC				OVERALL					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Hillsdale	1	0	1.000	59	3	1	0	1.000	59	3
Ashland	1	0	.000	32	27	1	0	.000	32	27
Northwood	1	0	.000	28	10	1	0	.000	28	10
Indianapolis	1	0	.000	24	22	1	0	.000	24	22
Michigan Tech	1	0	.000	21	14	1	1	.000	65	61
Ferris State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	42	19
Findlay	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	20	0
Grand Valley State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	42	14
Mercyhurst	0	1	.000	10	28	1	1	.000	31	34
Saginaw Valley State	0	1	.000	27	32	0	1	.000	27	32
Northern Michigan	0	1	.000	22	24	0	1	.000	22	24
Wayne State	0	1	.000	14	21	0	1	.000	14	21
Gannon	0	1	.000	3	59	0	1	.000	3	59

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

at Grand Valley State 42, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 14

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

Michigan Tech 21, at Wayne State 14*
 Ashland 32, at Saginaw Valley State 27*
 at Northwood 28, Mercyhurst 10*
 at Hillsdale 59, Gannon 3*
 at Indianapolis 24, Northern Michigan 22*
 at Findlay 20, Charleston (W.Va.) 0
at Ferris State 42, Kentucky State 19

UPCOMING GAMES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

Wayne State at St. Joseph's (Ind.), 12 p.m.
 Saginaw Valley State at Gannon*, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m.
 Hillsdale at Northern Michigan*, 4 p.m.
 Northwood at Findlay*, 7 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Ferris State*, 7 p.m.
 Grand Valley State at Ashland*, 7 p.m.

2007 GLIAC PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

PLACE	TEAM (first-place votes)	POINTS
1.	Grand Valley State (12)	144
2.	Northwood (1)	120
3.	Saginaw Valley State	115
4.	Ferris State	108
5.	Wayne State	96
6.	Michigan Tech.	87
7.	Indianapolis.	85
8.	Ashland	72
9.	Hillsdale	61
10.	Northern Michigan.	48
11.	Mercyhurst	29
12.	Findlay	26
13.	Gannon	23

First place votes in parentheses. Voting was conducted among the GLIAC football coaches; coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team. Points were assigned as follows: First-11 points; Second-10 points; Third-9 points; Etc.

FERRIS STATE'S RECORD IN 2007

Home	1-0
Road	0-0
Neutral	0-0
Turf	1-0
Grass	0-0
Ahead at halftime	1-0
Behind at halftime	0-0
Ahead after the third quarter	1-0
Behind after the third quarter	0-0
Bulldogs score first	0-0
Opponent scores first	1-0
Rush for 150 yards or more	1-0
Pass for 150 yards or more	1-0
Total 300 yards or more on offense	1-0
Score 25 points or more	1-0
Opp. has less than 150 yards rushing	0-0
Opp. has less than 150 yards passing	0-0
Opp. has less than 300 total yards	0-0
Hold opponent to 25 points or less	1-0
Fewer turnovers than opponent	0-0
More turnovers than opponent	0-0
Turnovers are equal	1-0
Less penalty yardage than opponent	1-0
More penalty yardage than opponent	0-0
Games decided between 1-10 points	0-0
Games decided between 11-20 points	0-0
Games decided by more than 20 points	1-0
Largest halftime lead	9 points
Largest halftime deficit	

2007 SCORING DRIVE NOTABLES

LONGEST DRIVE BY FSU: 80 yards (3-80, 0:42; 2-80, 0:47; 4-80, 1:31 vs. KSU)
SHORTEST DRIVE BY FSU: 65 yards (6-65, 2:00; 8-65, 4:02 vs. KSU)
MOST TIME CONSUMING DRIVE BY FSU: 4:02 (8-65, 4:02 vs. KSU)
FASTEST DRIVE BY FSU: 0:42 (3-80, 0:42 vs. KSU)
MOST PLAYS IN A DRIVE BY FSU: 8 (8-65, 4:02 vs. KSU)
FEWEST PLAYS IN A DRIVE BY FSU: 2 (2-80, 0:47 vs. KSU)
LONGEST DRIVE BY AN OPPONENT: 80 yards (7-80, 2:07 vs. KSU)
SHORTEST DRIVE BY AN OPPONENT: 7 yards (3-7, 1:12 vs. KSU)
MOST TIME CONSUMING DRIVE BY AN OPP. 5:48 (10-65, 5:48 vs. KSU)
FASTEST DRIVE BY AN OPPONENT: 1:12 (3-7, 1:12 vs. KSU)
MOST PLAYS IN A DRIVE BY AN OPPONENT: 10 (10-65, 5:48 vs. KSU)
FEWEST PLAYS IN A DRIVE BY AN OPPONENT: 3 (3-7, 1:12 vs. KSU)

