

# Football News Release



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**INDIANAPOLIS AT FERRIS STATE  
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## GAME FACTS

**INDIANAPOLIS GREYHOUNDS  
(5-5; 4-5 GLIAC)  
AT  
FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS  
(6-4; 5-4 GLIAC)**

**KICKOFF:** 1:30 p.m. (EST)

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

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

**THE RECORDS:** Ferris State won its second straight contest in improving to 6-4 overall and 5-4 in the GLIAC following a 17-10 conference triumph against Ashland last Saturday (Nov. 8) at AU's Community Stadium in Ashland, Ohio. Ferris presently has won five of its last seven contests. Last season, FSU went 5-5 overall and placed sixth in the GLIAC with a 4-5 conference record. The Bulldogs were picked fifth in the 2003 GLIAC Preseason Coaches Poll with 80 points. Ferris has won or shared the conference title six of the last 11 years, including five straight (1992-96).

**Indianapolis** is 5-5 overall and 4-5 in GLIAC action after suffering a 53-10 conference loss to nationally-ranked Grand Valley State last Saturday (Nov. 8) at UI's Key Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. The Greyhounds compiled a 5-6 overall mark last season, which included a seventh-place tying 4-6 GLIAC record.

**THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 9th season, 60-38-0 (.612) — (4-2-0 vs. Indianapolis). In his FSU coaching career, Pierce is 32-15-0 (.681) in home contests, 16-6-0 (.727) in November and 55-32-0 (.632) in GLIAC contests to date.

**INDIANAPOLIS – Joe Polizzi** (Hillsdale, 1976), 10th season, 52-54-1 (.491) – (2-5-0 vs. Ferris State). Polizzi served two seasons (1986-87) as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Ferris State.

### 2003 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

|                 |                                |                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Sept. 6         | at Hillsdale                   | W 25-20          |
| Sept. 13        | at Grand Valley State*         | L 10-40          |
| <b>Sept. 20</b> | <b>Northern Michigan* (HF)</b> | <b>L 14-26</b>   |
| Sept. 27        | at Wayne State*                | W 29-16          |
| <b>Oct. 4</b>   | <b>Northwood*</b>              | <b>W 40-16</b>   |
| Oct. 11         | at Michigan Tech*              | L 30-49          |
| <b>Oct. 18</b>  | <b>Mercyhurst* (HC)</b>        | <b>W 33-7</b>    |
| Oct. 25         | at Saginaw Valley State*       | L 31-38          |
| <b>Nov. 1</b>   | <b>Findlay*</b>                | <b>W 36-29</b>   |
| Nov. 8          | at Ashland*                    | W 17-10          |
| <b>Nov. 15</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 will conclude its 2003 season this Saturday (Nov. 15) afternoon as the Bulldogs entertain the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) matchup at Big Rapids, Mich.

**HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE:** Jeff Pierce is midst his ninth season at Ferris State and has a current 60-38-0 career record. Pierce holds the distinction of having the second-best winning percentage (.612) in the program's history, trailing Wallie Hein (1924-26, 12-7-1, .625). The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is one win away from becoming FSU's winningest coach and would surpass Keith Otterbein (60-39-0, 1986-94). Under Pierce, 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 Indianapolis will square off for the 25th time with Ferris State owning a 14-9-1 series lead. Ferris has won 11 of the last 13 meetings between the two teams and has recorded a current six-game home winning streak at Big Rapids. The Bulldogs are averaging 33.0 points (429 total) in its last 13 games while Indianapolis has averaged 16.8 points (218 total) an outing for a +16.2 points differential. Twenty of the 24 contests have been decided by 10 points or more and Ferris is 13-7-0 (.650) in those games.

