



2008 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE SOFTBALL

CONTACT: Joe Gorby
Athletics Communications Director
E-MAIL: gorbyj@ferris.edu
OFFICE: (231) 591-2336/3821
FAX: (231) 591-3775
ATHLETICS HOTLINE: (231) 591-2375
www.ferris.edu/sports

On Deck

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University softball team, which has been idle since March 15, will open Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play this weekend with a pair of doubleheader contests against two Pennsylvania schools at the FSU Varsity Softball Field in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs take on the Gannon University Golden Knights this Saturday (March 29) in a season home-opening twinbill followed by two games this Sunday (March 30) against the Mercyhurst College Lakers.

CANCELLED: The Bulldogs' 2008 season home opener scheduled for this Wednesday (March 26) against the Aquinas Saints has been cancelled due to snow and field conditions. A make-up date for the non-conference doubleheader has yet to be determined.

ALL-TIME SERIES: The Bulldogs have compiled the following all-time records versus this week's opponents.

Gannon – 21-9-0
Mercyhurst – 21-5-0

THE COACHES: Ferris State – Keri Becker (Saginaw Valley State, 1995), 11th season, 320-217-1 (.596); Gannon – Beth Curtiss, 8th season; Mercyhurst – Sara Headley, 5th season.

BECKER VS. THE OPPOSITION: 18-6-0 vs. Gannon, 17-4-0 vs. Mercyhurst.

A SEASON AGO: The Bulldogs won three of their four meetings against Gannon last season, which included a pair of regular-season victories (3-0 and 3-1) in Erie, Pa. Gannon claimed a 1-0 triumph in a GLIAC Tournament matchup (5/4), but Ferris State avenged the setback with a 6-1 decision in NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region play (5/10) at Romeoville, Ill. Ferris State went 3-0 against Mercyhurst last season. The Bulldogs swept the Lakers in a regular-season twinbill (4/27) at Erie, Pa., winning the opener 2-0 and then besting MC in the nightcap with a 10-1 five-inning decision. Ferris then tallied a conference-tourney opening 1-0 win over the Lakers on Katie Kraai's solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning in a tilt (5/4) at Midland, Mich.

LIVE STATS ON THE WEB: Live in-game statistics for all 2008 Ferris State home games is available and can be accessed at this website address: <http://www.ferris.edu/sports/softball/2008sked.htm>.

Games 16-19 ▲ 2008 SEASON

• **36th Season** – The 2008 campaign represents the 36th season of varsity competition for the Ferris State Softball program. The Bulldogs are 677-624-3 overall (.520) since the program's inception in 1973. During that period, FSU has compiled 15 20-plus win seasons, including three consecutive (1997-99) 40 or more victory campaigns.

• **GLIAC Openers** – The Bulldogs are 2-6 in GLIAC-opening contests dating back to the 2000 season. Ferris has dropped its last three conference openers to date, which includes a 5-0 loss at Grand Valley State a season ago (3/28). FSU sports a 6-10 mark in league-opening doubleheaders dating back to 2000.

• **Home Openers** – Ferris State has won four of its last eight home openers since the 2000 campaign. Last season (4/1), the Bulldogs registered a 5-0 conference victory over Lake Superior State. FSU is 9-6-1 in home-opening doubleheaders since 2000.

• **Swinging A Hot Stick** – Junior first baseman **Amanda Jager (Kalamazoo/Comstock)** has a team-high five multi-hit games in 15 outings this season. She compiled a squad seventh-best six multi-hit game outings a season ago in 41 contests.

• **Seeing Double** – Senior third baseman **Katie Kraai (Zeeland)** has moved into fifth place among FSU's all-time doubles leaders with 37 total to date in 164 career games. Kraai, who has 15 second-base hits this spring, is two shy of tying Theresa Luciw (1993-96) and Emily McLean's (2003-06) third-place 39 career doubles.

• **West On A Quest** – Junior shortstop **McKenzie West (Jenison)** is five hits shy of posting the 100th of her career. She has totaled 95 base hits in 331 career at bats in a 111-game span.

• **Streaking Along** – Junior catcher **Krystle Bailey (Wyoming/Rogers)** is midst a team-best five-game hitting streak and is batting .500 with seven hits in 14 at bats during that five-game period (3/13-15).

• **Preseason Ranking** – The Bulldogs were ranked 25th nationally in the 2008 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II Preseason Top 25 Poll. FSU, which finished the 2007 season ranked 22nd in the NFCA's final poll, received nine points in the 2008 preseason poll which was released Jan. 30.

