

Football News Release



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FERRIS STATE AT WAYNE STATE
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GAME FACTS

FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS (1-2; 1-1 GLIAC)
AT
WAYNE STATE WARRIORS
(1-1; 1-0 GLIAC)

KICKOFF: 12 p.m. (EDT)
STADIUM/SURFACE: Wayne State Stadium
(6,000)/Natural Grass

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

THE RECORDS: Ferris State dropped to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the GLIAC following a 33-20 conference loss to Saginaw Valley State last Saturday (Sept. 15) at SVSU's Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium in University Center, Mich. The Bulldogs were 5-6 overall a season ago, which includes a 5-5 GLIAC mark (5th-place tie). 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).

Wayne State is presently 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the GLIAC. The Warriors were idle last Saturday (Sept. 15) after postponing their home contest against Mercyhurst due to the national tragedy. Prior to that, WSU posted a 19-16 conference win over Ashland Saturday night (Sept. 8) at AU's Community Stadium in Ashland, Ohio. A season ago, the Warriors were 4-6 both overall and in the GLIAC (8th-place tie).

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – **Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 7th season, 43-27-0 (.614) — (5-1-0 vs. Wayne State).

WAYNE STATE – **Steve Kazor** (Westminster, Utah, 1972), 2nd season, 5-7-0 (.417); Career: 7th season, 35-17-0 (.673) — (0-1-0 vs. Ferris State).

2001 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS (1-2, 1-1 GLIAC)

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

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

THE GAME: The Ferris State University football team concludes its two-game Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) road swing this Saturday (Sept. 22) when the Bulldogs go up against the Wayne State University Warriors in Detroit, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Jeff Pierce is presently in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 43-27-0 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 (.614) 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 and Wayne State will meet for the 40th time with the Bulldogs having won 13 of the last 16 contests between the two teams, which includes a current three-game series winning streak. The Bulldogs have won their last four contests at Wayne State to date and have outscored the Warriors 143-44 in that period. Ferris has totaled a 35.8 points per game average while Wayne State is averaging 11.0 points an outing in the four-game span. In the last nine meetings, FSU is averaging 36.9 points per game (332 total points) while WSU has averaged 17.0 points a contest (153 total points) for a +19.9 point differential.

Ferris State leads 20-19-0 FSU Scoring Avg.: 21.6 (842 pts.) WSU Scoring Avg.: 19.5 (761 pts.) Differential: +2.1 (FSU)	Most Points in a WSU Win: 48 (48-0 – 1920) Most Decisive Score: FSU 54 (54-0 – 1923) WSU 48 (48-0 – 1920) * – Denotes FSU home game	1977 WSU 35-0 H 1978 WSU 25-18 A 1979 WSU 10-6 A 1980 FSU 17-14 H 1981 FSU 20-3 A 1982 WSU 21-13 H 1983 WSU 27-7 A 1984 WSU 23-7 H 1985 FSU 38-24 A 1986 FSU 10-9 H 1987 FSU 37-28 A 1988 FSU 31-30 H 1989 FSU 55-26 A 1990 WSU 29-17 A 1991 WSU 27-24 H 1992 FSU 21-3 A 1993 FSU 36-6 H 1994 FSU 34-14 A 1995 FSU 39-30 H 1996 FSU 26-7 A 1997 WSU 30-26 H 1998 FSU 37-13 H 1999 FSU 62-20 A 2000 FSU 51-30 H
At Big Rapids: WSU leads 9-8-0 At Detroit: FSU leads 12-10-0 First Game: WSU 48, FSU 0 (1920) Last FSU Win: 51-30* (9/23/00) Last WSU Win: 30-26* (10/4/97) Last Meeting in Detroit: FSU 62, WSU 20 (10/9/99) Current Series Win Streak: 3 (FSU 10/10/98 - 9/23/00) Longest Series Win Streak: 5 (FSU 1985-89; 92-96) Most Points in a FSU Win: 62 (62-20 – 10/9/99)	1920 WSU 48-0 A 1922 WSU 19-0 A 1923 FSU 54-0 A 1924 WSU 3-0 A 1925 FSU 13-12 H 1967 WSU 27-13 A 1968 FSU 16-8 H 1969 WSU 14-7 A 1970 WSU 24-7 A 1971 WSU 34-6 H 1972 FSU 24-13 A 1973 FSU 28-7 H 1974 WSU 30-8 A 1975 WSU 26-14 H 1976 FSU 20-12 A	