|                                       |                                     |      |       |       |   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|---|
| <b>Ferris State leads 14-9-1</b>      | (UI 11/16/02)                       | 1980 | Tie   | 14-14 | A |
| FSU Scoring Avg.: 23.6 (566 pts.)     | <b>Longest Series Win Streak:</b> 9 | 1982 | UI    | 21-17 | H |
| UI Scoring Avg.: 19.2 (460 pts.)      | (FSU 9/10/88 – 9/7/96)              | 1983 | UI    | 30-0  | A |
| Differential: +4.4 (FSU)              | <b>Most Points in a FSU Win:</b> 54 | 1984 | UI    | 47-0  | H |
|                                       | (54-13 – 10/31/92)                  | 1985 | UI    | 34-7  | A |
| <b>At Big Rapids:</b> FSU leads 8-3-0 | <b>Most Points in a UI Win:</b>     | 1986 | UI    | 35-13 | H |
| <b>At Indianapolis:</b> Tied at 6-6-1 | 47 (47-0* – 9/22/84)                | 1987 | UI    | 35-19 | A |
| <b>First Game:</b> UI 19, FSU 7       | <b>Most Decisive Score:</b> FSU 50  | 1988 | FSU   | 34-21 | H |
| (9/27/46)                             | (50-0 – 9/16/95); UI 47 (47-0* –    | 1989 | FSU   | 38-21 | A |
| <b>Last FSU Win:</b> 16-13♦           | 9/22/84)                            | 1990 | FSU   | 29-15 | A |
| (11/10/01)                            | * – Denotes FSU home game           | 1991 | FSU   | 21-6  | H |
| <b>Last UI Win:</b> 17-14 (11/16/02)  | ♦ – Two overtimes                   | 1992 | FSU   | 54-13 | A |
| <b>Last Meeting in Big Rapids:</b>    |                                     | 1993 | FSU   | 40-26 | H |
| FSU 16, UI 13 2 OT (11/10/01)         |                                     | 1994 | FSU   | 44-7  | H |
| <b>Current Series Win Streak:</b> 1   |                                     | 1995 | FSU   | 50-0  | A |
|                                       | 1953                                | UI   | 19-7  | A     |   |
|                                       | 1954                                | FSU  | 12-0  | H     |   |
|                                       | 1959                                | FSU  | 29-7  | A     |   |
|                                       | 1960                                | FSU  | 19-0  | H     |   |
|                                       | 1980                                | UI   | 14-14 | A     |   |
|                                       | 1982                                | UI   | 21-17 | H     |   |
|                                       | 1983                                | UI   | 30-0  | A     |   |
|                                       | 1984                                | UI   | 47-0  | H     |   |
|                                       | 1985                                | UI   | 34-7  | A     |   |
|                                       | 1986                                | UI   | 35-13 | H     |   |
|                                       | 1987                                | UI   | 35-19 | A     |   |
|                                       | 1988                                | FSU  | 34-21 | H     |   |
|                                       | 1989                                | FSU  | 38-21 | A     |   |
|                                       | 1990                                | FSU  | 29-15 | A     |   |
|                                       | 1991                                | FSU  | 21-6  | H     |   |
|                                       | 1992                                | FSU  | 54-13 | A     |   |
|                                       | 1993                                | FSU  | 40-26 | H     |   |
|                                       | 1994                                | FSU  | 44-7  | H     |   |
|                                       | 1995                                | FSU  | 50-0  | A     |   |
|                                       | 1996                                | FSU  | 30-19 | H     |   |
|                                       | 1997                                | UI   | 32-21 | A     |   |
|                                       | 2000                                | FSU  | 38-28 | A     |   |
|                                       | 2001                                | FSU  | 16-13 | H     |   |
|                                       | 2002                                | UI   | 17-14 | A     |   |

