

Football News Release



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**FERRIS STATE AT WAYNE STATE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003**

GAME FACTS

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

KICKOFF: 12 p.m. (EDT)

STADIUM/SURFACE: Wayne State Stadium
(6,000)/Natural Grass.

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

THE RECORDS: Ferris State fell to 1-2 overall and 0-2 in the GLIAC after suffering a 26-14 home-opening conference loss to Northern Michigan last Saturday (Sept. 20) evening at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. Last season, FSU compiled a 5-5 overall mark and placed sixth in the GLIAC with a 4-5 conference record. The Bulldogs were 4-1 at home and 1-4 on the road last fall. In 2001, FSU posted a 7-4 overall mark and a third-place 7-3 GLIAC record. Ferris has won or shared the conference championship six of the last 11 years, including five straight (1992-96).

Wayne State is 1-2 overall and 0-2 in the GLIAC following a 50-14 conference defeat to nationally top-ranked Grand Valley State last Saturday (Sept. 20) night at GVSU's Arend Lubbers Stadium in Allendale, Mich. The Warriors, who are midst a current two-game losing string, registered a 3-8 overall record and posted a ninth-place tying 3-7 conference mark. WSU was 1-4 at home and 2-4 on the road a season ago.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 9th season, 55-36-0 (.604) – (6-2-0 vs. Wayne State). Pierce has a 26-21-0 (.553) coaching mark in away games and is 19-16-0 (.543) in September contests.

WAYNE STATE – Steve Kazor (Westminster, Utah, 1972), 4th season, 11-23-0 (.324); Career - 8th season, 36-40-0 (.474) – (1-2-0 vs. Ferris State).

2003 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Sept. 6	at Hillsdale	W 25-20
Sept. 13	at Grand Valley State*	L 10-40
Sept. 20	Northern Michigan* (HF)	L 14-26
Sept. 27	at Wayne State*	12 p.m.
Oct. 4	Northwood*	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Michigan Tech*	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	Mercyhurst* (HC)	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Saginaw Valley State*	12 p.m.
Nov. 1	Findlay*	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Ashland*	1:25 p.m.
Nov. 15	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 will attempt to snap a two-game losing streak as the Bulldogs square off against the Wayne State University Warriors this Saturday (Sept. 27) in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) contest at Detroit, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Jeff Pierce is in his ninth season at Ferris State and has registered a current 55-36-0 career coaching record. Pierce has already made his mark among the school's all-time coaches by posting the second-best winning percentage (.604) in the program's history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is six wins shy 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 42nd time in a series which the Bulldogs have a 21-20-0 edge. Ferris has won 14 of the last 18 meetings to date and had its four-game series win streak halted last season (9/28) with a 36-21 home loss to the Warriors. In the last 11 outings, FSU is averaging 35.5 points (391 total points) a game to Wayne State's 18.5 points (203 total) per contest. The Bulldogs have a present five-game road winning string and haven't lost at WSU since 1990 (9/22) in a 29-17 setback. Ferris State has scored an average of 36.2 points (181 total) while holding the Warriors to 11.6 points (58 total) for a +24.6 differential in the last five games played in Detroit.

Ferris State leads 21-20-0

FSU Scoring Avg.: 20.7 (847 pts.)

WSU Scoring Avg.: 21.1 (865 pts.)

Differential: +0.4 (WSU)

48 (48-0 – 1920)

Most Decisive Score: FSU 54

(54-0 – 1923) WSU 48 (48-0 –

1920)

* – Denotes FSU home game

At Detroit: WSU leads 12-11-0

At Big Rapids: FSU leads 10-8-0

First Game: WSU 48, FSU 0 (1920)

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

Last WSU Win: 36-21* (9/28/02)

Last Meeting in Detroit:

FSU 38, WSU 14 (9/22/01)

Current Series Win Streak: 1

(WSU 9/28/02)

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:

