



# 2008 Weekly Game Notes

## FERRIS STATE SOFTBALL

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### On Deck

**THIS WEEK:** The Ferris State University softball team will put its current six-game winning streak on the line this weekend (April 5-6) as the Bulldogs continue Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play with a pair of road doubleheader encounters. FSU takes on the Northwood University Timberwolves this Saturday (April 5) at NU's Fisher Stadium in Midland, Mich. Ferris then faces the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals this Sunday (April 6) at the SVSU Softball Complex in University Center, Mich. The Bulldogs then host the Cornerstone University Golden Eagles Monday (April 7) in a non-conference twinbill at the FSU Softball Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

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

**Northwood** – 47-38-1  
**Saginaw Valley State** – 34-43-0  
**Cornerstone** – 4-0-0

**THE COACHES:** Ferris State – Keri Becker (Saginaw Valley State, 1995), 11th season, 324-217-1 (.599); Northwood – Meaggan Pettipiece, 2nd season; Saginaw Valley State – Everett Roper, 1st season; Cornerstone – Jim Farrell, 14th season.

**BECKER VS. THE OPPOSITION:** 24-17-0 vs. Northwood, 18-11-0 vs. Saginaw Valley State, 4-0-0 vs. Cornerstone.

**A SEASON AGO:** Ferris State split a regular-season doubleheader against Northwood in Big Rapids last season (4/22), suffering a 6-5 loss in the opener before posting a 3-0 victory in the nightcap. FSU swept Saginaw Valley State in a home league twinbill (4/21) in Big Rapids, winning 4-3 and 4-0 over the Cardinals.

**LIVE STATS ON THE WEB:** Live in-game statistics via CSTV's GameTracker 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>

➤ **36th Season** – The 2008 campaign represents the 36th season of varsity competition for the Ferris State Softball program. The Bulldogs are 681-624-3 overall (.522) 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.

### Games 20-25 ▲ 2008 SEASON

➤ **Impressive** – During its six-game winning streak, Ferris State has outscored its opponent by a 40-6 margin. The Bulldogs have produced 75% (30-40) of their runs in the first three innings, which includes a 17-5 first-inning scoring advantage. Junior pitcher **Sarah Mueller (Santa Clairita, Calif./Valencia)** is batting a team-high .563 average (9-16) with four extra-base hits and six RBIs during that six-game span while posting a 3-0 mark in the pitching circle with a 1.00 earned run average and 12 strikeouts in 21.0 innings.

➤ **Long Ball** – Junior first baseman **Amanda Jager (Kalamazoo/Comstock)** is off to a hot start as she owns a team-leading .367 batting average through 19 games this season. She also leads the Bulldogs with a .633 slugging percentage (10 doubles and one home run).

➤ **Match Game** – Sophomore designated player-pitcher **Rhea Flores (Dearborn Heights/Southgate Anderson)** is one hit away from matching her 2007 season total of seven in 22 official plate appearances in which she produced a .318 batting average in 20 games. Flores, who had a career-high three hits in as many at bats against Gannon (3/29), has compiled six hits in 17 at bats to date this spring for a .353 average.

➤ **Marked Improvement** – Sophomore second baseman **Amanda Harrington (St. Joseph/Stevensville-Lakeshore)** is batting .345 (20-58) in the team's initial 19 contests this spring compared to hitting .294 (15-51) a season ago in 16 of the squad's first 19 contests played in.

➤ **NCAA Rankings** – The Bulldogs are ranked 11th nationally in doubles per game (1.89 avg.) while being listed 50th in earned run average (2.17) thru games of March 30. Individually, **Amanda Jager** is eighth in doubles (0.53) and 22nd in walks (0.74). **Holly Bruntjens** ranks 16th in sacrifice hits (0.39) while **Sarah Mueller** is 19th in triples (0.16).

### 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

11-8-0 OVERALL; 4-0-0 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)                          | W 4-2, W 5-0      |
| 3/30    | Mercyhurst* (DH)                      | W 5-0, W 10-0 (5) |
| 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

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# 2008 GLIAC STANDINGS



THROUGH GAMES OF APRIL 1

| TEAM                  | GLIAC      |              | OVERALL     |             |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                       | W-L        | Pct.         | W-L         | Pct.        |
| Grand Valley State #8 | 4-0        | 1.000        | 19-6        | .760        |
| Saginaw Valley State  | 2-0        | 1.000        | 16-6        | .727        |
| Wayne State           | 4-0        | 1.000        | 16-9        | .640        |
| <b>Ferris State</b>   | <b>4-0</b> | <b>1.000</b> | <b>11-8</b> | <b>.579</b> |
| Northwood             | 1-1        | .500         | 11-12       | .478        |
| Hillsdale             | 2-2        | .500         | 4-14        | .222        |
| Ashland               | 1-3        | .250         | 9-9         | .500        |
| Lake Superior State   | 1-3        | .250         | 5-17        | .227        |
| Findlay               | 1-3        | .250         | 3-14        | .176        |
| Gannon                | 0-4        | .000         | 16-12       | .571        |
| Mercyhurst            | 0-4        | .000         | 11-13       | .458        |

➤ **Among The Top Three** – Senior third baseman **Katie Kraai (Zeeland)** has compiled 40 doubles in 168 career games to rank third on FSU's all-time charts. Kraai, who has a team second-most eight doubles in 19 outings this season, is one shy of moving into a second-place tie with Jody Gifford (1996-99; 41 total). Anne Bentley (1997-00) holds the school mark with 43 career doubles.