LAST MEETING – 2000: Ferris State quarterback Kyle Park passed for a career-high 344 yards and five TD's in leading the Bulldogs to a 51-30 victory over Wayne State before a Top Taggart Field crowd of 1,688 fans. Ferris, which rolled up 537 yards in total offense, received a game-high 138-yard rushing and two TD's from tailback Derek Fudge while split end Clarence Coleman totaled 191 yards and two TD's on six receptions. Wayne State compiled a 396 total offensive yards and was led offensively by quarterback Jason Charron's 190 yards and three-TD passing performance. The Bulldogs held a 21-16 halftime advantage after claiming a 14-3 lead after the opening quarter. A nine-yard TD pass from Park to flanker Doug Searles and a 66-yard TD run by Fudge accounted for the host's first-quarter points after the Warriors had taken the lead on a 27-yard field goal. Wayne State narrowed the gap in the second quarter on a 50-yard interception return just 11 seconds into the stanza before Ferris State countered at 5:53 when Park connected with Coleman on a 40-yard scoring strike. The visitors, however, would close out the first-half scoring with 1:43 remaining on a 65-yard aerial. Behind Park's three third-quarter passing TD's, Ferris pulled away in the second half as the Bulldogs outscored the Warriors 30-14 and led 42-22 entering the final quarter. Park threw a pair of 19-yard TD's to tight end Josh Heppner and flanker Robert Giles along with a 29-yarder to Coleman. Fudge's 20-yard TD run and a 23-yard field by kicker Brian McCullough accounted for the Bulldogs' fourth-quarter points while Wayne State's scoring in the second half was on a pair of TD tosses from Charron of 33 and 58 yards. Cornerback DeRen Ellis posted three pass interceptions for 46 yards for FSU while junior free safety Alvin Grier had two pass thefts for 58 yards. Strong safety J.J. Moreland recorded a team-high seven tackles while defensive tackle Ryan Morris, defensive end Dave Zuiderveen and outside linebacker Charlie Pierson had six stops apiece.

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2001 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Indianapolis	2	0	1.000	3	0	1.000
Grand Valley State	1	0	1.000	2	0	1.000
Wayne State	1	0	1.000	1	1	.500
Ashland	1	1	.500	2	1	.667
Saginaw Valley State	1	1	.500	2	1	.667
Northern Michigan	1	1	.500	2	1	.667
Michigan Tech	1	1	.500	1	1	.500
Ferris State	1	1	.500	1	2	.333
Hillsdale	1	1	.500	1	2	.333
Mercyhurst	0	1	.000	0	1	.000
Northwood	0	1	.000	0	1	.000
Findlay	0	2	.000	0	3	.000



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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Indianapolis 34, at Michigan Tech 31 OT*
 at Saginaw Valley State 33, Ferris State 20*
 Ashland 36, at Findlay 19*
 at Northern Michigan 25, Hillsdale 19*
 Mercyhurst at Wayne State*, postponed
 Grand Valley State at Northwood*, postponed

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Northern Michigan at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Northwood*, 12 p.m.

Ferris State at Wayne State*, 12 p.m.