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
2002	WSU	36-21	H

LAST MEETING – 2002: Wayne State scored 33 straight second-half points to erase a 21-3 halftime deficit while holding Ferris State to 56 yards rushing as the Warriors notched a 36-21 victory in FSU's annual Hall of Fame game before a Top Taggart Field crowd of 2,682. WSU reeled off 19 unanswered third-quarter points to claim a 22-21 lead after 45 minutes as a 32-yard pass play from quarterback Randy Hutchison to wideout Lynn Morton with 2:02 remaining in the quarter accounted for the winning margin. The Warriors' other third-quarter points came on TD runs of five and 22 yards. WSU widened its margin in the fourth quarter with a pair of TD's – a 15-yard Hutchison TD pass play and a 37-yard run by Hutchison with 13 seconds remaining. The Bulldogs had led 14-3 after the first quarter thanks to a five-yard TD run by quarterback Tom Marsan at the 10:14 mark and with 18 seconds left in the quarter, Marsan connected with flanker Carlton Brewster on a 26-yard TD aerial. Ferris proceeded to increase its lead to 21-3 with 2:51 left before halftime as tight end Austin Malloy, who had three catches for 101 yards, was on the receiving end of a 30-yard Marsan pass. The Warriors' offense generated 441 yards to the Bulldogs' 329 yards. Marsan completed 14-of-35 passes for 273 yards and two TD's while Hutchison threw for 140 yards and two TD's on 10-of-12 passing. WSU's Lynn Morton totaled 108 receiving yards on four receptions. Outside linebacker Rob Mida posted a game-high 15 tackles and middle linebacker Luke Piepkow had 13 stops. Free safety Alvin Grier chipped in with nine tackles and recorded an interception.

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 located on Ferris' Athletics homepage website (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.

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2003 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC				OVERALL			
	W	L	Pct.	PF PA	W	L	Pct.	PF PA
Indianapolis	2	0	1.000	90 62	3	0	1.000	134 69
Grand Valley State	2	0	1.000	90 24	3	0	1.000	99 30
Saginaw Valley State	2	0	1.000	60 35	3	0	1.000	90 49
Findlay	1	1	.500	26 38	2	1	.667	77 69
Mercyhurst	1	1	.500	44 55	2	1	.667	74 76
Northwood	1	1	.500	56 31	1	2	.333	70 61
Northern Michigan	1	1	.500	55 55	1	2	.333	55 117
Hillsdale	1	1	.500	34 52	1	2	.333	54 77
Michigan Tech	1	2	.333	111 107	1	2	.333	111 107
Ashland	1	2	.333	59 72	1	3	.250	65 84
Wayne State	0	2	.000	17 69	1	2	.333	55 90
Ferris State	0	2	.000	24 66	1	2	.333	49 86

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Hillsdale 24, at Ashland 21*
 Saginaw Valley State 26, at Mercyhurst 3*
 at Indianapolis 59, Michigan Tech 52 OT*
 Northwood 35, at Findlay 7*
 at Grand Valley State 50, Wayne State 14*
Northern Michigan 24, at Ferris State 16*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

Ashland at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m.
Ferris State at Wayne State*, 12 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Northwood*, 12 p.m.
 Findlay at Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.
 Grand Valley State at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.



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*GLIAC Game
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2003 GLIAC PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

PLACE	TEAM	POINTS
1.	Grand Valley State (8)	117
2.	Saginaw Valley State (4)	114
3.	Findlay	92
4.	Northern Michigan	83
5.	Ferris State	80
6.	Northwood	79
7.	Indianapolis	61
8.	Hillsdale	60
9.	Ashland	38
10.	Michigan Tech	28
11.	Wayne State	26
12.	Mercyhurst	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: Senior tailback **Derek Fudge (Gibonston, Fla./East Bay)** rushed for a game-high 167 yards and accounted for both Ferris State scores, but the Bulldogs turned the ball over seven times as Northern Michigan spoiled their season home opener with a 26-14 victory Saturday night at FSU's Top Taggart Field. Following a scoreless first quarter, NMU claimed a 10-0 second-quarter lead with two minutes left in the opening half on a two-yard quarterback keeper by Kyle Swenor, who passed for 130 yards in the contest. A 43-yard Kyle Marotz field goal earlier had given the Wildcats a 3-0 advantage. Ferris finally struck with only 12 seconds remaining in the quarter when **Fudge** caught a one-yard TD slant pass from sophomore quarterback **Ryan Kaul (Clarkston)**, who came in relief of starting junior signal-caller **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)**. However, Northern quickly answered on the ensuing kickoff with a 30-yard return and a Bulldog penalty, which eventually resulted in Marotz's 50-yard field goal as time expired. Trailing 13-7 going into the third quarter, **Fudge** gave Ferris its first and only lead (14-13) by breaking loose for an 87-yard TD run with 3:53 left in the stanza. Unfortunately, FSU's lead stood until 14:56 left in the game when NMU running back Abram McCoy scored from a yard out to put the Wildcats up 19-14. A three-yard run by Corey Woods at the 9:23 mark sealed the Northern victory. Ferris out-gained NMU 388 to 277 yards in total offense, but the Bulldogs' offensive output was nullified by seven turnovers which included a conference-record tying six pass interceptions. For FSU, **Kaul** was 15-of-36 in passing for a career-high 159 yards while **Marsan** had 54 yards through the air. Senior middle linebacker **Luke Piepkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** garnered a team-high 13 tackles while junior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** notched 12 stops. Junior defensive tackle **Whitney Bell (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area)** tallied 11 tackles and senior free safety **Rich Dosh (Burton/Flint Kearsley)** contributed with 10 hits.

