



2009 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE SOFTBALL

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On Deck

THIS WEEK: The nationally-ranked Ferris State University softball team, which has been idle since March 14, will resume action on the diamond this week with four scheduled contests. The Bulldogs begin the week this Thursday (March 26) against the Cornerstone Golden Eagles in a non-conference doubleheader at Grand Rapids, Mich. FSU then opens up the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) portion of its 2009 slate this Sunday (March 29) with a pair of outings versus the Grand Valley State Lakers at the FSU Softball Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

• **National Ranking** – Ferris State is presently listed sixth nationally in the latest (3/25) 2009 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) NCAA Division II Top 25 Poll. The Bulldogs, who received 283 points in the poll, had been listed seventh in the previous two polls (3/11 & 18).

All-Time Series: The Bulldogs have compiled the following all-time records versus this week's opponents.

Cornerstone – 6-0-0; **Grand Valley State** – 31-72-0

The Coaches: **Ferris State** – Keri Becker (Saginaw Valley State, 1995), 12th season, 360-229-1 (.611); **Cornerstone** – Jim Farrell, 16th season; **Grand Valley State** – Doug Woods, 19th season.

Becker vs. The Opposition: 6-0-0 vs. Cornerstone, 11-16-0 vs. Grand Valley State.

A Season Ago Against This Week's Foes: Ferris State swept a regular-season doubleheader against Cornerstone last season (4/7) in Big Rapids, winning 5-0 in the opener and prevailing 13-2 in a second game five-inning encounter. The Bulldogs claimed a pair of conference home wins over 15th-ranked Grand Valley State a season ago (4/16), posting 2-1 and 1-0 victories versus the Lakers.

Live Stats On The Web: Live in-game statistics via CSTV's GameTracker for all 2009 Ferris State home games is available and can be accessed at this website address:
<http://www.ferris.edu/sports/softball/2009sked.htm>

• **37th Season** – The 2009 campaign represents the 37th season of varsity competition for the Ferris State Softball program. The Bulldogs are presently 717-636-3 overall (.529) since the program's inception in 1973. During that period, FSU has compiled 16 20-plus win seasons, including three consecutive (1997-99) 40 or more victory campaigns.

Games 15-18 ▲ 2009 SEASON

• **GLIAC Openers** – The Bulldogs are 3-6 in GLIAC-opening contests dating back to the 2000 season. Ferris snapped a three-game losing streak in such encounters a season ago (3/29) with a 4-2 home triumph over Gannon. Ferris State suffered a 5-0 loss at Grand Valley State in its 2007 conference opener (3/28). FSU sports a current 7-10 mark in league-opening doubleheaders dating back to 2000.

• **Home Openers** – Ferris State has won five of its last nine home openers since the 2000 campaign. A season ago (3/29), the Bulldogs claimed a 4-2 decision over Gannon in game one and also produced a 5-0 win in the nightcap. FSU sports a 11-6-1 mark in home-opening doubleheaders since 2000.

• **Best Start Ever** – Ferris State's 12-2 start this spring represents the program's best ever. The Bulldogs began the 2009 campaign with a nine-game winning streak. Last season, FSU posted a 6-8 record in its initial 14 appearances.

• **Flamethrower** – Senior pitcher **Sarah Mueller's (Santa Clarita, Calif./Valencia)** 10 strikeouts in consecutive appearances versus Upper Iowa (3/12) and Minnesota Duluth (3/13) at the Florida Rebel Spring Tournament matched a career single-game high. Mueller previously fanned 10 batters in four innings against Aquinas in the 2007 season (4/18).

• **Hitting Machine** – Junior designated player **Rhea Flores (Dearborn Heights/Southgate Anderson)** has hit safely in 10 of her 11 outings this season and is midst a current four-game (3/13-14) streak with a base hit apiece in those four contests. Flores, who's batting a team-high .359 average with a squad second-most 14 hits in 39 at bats this spring, has accumulated three multi-hit game performances this campaign.

• **Early Success** – The Bulldogs have outscored their opponent a combined 32-10 in the first four innings of a contest, which includes a 14-4 margin in the fourth frame alone. FSU has currently generated 64.0% (32-50) of its scoring output in those initial four innings this season.

