

Football News Release



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HILLSDALE AT FERRIS STATE
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

GAME FACTS

HILLSDALE CHARGERS
(1-1; 1-1 GLIAC)
At
FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS
(1-1; 1-1 GLIAC)

KICKOFF: 7 p.m. (EDT)

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

TICKET INFORMATION: \$ 7 for adults and \$5 for students. Free for FSU students with ID. Call (231) 591-2888 for more information.

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

THE RECORDS: Ferris State posted a 23-17 overtime decision over Ashland last Saturday (Sept. 4) night in GLIAC action at AU's Community Stadium in Ashland, Ohio. A season ago, Ferris posted a 6-5 overall mark and finished tied for fourth place in the GLIAC standings at 5-5. The Bulldogs were 3-2 at home and 3-3 on the road last fall. FSU has posted a winning season in 10 of the last 15 campaigns. Ferris has won or shared the conference championship six of the last 11 years, including five straight (1992-96).

Hillsdale dropped a 28-23 conference decision to Findlay last Saturday (Sept. 4) evening at HC's Muddy Waters Stadium in Hillsdale, Mich. The Chargers were 4-7 overall with an eighth-place tying 4-6 conference mark in 2003. HC was 2-4 at home and 2-3 on the road a season ago.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 10th season, 61-40-0 (.604) — (7-2-0 vs. Hillsdale). Pierce is 32-17-0 (.653) at home, 57-34-0 (.626) in GLIAC games and 21-16-0 (.553) in September contests during his coaching career.

HILLSDALE – Keith Otterbein (Hillsdale, 1979), 3rd season, 9-15-0 (.375); Career – 12th season 69-54-3 (.559) – (0-2-0 vs. Ferris State). Otterbein served as head coach at Ferris State for nine seasons (1986-94) and then spent seven years (1995-01) as the recruiting coordinator and running backs coach at Ball State.

2004 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Aug. 28	Grand Valley State*	L 6-24
Sept. 4	at Ashland*	W 23-17 OT
Sept. 11	Hillsdale*	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Indianapolis*	2 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Mercyhurst*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Findlay* (HF)	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	at North Dakota	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Northern Michigan*	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Michigan Tech* (HC)	2 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Northwood*	12 p.m.
Nov. 6	Saginaw Valley State*	1 p.m.

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

THE GAME: The Ferris State University football team hosts the Hillsdale College Chargers this Saturday (Sept. 11) evening in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) competition at Big Rapids, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Tenth-year head coach Jeff Pierce became Ferris State's all-time winningest coach last Saturday (Sept. 4) by virtue of the Bulldogs' 23-17 overtime victory at Ashland. The 1995 GLIAC Coach of the Year surpassed Keith Otterbein (60-39-3, 1986-94) for the top honor. 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 semi-final-round appearance in '95.

ALL-TIME SERIES: Ferris State trails Hillsdale 19-15-1 in their all-time series. However, FSU has won 11 of the last 15 meetings, including eight of the last 10 to date. The Bulldogs are 4-1 in their last five home appearances against Hillsdale and have tallied 21.0 points per game (105 total) to the Chargers' 16.4 average (82 total) for a +4.6 margin. In the last 10 contests, Ferris has averaged 25.7 points (257 total) in comparison to the HC's 19.4 points an outing (194 total) for a +6.3-point differential.

