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MICHIGAN TECH AT FERRIS STATE
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GAME FACTS

MICHIGAN TECH HUSKIES
(2-3; 2-3 GLIAC)
AT
FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS
(1-3; 0-3 GLIAC)

KICKOFF: 2 p.m. (EDT)

STADIUM/SURFACE: Top Taggart Field
(6,200)/Artificial Turf (AstroTurf 12).

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

THE RECORDS: Ferris State dropped to 1-3 overall and 0-3 in the GLIAC with a 41-24 conference loss to Northwood last Saturday (Oct. 5) at NU's Hantz Stadium in Midland, Mich. The Bulldogs are presently 1-1 in home outings this campaign. A season ago, Ferris compiled a 7-4 overall mark and finished third in the GLIAC standings at 7-3. In 1999, FSU was 7-3 overall and conference co-champions (7-2 GLIAC). The Bulldogs have won or shared the conference championship six of the last 10 years, including five straight (1992-96).

Michigan Tech is presently 2-3 both overall and in the GLIAC following a 56-14 conference loss to number-one ranked Grand Valley State last Saturday (Oct. 5) at MTU's Sherman Field in Houghton, Mich. The Huskies, who are 1-2-0 on the road this season, registered a 5-5 mark both overall and in the GLIAC (fifth-place tie) for the 2001 campaign.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 8th season, 50-32-0 (.609) – (5-2-0 vs. Michigan Tech). Pierce is 26-14-0 (.650) in home games, 18-11-0 (.621) in October and 46-26-0 (.639) in GLIAC contests to date.

MICHIGAN TECH – Bernie Anderson (Northern Michigan 1978), 16th season, 72-82-0 (.467) – (3-10-0 vs. Ferris State). Anderson is the dean of GLIAC football coaches and the winningest coach in MTU football history.

2002 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Sept. 7	Hillsdale	W 33-21
Sept. 14	Grand Valley State*	Cancelled
Sept. 21	at Northern Michigan*	L 3-17
Sept. 28	Wayne State* (HF)	L 21-36
Oct. 5	at Northwood*	L 24-41
Oct. 12	Michigan Tech* (HC)	2 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Mercyhurst*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Saginaw Valley State*	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Findlay*	1 p.m.
Nov. 9	Ashland*	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Indianapolis*	1 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 will celebrate its 76th Homecoming this Saturday (Oct. 12) as the Bulldogs play host to the Michigan Tech University Huskies in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action at Big Rapids, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Jeff Pierce has registered a current 50-32-0 career coaching record and has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by presently having the second best winning percentage (.609) in the program's history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is 11 wins away of becoming FSU's winningest coach and would surpass Keith Otterbein (60-39-0, 1986-94). 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: The teams will meet for the 52nd time with MTU holding a 25-22-4 lead in a series that dates back to 1947. FSU has won 13 of the last 16 meetings and the Bulldogs are 7-3 in their last 10 home outings versus the Huskies. FSU is averaging 34.3 points (548 total) in the last 16 games and MTU has scored at a 19.7 (315 total) points per game clip. Ferris is 19-5 when scoring at least 20 points in a contest and 3-19-4 when scoring below the 20-point total in a game.