2009 GLIAC SOFTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL

SCHOOL (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)	PTS
1. Ferris State (6)	.78
2. Wayne State (2)	.72
3. Saginaw Valley State (2)	.67
4. Grand Valley State	.55
5. Ashland	.53
6. Northwood	.37
7. Tiffin	.29
8. Hillsdale	.25
9. Findlay	.20
10. Lake Superior State	.14

2009 Schedule/Results

12-2-0 OVERALL; 0-0-0 GLIAC		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
2/28-3/1	at Kentucky Wesleyan Great Lakes Challenge▲	Cancelled
3/7	vs. Northern Kentucky*	W, 5-2
	vs. Quincy*	W, 4-2
3/8	vs. Northern State (S.D.)*	W, 7-0
	vs. Stonehill (Mass.)*	W, 5-4
3/9	vs. Southern Indiana*	W, 6-1
	vs. Indianapolis*	W, 2-1
3/10	vs. St. Cloud State*	W, 5-1
	vs. Fayetteville State (N.C.)*	W, 5-3
3/12	vs. Upper Iowa*	W, 3-1
	vs. Northern Kentucky*	L, 0-5
3/13	vs. Minnesota Duluth*	W, 3-0
	vs. Minnesota Duluth*	W, 2-1
3/14	vs. Concordia (Minn.)*	L, 2-3
	vs. Dowling (N.Y.)*	W, 8-0
3/26	at Cornerstone (DH)	3:30 p.m.
3/29	Grand Valley State* (DH)	12 p.m.
4/1	at Saginaw Valley State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/4	Lake Superior State* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/5	at Northwood* (DH)	12 p.m.
4/8	Northwood* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/10	Findlay* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/11	Hillsdale* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/14	at Grand Valley State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/18	at Tiffin* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/19	at Ashland* (DH)	12 p.m.
4/22	Lake Superior State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/25	Saginaw Valley State* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/26	Wayne State* (DH)	12 p.m.
5/1-3	at GLIAC Tournament♣	TBA
5/8-10	at NCAA-II Regional	TBA
5/15-16	at NCAA-II Super Regional	TBA
5/21-25	at 28th 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.

♦ – Salem, Va.



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2009 GLIAC STANDINGS



THROUGH GAMES OF MARCH 24

TEAM	GLIAC		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Ashland	2-0	1.000	12-6	.667
Ferris State	0-0	.000	12-2	.857
Findlay	0-0	.000	11-2	.846
Grand Valley State	0-0	.000	18-5	.783
Saginaw Valley State	0-0	.000	13-5	.722
Wayne State	0-0	.000	13-7	.650
Hillsdale	0-0	.000	6-6	.500
Northwood	0-0	.000	6-8	.429
Lake Superior State	0-0	.000	6-17	.261
Tiffin	0-2	.000	9-7	.562

• **National Preseason Ranking** – The Bulldogs were ranked sixth nationally in the 2009 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II Preseason Top 25 Poll. FSU finished the 2008 season ranked tied for fifth place in the NFCA's final poll with a 164 points total. Ferris State received 311 points in the 2009 poll, which was released Jan. 28.

• **FERRIS STATE'S CAREER LEADERS:**

BATTING LEADERS			
PLACE	TOTAL		YEARS
GAMES PLAYED			
21.	162	Krystle Bailey	2006-
26.	154	Sarah Mueller	2006-
28.	147	Amanda Jager	2006-
BATTING AVERAGE (MIN. 200 AT BATS)			
8.	.317	Sarah Mueller	2006-
12.	.309	Amanda Jager	2006-
15.	.300	Amanda Harrington	2007-
HITS			
11.	157	Sarah Mueller	2006-
14T.	143	Krystle Bailey	2006-
27.	116	Amanda Jager	2006-
RUNS BATTED IN			
12T.	79	Krystle Bailey	2006-
12T.	79	Sarah Mueller	2006-
15T.	74	Amanda Jager	2006-
DOUBLES			
4.	40	Sarah Mueller	2006-
18T.	26	Krystle Bailey	2006-
18T.	26	Amanda Jager	2006-
25.	19	Amanda Harrington	2007-
HOME RUNS			
3.	15	Amanda Jager	2006-
9.	9	Sarah Mueller	2006-
13T.	7	Krystle Bailey	2006-
16T.	6	Amanda Harrington	2006-
STOLEN BASES			
11.	28	Sarah Mueller	2006-
PITCHING LEADERS			
PLACE	TOTAL		YEARS
COMPLETE GAMES			
2T.	53	Sarah Mueller	2006-
11.	32	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
INNINGS PITCHED			
4.	451.0	Sarah Mueller	2006-
11.	315.1	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
WINS			
3.	44	Sarah Mueller	2006-
8.	32	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
SHUTOUTS			
2T.	16	Sarah Mueller	2006-
5T.	11	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
STRIKEOUTS			
3.	255	Sarah Mueller	2006-
6.	229	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
18.	86	Amanda Jager	2006-
APPEARANCES			
4.	75	Sarah Mueller	2006-
10.	57	Holly Bruntjens	2007-



