

# Football News Release



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**FERRIS STATE AT SAGINAW VALLEY STATE  
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## GAME FACTS

**FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS (1-1; 1-0 GLIAC)**  
AT  
**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE CARDINALS  
(1-1; 0-1 GLIAC)**

**KICKOFF:** 12 p.m. (EDT)

**STADIUM/SURFACE:** Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium (4,028)/Natural Grass (Prescription Athletic Turf)

**RADIO COVERAGE:** WBRN-AM (1460) – Jason Edwards (play-by-play), John Smith (color commentary).

**THE RECORDS:** Ferris State is currently 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the GLIAC after registering a 33-10 conference triumph over Findlay last Saturday (Sept. 8) at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs were 5-6 overall a season ago, which includes a 5-5 (fifth-place tie) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) mark. In 1999, FSU was 7-3 overall and conference co-champions (7-2). The Bulldogs have won or shared the conference championship six of the last nine years, including five straight (1992-96).

**Saginaw Valley State** is currently 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the GLIAC following a 38-7 conference road loss to Grand Valley State last Saturday (Sept. 8) evening at GVSU's Arend D. Lubbers Stadium in Allendale, Mich. The Cardinals, who earned their first-ever NCAA Division II Playoff berth and first GLIAC title since 1984 last year, concluded the 2000 season at 9-3 overall and were 9-1 (first-place tie) in the conference.

**THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 7th season, 43-26-0 (.623) — (4-2-0 vs. Saginaw Valley State).

**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE – Randy Awrey** (Northern Michigan, 1978), 3rd season, 14-10-0 (.583) — (1-1-0 vs. Ferris State).

### 2001 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS (1-1, 1-0 GLIAC)

Sept. 1	at South Dakota State	L 24-34
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>Findlay*</b>	<b>W 33-10</b>
Sept. 15	at Saginaw Valley State*	12 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Wayne State*	12 p.m.
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>Northwood*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Grand Valley State* (HF)</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
Oct. 13	at Mercyhurst*	1:30 p.m.
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>Michigan Tech* (HC)</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Oct. 27	at Northern Michigan*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Hillsdale*	2:30 p.m.
<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>Indianapolis*</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>

All times are Eastern  
Home games in **Bold** \*GLIAC Game  
(HF) – Hall of Fame (HC) – Homecoming

**THE GAME:** The Ferris State University football team is on the road this Saturday (Sept. 15) as the Bulldogs travel to University Center, Mich., to battle the nationally-ranked and 2000 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Co-Champions Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals in conference action.

**HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE:** Jeff Pierce is in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 43-26-0 coaching record to date. In that span, Pierce has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by posting the best winning percentage (.623) in the program's history. The Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., native is 18 victories away from becoming the winningest coach at Ferris. Pierce, the 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year, served 12 years as an assistant at FSU prior to being named head coach in May 1995. Under Pierce's tutelage, the Bulldogs have won or shared three GLIAC titles while earning back-to-back (1995-96) berths in the NCAA Division II National Championship Playoffs, including a semifinal-round appearance in '95.

**ALL-TIME SERIES:** Ferris State has a 14-11-1 lead over Saginaw Valley State in a series which started in 1975 (10/4) with the Cardinals claiming a 31-28 victory in Big Rapids. 11 of the last 24 meetings have been decided by four points or less, including seven of the last 12 outings. Furthermore, 15 meetings between the two teams have been decided by eight points or less and the winning team has come-from-behind nine of the last 10 games.