MTU leads 25-22-4		(66-7* – 10/23/99); MTU 32		1973	Tie	14-14	H	
FSU Scoring Avg.: 19.1 (974 pts.)		(39-7 – 10/30/76)		1974	MTU	17-0	A	
MTU Scoring Avg.: 19.6 (998 pts.)		* – FSU home game		1975	MTU	21-9	H	
Differential: +0.5 (MTU)				1976	MTU	39-7	A	
	1947	FSU	2-0	H	1977	MTU	23-17	H
	1948	MTU	21-6	H	1978	FSU	28-7	A
At Houghton: MTU leads 14-10-1	1949	MTU	28-6	A	1980	Tie	7-7	A
At Big Rapids: MTU leads 11-10-3	1950	MTU	20-6	H	1981	FSU	27-6	H
At Neutral Sites: FSU leads 2-0-0	1951	MTU	31-6	A	1982	FSU	33-20	A
First Game: FSU 2, MTU 0*	1952	MTU	27-6	H	1983	MTU	31-28	H
(10/18/47)	1953	MTU	12-0	A	1984	MTU	48-22	A
	1954	FSU	25-0	H	1985	FSU	28-7	H
Last FSU Win: 35-0* (10/20/01)	1955	MTU	26-13	A		FSU	21-14	H
Last MTU Win: 34-27 (10/21/00)	1956	MTU	20-0	H	1986	FSU	55-41	H
Last Meeting in Big Rapids:	1957	MTU	31-13	A	1987	FSU	27-3	A
FSU 35, MTU 0* (10/20/01)	1958	MTU	35-7	H	1988	FSU	21-15	H
Current Series Win Streak: 1	1959	MTU	26-7	A	1989	FSU	35-20	A
(FSU 10/20/01)	1962	FSU	41-0	H	1990	FSU	30-19	A
Longest Series Win Streak: 7	1963	MTU	8-7	A	1991	MTU	33-13	H
(FSU 10/19/85 – 9/1/90)	1964	Tie	14-14	H	1994	FSU	30-19	A
Most Points in a FSU Win: 67	1965	MTU	29-0	A	1995	FSU	38-17	H
(67-46 – 10/24/98)	1967	Tie	0-0	H	1996	FSU	31-6	A
Most Points in a MTU Win:	1968	FSU	6-3	A	1997	MTU	34-24	H
48 (48-22 – 10/28/89)	1969	FSU	9-6	H	1998	FSU	67-46	A
Most Decisive Score: FSU 59	1970	MTU	27-0	A	1999	FSU	66-7	H
	1971	MTU	39-13	H	2000	MTU	34-27	A
	1972	MTU	41-20	A	2001	FSU	35-0	H

LAST MEETING – 2001: Ferris State celebrated its 75th Homecoming with a 35-0 victory over Michigan Tech in front of 4,606 spectators at Top Taggart Field. FSU posted 444 yards in total offense with 291 in passing yards. The Bulldogs limited the Huskies to 148 total offense yards, including 50 yards rushing. A pair of first-quarter TD passes from quarterback Tom Marsan to flanker Robert Giles gave Ferris a 14-0 advantage after the opening 15 minutes of play. FSU struck at the first quarter's 5:12 mark as Marsan hooked up with Giles on an 82-yard TD pass. On its next possession, the Marsan-Giles combination hit paydirt again when a center snap sailed over Marsan's head at the MTU 12-yard line. However, Marsan fielded the ball off the turf and then spotted Giles in the corner of the end zone for a 12-yard TD with 1:10 left as the hosts took a 14-0 halftime lead. Ferris continued to increase the margin in the second half with a 21-point third-quarter output. Marsan, who was 19-of-27 in passing for 281 yards and three TD's, threw a 31-yard TD slant pass to flanker Doug Searles with 13:20 remaining in the quarter. The Bulldogs then went up 28-0 at 8:05 on the clock when flanker Clarence Coleman fielded a punt and returned the ball 53 yards for a TD. Ferris' final points came with 1:22 left in the third quarter as tailback Derek Fudge dodged his way 58 yards to the end zone. For FSU, Giles totaled 107 yards on three receptions while Coleman had six catches for 68 yards. Fudge rushed for 76 yards on 11 carries while MTU tailback Joe Johnson ran for a game-high 84 yards on 27 attempts. MTU's Jake Casper punted 13 times for 448 yards, an average of 34.5 yards per attempt. Defensive tackle Jason Feasel had nine tackles, including 3.5 sacks for -20 yards. Middle linebacker Luke Piepkow had eight tackles while outside linebacker Charlie Pierson and strong safety Vito Ciaramellano chipped in with seven stops apiece. Cornerback Ryan Hodges had a 12-yard pass interception return.