**LAST MEETING – 2002:** Ferris State suffered a 17-14 loss to Indianapolis in the 2002 season finale at UI's Key Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. The Greyhounds took a 7-0 first-quarter lead as quarterback Matt Kohn threw a three-yard TD pass to wide receiver Rob Mager with 7:25 remaining in the opening stanza. Ferris managed to tie the contest at the 5:56 mark of the second quarter when tailback Derek Fudge scored on a three-yard TD run. However, UI claimed a 14-10 halftime advantage on a Kohn three-yard TD aerial to fullback Adam Lane with nine seconds left in the first half. The Greyhounds proceeded to go up 17-7 at 5:18 of the third quarter on a 39-yard field goal by Nick Parker, who set a school single-season scoring mark in the contest. The Bulldogs completed an eight-play, 63-yard scoring drive late in the game as reserve quarterback Adam Burgess hooked up with flanker Carlton Brewster on a 14-yard TD pass play with five seconds remaining in the contest to close within 17-14. Derek Fudge paced Ferris' offensive attack with 105 yards rushing on 21 carries to go with six pass receptions for 39 yards. Quarterback Tom Marsan was 16-of-33 in passing for 130 yards while Burgess completed four-of-10 pass attempts for 44 yards and a TD. Split end Andy Thwaites and Brewster both had three catches for 31 and 26 yards, respectively. For Indianapolis, Matt Kohn threw for 126 yards and two TD's on 12-of-23 passing while tailback Marquis Tolliver ran for a game-high 141 yards on 32 attempts. FSU defensive tackle Jason Feasel's 14 tackles (10 solos) represented a game high while outside linebacker Kevin Myers chipped in with 10 stops. Linebackers Bruce Renner and Brian Monahan both registered seven tackles for the Greyhounds.

**INTERNET COVERAGE:** All 2003 Ferris State football games can be heard live on the internet through an agreement with FSU Athletics and local radio affiliate WBRN. The link is on Ferris' Athletics homepage website ([www.ferris.edu/sports](http://www.ferris.edu/sports)). Listeners who click on the Bulldog Athletics' webcast icon will be directed to the site at [www.ferris.edu/sports/bulldogwebcasts](http://www.ferris.edu/sports/bulldogwebcasts).

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2003 GLIAC STANDINGS

| GLIAC                |          |          |             |                | OVERALL  |          |             |                |  |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------------|--|
|                      | W        | L        | Pct.        | PF PA          | W        | L        | Pct.        | PF PA          |  |
| Saginaw Valley State | 9        | 0        | 1.000       | 333 133        | 10       | 0        | 1.000       | 363 147        |  |
| Grand Valley State   | 8        | 1        | .889        | 382 149        | 9        | 1        | .900        | 391 155        |  |
| <b>Ferris State</b>  | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>.556</b> | <b>240 231</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>.600</b> | <b>265 251</b> |  |
| Findlay              | 5        | 4        | .556        | 174 195        | 6        | 4        | .600        | 225 226        |  |
| Northwood            | 5        | 4        | .556        | 237 203        | 5        | 5        | .500        | 251 233        |  |
| Michigan Tech        | 5        | 5        | .500        | 352 321        | 5        | 5        | .500        | 352 321        |  |
| Indianapolis         | 4        | 5        | .444        | 208 341        | 5        | 5        | .500        | 252 348        |  |
| Mercyhurst           | 4        | 5        | .444        | 134 236        | 5        | 5        | .500        | 164 257        |  |
| Northern Michigan    | 3        | 6        | .333        | 246 291        | 3        | 7        | .300        | 246 353        |  |
| Hillsdale            | 3        | 6        | .333        | 224 264        | 3        | 7        | .300        | 244 289        |  |
| Wayne State          | 2        | 7        | .250        | 202 295        | 3        | 7        | .300        | 240 316        |  |
| Ashland              | 2        | 8        | .222        | 167 240        | 2        | 9        | .182        | 173 252        |  |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Michigan Tech 34, at Northwood 7\*  
 at Saginaw Valley State 42, Northern Michigan 15\*  
 at Findlay 17, Hillsdale 9\*  
 Grand Valley State 53, at Indianapolis 10\*  
**Ferris State 17, at Ashland 10\***  
 at Mercyhurst 17, Wayne State 10\*

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

Wayne State at Saginaw Valley State\*, 12 p.m.  
 Grand Valley State at Findlay\*, 1 p.m.  
**Indianapolis at Ferris State\*, 1:30 p.m.**  
 Mercyhurst at Hillsdale\*, 2:30 p.m.  
 Northwood at Northern Michigan\*, 7 p.m.