BULLDOG BITES: **Derek Fudge** recorded his 16th career 100-yard plus single-game rushing performance with his 167-yard effort versus Northern Michigan. Fudge, who has amassed a current 3,269 career

yard rushing total in 33 outings, is 255 yards shy of tying Chuck Evans (1974-77; 4,556 yds.) for second place on the school's all-time rushing leaders list.

• **Whitney Bell's** 11 tackles (six solos) versus Northern Michigan marks a personal career best, eclipsing his previous game high of 10 stops set on two occasions a season ago – at Northwood (10/5) and against Ashland (11/9).

• Last Saturday's (9/20) home opener against Northern Michigan represented Ferris State's latest home-opening contest since 1975 (9/20) when the Bulldogs played their third game of the season at home and were dealt a 21-17 non-conference loss by Central Iowa.

• **Derek Fudge**, who scored both of FSU's TD's Saturday vs. NMU, moved into a ninth-place tie with Lloyd Tonkin (1926-29) on Ferris' all-time scoring list. Fudge has totaled 156 career points to date, including 26 career TD's. Tonkin notched 23 TD's and converted 18 point after attempts in his career.

• **Kevin Myers** extended his present double-figure tackle streak to six games as a result of totaling 12 hits vs. NMU Saturday. He also notched his 200th career tackle in the contest and has 111 unassisted stops in 23 outings. Myers, who had seven double-digit tackle efforts last fall, is averaging 13.3 stops (80 total) during the six-game period. He recorded a team-high 112 tackles in 10 games last season to earn All-GLIAC Second Team recognition.

• **Luke Piepkow** posted his 300th career tackle in last Saturday's game and is six away from tying Steve Krispinsky (1973-75; 306) for 13th place among the school's career leaders. The FSU defensive co-captain has racked up 146 solo stops in 31 career appearances. The 2002 second-team all-GLIAC selection has started out this season with 13 tackles in each of his first three outings. Piepkow has compiled 16 career double-digit game tackle efforts to date.

• **Rich Dosh** claimed a season-high 10 tackles against Northern Michigan, which bettered his previous best of seven stops in the season opener at Hillsdale (9/6). His career high is 12 tackles versus Grand Valley State (10/6) in 2001.

• Ferris dropped its third consecutive annual Hall of Fame game with last Saturday's loss and is now 1-3 in such encounters. The Bulldogs posted a 51-30 triumph over Wayne State (9/23/00) in the inaugural contest before suffering a pair of losses – 63-17 to Grand Valley State (10/6/01) and 36-21 to Wayne State (9/28/02).

• The Bulldogs threw for a GLIAC-record tying six interceptions in the NMU contest, which tied the mark set two previous times – St. Francis (Ill.) vs. Northwood (9/28/96) and Ferris State vs. Mercyhurst (10/14/00).

• Quarterback **Tom Marsan** is averaging a career 303.5 passing yards (607 total yds.) against Wayne State in two outings. Marsan, who has a career 46.6% completion percentage (34-73) and six TD passes versus the Warriors, threw for a season-high 334 yards and four TD's at Wayne State (9/22/01) in his first collegiate start and received GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week accolades as a result of his notable performance.

• In its three games this campaign, FSU is averaging 181.7 yards rushing (545 total yds.) and 185.3 yards (556 total yds.) in passing. A season ago, the Bulldogs averaged 102.3 yards (307 total yds.) on the ground and 222.7 yards (668 total yds.) through the air in its initial three games.

UP NEXT: Ferris State returns home Saturday, Oct. 4, for a 7 p.m. (EDT) GLIAC contest versus the Northwood University Timberwolves 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. 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
Sept. 20	Northern Michigan	Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-Rich Dosh, Specialty-Corey Scheick, EPEP-Rob Mida
Sept. 27	at Wayne State	
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