2008 GLIAC SOFTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL

SCHOOL (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)	PTS
1. Wayne State (4)	.94
2. Grand Valley State (4)	.89
3. Ferris State (1)	.79
Gannon (2)	.79
5. Ashland	.63
6. Saginaw Valley State	.54
7. Northwood	.49
8. Mercyhurst	.39
9. Hillsdale	.27
10. Findlay	.20
11. Lake Superior State	.12

2008 Schedule/Results

7-8-0 OVERALL; 0-0-0 GLIAC

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
3/8	vs. St. Joseph's (Ind.)*	W, 4-3 (8)
	vs. Northern Kentucky*	W, 10-2 (5)
3/9	vs. Shippensburg (Pa.)*	L, 2-0
	vs. Minnesota State*	W, 3-2
3/10	vs. Upper Iowa*	L, 10-9 (9)
	vs. Pfeiffer (N.C.)*	W, 4-3 (8)
3/12	vs. American International (Mass.)*	L, 5-3 (8)
	vs. C.W. Post (N.Y.)*	L, 9-0 (5)
	vs. Indianapolis*	L, 7-1
3/13	vs. SIU-Edwardsville*	L, 5-4 (8)
	vs. Southern Indiana*	W, 4-1
3/14	vs. Wisconsin-Parkside*	L, 5-2
	vs. Central Missouri*	L, 3-0
3/15	vs. St. Xavier (Ill.)*	W, 8-4
	vs. New Haven (Conn.)*	W, 8-0
3/22	at Wayne State Invitational▲	Cancelled
3/26	Aquinas (DH)	Cancelled
3/29	Gannon* (DH)	1 p.m.
3/30	Mercyhurst* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/5	at Northwood* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/6	at Saginaw Valley State* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/7	Cornerstone (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/9	Wayne State* (DH)	4 p.m.
4/11	at Tiffin (DH)	4 p.m.
4/12	at Findlay* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/13	at Ashland* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/16	Grand Valley State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/19	at Lake Superior State* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/22	at Northwood (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/25	Wayne State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/26	Hillsdale* (DH)	1 p.m.
5/2-4	at GLIAC Tournament✦	TBA
5/8-12	at NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional	TBA
5/15-19	at 27th Annual NCAA-II Championships◆	TBA

All starting times are Eastern and subject to change
Home games in **bold** and played at the
FSU Varsity Softball Field

NOTE – All dates are doubleheaders
except tournaments

* – Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) game

* – Florida Rebel Tournament - Kissimmee, Fla.

✦ – Currie Stadium - Midland, Mich.

◆ – Houston, Texas

– more –



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

210 Sports Drive, SPC 002, Big Rapids, MI 49307-2741

2008 GLIAC STANDINGS



THROUGH GAMES OF MARCH 23

TEAM	GLIAC		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Grand Valley State #7	0-0	.000	15-6	.714
Saginaw Valley State #23	0-0	.000	14-6	.700
Gannon	0-0	.000	15-7	.682
Wayne State	0-0	.000	12-9	.571
Ashland	0-0	.000	8-6	.571
Mercyhurst	0-0	.000	10-8	.556
Northwood	0-0	.000	10-11	.476
Ferris State	0-0	.000	7-8	.467
Lake Superior State	0-0	.000	4-14	.222
Hillsdale	0-0	.000	2-12	.143
Findlay	0-0	.000	0-10	.000

❖ **Eighth Is Great** – Junior pitcher **Sarah Mueller (Santa Clarita, Calif./Valencia)** fanned five batters in an 8-4 non-league win over St. Xavier, Ill. (3/15) at the Florida Rebel Tournament to move into eighth place on FSU's all-time leaders chart past Jennifer Colvin (1999-02; 173 career strikeouts). Mueller, a 2007 GLIAC First-Team pick, earned *Daktronics* All-America Third-Team and second-team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Great Lakes Region accolades a season ago.

WHERE THEY PRESENTLY RANK AMONG FERRIS STATE'S CAREER LEADERS:

PLACE	TOTAL		YEARS
BATTING LEADERS			
GAMES PLAYED			
19.	164	Katie Kraai	2005-
BATTING AVERAGE (MIN. 200 AT BATS)			
8.	.314	Amanda Jager	2006-
13.	.304	Sarah Mueller	2006-
17.	.297	Krystle Bailey	2006-
27.	.287	McKenzie West	2006-
HITS			
18.	131	Katie Kraai	2005-
RUNS BATTED IN			
10.	80	Katie Kraai	2005-
21T.	51	Krystle Bailey	2006-
23T.	51	McKenzie West	2006-
23T.	51	Sarah Mueller	2006-
DOUBLES			
6.	37	Katie Kraai	2005-
15T.	25	McKenzie West	2006-
15T.	25	Sarah Mueller	2006-
23T.	17	Krystle Bailey	2006-
HOME RUNS			
6T.	9	Katie Kraai	2005-
6T.	9	McKenzie West	2006-
6T.	9	Amanda Jager	2006-
12T.	7	Sarah Mueller	2006-
STOLEN BASES			
17.	19	Sarah Mueller	2006-
PITCHING LEADERS			
COMPLETE GAMES			
9.	37	Sarah Mueller	2006-
17T.	20	Amanda Jager	2006-
INNINGS PITCHED			
9.	308.0	Sarah Mueller	2006-
WINS			
10.	27	Sarah Mueller	2006-
16T.	18	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
SHUTOUTS			
5.	10	Sarah Mueller	2006-
14.	6	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
STRIKEOUTS			
8.	175	Sarah Mueller	2006-
12.	147	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
18.	86	Amanda Jager	2006-
APPEARANCES			
12.	53	Sarah Mueller	2006-



