

Football News Release

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WAYNE STATE AT FERRIS STATE
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GAME FACTS

WAYNE STATE WARRIORS
(0-3; 0-2 GLIAC)
AT

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

KICKOFF: 7 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 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the GLIAC following a 17-3 conference-opening setback to Northern Michigan last Saturday (Sept. 21) evening at NMU's Superior Dome in Marquette, Mich. 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).

Wayne State is currently 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the GLIAC as a result of suffering a 49-14 conference home loss to nationally top-ranked Grand Valley State last Saturday (Sept. 21) at WSU Stadium in Detroit, Mich. Last season, the Warriors registered a 3-8 record overall and were 3-7 in the GLIAC (7th place tie).

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – **Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 8th season, 50-30-0 (.625) – (6-1-0 vs. Wayne State). Pierce is 26-13-0 (.667) in home games, 18-13-0 (.581) in September and 46-24-0 (.657) in GLIAC contests to date.

WAYNE STATE – Steve Kazor (Westminster, Utah, 1972), 3rd season, 7-16-0 (.304); Career – 7th season, 32-33-0 (.492) – (0-2-0 vs. Ferris State). Kazor has currently compiled a 7-14-0 (.333) coaching record in GLIAC outings.

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)	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Northwood*	12 p.m.
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 continues Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play as the Bulldogs entertain the Wayne State University Warriors this Saturday (Sept. 28) in the annual Ferris State Hall of Fame Game at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Jeff Pierce is presently in his eighth season at Ferris State and has registered a current 50-30-0 career coaching record. Pierce has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by presently tying for the best winning percentage (.625) 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: Ferris State and Wayne State will meet for the 41st time with the Bulldogs having won 14 of the last 17 contests between the two teams, which includes a current four-game series winning streak. During that four-game span, the Bulldogs have outscored the Warriors 188-77 as FSU is averaging 47.0 points a game in comparison to WSU's 19.3 points an outing total. In the last 10 meetings, Ferris State is averaging 37.0 points per game (370 total points) while Wayne State has averaged 16.7 points a contest (167 total points) for a +20.3 point differential. Ferris is 4-1 in its last five home appearances against the Warriors while compiling 37.8 points (189 total points) and WSU has averaged 21.8 points (109 total points) in the five-game period.

Ferris State leads 21-19-0

FSU Scoring Avg.: 22.0 (880 pts.)
WSU Scoring Avg.: 19.4 (775 pts.)
Differential: +2.6 (FSU)

At Big Rapids: WSU leads 9-8-0

At Detroit: FSU leads 13-10-0
First Game: WSU 48, FSU 0
(1920)

Last FSU Win: 38-14 (9/22/01)

Last WSU Win: 30-26* (10/4/97)

Last Meeting in Big Rapids:

FSU 51, WSU 30* (9/23/00)

Current Series Win Streak: 4

(FSU 10/10/98 - 9/22/01)

Longest Series Win Streak: 5

(FSU 1985-89; 92-96)

Most Points in a FSU Win: 62

(62-20 – 10/9/99)

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

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

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

2001 FSU 38-14 A

LAST MEETING – 2001: Ferris State quarterback Tom Marsan passed for 334 yards and tied a Wayne State Stadium record with four TD aeriels in his first collegiate start as the Bulldogs garnered a 38-14 win over the Warriors in Detroit, Mich. WSU scored first when wide receiver Pierre Brown caught a 44-yard TD pass from quarterback Dan Gray with 3:54 remaining in the first quarter. But, Ferris struck back less than two minutes later when flanker Clarence Coleman was on the receiving end of a 63-yard TD pass from Marsan to knot the game at seven apiece after 15 minutes. FSU then took the lead for good in the second quarter as Marsan recorded two more TD passes on a pair of 12-yard tosses to tailback Derek Fudge and flanker Doug Searles as the Bulldogs held a 21-7 halftime advantage. Ferris proceeded to erupt for 10 unanswered points in the third quarter as Marsan connected with Fudge on an 89-yard TD pass play at the 13-minute mark and then kicker Tom Perez booted a 37-yard field goal as the visitors went up 31-7 going into the final quarter. The Warriors tallied their final points on sophomore running back Pat Harwood's one-yard plunge with 12:40 left. FSU defensive tackle Jason Feasel returned a WSU fumble 40 yards to paydirt at the 9:59 mark to wrap up the scoring. Individually, Coleman had a game-high 11 catches for 167 yards while Fudge caught four passes for 114 yards as the Bulldogs rolled up 369 yards in total offense to the Warriors' 282-yard total. Gray passed for 209 yards and Brown had four receptions for 104 yards. Outside linebacker Charlie Pierson and middle linebacker Luke Piepkow notched eight tackles apiece. Piepkow and cornerback Devin Hutchings both recorded an interception for seven and 22 yards, respectively.