<b>Ferris State leads 14-11-1</b>	<b>Longest Series Win Streak: 6</b>	1981	FSU	28-6	A
FSU Scoring Avg.: 23.3 (605 pts.)	(UF 10/27/34 – 10/8/66)	1982	FSU	20-17	A
SVSU Scoring Avg.: 21.9 (570 pts.)	<b>Most Points in a FSU Win: 56</b>	1983	SV	17-7	H
Differential: +1.4 (FSU)	(56-14 – 9/11/99)	1984	SV	27-19	A
<b>At Big Rapids: SVSU leads 7-6-0</b>	<b>Most Points in a SVSU Win:</b>	1985	FSU	28-21	H
<b>At Univ. Center: FSU leads 8-4-1</b>	39 (39-36 – 9/16/00)	1986	SV	31-24	A
<b>First Game: SVSU 31, FSU 28*</b>	<b>Most Decisive Score: FSU 42</b>	1987	FSU	31-12	H
(10/4/75)	(56-14 – 9/11/99) SVSU 34 (37-3	1988	SV	12-0	A
<b>Last FSU Win: 56-14 (9/11/99)</b>	– 9/24/77)	1989	SV	29-27	H
<b>Last SVSU Win: 39-36 (9/16/00)</b>	* – Denotes FSU home game	1990	SV	21-14	H
<b>Last Meeting in University</b>	1991	FSU	18-15	A	
<b>Center: FSU 56, SVSU 14</b>	1992	FSU	10-9	H	
(9/11/99)	1993	FSU	34-23	A	
<b>Current Series Win Streak: 1</b>	1994	FSU	30-28	A	
(SVSU 9/16/00)	1995	FSU	46-42	H	
	1996	FSU	26-17	A	
	1997	FSU	24-23	H	
	1998	SV	34-20	H	
	1999	FSU	56-14	A	
	2000	SVSU	39-36	H	

**LAST MEETING – 2000:** Saginaw Valley State recorded its second straight come-from-behind conference victory as the Cardinals scored 15 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to overcome a 12-point deficit and hand Ferris State a 39-36 home-opening loss. SVSU running back Damion Bridges' two-yard TD run and a successful two-point conversion pass with 9:33 remaining proved the winning margin for the Cardinals, who overcame four turnovers. SVSU, which trailed Ferris 36-24 at the 14:11 mark in the fourth quarter following tailback Derek Fudge's nine-yard TD run, narrowed the gap to 36-31 with 11:58 left as quarterback Matt LaFleur hooked up with wide receiver Brian Dolph from 35 yards for the pair's third TD of the game. LaFleur completed 18-of-31 passes for 183 yards while running for 69 and Dolph had five receptions for 50 yards with three TD's. Bridges paced the Cardinals with 130 yards on 19 rushing attempts. Ferris led 14-10 after the opening quarter on a pair of TD catches (34 and 29 yards) by split end Clarence Coleman from quarterback Kyle Park. A 30-yard field goal and a one-yard TD pass accounted for the Cardinals' points in the quarter. The Bulldogs went on to take a 17-10 halftime lead as kicker Brian McCullough's 27-yarder split the uprights late in the second quarter. Saginaw Valley State tied the game at 17-apiece early in the third on a 24-yard TD run, but Ferris State countered with two consecutive TD's as free safety Rich Dosh recovered a Cardinal fumble in the end zone and then minutes later Park connected with Coleman on a four-yard pass at 4:48 to put the hosts up 30-17. The LaFleur-Dolph combination hooked up with two minutes left in the stanza from five yards out to get within 30-24 going into the final quarter. Both teams generated a combined 844 in total offense as Saginaw Valley State's 440 yards lead the way while Ferris State compiled a 404-yard total, highlighted by Park's 244 yards passing and Fudge's 141 yards rushing. Coleman led all receivers with 10 catches for 146 yards. Outside linebacker Charlie Pierson totaled a team-high 15 tackles (11 solos) while cornerback Devin Hutchings had 11 stops and middle linebacker Luke Piepkow notched 10 tackles.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