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2002 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC					OVERALL				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Saginaw Valley State	4	0	1.000	201	72	5	0	1.000	248	85
Grand Valley State	3	0	1.000	149	47	4	0	1.000	173	64
Findlay	4	0	1.000	129	64	5	0	1.000	166	98
Northern Michigan	4	0	1.000	104	43	4	1	.800	121	88
Northwood	2	2	.500	104	66	2	3	.400	117	113
Michigan Tech	2	3	.400	120	180	2	3	.400	120	180
Indianapolis	1	3	.250	82	136	2	3	.400	123	139
Mercyhurst	1	3	.250	34	138	2	3	.400	50	151
Hillsdale	1	3	.250	96	101	1	4	.200	117	134
Wayne State	1	3	.250	91	128	1	4	.200	91	162
Ashland	1	4	.200	82	171	1	5	.167	108	200
Ferris State	0	3	.000	48	94	1	3	.250	81	115

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Northwood 41, Ferris State 24*
 at Saginaw Valley State 63, Indianapolis 24*
 Grand Valley State 56, at Michigan Tech 14*
 Ashland 25, at Wayne State 20*
 at Northern Michigan 26, Hillsdale 23*
 Findlay 36, at Mercyhurst 3*

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

Mercyhurst at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
 Northwood at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Ferris State*, 2 p.m.
 Wayne State at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m.
 Saginaw Valley State at Findlay*, 6 p.m.
 Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.



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2002 GLIAC PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

PLACE	TEAM	POINTS
1.	Grand Valley State (10)	126
2.	Saginaw Valley State (2)	112
3.	Ferris State	87
	Indianapolis	87
5.	Ashland	86
6.	Michigan Tech	69
7.	Northwood	68
8.	Northern Michigan	43
9.	Hillsdale	42
10.	Findlay	33
11.	Wayne State	22
12.	Mercyhurst	17

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: Northwood scored TD's on its first four possessions to record a 41-24 victory over Ferris State before 2,678 fans at Hantz Stadium in Midland, Mich. NU took a 7-0 opening-quarter lead on a one-yard TD quarterback sneak by senior Jason Martin at the 10:15 mark. Ferris was able to answer on its next possession as sophomore quarterback **Tom Marsan's (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** 13-yard TD pass to sophomore split end **Andy Thwaites (Stanton/Central Montcalm)** with 6:20 left in the quarter tied the game at 7-7. The Bulldogs then proceeded to take a 10-7 lead with 2:11 to go in the first quarter on junior kicker **Tom Perez's (Lewiston/Johnnesburg-Lewiston)** 22-yard field goal. However, NU regained the upper hand with three consecutive TD's in the second quarter to go up 27-10 due to a 45-yard TD scamper by Martin with eight minutes remaining before halftime. Prior to Martin's TD run, a one-yard TD plunge by junior fullback Bryant Lawrence and a 14-yard TD pass from Martin to junior running back Pernell Jackson accounted for the Timberwolves' first two second-quarter scores. Ferris was able to draw within 27-17 with 39 ticks left in the first half on a 13-yard TD pass play from **Marsan** to sophomore flanker **Delano McKinney (Oak Park/Ferndale)**. Holding a 10-point halftime lead, the Timberwolves added to their lead (34-17) at 9:15 of the third quarter when Martin hit paydirt on a one-yard TD keeper. The teams exchanged TD's in the fourth quarter with NU scoring on a Jackson's 19-yard dash with 4:43 remaining before FSU countered as freshman split end **Dennis Cartwright (White Cloud)** was on the receiving end of a 20-yard **Marsan** pass with just under four minutes left to be played. For the game, Northwood compiled 510 total offensive yards to Ferris' 427-yard total. Marsan threw for 377 yards and three TD's on 37-of-55 passing while Jason Martin rushed for a game-high 171 yards and three TD's. In receiving for FSU, junior tailback **Derek Fudge (Gibonston, Fla./East Bay)** caught 10 passes for 96 yards while **Cartwright** and **Thwaites** each had eight receptions for 127 and 82 yards, respectively. Junior middle linebacker **Luke Piepkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** paced the Bulldogs with 18

tackles (11 solos). Sophomore outside linebackers **Kevin Myers (Midland)** and **Rob Mida (Chelsea)** both totaled 17 stops each while senior free safety **Alvin Grier (Benton Harbor)** contibuted with 11 tackles and sophomore defensive tackle **Whitney Bell (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area)** attained 10 stops.