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

| BATTING LEADERS                    |       |                 |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| PLACE                              | TOTAL |                 | YEARS |
| GAMES PLAYED                       |       |                 |       |
| 19.                                | 168   | Katie Kraai     | 2005- |
| BATTING AVERAGE (MIN. 200 AT BATS) |       |                 |       |
| 9T.                                | .312  | Amanda Jager    | 2006- |
| 12.                                | .311  | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| 15T.                               | .299  | Krystle Bailey  | 2006- |
| HITS                               |       |                 |       |
| 14T.                               | 136   | Katie Kraai     | 2005- |
| RUNS BATTED IN                     |       |                 |       |
| 7T.                                | 85    | Katie Kraai     | 2005- |
| 20T.                               | 55    | Krystle Bailey  | 2006- |
| 20T.                               | 55    | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| 24T.                               | 50    | McKenzie West   | 2006- |
| 24T.                               | 50    | Amanda Jager    | 2006- |
| DOUBLES                            |       |                 |       |
| 3.                                 | 40    | Katie Kraai     | 2005- |
| 15.                                | 26    | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| 16.                                | 25    | McKenzie West   | 2006- |
| 17T.                               | 22    | Amanda Jager    | 2006- |
| 23.                                | 18    | Krystle Bailey  | 2006- |
| HOME RUNS                          |       |                 |       |
| 7.                                 | 10    | Katie Kraai     | 2005- |
| 8T.                                | 9     | McKenzie West   | 2006- |
| 8T.                                | 9     | Amanda Jager    | 2006- |
| 12T.                               | 7     | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| STOLEN BASES                       |       |                 |       |
| 17.                                | 19    | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| PITCHING LEADERS                   |       |                 |       |
| PLACE                              | TOTAL |                 | YEARS |
| COMPLETE GAMES                     |       |                 |       |
| 9.                                 | 39    | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| INNINGS PITCHED                    |       |                 |       |
| 9.                                 | 322.0 | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| WINS                               |       |                 |       |
| 9.                                 | 29    | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| 14T.                               | 20    | Holly Bruntjens | 2007- |
| SHUTOUTS                           |       |                 |       |
| 4.                                 | 12    | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| 14.                                | 6     | Holly Bruntjens | 2007- |
| STRIKEOUTS                         |       |                 |       |
| 8.                                 | 182   | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |
| 12.                                | 152   | Holly Bruntjens | 2007- |
| 18.                                | 86    | Amanda Jager    | 2006- |
| APPEARANCES                        |       |                 |       |
| 10T.                               | 55    | Sarah Mueller   | 2006- |



## FSU'S 2008 BREAKDOWN

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Overall                                   | 11-8  |
| Home                                      | 4-0   |
| Away                                      | 0-0   |
| Neutral                                   | 7-8   |
| vs. Ranked Teams                          | 0-2   |
| Non-Conference Record                     | 7-8   |
| Tournament Games                          | 0-0   |
| Day Games                                 | 11-8  |
| Night Games                               | 0-0   |
| Following wins                            | 6-4   |
| Following losses                          | 4-4   |
| One-Run Games                             | 3-2   |
| Two-Run Games                             | 1-2   |
| Three-Run+ Games                          | 7-4   |
| Extra Innings                             | 2-3   |
| In International Tiebreaker               | 2-3   |
| Doubleheader Games                        | 4-0   |
| FSU scores first                          | 7-3   |
| Opponent scores first                     | 4-5   |
| FSU hits a home run                       | 3-2   |
| FSU doesn't hit a home run                | 8-6   |
| Not committing an error                   | 3-1   |
| Committing 1 error                        | 2-2   |
| Committing 2+ errors                      | 6-5   |
| Scoring 0-2 runs                          | 0-3   |
| Scoring 3-5 runs                          | 7-2   |
| Scoring 6-9 runs                          | 2-1   |
| Scoring 10+ runs                          | 2-0   |
| More runners left on base                 | 7-4   |
| Runners left on base are equal            | 0-0   |
| Leading after five innings                | 7-2   |
| Tied after five innings                   | 0-0   |
| Trailing after five innings               | 4-5   |
| Tied going into last inning               | 2-1   |
| Outhitting the opposition                 | 8-1   |
| Same hits as the opposition               | 3-0   |
| Outhit by the opposition                  | 0-7   |
| 10+ hits                                  | 3-2   |
| Monday                                    | 1-1   |
| Tuesday                                   | 0-0   |
| Wednesday                                 | 0-3   |
| Thursday                                  | 1-1   |
| Friday                                    | 0-2   |
| Saturday                                  | 6-0   |
| Sunday                                    | 3-1   |
| March                                     | 11-8  |
| April                                     | 0-0   |
| May                                       | 0-0   |
| Last five games                           | 5-0   |
| Last 10 games                             | 7-3   |
| Current streak                            | Won 4 |
| 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.      | 4-0   |
| 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        |
| <b>2008</b>   | <b>19</b>                                    | <b>11</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>.579</b> |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>542</b>                                   | <b>324</b> | <b>217</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>.599</b> |

### 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          |
| <b>2008</b>   | <b>0-0</b>                                   | <b>11-8</b>     | <b>0-0</b>    | <b>0-0</b>   |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>1-5</b>                                   | <b>118-95-1</b> | <b>166-94</b> | <b>38-23</b> |

CAREER TOTAL – 324-217-1

HOME – 92-36-0

AWAY – 70-57-1

NEUTRAL – 162-124-0