2009 STATS BREAKDOWN

Overall	12-2
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Neutral	12-2
vs. Ranked Teams	0-0
Non-Conference Record	
Tournament Games	12-2
	0-0
Day Games	
Night Games	12-2
	0-0
Following wins	
Following losses	0-0
	0-0
One-Run Games	
Two-Run Games	4-1
Three-Run+ Games	3-0
Extra Innings	5-1
In International Tiebreaker	0-0
Doubleheader Games	0-0
	2-0
FSU scores first	
Opponent scores first	9-0
FSU hits a home run	3-2
FSU doesn't hit a home run	2-0
Not committing an error	8-2
Committing 1 error	3-0
Committing 2+ errors	4-0
	5-2
Scoring 0-2 runs	
Scoring 3-5 runs	10-0
Scoring 6-9 runs	2-2
Scoring 10+ runs	0-0
More runners left on base	0-0
Runners left on base are equal	7-1
	2-1
Leading after five innings	
Tied after five innings	9-0
Trailing after five innings	2-0
Tied going into last inning	1-2
	3-0
Outhitting the opposition	
Same hits as the opposition	9-1
Outhit by the opposition	2-0
10+ hits	1-1
	1-0
Monday	
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	2-0
Thursday	0-0
Friday	1-1
Saturday	2-0
Sunday	3-1
	2-0
March	
April	12-2
May	0-0
	0-0
Last five games	
Last 10 games	3-2
Current streak	8-2
	Won 1
vs Northern Sun Conf.	
vs Great Lakes Valley Conf.	5-1
vs East Coast Conf.	4-1
vs Northeast 10 Conf.	1-0
vs Pennsylvania State Athletic Conf.	1-0
vs Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conf.	0-0
vs. Conference Carolinas	0-0
vs. Mid-America Intercollegiate	0-0
vs. Central Intercollegiate Athletic Assoc	0-0
	1-0



HEAD COACH KERI BECKER



The all-time winningest coach in Ferris State Softball program history, **Keri Becker** is presently midst her 12th season at FSU.

Entering the 2009 season, Becker ranked 50th place among NCAA-II active coaches in both winning percentage (.605) and victories (348). Becker was tabbed as the 2008 Great Lakes

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (GLIAC) Coach of the Year and also was honored as the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's (NFCA)/NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region Coaching Staff of the Year.

Despite being unable to coach in the 2003 season, Becker was voted the GLIAC Coach of the Year 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), two GLIAC Co-Championship titles (2005 & 2008), two (2000 & 2005) GLIAC Tournament championships, and three (1998-99, 2008) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional crowns. Ferris State made consecutive appearances (1998-99) in the NCAA-II National Softball Tournament. She also directed the 1999 squad to a school single-season record 46 victories.

Under Becker, Ferris State has accumulated eight winning seasons while making five NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament appearances. The Bulldogs won the 2008 Great Lakes Regional and went on to finish tied for fifth place at the NCAA-II National Softball Championships.

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				
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	53	35	18	0	.660
2009	14	12	2	0	.857
TOTALS	590	360	229	1	.611

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			
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	11-8	16-6	8-4
2009	0-0	12-2	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	1-5	130-97-1	182-100	46-27
CAREER TOTAL – 360-229-1				
HOME – 101-37-0; AWAY – 77-62-1;				
NEUTRAL – 182-130-0				