



2009 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE SOFTBALL

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2009 NCAA-II Sub-Midwest Regional

2009 Schedule/Results



NCAA DIVISION II

SUB-MIDWEST REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
 SVSU Sports Complex
 University Center, Mich.
 May 8-10, 2009

#2 FERRIS STATE:

33-8 Overall; 18-4 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)
#3 NORTHERN KENTUCKY: 31-21 Overall; 13-11 Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC)
#4 LEWIS: 38-18 Overall; 13-9 Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC)
#1 SAGINAW VALLEY STATE: 35-9 Overall; 18-4 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)

➤ **IN THE NCAA REGIONALS:** Ferris State will be making its seventh NCAA Division II Regional appearance in the program's history and its fourth in the last five seasons this weekend (May 8-10). The Bulldogs won the 2008 Great Lakes Regional Tournament (May 7-11) at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in Edwardsville, Ill., with a 4-0 tourney mark. Ferris would then register a fifth-place tying finish at the 2008 NCAA-II National Softball Championships (May 14-16) in Houston, Texas. Softball Prior to last season, FSU competed in the 2007 Great Lakes Regional (May 10-13) at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., and produced a 2-2 record.

➤ **NCAA REGIONALS PERFORMANCE:** Ferris State has compiled a current 15-7 all-time record in regional action, which includes a 10-5 mark in its last 15 post-season appearances. The Bulldogs captured back-to-back Great Lakes Regional Championship titles in 1998 and 1999 before claiming the 2008 regional crown all under current head coach **Keri Becker**. FSU has outscored the opposition in its six regional appearances by a combined 96-to-54 margin.

FERRIS STATE AT NCAA-II REGIONALS

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD	SITE
1982 2-2	Stratford, Conn.
1998 3-0*#	Ashland, Ohio
1999 3-1*#	Allendale, Mich.
2005 1-2	Highland Heights, Ky.
2007 2-2	Romeoville, Ill.
2008 4-0*#	Edwardsville, Ill.
*Regional Champions	#National Participant

➤ **AGAINST REGIONAL OPPONENTS:** The Bulldogs have compiled the following all-time records ver-

sus the 2009 NCAA-II sub-Midwest Region field.

Northern Kentucky – 2-9-0; **Lewis** – 5-11-0; **Saginaw Valley State** – 37-47-0.

➤ **The Coaches:** Ferris State – **Keri Becker** (Saginaw Valley State, 1995), 12th season, 381-235-1 (.618); **Northern Kentucky** – **Kathy Stewart**, 11th season; **Lewis** – **George DiMatteo**, 26th season; **Saginaw Valley State** – **Everett Roper**, 2nd season.

➤ **Becker vs. The Opposition:** Northern Kentucky – 2-8-0; Lewis – 4-8-0; Saginaw Valley State – 21-15-0.

➤ **37th Season** – The 2009 campaign represents the 37th season of varsity competition for the Ferris State Softball program. The Bulldogs are presently 738-642-3 overall (.535) since the program's inception in 1973. During that period, FSU has compiled 17 20-plus win seasons, including three consecutive (1997-99) 40 or more victory campaigns.

➤ **National Ranking** – Ferris State is ranked sixth in the latest 2009 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) NCAA Division II Top 25 Poll, which was released last Wednesday (April 29). The Bulldogs, who received 289 points in the most recent national poll, had been listed sixth place in the previous four weekly polls. Ferris State was listed sixth in the NFCA's 2009 preseason poll with a 331 points total.

➤ **Six Earn All-GLIAC Honors** – Ferris State placed six players on the 2009 All-GLIAC teams, which were announced last Friday (May 1) at the GLIAC Tournament in Midland, Mich. Junior second baseman **Amanda Harrington** and senior pitcher-outfielder **Holly Bruntjens** received first-team recognition. A pair of juniors, designated player **Rhea Flores** and pitcher **Kayle Stevenson** earned second-team plaudits.

Representing the Bulldogs on the honorable mention team were senior first baseman

Amanda Jager and senior catcher **Krystle Bailey**. Both Harrington and Bruntjens were second-team all-league selections a season ago.