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\*GLIAC Game  
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LAST WEEK: Ferris State forced six Ashland

turnovers and concluded the game with an impressive goal line stand to register a 17-10 conference victory over Ashland at AU's Community Stadium in Ashland, Ohio. Ashland, which outgained Ferris State in total offense by a 318 to 135-yard margin, was victimized by its own miscues as the Eagles committed five fumbles and had one pass intercepted. With just over a minute remaining in the contest, AU drove to the FSU two-yard line and had four attempts at scoring but came away unsuccessful. The Eagles moved the ball to the Ferris' one-yard line on successive running plays and then attempted two passes into the end zone which were incomplete as the Bulldogs took over on downs and proceeded to run out the clock for the victory. The Eagles struck first with 6:57 left in the first quarter as AU kicker Austin Wellock's 48-yard field goal split the uprights to give the hosts a 3-0 lead. However, Ferris matched the Eagles' three points as senior kicker **Tom Perez (Lewiston/Johannesburg-Lewiston)** booted a 26-yard field goal with 1:07 remaining in the opening quarter to knot the contest at three all. The Bulldogs then claimed the lead for good at 8:42 of the second quarter as Ashland fumbled a FSU punt at its own two-yard line which senior split end **Rob Giles (Mt. Clemens/L'Anse Creuse North)** promptly recovered in the end zone to give Ferris a 10-3 halftime lead. Ferris then posted another fumble recovery for a TD in the second half as senior middle line-backer **Luke Piepkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** picked up a fumble and ran 18 yards for the score with 5:42 left in the third quarter. AU had sliced the Bulldogs' lead to seven points (17-10) with 4:44 remaining in the game on a one-yard TD run by running back Joe Provenzano. Offensively, junior quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** completed 15-of-25 passes for 103 yards while sophomore flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** had five catches for 62 yards. AU's wide receiver Michael Hull posted a game-high 12 receptions for 162 yards while starting quarterback Nick Strance passed for 173 yards. Ashland, which was paced by linebacker Devin Conwell's 12 tackles, held FSU senior tailback **Derek Fudge (Gibonston, Fla./East Bay)** to 44 yards rushing on 20 carries. Junior defensive tackle **Whitney Bell (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area)** totaled 15 tackles for Ferris, which also received 14-tackle efforts from junior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** and **Piepkow**. Senior free safety **Rich Dosh (Burton/Flint Kearsley)** and senior strong safety **Vito Ciramellano (Rochester Hills/Rochester)** notched 12 and 11 stops, respectively. **Dosh** also recorded the game's lone pass interception.

**BULLDOG BITES:** **Derek Fudge**, who registered 1,191 rushing yards in 10 games this fall, needs 36 more to match his career season-high 1,227 yards set in his 2000 freshman season. Fudge is 17 rushing yards shy from reaching the 4,000-yard career rushing mark and has totaled 3,983 career yards in 40 outings to date. He's 210 yards away from becoming the school's all-time leading rusher and presently trails Mo Harris (1996-99; 4,192 career yds.) for the top honor.  
**Tom Marsan** extended his current 100-yard plus single-game passing

streak to seven with a 103-yard performance at Ashland. He's averaging 191.3 passing yards (1,339 total yds.) per contest during that period with a 59.8% (125-209) completion percentage.