**2001 GLIAC STANDINGS**

	GLIAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grand Valley State	1	0	1.000	2	0	1.000
Indianapolis	1	0	1.000	2	0	1.000
Michigan Tech	1	0	1.000	1	0	1.000
<b>Ferris State</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.500</b>
Hillsdale	1	0	1.000	1	1	.500
Wayne State	1	0	1.000	1	1	.500
Ashland	0	1	.000	1	1	.500
Saginaw Valley State	0	1	.000	1	1	.500
Northern Michigan	0	1	.000	1	1	.500
Mercyhurst	0	1	.000	0	1	.000
Northwood	0	1	.000	0	1	.000
Findlay	0	1	.000	0	2	.000



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**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**

Michigan Tech 28, at Mercyhurst 21\*  
 Indianapolis 45, Northern Michigan 7\*  
**at Ferris State 33, Findlay 10\***  
 at Hillsdale 21, Northwood 14 OT\*  
 at Grand Valley State 38, Saginaw Valley State 7\*  
 Wayne State 19, at Ashland 16\*

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 15**

Mercyhurst at Wayne State\*, 12 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Michigan Tech\*, 12 p.m.  
**Ferris State at Saginaw Valley State\*, 12 p.m.**  
 Ashland at Findlay\*, 6 p.m.  
 Grand Valley State at Northwood\*, 7 p.m.  
 Hillsdale at Northern Michigan\*, 7 p.m.

\*GLIAC Game  
 All Times are Eastern

**2001 GLIAC PRESEASON COACHES' POLL**

PLACE	TEAM	POINTS
1.	Northwood (7)	126
2.	Grand Valley State (5)	109
3.	Saginaw Valley State	97
4.	<b>Ferris State</b>	<b>91</b>
5.	Northern Michigan	78
6.	Ashland	60
7.	Michigan Tech	54
8.	Indianapolis	49
9.	Wayne State	47
10.	Hillsdale	46
11.	Mercyhurst	31
12.	Findlay	14

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.

**LAST WEEK:** A 30-point first-half scoring outburst propelled Ferris State to a 33-10 home and conference-opening triumph over Findlay last Saturday night before a Top Taggart Field crowd of 3,884 fans. With the victory, the Bulldogs extended their series winning streak to three straight and have won five of the last six meetings versus the Oilers. FSU jumped out to a 10-0 first-quarter lead on sophomore kicker **Tom Perez's (Lewiston/Johannesburg-Lewiston)** 42-yard field goal and a 55-yard TD scoring pass from senior quarterback **Kyle Park (Goshen, Ind.)** to senior flanker **Clarence Coleman (Miami, Fla./Miramar)**. The Bulldogs proceeded to increase their lead at the 13:58 mark of the second quarter as **Park** connected with **Coleman** on a three-yard TD pass as the hosts held a 17-0 advantage. Sophomore tailback **Derek Fudge (Gibonston, Fla./East Bay)**, who ran for a game-high 138 yards on 26 carries, recorded back-to-back rushing TD's from 22 and 44 yards out less than midway through the quarter as the Bulldogs held a commanding 30-point lead. Freshman running back Chris Daniels' 18-yard TD scamper put Findlay on the scoreboard with :25 left to go in the quarter as FSU led 30-7 at the half. The second-half scoring consisted of an exchange in field goals as UF frosh kicker Andy Campbell's 25-yard field goal split the uprights with 9:32 left in the stanza to account for the only points in the third quarter as the Oilers drew within 30-10. Unfortunately, Findlay would get no closer as a 43-yard **Perez** field goal with 9:21 left to be played capped off a 12-play, 64-yard scoring drive to round out the contest's scoring. Ferris amassed 491 yards in total offense, highlighted by 339 yards through the air, while UF produced a 260-yard offensive total. **Park** finished the evening with 329 yards and two TD's on 21-of-32 passing and two TD's while **Coleman** caught a game-best 11 passes for 248 yards and a pair of TD's. Daniels rushed for a team-high 86 yards on 17 attempts to pace the Oilers' ground attack which outgained the Bulldogs 190 to 152 in rushing yardage. UF's sophomore outside linebacker Corey Coe gar-

nered a game-leading 14 tackles. Defensively, senior outside linebacker **Charlie Pierson (St. Ignace/LaSalle)** had 12 stops while senior defensive tackle **William Foster (St. Ignace/LaSalle)** and sophomore middle linebacker **Luke Piepkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** totaled 10 tackles apiece. Senior free safety **Alvin Grier (Benton Harbor)** and senior strong safety **J.J. Moreland (Marcellus/Three Rivers)** both notched pass interceptions for seven and 19 yards, respectively.

