

Football News Release



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**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE AT FERRIS STATE
NOVEMBER 1, 2004**

GAME FACTS

**SAGINAW VALLEY STATE CARDINALS
(6-3; 6-3 GLIAC)
At
FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS
(6-4; 6-3 GLIAC)**

KICKOFF: 1 p.m. (EST)

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).

LAST WEEK: Ferris State suffered a 42-6 conference loss to nationally-ranked Northwood last Saturday (Oct. 30) at NU's Hantz Stadium in Midland, Mich. The Bulldogs are 2-2 at home this campaign. A season ago, Ferris posted a 6-5 overall mark and finished tied for fourth place in the GLIAC at 5-5. FSU has now posted a winning season in 11 of its last 16 campaigns. Ferris has won or shared the conference championship six of the last 12 years, including five straight (1992-96).

Saginaw Valley State, which is ranked 25th nationally in this week's American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) poll, dropped a 38-18 conference decision to nationally-ranked Michigan Tech last Saturday (Oct. 30) at MTU's Sherman Field in Houghton, Mich. The Cardinals were a school-record 12-1 overall with a first-place 10-0 GLIAC record last season. SVSU made its fourth straight post-season appearance in 2003, advancing to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA-II Northeast Region Playoffs before being dealt a 10-3 home loss by Grand Valley State.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 10th season, 66-43-0 (.606) — (5-4-0 vs. Saginaw Valley State). Pierce is 34-18-0 (.654) at home, 62-36-0 (.633) in conference games and 16-7-0 (.696) in November during his coaching career. **SAGINAW VALLEY STATE – Randy Awrey** (Northern Michigan, 1978), 6th season, 51-18-0 (.739); Career – 15th season, 99-59-1 (.626) – (3-2-0 vs. Ferris 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*	W 21-7
Sept. 18	at Indianapolis*	W 24-14
Sept. 25	at Mercyhurst*	W 31-28
Oct. 2	Findlay* (HF)	W 35-7
Oct. 9	at North Dakota	L 0-45
Oct. 16	at Northern Michigan*	W 17-14 OT
Oct. 23	Michigan Tech* (HC)	L 6-28
Oct. 30	at Northwood*	L 6-42
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 will conclude its 2004 season this Saturday (Nov. 6) afternoon as the Bulldogs entertain the nationally-ranked Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tilt at Big Rapids, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Tenth-year head coach Jeff Pierce became Ferris State's all-time winningest coach as a result of the Bulldogs' 23-17 overtime conference victory at Ashland this season (Sept. 4). The 1995 GLIAC Coach of the Year surpassed Keith Otterbein (60-39-3, 1986-94) for the top honor and his .606 winning percentage ranks second on the school's all-time charts to only Wallie Hein's (1924-26) .625 (12-7-1). 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 has a 15-13-1 lead over Saginaw Valley State in a series which started in 1975 (10/4) with the Cardinals claiming a 31-28 victory in Big Rapids. SVSU has presently won four of the last six meetings, but is 2-4 in its last six appearances at FSU. In that period, Ferris is averaging 26.7 points a contest (160 total) to SVSU's 25.0 points per game (150 total). Eleven of the last 26 meetings have been decided by four points or less, including seven of the last 14. Furthermore, 16 meetings between the two teams have been decided by eight points or less and the winning team has come-from-behind in 11 of those contests.