FSU'S 2008 BREAKDOWN

Overall	7-8
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Neutral	7-8
vs. Ranked Teams	0-2
Non-Conference Record	7-8
Tournament Games	0-0
Day Games	7-8
Night Games	0-0
Following wins	2-4
Following losses	4-4
One-Run Games	3-2
Two-Run Games	0-2
Three-Run+ Games	4-4
Extra Innings	2-3
In International Tiebreaker	2-3
Doubleheader Games	0-0
FSU scores first	4-3
Opponent scores first	3-5
FSU hits a home run	2-2
FSU doesn't hit a home run	5-6
Not committing an error	1-1
Committing 1 error	1-2
Committing 2+ errors	5-5
Scoring 0-2 runs	0-3
Scoring 3-5 runs	4-2
Scoring 6-9 runs	2-1
Scoring 10+ runs	1-0
More runners left on base	3-4
Runners left on base are equal	0-0
Leading after five innings	4-2
Tied after five innings	0-0
Trailing after five innings	3-5
Tied going into last inning	2-1
Outhitting the opposition	4-1
Same hits as the opposition	3-0
Outhit by the opposition	0-7
10+ hits	1-2
Monday	1-1
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	0-3
Thursday	1-1
Friday	0-2
Saturday	4-0
Sunday	1-1
March	7-8
April	0-0
May	0-0
Last five games	3-2
Last 10 games	4-6
Current streak	Won 2
vs Northern Sun Conf.	0-1
vs Great Lakes Valley Conf.	2-2
vs North Central Conf.	1-0
vs East Coast Conf.	1-1
vs Northeast 10 Conf.	0-1
vs Pennsylvania State Athletic Conf.	0-1
vs Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conf.	0-0
vs. Conference Carolinas	1-0
vs. Mid-America Intercollegiate	0-1
vs. Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conf.	1-0



HEAD COACH KERI BECKER



The all-time winningest coach in Ferris State Softball program history, **Keri Becker** is presently midst her 11th season at FSU.

Entering the 2008 season, Becker ranked tied for 50th place among NCAA-II active coaches in winning percentage (.599).

Despite being unable to coach in the 2003 season, Becker was voted the Great

Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (GLIAC) Coach of the Year for the second time in her career after receiving the honor in her first season (1997) at Ferris. She missed the entire 2003 campaign due to active United States Army duty in late February 2003 in support of Operating Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

During her tenure at FSU, Becker has guided the Bulldogs to a GLIAC Championship title (2000), a GLIAC Co-Championship title (2005), two (2000 & 2005) GLIAC Tournament championships and a pair (1998-99) of NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional crowns. Ferris made consecutive appearances (1998-99) in the NCAA-II National Championship Tournament. She also directed the 1999 squad to a school single-season record 46 victories.

Under Becker, Ferris State has accumulated seven winning seasons while making four NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament appearances. The Bulldogs qualified for the 2007 regional tourney and prevailed in its opening two post-season contests en route to finishing the season with a 31-17 overall record.

A 1995 graduate of Saginaw Valley State, Becker enjoyed a stellar softball career at SVSU in which she earned all-conference first-team kudos four consecutive seasons and was a two-time academic all-league selection as a four-year starter. Prior to Ferris, she served two seasons (1995-96) as an assistant coach at SVSU.

BECKER YEAR-BY-YEAR

SEASON	GP	W	L	T	Pct.
1997	60	40	20	0	.667
1998	61	44	17	0	.721
1999	64	46	18	0	.719
2000	51	33	18	0	.647
2001	45	22	23	0	.489
2002	45	16	29	0	.356
2003	*Leave of absence due to military commitment				
2004	46	24	21	1	.533
2005	51	31	20	0	.608
2006	52	26	26	0	.500
2007	48	31	17	0	.646
2008	15	7	8	0	.467
TOTALS	538	320	217	1	.596

BECKER'S RECORD BREAKDOWN

YEAR	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
1997	0-0	17-8	21-10	2-2
1998	1-1	10-5	23-7	10-4
1999	0-0	19-7	16-6	11-5
2000	0-0	15-8	14-10	4-0
2001	0-0	6-12	16-9	0-2
2002	0-0	6-10	7-17	3-2
2003	*Leave of absence due to military commitment			
2004	0-0	4-13-1	20-8	0-0
2005	0-0	7-7	19-11	5-2
2006	0-4	12-8	14-12	0-2
2007	0-0	14-9	16-4	3-4
2008	0-0	7-8	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	1-5	114-95-1	166-94	38-23

CAREER TOTAL – 320-217-1

HOME – 88-36-0

AWAY – 70-57-1

NEUTRAL – 162-124-0