**BULLDOG BITES:** **Clarence Coleman** posted his 11th consecutive 100-yard plus receiving game with a personal career-high 248-yard effort against Findlay and has four 200-yard plus receiving efforts in his career to date. Coleman, who was 16 yards shy of tying the school's single-game receiving yardage record of 264 yards held by Cedric Gordon at Clarion, Pa. (9/20/86), eclipsed his previous best of 244 receiving yards (13 catches) set against Grand Valley State (11/14/98) . . . **Derek Fudge**, the 2000 GLIAC Freshman-of-the-Year, moved into 12th place on FSU's all-time rushing list in last Saturday's game vs. Findlay and currently has 1,408 career yards on 298 carries in 13 career outings. Fudge, who now trails Benny Roe (1992-95; 1,835 yds.) by 427 yards for 11th place, surpassed Lou Melchiorre (1990-93; 1,342 career yds.) . . . **Kyle Park** has thrown for over 325 yards in each of Ferris' first two games this fall and is averaging 336.5 yards per game (673 total yards). The two-year starter is presently fifth all-time among the school's passing leaders with 2,899 career yards on 229-of-410 passing (55.9%). He has passed for 100-plus yards in 11 of his last 12 games, including three 300-yard plus efforts . . . The Bulldogs have allowed an average of 78.0 passing yards (156 total yds.) to date this campaign. Conversely, FSU has allowed its opponents to average 234.0 yards rushing per game (468 total yds.) for a +156.0-yard differential . . . **Charlie Pierson's** 12 tackles vs. Findlay marked his 11th double-digit tackle performance of his career. He compiled a personal season-best six double-figure tackle games a year ago and is averaging 7.8 tackles (234 total) a contest in 30 career outings . . . **Clarence Coleman** is 27 points away from tying former FSU kicker Jason Lipke (1992-95; 241 pts.) for sixth place on the GLIAC's career scoring charts. The All-American wideout has posted 214 career points in 30 conference games . . . **William Foster's** 10 stops vs. Findlay matches his previous career best set a week earlier (9/1) at South Dakota State. He had recorded nine stops at North Dakota State (9/2/99) . . . FSU is 10-17-4 (.387) in its third game of a season dating back to 1970, but is 5-2-0 (714) in such contests since 1994.

**2001 HARLON HILL TROPHY CANDIDATE:** Senior flanker **Clarence Coleman**, the GLIAC and FSU's all-time leader in receptions and receiving yardage, is among several NCAA Division II standouts vying for the 2001 Harlon Hill Trophy as the nation's top Division II football player. The All-American receiver has currently amassed 4,097 career receiving yards on 255 catches in 33 games at FSU while compiling 223 career receptions for 3,708 yards in conference games only. Coleman established school single-season marks for receptions (97), receiving yards (1,519) and TD's (15) last fall. His 89 catches for 1,441 yards in GLIAC games last season both represented conference records.

**UP NEXT:** Ferris State continues conference play on the road Saturday, Sept. 22, as the Bulldogs go up against the Wayne State University Warriors. A 12 p.m. (EDT) kickoff is scheduled at Wayne State Stadium in Detroit, Mich.

**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	South Dakota State	Offense-Kyle Park, Defense-DeRen Ellis, Specialty-Tom Perez, EPEP-William Foster
Sept. 8	Findlay	Offense-Clarence Coleman, Defense-J.J. Moreland, Specialty-Devin Sokolowski, EPEP-Derek Fudge
Sept. 15	Saginaw Valley State	
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