2007 FERRIS STATE SCORING DRIVES

OPPONENT	PLAYS	Yds	TIME	SCORING PLAY
KENTUCKY STATE	4	80	1:31	Holloman 21 run
	7	79	2:25	Van Wieren 1 run
	3	80	0:42	Wilson 18 pass
	8	65	4:02	Van Wieren 1 run
	2	80	0:47	Guevara 79 pass
	6	65	2:00	Van Wieren 6 run
MERCYHURST				
SAGINAW VALLEY STATE				
HILLSDALE				
NORTHERN MICHIGAN				
MICHIGAN TECH				
GANNON				
ASHLAND				
GRAND VALLEY STATE				
NORTHWOOD				
WAYNE STATE				

2007 RED ZONE OFFENSE

(red zone indicates inside opponents' 20-yard line)

OPP.	No.	TD	FG	MFG	TO	Dn	TIME	PNT	SCORE%
KS	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.000
MC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
SV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
HC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
NM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
MT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
GU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
GV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
NU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
WS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.000
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

MFG-missed field goals; #-denotes blocked; TO-turnovers; Dn-lost ball on downs; *-end of game; ^-end of half; Pnt-punted

Bulldogs-Of-The-Week: Following each Ferris State contest, individual players will be recognized by the FSU coaching staff for their outstanding performance. Individual(s) will be selected on offense, defense, specialty teams, and for extraordinary effort (*every player, every play*).

DATE	OPPONENT	BULLDOGS-OF-THE-WEEK
Sept. 1	Kentucky State	Offense-C.J. Van Wieren, Defense-Jake Visser, Specialty-Oseloka Keys, EPEP-Mike Guevara
Sept. 8	Mercyhurst	
Sept. 15	at Saginaw Valley State	
Sept. 22	Hillsdale	
Sept. 29	Northern Michigan	
Oct. 6	at Michigan Tech	
Oct. 13	at Gannon	
Oct. 20	Ashland	
Oct. 27	at Grand Valley State	
Nov. 3	Northwood	
Nov. 10	at Wayne State	

Home games listed in **bold**





Ferris State Football

2007 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 1 ♦ vs. Kentucky State

Sept. 1, 2007 ▲ Top Taggart Field

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Kentucky State	12	0	7	0	19
Ferris State	7	14	14	7	42

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

7:36 KS: Ramsey 2 run (Garcia kick failed)

5:56 FS: Holloman 21 run (Yates kick)

0:00 KS: Ramsey 5 run (Woods pass failed)

2nd Quarter

12:25 FS: Van Wieren 1 run (Yates kick)

0:28 FS: Wilson 18 pass from Van Wieren (Yates kick)

3rd Quarter

10:58 FS: Van Wieren 1 run (Yates kick)

3:43 FS: Guevara 79 pass from Van Wieren (Yates kick)

1:36 KS: Ramsey 23 run (Garcia kick)

4th Quarter

14:36 FS: Van Wieren 6 run (Slager kick)

TEAM STATS	Thorobreds	Bulldogs
First Downs	22	17
Rushes-Yds	43-215	43-189
Passing Yards	232	305
Att/Comp/Int	35/21/1	9/8/0
Total Net Yards	447	494
Punts/Avg	2/37.0	2/37.0
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	3/2
Penalties-Yds	10-85	8-65
Possession Time	37:32	22:18

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing

FS: C.J. Van Wieren - 17/118 yds, 3 TD

KS: Andrew Ramsey - 29/168 yds, 3 TD

Passing

FS: C.J. Van Wieren - 8/7/0, 294 yds, 2 TD

KS: Michael Woods - 35/21/1, 232 yds

Receiving

FS: Mike Guevara - 3/160 yds, 1 TD

KS: Jerome Bryant - 6/78 yds

Punting

FS: Jim Yates - 2/74, 37.0 avg.

KS: Mauricio Garcia - 2/74, 37.0 avg., 2 touchbacks

Defensive

FS: Jake Visser - 11 tackles (eight solo), 0.5 TFL for 1 yd.; Jordan Moore - 9 tackles (six solo), 2.0 TFL for -3 yds.; Jeff Hollandsworth - 9 tackles (four solo); Kevin Noe - 7 tackles (four solo), 1.0 TFL for -2 yd.
KS: David Thompson - 11 tackles (seven solo); Anthony Richardson - 9 tackles (five solo), 1.0 TFL for -3 yds., 1 FF, 1 FR; Charles Bailey - 5 tackles (four solo).