➤ **Worth Mentioning** – Ferris State shutout all four of its opponents at the 2008 NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional in Edwardsville, Ill. The Bulldogs didn't allow a single run in a combined 36 innings as **Holly Bruntjens** pitched FSU to three of the four victories en route to being chosen as the tourney's Most Outstanding Player. Ferris bested Saginaw Valley State, 1-0, in its opener (5/7) and then outlasted Lewis, 1-0, in a 15-inning contest (5/9). The Bulldogs went on to post a 4-0 triumph over Wayne State (5/10) and a 1-0 decision versus 2007 national champion Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (5/11) in the championship game.

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)	W, 10-1 (5)W, 16-3 (5)
3/29	Grand Valley State* (DH)	W, 3-2 (11)W, 6-1
4/1	at Saginaw Valley State* (DH)	W, 5-2/L, 4-5
4/4	Lake Superior State* (DH)	W, 6-3/W, 7-2
4/5	at Northwood* (DH)	W, 6-1/W, 4-0
4/8	Northwood* (DH)	L, 1-2/ W, 2-1 (11)
4/10	Findlay* (DH)	W, 11-6/W, 9-1 (5)
4/11	Hillsdale* (DH)	W, 6-0/ W, 9-7
4/14	at Grand Valley State* (DH)	W, 4-2/ W, 4-1
4/18	at Tiffin* (DH)	L, 0-2/W, 16-2 (5)
4/19	at Ashland* (DH)	W, 4-0/L, 0-2 (9)
4/22	Lake Superior State* (DH)	W, 8-0 (5)W, 9-1 (5)
4/25	Saginaw Valley State* (DH)	Cancelled
4/26	Wayne State* (DH)	Cancelled
5/1	vs. Northwood❖	W, 6-4
	vs. Saginaw Valley State❖	L, 5-9
5/2	vs. Wayne State❖	L, 0-4
5/8	vs. Northern Kentucky⊙	11:30 a.m.
5/9	vs. TBD⊙	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.

❖ – GLIAC Championships - Midland, Mich.

⊙ – NCAA-II Sub-Midwest Regional Tournament - University Center, Mich.

♦ – James I. Moyer Sports Complex - Salem, Va.



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2009 FINAL GLIAC STANDINGS



THROUGH GAMES OF MAY 7

TEAM	GLIAC		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Ashland #19	22-4	.846	36-12	.750
Ferris State #6	18-4	.818	33-8	.805
Saginaw Valley State	18-4	.818	35-9	.795
Wayne State #21	17-5	.773	38-14	.731
Grand Valley State	11-11	.500	33-18	.647
Northwood	11-14	.440	17-24	.415
Tiffin	9-16	.360	23-25	.479
Findlay	7-19	.269	20-23	.465
Hillsdale	7-19	.269	17-27	.386
Lake Superior State	1-25	.038	7-42	.143

☛ **National Statistical Rankings** – The Bulldogs rank fourth nationally in earned run average (1.15) and seventh in win-loss pct. (.842) thru games of April 26. Ferris State is 22nd in doubles per game (1.66), 64th in scoring (5.26), and 76th in slugging percentage (.433). Individually, **Rachel Wade** is listed 16th in toughest to strike out (0.033) while **Lynsay Weaver** ranks 23rd in sacrifice flies (4.0) and **Holly Bruntjens** is 32nd in earned run average (1.3).