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ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

2002 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC				OVERALL			
	W	L	Pct.	PF PA	W	L	Pct.	PF PA
Saginaw Valley State	2	0	1.000	86 28	3	0	1.000	133 41
Findlay	2	0	1.000	51 38	3	0	1.000	88 72
Grand Valley State	1	0	1.000	49 14	2	0	1.000	73 31
Northern Michigan	2	0	1.000	54 10	2	1	.667	71 55
Michigan Tech	2	1	.667	83 82	2	1	.667	83 82
Indianapolis	1	1	.500	48 49	2	1	.667	89 52
Hillsdale	1	1	.500	54 31	1	2	.333	75 64
Northwood	1	1	.500	49 25	1	2	.333	62 72
Ferris State	0	1	.000	3 17	1	1	.500	36 38
Mercyhurst	0	2	.000	14 88	1	2	.333	30 101
Ashland	0	3	.000	37 99	0	4	.000	63 128
Wayne State	0	2	.000	35 82	0	3	.000	35 116

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Grand Valley State 49, at Wayne State 14*
 Findlay 18, at Northwood 17*
 at Saginaw Valley State 51, Mercyhurst 7*
 at Michigan Tech 32, Indianapolis 24 30T*
 at Hillsdale 37, Ashland 7*
at Northern Michigan 17, Ferris State 3*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

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



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*GLIAC Game
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2002 GLIAC PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

PLAC	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: Northern Michigan snapped a four-game series losing streak to Ferris State with a 17-3 home win last Saturday before a crowd of 3,116 at the Superior Dome in Marquette, Mich. Ferris claimed a 3-0 lead at 10:04 of the opening quarter on a seven-play, 21-yard scoring drive culminating on junior kicker **Tom Perez's** (Lewiston/Johannesburg-Lewiston) 34-yard field goal. However, NMU tied the game with 3:09 remaining in the first quarter as freshman kicker Kyle Marotz's 45-yard field goal split the uprights. The Wildcats then proceeded to claim a 10-3 halftime advantage on a 26-yard TD pass play from junior quarterback Kyle Swenor to freshman wide receiver Nick Mauthe. The only scoring in the second half occurred at the 9:09 mark of the third quarter as the Wildcats scored a TD when Swenor rolled out on a bootleg from five yards out. Offensively, Northern Michigan posted 318 yards in total offense to Ferris' 243-yard total as the Bulldogs recorded 85 yards on the ground and 158 in the air. Sophomore quarterback **Tom Marsan** (Evergreen Park, Ill.) completed 16-of-42 passes for 158 yards while junior tailback **Derek Fudge** (Gibonston, Fla./East Bay) ran for 70 yards on 23 attempts. Freshman split end **Brandis Bowie** (Lansing/Sexton) caught a team-high five passes for 38 yards and sophomore flanker **Delano McKinney** (Oak Park/Ferndale) had three receptions for 42 yards. Sophomore outside linebacker **Kevin Myers** (Midland) led the way with a game-high 11 tackles and had an 11-yard pass interception return as the FSU defense limited the Wildcats to 76 yards rushing. Senior defensive end **Michael King** (Scotts/Vicksburg) and junior middle linebacker **Luke Piepkow** (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi) garnered nine stops apiece while senior defensive tackle **Jason Feasel** (Ceresco/Battle Creek Harper Creek) had eight tackles (six solos).