NOTES: Ferris State opened the 2007 campaign with a 42-19 non-league victory over Kentucky State before a crowd of 2,359 Saturday (Sept. 1) evening at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. Senior quarterback C.J. Van Wieren (Holland/West Ottawa) helped account for five of the Bulldogs' six touchdowns in the win. The signal caller completed seven-of-eight passes for a personal career-high 294 yards and two touchdowns. He also added a team-best 118 rushing yards on 17 carries along with three TD's running the ball. Van Wieren's performance included a 79-yard scoring toss to senior receiver Mike Guevara (Manteca, Calif.). He ran for two scores and threw for two more as the Bulldogs scored four consecutive touchdowns in the second and third quarters to take the lead for good. Junior defensive tackle Jake Visser (Coopersville) led the Bulldog defense with 11 tackles, including eight solo stops.

Game 2 ♦ vs. Mercyhurst

Sept. 8, 2007 ▲ Top Taggart Field

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Mercyhurst	0	0	0	0	0
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS Lakers Bulldogs

First Downs

Rushes-Yds

Passing Yards

Att/Comp/Int

Total Net Yards

Punts/Avg

Fumbles/Lost

Penalties-Yds

Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing

Passing

Receiving

Punting

Defensive

NOTES:

Game 3 ♦ at Saginaw Valley State

Sept. 15, 2007 ▲ Wickes Memorial Stadium

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0
Saginaw Valley State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS Bulldogs Cardinals

First Downs

Rushes-Yds

Passing Yards

Att/Comp/Int

Total Net Yards

Punts/Avg

Fumbles/Lost

Penalties-Yds

Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing

Passing

Receiving

Punting

Defensive

NOTES:



Ferris State Football

2007 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 4 ♦ vs. Hillsdale

Sept. 22, 2007 ▲ Top Taggart Field

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Hillsdale	0	0	0	0	0
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS

	Chargers	Bulldogs
First Downs		
Rushes-Yds		
Passing Yards		
Att/Comp/Int		
Total Net Yards		
Punts/Avg		
Fumbles/Lost		
Penalties-Yds		
Possession Time		

First Downs
Rushes-Yds
Passing Yards
Att/Comp/Int
Total Net Yards
Punts/Avg
Fumbles/Lost
Penalties-Yds
Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
Passing
Receiving
Punting
Defensive

NOTES:

Game 5 ♦ vs. Northern Michigan

Sept. 29, 2007 ▲ Top Taggart Field

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Northern Michigan	0	0	0	0	0
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS

	Wildcats	Bulldogs
First Downs		
Rushes-Yds		
Passing Yards		
Att/Comp/Int		
Total Net Yards		
Punts/Avg		
Fumbles/Lost		
Penalties-Yds		
Possession Time		

First Downs
Rushes-Yds
Passing Yards
Att/Comp/Int
Total Net Yards
Punts/Avg
Fumbles/Lost
Penalties-Yds
Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
Passing
Receiving
Punting
Defensive

NOTES:

Game 6 ♦ at Michigan Tech

Oct. 6, 2007 ▲ Sherman Field

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan Tech	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS

	Bulldogs	Huskies
First Downs		
Rushes-Yds		
Passing Yards		
Att/Comp/Int		
Total Net Yards		
Punts/Avg		
Fumbles/Lost		
Penalties-Yds		
Possession Time		

First Downs
Rushes-Yds
Passing Yards
Att/Comp/Int
Total Net Yards
Punts/Avg
Fumbles/Lost
Penalties-Yds
Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
Passing
Receiving
Punting
Defensive

NOTES:



Ferris State Football

2007 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 7 ♦ at Gannon

Oct. 13, 2007 ▲ Gannon Field

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0
Gannon	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS

	Bulldogs	Golden Knights
First Downs		
Rushes-Yds		
Passing Yards		
Att/Comp/Int		
Total Net Yards		
Punts/Avg		
Fumbles/Lost		
Penalties-Yds		
Possession Time		

First Downs
Rushes-Yds
Passing Yards
Att/Comp/Int
Total Net Yards
Punts/Avg
Fumbles/Lost
Penalties-Yds
Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
Passing
Receiving
Punting
Defensive

NOTES:

Game 8 ♦ vs. Ashland

Oct. 20, 2007 ▲ Top Taggart Field

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Ashland	0	0	0	0	0
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS

	Eagles	Bulldogs
First Downs		
Rushes-Yds		
Passing Yards		
Att/Comp/Int		
Total Net Yards		
Punts/Avg		
Fumbles/Lost		
Penalties-Yds		
Possession Time		

First Downs
Rushes-Yds
Passing Yards
Att/Comp/Int
Total Net Yards
Punts/Avg
Fumbles/Lost
Penalties-Yds
Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
Passing
Receiving
Punting
Defensive