Grand Valley State at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
 Saginaw Valley State at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m.
 Findlay at Hillsdale*, 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.	Ferris State	91
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: Saginaw Valley State intercepted three Ferris State passes and capitalized on their turnovers as the Cardinals tallied 20 unanswered second-half points en route to a 33-20 conference triumph over the Bulldogs last Saturday in front of 6,813 fans at SVSU's Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium. Ferris State, which compiled 287 yards in total offense to Saginaw Valley State's 274-yard total, held a 20-13 half-time lead after each team scored a TD in the opening quarter. SVSU senior cornerback Demons Bryan put the Cardinals up 6-0 with 11:16 remaining in the quarter after intercepting senior quarterback **Kyle Park's (Goshen, Ind.)** pass and returning the pigskin 99 yards to paydirt. Ferris countered seven minutes later when redshirt freshman quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** threw a four-yard TD aerial to senior flanker **Clarence Coleman (Miami, Fla./Miramar)** in completing a 17-play, 83-yard scoring drive. The Bulldogs then proceeded to take a 13-6 lead in the second quarter when **Park** connected with **Coleman** on a 17-yard TD pass play with just under 10 minutes left before intermission. FSU struck again at 7:18 when **Marsan** scored his first collegiate TD on a quarterback keeper as the Bulldogs led 20-6. SVSU was able to cut into Ferris' lead with 30 seconds to go before halftime on senior running back **Keath Bartynski's** one-yard TD plunge. The second half belonged to the Cardinals, who reeled off 12 straight third-quarter points to claim a 25-20 advantage at the end of three quarters. A 47-yard TD pass from senior quarterback **Matt LaFleur** to senior wide receiver **James Liang** and a one-yard TD run by **Bartynski** accounted for the hosts third-quarter scoring. Junior running back **Damion Bridges'** one-yard dash with 10:40 left to go in the contest concluded the game's scoring after **Bryan** recorded a 92-yard interception return. **Bryan** set conference records for interception return yardage in a game and for a season with 191 yards on two pass thefts. Sophomore tailback **Derek Fudge (Gibonston, Fla./East**

Bay) led Ferris offensively with a game-high 111 yards rushing on 26 attempts and **Coleman** had seven receptions for 74 yards with two TD's. Senior split end **Lamar Patterson (Milan)** chipped in with six catches for 36 yards. In passing, **Park** was 18-of-27 for 157 yards and a TD while **LaFleur** threw for 233 yards by completing 19-of-26 passes. Junior cornerback **DeRen Ellis (Detroit/Harper Woods Notre Dame)** and senior outside linebacker **Charlie Pierson (St. Ignace/LaSalle)** posted a team-leading 10 tackles apiece. Junior defensive end **Bo Moore (Montrose)** claimed nine stops while sophomore free safety **Rich Dosh (Burton/Flint Kearsley)** and junior defensive end **Michael King (Scotts/Vicksburg)** each garnered six tackles.

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State is averaging 20 points (60 total) per game in the first half in comparison to 5.7 (17 total) in the second half for a 14.3 margin. Conversely, the opposition has averaged 13.3 points (40 total) in the first half and 12.3 points (37 total) in the second half . . . **Clarence Coleman** had his 11-game 100-yard plus receiving string snapped at Saginaw Valley State with 74 receiving yards. He has currently accounted for 61.9% (534 of 862) of the team's total receiving yardage and 47.8% (33 of 69) of the squad's total pass receptions this campaign . . . **Coleman** is 15 points away from tying former FSU kicker Jason Lipke (1992-95; 241 pts.) for sixth place on the GLIAC's career scoring charts. The wideout has presently amassed 226 career points in 31 conference outings . . . **Derek Fudge** registered his eighth 100-yard plus rushing effort of his career with 111 yards on the ground at Saginaw Valley State after posting a season-high 138 yards vs. Findlay a week earlier (9/8). Fudge, the 2000 GLIAC Freshman of the Year, notched six 100-yard plus single-game rushing performances a season ago . . . **Bo Moore's** nine tackles at Saginaw Valley State represents a personal career high, surpassing his previous best of four tackles set on three occasions last year – at Findlay (9/9), vs. Saginaw Valley State (9/16) and vs. Hillsdale (11/4) . . . **DeRen Ellis** posted a personal career-best 10 tackles (eight solos) against Saginaw Valley State last Saturday which eclipsed his previous high of seven stops at South Dakota State (9/1). Ellis has notched 23 total tackles (7.7 avg.) to date in three games this season after recording 33 stops (3.0 avg.) in 11 contests last year . . . FSU is currently averaging 389.3 yards in total offense this season after registering a 360.7-yard average in its first three outings a season ago.

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-America receiver has currently amassed 4,171 career receiving yards on 262 catches in 34 games at FSU while compiling 230 career receptions for 3,782 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 hosts the 2000 GLIAC Co-Champion Northwood University Timberwolves Saturday, Sept. 29. Starting time for the conference encounter is scheduled for 7 p.m. (EDT) at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, 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	Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-Bo Moore, Specialty-Tim Gill, EPEP-Lamar Patterson
Sept. 22	Wayne State	
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