Ferris State leads 15-13-1				(FSU 11/9/91 – 11/1/97); 3 (SVSU 11/5/88 – 11/3/90)	1984 SVSU 27-19 A	1985 FSU 28-21 H
FSU Scoring Avg.: 23.4 (680 pts.)		SVSU Scoring Avg.: 22.2 (644 pts.)		Most Points in a FSU Win: 56 (56-14 – 9/11/99)		1986 SVSU 31-24 A
Differential: +1.2 (FSU)		At Big Rapids: Tied at 7-7-0		Most Points in a SVSU Win: 39 (39-36 – 9/16/00)		1987 FSU 31-12 H
At University Center: FSU leads 8-6-1		At University Center: FSU leads 8-6-1		Most Decisive Score: FSU 42 (56-14 – 9/11/99) SVSU 34 (37-3 – 9/24/77)		1988 SVSU 12-0 A
First Game: SVSU 31, FSU 28* (10/4/75)		Last FSU Win: 24-3* (10/26/02)		Longest Series Win Streak: 7 (FSU 10/26/02)		1989 SVSU 29-27 H
Last SVSU Win: 38-31 (10/25/03)		Last Meeting at Big Rapids: FSU 24, SVSU 3 (10/26/02)		* – Denotes FSU home game		1990 SVSU 21-14 H
Current Series Win Streak: 1 (FSU 10/26/02)		Longest Series Win Streak: 7		1991 FSU 18-15 A		1992 FSU 10-9 H
1975 SVSU 31-28 H		1976 FSU 24-23 H		1993 FSU 34-23 A		1994 FSU 30-28 A
1977 SVSU 37-3 A		1978 Tie 17-17 A		1995 FSU 46-42 H		1996 FSU 26-17 A
1979 SVSU 22-14 H		1980 FSU 21-3 A		1997 FSU 24-23 H		1998 SVSU 34-20 H
1981 FSU 28-6 A		1982 FSU 20-17 A		1999 FSU 56-14 A		2000 SVSU 39-36 H
1983 SVSU 17-7 H		1984 SVSU 27-19 A		2001 SVSU 33-20 A		2002 FSU 24-3 H
		1985 FSU 28-21 H		2003 SVSU 38-31 A		

LAST MEETING – 2003: Saginaw Valley State quarterback Mark Radlinski passed for a school-record 431 yards as the Cardinals overcame a 24-7 halftime deficit with 31 second-half points to register a 38-31 win over Ferris State before a SVSU Wickes Stadium crowd of 5,175 fans at University Center, Mich. Ferris scored the contest's initial 21 points with the first two occurring on TD's by cornerback Ryan Carruthers on a first-quarter 46-yard interception return and middle linebacker Luke Piepkow's second-quarter 16-yard fumble return at 10:35. The Bulldogs then scored with 2:14 left in the half as quarterback Tom Marsan connected with flanker Brandis Bowie on a nine-yard TD pass play after strong safety Vito Ciaramellano picked off another tipped Radlinski pass and ran 17 yards to the SVSU nine-yard line. Following an 11-yard TD pass from Radlinski with 40 seconds to go, FSU recovered a Radlinski fumble which set up a 31-yard field goal by kicker Tom Perez with three seconds left in the half. The Cardinals scored 17 unanswered second-half points, including 10 third-quarter points to get within 24-17 after three quarters. Running back Damion Bridges, who rushed for 120 yards, scored his first of three TD's on a two-yard run with 48 seconds remaining in the third quarter. SVSU tied the game at 24-all with 13:07 left on Radlinski's 11-yard TD strike to wideout Glenn Martinez, who caught 11 passes for 234 yards. On the ensuing drive, the Bulldogs regained the lead as Marsan hit flanker Carlton Brewster for a 10-yard TD pass to make it 31-24 at the 10:53 mark. SVSU rallied to tie the contest at 31-apiece with 7:14 remaining on Bridges' one-yard TD plunge. The Cardinals proceeded to score the game-winner on Bridges' five-yard TD run with 1:36 left in the game. The Bulldogs were outgained 589 to 265 yards in total offense. Marsan threw for 200 yards on 15-of-27 passing while Brewster had six catches for 50 yards and Bowie four for 46 yards as the Cardinals held tailback Derek Fudge to 39 yards on the ground. Outside linebacker Kevin Myers and defensive tackle Whitney Bell had 16 and 12 tackles, respectively.