Hillsdale leads 19-15-1	10/11/80 – 10/15/88)	1980	HC	7-0	A
FSU Scoring Avg.: 15.7 (550 pts.)	Most Points in a FSU Win: 38	1981	HC	20-17	H
HC Scoring Avg.: 20.5 (718 pts.)	(38-21 – 11/3/01)	1982	HC	52-0	A
Differential: +4.8 (Hillsdale)	Most Points in a HC Win:	1983	HC	27-14	H
	52 (52-0 – 10/16/82)	1984	HC	20-8	A
At Big Rapids: HC leads 10-8-0	Most Decisive Score: FSU 19	1985	HC	24-15	A
At Hillsdale: HC leads 9-7-1	(19-0* – 10/13/79); HC 52 (52-0	1986	HC	23-20	H
First Game: HC 44, FSU 0	– 10/16/82)	1987	HC	34-15	A
(9/27/46)	* – Denotes FSU home game	1988	HC	37-10	H
Last FSU Win: 25-20 (9/6/03)		1989	FSU	24-22	A
Last HC Win: 23-14* (11/4/00)		1990	FSU	14-10	H
Last Meeting in Big Rapids:		1991	FSU	23-16	A
FSU 33, HC 21* (9/7/02)		1992	HC	36-14	H
Current Series Win Streak: 3		1993	Tie	13-13	A
(FSU 11/3/01 – 9/6/03)		1994	FSU	14-10	H
Longest Series Win Streak: 5		1995	FSU	17-10	A
(FSU 9/24/94 – 10/31/98); 9 (HC		1996	FSU	20-7	H
		1997	FSU	35-21	A
		1998	FSU	24-21	H
		1999	HC	40-37	A
		2000	HC	23-14	H
		2001	FSU	38-21	A
		2002	FSU	33-21	H
		2003	FSU	25-20	A

LAST MEETING – 2003: Ferris State tailback Derek Fudge rushed for a career-high 276 yards on 42 carries and scored two TD's, including the game winner on a 14-yard scamper with 4:15 left in the game as Ferris State pulled out a 25-20 season-opening non-conference victory over Hillsdale at Waters Stadium in Hillsdale, Mich. The Bulldogs trailed 20-17 entering the fourth quarter and drew within 20-19 following a two-point safety at the 5:53 mark. Flanker Carlton Brewster then returned a Chargers' punt 43 yards which set up Fudge's game-winning score. HC marched down the field to FSU's 26-yard line in the time remaining, but the Bulldogs knocked down quarterback Bill Skelton's pass in the endzone in the final seconds to ensure the win. Ferris claimed a 14-0 first-quarter lead as Fudge scored on a two-yard run and flanker Brandis Bowie caught a 22-yard TD pass from quarterback Tom Marsan. HC then responded on Jim Barr's 24-yard TD interception return to get within 14-7 at the end of opening quarter. The Chargers then scored again at 11:02 of the second quarter on a 23-yard Matt Menchinger field goal before FSU countered with one of its own as kicker Tom Perez's 25-yard field goal put the Bulldogs up 17-10 with 4:32 left in the first half. However, HC tied the contest on the ensuing kickoff as Chad Gurica returned the ball 90 yards for a TD. The hosts took a 20-17 lead with 2:38 remaining in the third quarter on Menchinger's 43-yard field goal before Ferris rallied with eight unanswered fourth-quarter points. FSU generated 545 yards in total offense to Hillsdale's 227-yard total as the Bulldogs held the Chargers to 102 rushing yards. Marsan was 17-of-30 for 231 passing yards and a TD to go with three interceptions. Bowie posted seven catches for 127 yards and a TD. Outside linebacker Kevin Myers posted 15 tackles while middle linebacker Luke Piepkow and defensive end John Hazle notched 13 and 10 tackles, respectively.

INTERNET COVERAGE: All 2004 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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2004 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC				OVERALL			
	W	L	Pct.	PF PA	W	L	Pct.	PF PA
Northwood	2	0	1.000	94 24	2	0	1.000	94 24
Grand Valley State	2	0	1.000	72 23	2	0	1.000	72 23
Findlay	1	0	1.000	28 23	2	0	1.000	68 44
Michigan Tech	2	0	1.000	62 16	2	0	1.000	62 16
Mercyhurst	1	1	.500	82 70	1	1	.500	82 70
Hillsdale	1	1	.500	72 71	1	1	.500	72 71
Gannon	1	1	.500	60 85	1	1	.500	60 85
Ferris State	1	1	.500	29 41	1	1	.500	29 41
Ashland	0	1	.000	17 23	1	1	.500	65 30
Indianapolis	0	2	.000	53 66	0	2	.000	53 66
Northern Michigan	0	2	.000	33 90	0	2	.000	33 90
Saginaw Valley State	0	1	.000	21 24	0	1	.000	21 24
Wayne State	0	1	.000	3 70	0	1	.000	3 70