☛ **FERRIS STATE'S CAREER LEADERS:**

PLACE	TOTAL	BATTING LEADERS		YEARS
		GAMES PLAYED		
15.	181	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
19T.	174	Amanda Jager	2006-	
27.	154	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
BATTING AVERAGE (MIN. 200 AT BATS)				
8.	.317	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
9T.	.313	Amanda Jager	2006-	
14.	.305	Amanda Harrington	2007-	
HITS				
11.	158	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
12.	157	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
16T.	140	Amanda Jager	2006-	
24T.	125	Amanda Harrington	2007-	
RUNS BATTED IN				
7.	93	Amanda Jager	2006-	
10.	84	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
14.	79	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
DOUBLES				
4.	40	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
8.	34	Amanda Jager	2006-	
9T.	31	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
19.	25	Amanda Harrington	2007-	
HOME RUNS				
3.	17	Amanda Jager	2006-	
9T.	9	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
9T.	9	Rhea Flores	2007-	
11T.	8	Amanda Harrington	2006-	
15T.	7	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
17T.	6	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
PITCHING LEADERS				
PLACE	TOTAL	YEARS		
		COMPLETE GAMES		
2T.	53	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
9T.	40	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
INNINGS PITCHED				
4.	451.0	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
6.	402.1	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
WINS				
3.	44	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
4.	42	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
SHUTOUTS				
2T.	16	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
4T.	14	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
STRIKEOUTS				
3.	302	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
4.	255	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
18.	86	Amanda Jager	2006-	

☛ **Regional Performer – Holly Bruntjens** boasts a 4-1 career mark in NCAA Regional play while posting a 0.75 earned run average (four earned runs allowed) in 37.1 innings. She also has fanned 25 batters in six regional appearances. Bruntjens was named the 2008 Great Lakes Regional Tourney's Most Outstanding Player and was an all-tournament team selection.

☛ **Hitting Leaders** – The Bulldogs' have five batters this season who have recorded at least 30 or more base hits this spring and the group has combined to account for 55.6% (178-320) of the team's hits output. **Rhea Flores** and sophomore outfielder **Rachel Wade (Canton)** lead the way with 40 hits while **Amanda Harrington** has produced 36 hits. **Holly Bruntjens** and **Amanda Jager** have generated 32 and 30 hits, respectively.

☛ **30-Win Plateau** – For the third consecutive season and the ninth time in the Ferris State program's history, the Bulldogs have achieved at least 30 wins in a single season. The Bulldogs' 33 victories are tied for the fifth most in school history (33-18 in 2000). All but one (1995) of the 30-win or more seasons occurred under present head coach **Keri Becker**.

☛ **Flores' Big Bat** – **Rhea Flores** has been a key performer in FSU's success this season with team highs in home runs (six) and slugging pct. (.508). She's also tied for top squad honors in base hits (40) and is second among the Bulldogs' leaders in RBIs (24). Flores is batting 35 points higher this season (.323) compared to a year ago (.288).

☛ **Effective Duo** – Ferris State's two primary hurlers, **Holly Bruntjens** and **Kayle Stevenson** have combined for a 24-7 mark in the pitching circle this spring in 38 appearances. The two have notched a combined 1.37 earned run average (39 earned runs allowed) and totaled 151 strikeouts to date for the 2009 campaign.

☛ **Consistent Performer – Amanda Harrington** is presently batting over .300 for the second straight season with a current .316 average (36-114) in 41 contests. Harrington, who has a .305 career batting average (125-410) in 137 games, is 13 hits of tying her season-best 49 total set last season in 51 games. Harrington's 13 multiple-hit game performances this season leads the team, which included three straight two-hit game efforts (4/22-5/1).

☛ **Fast Start Is The Key** – Ferris State has generated 46.9% (99-211) of its run production this season in the first three innings, which includes a 29-3 second-inning advantage.

☛ **Way To Go Wade** – **Rachel Wade's** team-high tying 40 hits in 134 plate appearances this season in 41 games not only represents a career single-season high, but is already 19 more than she chalked up last season (21 hits) in 93 at bats for 42 outings. Wade also has produced career season highs in runs (28), doubles (four), triples (four), RBIs (14), and total bases (55).

☛ **Buckle Down** – FSU is 21-1 this season when leading after six innings and 1-6 when trailing its opponent. The Bulldogs are 5-1 in games when the score is tied thru six frames.

☛ **Did You Know?** – Ferris State is 27-2 this season when scoring the game's initial run compared to sporting a 6-6 mark when the opposition tallied the opening score.

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	41	33	8	0	.805
TOTALS	617	381	235	1	.618

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	16-2	16-4	1-2
TOTALS	1-5	134-97-1	198-104	47-29

CAREER TOTAL – 381-235-1

HOME – 112-38-0; AWAY – 86-65-1;

NEUTRAL – 183-132-0