BULLDOG BITES: Junior kicker **Tom Perez** had converted on his last seven field goal attempts before missing on his second attempt (47 yards)

at Northern Michigan last Saturday (9/22). Perez's 47-yard attempt hit the crossbar and landed back on the artificial turf. He accounted for the Bulldogs' lone points of the contest as a result of connecting on a 34-yarder in the first quarter.

Sophomore quarterback **Tom Marsan** is 285 passing yards shy of tying Charlie Gunsell (1995-98; 2,217 yds.) for ninth place on the school's all-time passing leaders chart. Marsan has accumulated 1,932 career passing yards to date with a 53.4 completion percentage (163-305) in 11 career outings. Marsan, who was the 2001 FSU Outstanding Offensive Rookie Award recipient, passed for a 1,537-yard total which ranked 15th highest among the Bulldogs' career single-season leaders.

Junior tailback **Derek Fudge**, who's averaging 109.0 yards a game in two contests this season, needs 12 more yards to tie Delbert Littlejohn (1987-90) for 10th place among FSU's career rushing leaders. Fudge has recorded 1,994 career yards on 444 carries in 22 career outings while Littlejohn totaled 2,006 career yards on 406 rush attempts.

Senior cornerback **Darius Alexander** (Detroit/Martin Luther King) and sophomore outside linebacker **Rob Mida** (Chelsea) each registered their first collegiate pass interception in the Northern Michigan (9/22) contest. Alexander recorded a 17-yard return on his pass theft.

Senior defensive end **Michael King's** nine tackles (five solo) at Northern Michigan represents a personal career high, surpassing his previous best of seven stops set twice last season – at Saginaw Valley State (9/15) and at Hillsdale (11/3).

Sophomore outside linebacker **Kevin Myers** attained double digits in tackles for the second time in his career with 11 total (two solo) at Northern Michigan. He racked up a single-game career-best 14 stops (five solo) at Mercyhurst a season ago (10/13).

Senior cornerback **DeRen Ellis** (Detroit/Harper Woods Notre Dame) and senior free safety **Alvin Grier** (Benton Harbor) are both one interception shy of tying Akil Young (1991-94) for fifth place among FSU's all-time pass theft leaders. Young notched 10 career interceptions for 59 yards while Ellis has nine for 126 yards and Grier for 111 yards.

Ferris State presently ranks first among the GLIAC leaders (all games) in total defense as the Bulldogs are giving up 252.2 ypg. to their opponents. FSU is second in rushing defense (73.5 ypg.). Individually, **Tom Perez** has compiled a league-leading 75.0 field goal percentage (3-4).

BULLDOGS AT HOME: Ferris State is 67-47-2 (.586) at Top Taggart Field since 1980 and sports a 53-36-2 (.593) conference home mark during that span. The Bulldogs are 46-20-2 (.691) overall since 1990, which includes a 40-17-2 (.695) conference mark.

UNDER THE LIGHTS: Ferris sports a current 24-35-4 (.413) record in night contests dating back to 1961. The Bulldogs are 8-17-2 (.333) on the road and 16-18-2 (.472) in home evening encounters. A season ago, FSU posted a 3-1 mark in such outings and is 1-1 to date this campaign.

PRESEASON RECOGNITION: **Bo Moore** has been tabbed a 2002 preseason All-America selection by *Lindy's College Football Annual* and *Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette*. Moore, a second-team pre-season honoree by *Hansen's Football Gazette*, was also chosen to the *Detroit Free Press'* All-Michigan Small College Football Team. Joining him on the preseason squad are senior tackle **Justin Giordano** (Memphis), **Luke Piepkow** and **DeRen Ellis**.

UP NEXT: Ferris State will square off against the Northwood University Timberwolves Saturday, Oct. 5, in GLIAC action at Midland, Mich. Starting time is slated for 12 p.m. (EDT) at NU's Hantz Stadium.

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	
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