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Northwood 70, Wayne State 3*
 at Mercyhurst 45, Northern Michigan 27*
 Michigan Tech 17, at Indianapolis 10*
Ferris State 23, at Ashland 17 OT*
 Grand Valley State 48, at Gannon 17*
 Findlay 28, at Hillsdale 23*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

Saginaw Valley State at Wayne State*, 12 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m.
 Northwood at St. Joseph's (Ind.), 1 p.m.
Hillsdale at Ferris State*, 7 p.m.
 Ashland at Gannon*, 7 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.
 Findlay at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.



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*GLIAC Game
 All Times are Eastern



LAST WEEK: Senior tailback **Andrew Terry (Kentwood/Grand Rapids Creston)** scored on a one-yard TD run in overtime as Ferris State claimed a dramatic 23-17 conference victory over Ashland last Saturday night in front of 3,700 spectators at AU's Community Stadium in Ashland, Ohio. The Bulldogs opened the extra session with the first possession and scored on Terry's one-yard rush. Despite missing the extra-point attempt, Ferris sealed the win when redshirt freshman cornerback **LaMar Williams (Flint/Northern)** intercepted AU quarterback Nick Strance's pass in the corner of the end zone on a fourth-and-goal play from the 19-yard line. The hosts tallied the contest's initial score in the second quarter as AU tailback Antawn Hart scored on a one-yard plunge with 8:13 remaining. The Bulldogs drew even when senior quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** hooked up with junior flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)**, who caught a conference-record tying 15 passes for 195 yards in the game, on a 13-yard TD pass with 51 seconds left in the first half to cap a six-play, 74-yard drive. AU kicker Austin Wellock connected on a 22-yard field goal at the third quarter's 9:45 mark to give the Eagles a 10-7 advantage before FSU tied score at 12:08 in the fourth quarter when sophomore kicker **Justin Rudy's (Saginaw/Heritage)** 31-yard field goal split the uprights. Ashland broke the 10-all deadlock with 9:51 remaining as Hart hit paydirt on a 13-yard run to put the Eagles ahead 17-10. Ferris came back 3:19 later to force a tie as junior quarterback **Ryan Kaul (Clarkston)** hit **Brewster** on a six-yard TD pass to complete a 14-play, 70-yard scoring drive. Ferris had an opportunity to score again in regulation as junior cornerback **Jim Skodak (Lennon/Corunna)** intercepted an AU pass at the FSU 29-yard line. But, the Bulldogs couldn't get passed the 50-yard line as time expired. FSU, which had 370 total offensive yards to the Eagles' 434, received a 177-yard, 15-of-33 passing performance from **Kaul**. Starter **Tom Marsan** was 16-of-27 for 176 yards while Strance threw for 203 yards on 19-of-39 passing for Ashland but was intercepted three times. On the ground, Hart rushed for a game-high 159 yards on 22 carries. Sophomore middle line-backer **Mike Klobucher (Grand Haven/North Muskegon)** posted 16 tackles while senior outside linebackers **Kevin Myers (Midland)** and **Rob Mida (Chelsea)** had 15 stops apiece. Senior strong safety **Jason Davis (Howard City/Tri-County)** accounted for the Bulldogs' other pass theft.