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ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

2004 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC					OVERALL				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Michigan Tech	9	0	1.000	386	121	9	0	1.000	386	121
Northwood	8	1	.889	383	188	9	1	.900	428	206
Grand Valley State	7	2	.778	315	141	7	2	.778	315	141
Saginaw Valley State	6	3	.667	307	163	6	3	.667	307	163
Ferris State	6	3	.667	169	181	6	4	.600	169	226
Findlay	4	5	.444	213	204	5	5	.500	253	225
Ashland	4	5	.444	176	214	5	5	.500	224	221
Mercyhurst	4	5	.444	235	282	4	6	.400	249	340
Hillsdale	3	6	.333	180	313	3	7	.300	193	328
Gannon	3	7	.300	272	340	3	7	.300	272	340
Indianapolis	2	7	.222	201	285	3	7	.300	235	285
Northern Michigan	2	7	.222	176	320	2	7	.222	176	320
Wayne State	1	8	.111	105	366	1	8	.111	105	366

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Michigan Tech 38, Saginaw Valley State 18*
at Northwood 42, Ferris State 6*
 at Ashland 23, Findlay 3*
 at Gannon 42, Wayne State 15*
 at Indianapolis 34, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 0
 at Hillsdale 21, Mercyhurst 17*
 Grand Valley State 45, at Northern Michigan 29*

SATURDAY, NOV. 6

Hillsdale vs. Wayne State*, 12 p.m.♣
 Northern Michigan at Northwood*, 12 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State*, 1 p.m.
 Grand Valley State vs. Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m.▲
 Ashland at Indianapolis*, 1 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Findlay*, 1 p.m.
 Tiffin (Ohio) at Gannon, 1 p.m.

♣ – Ford Field (Detroit, Mich.) ▲ – Michigan Stadium (Ann Arbor, Mich.)



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*GLIAC Game
 All Times are Eastern



LAST WEEK: A combination of Northwood's high-powered offense and inconsistency by Ferris State's offense proved too much as the Bulldogs were routed by nationally-ranked Northwood 42-6 in conference play last Saturday afternoon at NU's Hantz Stadium in Midland, Mich. One of the lone positives offensively for the Bulldogs was senior tailback **Andrew Terry (Kentwood/Grand Rapids Creston)**, who ran for a game-high 131 yards, accounted for FSU's lone TD of the game on a one-yard run at 7:53 of the first quarter to complete a six-play, 20-yard drive. Northwood controlled the game from there on out as the Timberwolves erupted for 28 first-half points to claim a 28-6 lead at the half. Trailing 6-0, running back Robert Height scored on a 11-yard TD run with 2:33 left in the first quarter as Northwood tied the contest and then at 10:36 of the second quarter, quarterback Kyle Kolbe threw a 13-yard TD aerial to running back Chris Gruse to give the hosts a 14-6 lead. Kolbe's three-yard TD run at the second quarter's 2:39 mark put the Timberwolves up 21-6 and Northwood added its final first-half points with 46 seconds remaining as wide receiver Yared Yearby was on the receiving end of a 40-yard scoring pass from quarterback Eric Chrisinske. Following a scoreless third quarter, NU went up 35-6 on cornerback Martell Foster's 29-yard interception return after picking off junior quarterback **Ryan Kaul's (Clarkston)** pass. NU fullback D.J. Szymoniak's three-yard TD run with 1:33 remaining in the contest put the finishing touches on the win. Ferris, which was outgained 338 to 184 yards in total offense, only could muster 33 yards in passing as Kaul was intercepted three times in the contest. He finished the day by completing only three-of-18 aerial attempts with junior flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** catching two of those for 28 yards. Defensively, senior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** and senior defensive tackle **Whitney Bell (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area)** totaled 12 and 11 tackles, respectively. Both Bulldog defenders tallied nine solo stops each. Sophomore middle linebacker **Mike Klobucher (Grand Haven/North Muskegon)** posted eight stops while senior defensive end **Jesse Schnitker (Manton)** and senior outside linebacker **Rob Mida (Chelsea)** garnered seven tackles apiece. Junior cornerback **Jim Skodak (Lennon/Corunna)** recorded a pass theft and a 26-yard fumble return as the Bulldogs recovered four Northwood fumbles.

BULLDOG BITES: ♣ The Bulldogs are averaging 17.0 points in four home contests this season to their opponent's 16.5 average. FSU has averaged 193.2 yards rushing, 165.8 yards passing and 359.0 yards in total offense. The opposition is averaging 174.5 yards on the ground, 146.2 yards via the air and 320.8 total offensive yards.