- Senior punter **Tim Gill (Mt. Clemens/Lutheran North)** tied a FSU single-game record with his 13 punt attempts at Ashland Saturday which was originally set by Larry Schwartz at Central State (Ohio) on 9/15/84. Gill totaled a career-high 417 punt yards for a 32.1 average in the contest and was 47 yards shy of matching the game punting yards mark of 464 yards set by Schwartz in that particular game. Gill's previous best was 367 yards on nine punts at Grand Valley State earlier this season (9/13).
- Whitney Bell** produced his third straight double-digit tackle game effort with 15 tackles at Ashland and has four such contests this fall, including a career-high 18 stops versus Findlay (11/1). Bell is averaging 15.0 tackles (45 total) in his last three outings.
- Luke Piepkow** notched his second fumble recovery return for a TD at Ashland with an 18-yarder. He tallied his first collegiate score at Saginaw Valley State earlier this campaign (10/25) on a 16-yard return. Piepkow, who ranks sixth among FSU's all-time tackles leaders with 381 career hits in 38 games, is three shy of tying Scott Renner (1977-79) for fifth place. His 120 tackles this season represents a personal career best, eclipsing his previous high and team-leading 110 stops in 2001.
- Kevin Myers** recorded his third consecutive double-figure tackle single-game performance with 14 stops at Ashland. Myers, who garnered a career high 23 tackles against Findlay two weeks ago (11/1), is averaging 17.7 stops (53 total) in that three-game span and has registered 15 career double-digit tackle game efforts which includes seven this season.
- Ferris State's defense has forced 30 turnovers this fall which is its most since 2000 when the opposition committed 33 miscues. In the last three games, FSU's opponents are averaging 3.7 turnovers per contest (11 total).
- Rich Dosh** has garnered five double-digit tackle games this season, including three straight to date and has averaged 12.3 tackles (37 total) during that span.
- Among this week's NCAA Division national leaders, the Bulldogs are 18th in turnover margin (0.8 avg.). Individually, **Derek Fudge** is 15th in rushing (119.1 ypg.), 31st in scoring (8.4 ppg.) and 34th in all-purpose yards (133.2 ypg.). Defensively, **Kevin Myers** is fifth in total tackles (12.0 avg.) while **Luke Piepkow** ranks 25th (10.4). **Myers** is first in solo tackles (8.0 avg.) while **Whitney Bell** is ninth (6.3) and **Piepkow** is 16th (5.9 avg.). In pass sacks, **John Hazle** ranks 10th (1.0 avg.). **Bell** is 23rd in tackles for loss (1.7 avg.) and **Myers** is third (0.5 avg.) in forced fumbles.

**SEASON FINALES:** The Bulldogs are 14-5-0 (.737) in regular-season finale contests dating back to 1985, which includes a 9-4-0 (.692) mark since 1990. In regular-season finales at home, FSU is 6-2-0 (.750).

**HOME FINALES:** Ferris State has compiled a 14-4-0 (.778) record in its final home regular-season appearance per campaign since 1985. FSU sports a 10-6-0 (.625) mark since 1990 and has won three of its last four such outings, including a 30-8 triumph over Ashland last season (11/9).

**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. 6         | at Hillsdale             | Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-John Hazle, Specialty-Carlton Brewster, EPEP-Kevin Myers      |
| Sept. 13        | at Grand Valley State    | Offense-Andy Thwaites, Defense-Luke Piepkow, Specialty-Tim Gill, EPEP-Kevin Myers          |
| <b>Sept. 20</b> | <b>Northern Michigan</b> | Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-Rich Dosh, Specialty-Corey Scheick, EPEP-Rob Mida             |
| Sept. 27        | at Wayne State           | Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-Pat Smith, Specialty-Carlton Brewster, EPEP-Allen Feigel      |
| <b>Oct. 4</b>   | <b>Northwood</b>         | Offense-Tom Marsan, Defense-Kevin Myers, Specialty-Casey Danford, EPEP-Vito Ciramellano    |
| Oct. 11         | at Michigan Tech         | Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Vito Ciramellano, Specialty-Justin Rudy, EPEP-Matt McCoy |
| <b>Oct. 18</b>  | <b>Mercyhurst</b>        | Offense-Jim Bockheim, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Tim Gill, EPEP-Rob Mida              |
| Oct. 25         | at Saginaw Valley State  | Offense-Tom Marsan, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Justin Rudy, EPEP-Kevin Myers          |
| <b>Nov. 1</b>   | <b>Findlay</b>           | Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Kevin Myers, Specialty-Nick Beaudry, EPEP-Whitney Bell   |
| Nov. 8          | at Ashland               | Offense-Matt McCoy, Defense-Luke Piepkow, Specialty-Rob Giles, EPEP-Jesse Schnitker        |
| <b>Nov. 15</b>  | <b>Indianapolis</b>      |  |

Home games listed in **bold**