NOTES:

Game 9 ♦ at Grand Valley State

ANCHOR-BONE CLASSIC

Oct. 27, 2007 ▲ Arend D. Lubbers Stadium

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Valley State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS

	Bulldogs	Lakers
First Downs		
Rushes-Yds		
Passing Yards		
Att/Comp/Int		
Total Net Yards		
Punts/Avg		
Fumbles/Lost		
Penalties-Yds		
Possession Time		

First Downs
Rushes-Yds
Passing Yards
Att/Comp/Int
Total Net Yards
Punts/Avg
Fumbles/Lost
Penalties-Yds
Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
Passing
Receiving
Punting
Defensive

NOTES:



Ferris State Football

2007 GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

Game 10 ♦ vs. Northwood

Nov. 3, 2007 ▲ Top Taggart Field

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Northwood	0	0	0	0	0
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS

	Timberwolves	Bulldogs
First Downs		
Rushes-Yds		
Passing Yards		
Att/Comp/Int		
Total Net Yards		
Punts/Avg		
Fumbles/Lost		
Penalties-Yds		
Possession Time		

First Downs
Rushes-Yds
Passing Yards
Att/Comp/Int
Total Net Yards
Punts/Avg
Fumbles/Lost
Penalties-Yds
Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
Passing
Receiving
Punting
Defensive

NOTES:

Game 11 ♦ at Wayne State

Nov. 10, 2007 ▲ WSU Stadium

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Ferris State	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne State	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM STATS

	Bulldogs	Warriors
First Downs		
Rushes-Yds		
Passing Yards		
Att/Comp/Int		
Total Net Yards		
Punts/Avg		
Fumbles/Lost		
Penalties-Yds		
Possession Time		

First Downs
Rushes-Yds
Passing Yards
Att/Comp/Int
Total Net Yards
Punts/Avg
Fumbles/Lost
Penalties-Yds
Possession Time

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing
Passing
Receiving
Punting
Defensive

NOTES:

BULLDOG TIDBITS

☛ **PLAY THE PERCENTAGES:** FSU returns the following statistical yardage from last season, including the squad's individual leading rusher, scorer and receiver from 2006.

- ✓ Returns 55.4% of its rushing yards (1,114 of 2,011)
- ✓ Returns 16.2% of its passing yards (286 of 1,769)
- ✓ Returns 97.1% of its receiving yards (1,718 of 1,769)
- ✓ Returns 55.0% of its scoring (152 of 278)
- ✓ Returns 60.2% of its tackles (447 of 742)
- ✓ Returns 69.7% of its tackles for loss (46 of 66)
- ✓ Returns 67.2% of its sacks (19.5 of 29)

☛ **FERRIS IN OVERTIME:** The Bulldogs are 5-1-0 in extra-session contests and have won their last five such encounters. FSU is 2-1 at home and 3-0 on the road.

Opponent	W/L	Score
Grand Valley State (11/14/98)	L	56-53
Indianapolis (11/10/01)	W	16-13▲
Michigan Tech (10/12/02)	W	21-14
at Mercyhurst (10/19/02)	W	19-13
at Ashland (9/4/04)	W	23-17
at Northern Michigan (10/16/04)	W	17-14

▲ – Double Overtime

☛ **TEAM CAPTAINS:** The team captains for the 2007 season are senior quarterback **C.J. Van Wieren (Holland/West Ottawa)** and senior guard **Bill Bourdlais (Newberry)** on offense. Junior defensive tackle **Jake Visser (Coopersville)** and senior end **Erik Schumacher (Lake Isabella/Beal City)** will be the defensive captains. None of the four individuals served as a team captain last season.

☛ **DID YOU KNOW?:** The Bulldogs' 8-3-0 overall mark last season (2006) represented the program's best mark since Ferris recorded a 10-2-0 overall record and reached the NCAA-II National Quarterfinals in 1996.

☛ **POSTGAME RECEPTION:** The Ferris State Gridiron Club will be hosting a post-game "After Glow" reception following each Bulldog home game this season at "The Gate", the new family entertainment complex located on Perry Street in Big Rapids.

☛ WHERE THEY PRESENTLY RANK AMONG FERRIS' STATE'S ALL-TIME LEADERS:

Career Passing Yards			
13.	1,550	Norm Love	1970-72
14.	1,177	C.J. Van Wieren	2003-
Career Punting			
7.	4,176	Terry DeLamielleure	1974-75
8.	4,136	Levi Slager	2004-
11.	1,917	Joe Busonick	1976
12.	1,665	Jim Yates	2005-
Career Sacks			
15.	15.0	Jim Lyman	1995-98
16.	14.5	Jake Visser	2004-