♣ **Whitney Bell's** 11 tackles at Northwood represents a season best, eclipsing his 10 stops (seven solos) at Mercyhurst earlier this fall (9/25).

Bell has compiled nine double-figure game tackle outings in 41 career contests.

♣ Ferris State is guaranteed a winning season for the ninth time in its last 13 seasons and its second consecutive to date. FSU has posted four straight non-losing campaigns to date. The Bulldogs reeled off five consecutive winning seasons from 1992-96.

♣ Redshirt freshman punter **Levi Slager (Polo, Ill.)** is averaging 37.3 yards per attempt (857 total yds. on 11 punts) in his last three contests. Slager's 2,202 yards in 60 attempts this season is presently ninth highest among Ferris' all-time single-season leaders.

♣ **Andrew Terry** posted his fifth 100-yard plus single-game rushing performance this fall with a 131-yard performance at Northwood. Terry has rushed for a career-high 1,229 yards on 261 carries this year, which currently ranks seventh highest on FSU's all-time single-season rushing leaders list.

♣ **Mike Klobucher**, who has a team-leading 127 tackles in 10 outings this season, is within 19 tackles of registering his 200th career tackle. He has produced 73 more stops this fall than a season ago (54 total) in 11 contests.

♣ **Kevin Myers** notched his 22nd double-digit game tackle output with his 12 stops at Northwood. Myers has generated six such tackles performances this season after compiling eight such outings in 2003. He averaged 11.5 tackles per game (46 total) in his four series meetings against Northwood.

♣ Among this week's NCAA Division II statistical leaders, **Carlton Brewster** ranks seventh in receiving yards (110.6 ypg.), ninth in receptions (7.3 rpg.) and 19th in all-purpose yards (150.3 ypg.). **Andrew Terry** is 19th in rushing (122.9). Defensively, **Mike Klobucher** is 10th in total tackles (11.8 avg.) and 19th in solo stops (6.3 avg.) while **Kevin Myers** is 15th in solo tackles (6.4 avg.) and 17th in total stops (11.4 avg.). **Jim Skodak** ranks 22nd in passes defended (1.5 avg.).

Season Finales: The Bulldogs are 14-6-0 (.700) in regular-season finale contests dating back to 1985, which includes a 9-5-0 (.643) mark since 1990. FSU has presently lost its last two season finales (2002-03), both to Indianapolis, 17-14 (11/16/02) and 35-20 (11/15/03). In regular-season finales at home since 1986, Ferris State is currently 6-3-0 (.667).

Home Finales: Ferris State has compiled a 14-5-0 (.737) record in its final home regular-season appearance per campaign since 1985. FSU sports a 10-7-0 (.588) mark since 1990 and has won three of its last five such outings.

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.

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
Sept. 11	Hillsdale	Offense-Ryan Kaul, Defense-Mike Klobucher, Specialty-Cory Strader, EPEP-Jason Davis
Sept. 18	at Indianapolis	Offense-Ryan Kaul, Defense-Rob Mida, Specialty-Matt Desmarais, EPEP-Andrew Terry
Sept. 25	at Mercyhurst	Offense-Andrew Terry, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Ben Keur, EPEP-Jereld Sawyer
Oct. 2	Findlay	Offense-Andrew Terry, Defense-John Hazle, Specialty-Jordan Moore, EPEP-FSU Offense
Oct. 9	at North Dakota	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Kevin Myers, Specialty-Brad Bigelow, EPEP-Mike Klobucher
Oct. 16	at Northern Michigan	Offense-Kevin Teeple, Defense-Rob Mida, Specialty-Ben Keur, EPEP-Kevin Myers
Oct. 23	Michigan Tech	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-John Hazle, Specialty-Dan Boulter, EPEP-Mike Klobucher
Oct. 30	at Northwood	Offense-Andrew Terry, Defense-Jesse Schnitker, Specialty-Brad Morris, EPEP-Whitney Bell
Nov. 6	Saginaw Valley State	Home games listed in bold