BULLDOG BITES: • Head coach **Jeff Pierce** became Ferris State's all-time winningest coach with the victory at Ashland last Saturday (9/4). Pierce has compiled a 61-40-0 career mark in 10 seasons at FSU and his .604 career winning percentage ranks second to Wallie Hein's (1924-26; 12-7-1) .625. Keith Otterbein's .603 winning pct. is third highest all-time.
 • **Carlton Brewster** tied both a GLIAC and FSU record for single-game pass receptions with 15 for a career-high 195 yards and two TD's at Ashland. The conference mark was previously held by Mercyhurst's Justin Siemon vs. Michigan Tech (9/9/00) and Ferris' Clarence Coleman

vs. Grand Valley State (10/7/00). Brewster, who was chosen as a *D2Football.com* Pizza Hut Player of the Week Honorable Mention honoree this week (9/7), tied Chris Floyd (at Eastern Illinois, 9/29/84) and Coleman (at Grand Valley State, 10/7/00 and at South Dakota State, 9/1/01) for the school record. Brewster eclipsed his 14-reception total at Michigan Tech last season (10/11) and his 141 receiving yards in the 2004 season opener versus Grand Valley State (8/28). Brewster has four career double-figure reception outings, which includes two this fall.

• Ferris State is now 4-1 in overtime contests following its triumph at Ashland. The Bulldogs won both its extra sessions in 2002 – 21-14 vs. Michigan Tech (10/12) and 19-13 at Mercyhurst (10/19). FSU concluded its 2001 campaign with a 16-13 double overtime decision over Indianapolis (11/10). Ferris suffered a 56-53 season-finale home loss to Grand Valley State in 1998 (11/14).
 • The Bulldogs won for the seventh time in their last 10 series meetings against Ashland with last Saturday's decision and have a current three-game series winning streak. FSU also won for the fourth time in its last five appearances at Ashland.

• **Mike Klobucher** is averaging 18.0 tackles a game (36 total) in this season's initial two outings, which includes a career-high 20 vs. Grand Valley State (8/28) and 16 at Ashland (9/4). He has racked up 11 solo apiece in both conference contests.

• **Carlton Brewster** moved into eighth place on FSU's career receiving yards list at Ashland, eclipsing Pat Pettit's (1989-92) 1,367-career yard total on 98 receptions. Brewster has 120 career catches for 1,369 yards and 13 TD's in 23 games to date and is 284 yards away from tying Jermaine Bell (1993-96; 80 catches for 1,653 yds.) for seventh place.

• **Kevin Myers**, who has totaled 343 career tackles (200 solo) in 33 contests, is 12 tackles shy of moving into an eighth-place tie with Jeff Robeson (1984-87; 355 career stops) among the program's all-time leaders. Myers has compiled 18 career double-digit game tackle efforts and is averaging 17.8 tackles an outing (107 total) during his current six-game double-figure stops streak.

• FSU's 353 passing yards at Ashland last Saturday represented its most since 2002 (11/2) when the Bulldogs recorded 396 yards (19-of-39) through the air at Findlay.

• **Ryan Kaul** set a personal career best with his 177-yard passing effort at Ashland. Kaul, who had entered the contest early in the third quarter, previously threw for 159 yards on 15-of-36 passing against Northern Michigan last season (9/20) in a relief capacity. Kaul will receive his first collegiate starting assignment this Saturday (Sept. 11) vs. Hillsdale.

• Three Hillsdale coaches with FSU ties will be appearing on the sidelines this Saturday. Third-year head coach Keith Otterbein spent nine seasons (1986-94) in the same capacity at Ferris and directed the Bulldogs to three consecutive Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference (predecessor of the GLIAC) titles along with three straight NCAA Division II Playoff appearances. HC offensive coordinator Barry Fagan was an assistant at FSU for eight years (1987-95) and defensive coordinator Cary Marquell for one season (2001).

• **Bulldogs At Home:** Ferris is 73-50-2 (.592) at Top Taggart Field since 1980 and sports a 59-39-2 (.600) conference home ledger during that period. The Bulldogs are 52-23-2 (.688) overall since 1990, which includes a 46-20-2 (.691) league record.

UP NEXT: Ferris State is on the road the next two weeks in conference action, beginning Saturday, Sept. 18, against the Indianapolis Greyhounds. Opening kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. (EDT) at UI's Key Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind.

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
Aug. 28	Grand Valley State	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Kevin Myers, Specialty-Levi Slager, EPEP-Mike Klobucher
Sept. 4	at Ashland	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Jim Skodak, Specialty-Dan Boulter, EPEP-Ryan Kaul
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