BULLDOG BITES: **Tom Marsan**, who has racked up 2,582 career passing yards on a 54.2% (214-395) completion percentage in 13 career appearances, is 248 passing yards shy of tying Steve Piotraczk (1981-84) for sixth place among FSU's all-time passing leaders. Piotraczk threw for 2,830 yards with a 38.9% (208-535) completion percentage in his career.

Alvin Grier notched his 11th career pass interception at Northwood and moved into fifth place on the school's all-time list with his second theft of this season. Grier is now one shy of tying Charles Beatty (1986-89) and Kelly Snell (1995-98) for third place. A two-time (2000 & 2001) All-GLIAC Honorable Mention selection, Grier has compiled 176 interception yards in 36 career outings to date.

Derek Fudge needs 86 more yards to tie LaDon Pree (1984-87) for sixth place on the Ferris' career rushing leaders chart. Fudge has presently accumulated 2,082 career yards and 13 TD's in 24 games while Pree rushed for a 2,168-career yard total to go with 17 TD's.

Tom Marsan's 37 pass completions at Northwood set a single-game record, eclipsing the previous mark of 36 held by Matt McCarthy at Hillsdale (10/30/99). Marsan's 377 passing yards also represented a personal career best, surpassing his 334-yard passing total at Wayne State a season ago (9/22).

Dennis Cartwright is averaging 12.3 yards per catch in four games this season. He has 13 receptions for 160 yards in four games to date.

Junior defensive tackle **Pat Smith (Pewamo/Pewamo-Westphalia)** suffered a shoulder injury at Northern Michigan (9/21) and will be sidelined the remainder of the 2002 campaign. He notched four tackles (three solo) in his lone two starting assignments this fall after garnering 15 tackles in 11 outings a season ago.

Kevin Myers recorded his third straight double-digit tackle performance with a career-high 17 stops at Northwood. Myers, whose previous best was 14 at Mercyhurst last year (10/13), is averaging 12.7 tackles per game in his last three contests (38 total tackles).

Rob Mida's 17-tackle effort at Northwood not only marked a personal career high, but was his second consecutive double-figure tackle output in a single game. Mida chalked up 15 stops versus Wayne State (9/28).

In its first four games last fall, FSU averaged 384.2 yards in total offense (85.2 rushing and 299.0 passing). The Bulldogs are averaging 350.5 yards in total offense (89.2 rushing and 261.2 passing) in their initial four contests this campaign.

Alvin Grier, who has compiled 268 career tackles and is averaging 7.4 stops an outing in his career, is 32 tackles shy of attaining his 300th career stop. His 11 tackles at Northwood represented the 11th double-digit single-game tackle performance of his career.

HOMECOMING GAMES: FSU is 29-27-2 (.517) in homecoming contests dating back to 1931 and has won 10 of their last 13. Ferris snapped a two-game losing streak with a 35-0 victory over Michigan Tech last season (10/20). The Bulldogs' longest homecoming win string is seven games (1990-96) and the longest losing streak is nine (1981-89). FSU posted a 19-6 win over Albion in its first homecoming affair (10/17/31).

UP NEXT: FSU battles the Mercyhurst Lakers Saturday, Oct. 19, in a 1:30 p.m. (EDT) GLIAC contest at MC's Louis J. Tullio Field in Erie, Pa.

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. 7	Hillsdale	Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-Jason Feasel, Specialty-Tom Perez, EPEP-Carlton Brewster
Sept. 21	Northern Michigan	Offense-Brad Newell, Defense-Jason Feasel, Specialty-Jim Skodak, EPEP-Kevin Myers
Sept. 28	Wayne State	Offense-Austin Malloy, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Dennis Cartwright, EPEP-Matt McCoy
Oct. 5	Northwood	Offense-Tom Marsan, Defense-Alvin Grier, Specialty-Carlton Brewster, EPEP-Luke Piepkow
Oct. 12	Michigan Tech	
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