



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

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THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Nov. 4 * 5:30 p.m. (EST)
#18 Grand Valley State at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Overall Ferris State Record: 21-8, 11-6 GLIAC
National Ranking: Not ranked (listed as receiving votes - 7 points)

BULLDOG BITES

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will host West Michigan archrival Grand Valley State Friday, Nov. 4, in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tilt at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Match time for the school's annual Senior Day contest and regular-season finale is set for 5:30 p.m. (EST).

FERRIS CLAIMS TWO WINS: Ferris won two of three league matches on its annual league trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula last weekend (Oct. 28-30). Ferris defeated Lake Superior State 3-0 in Friday's (Oct. 28) opening match of the trip at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. FSU then recorded a 3-0 sweep over Michigan Tech Saturday (Oct. 29) in Houghton, Mich. The Bulldogs concluded the trip with a 3-1 setback Sunday (Oct. 30) versus Northern Michigan in Marquette, Mich. FSU, which is currently 21-8 overall and 11-6 in league play this campaign, has won 15 of its last 20 outings to date this campaign.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for all 2005 Ferris home matches will be available at the door. For more information, please contact the FSU Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888.

LAST SEASON: Ferris State claimed its ninth GLIAC Championship in 2004 after winning the league's annual postseason tournament for the first time ever. FSU concluded the 2004 campaign with a 25-7 overall record and a second place 14-4 GLIAC North Division mark. The Bulldogs also advanced to the NCAA-II National Tournament for the 12th time in school history.

THE 33RD SEASON: The 2004 campaign marks the 33rd season of FSU women's volleyball. Since the program's inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have compiled a 713-405 (.638) overall record. Ferris has won nine GLIAC titles, made 12 NCAA-II Tournament appearances and registered 25 winning seasons in its previous 32 campaigns. The Bulldogs notched the program's 700th all-time victory this year with a win over Bellarmine (Sept. 9).

GLIAC PRESEASON POLL: FSU was picked to finish fourth in the 2005 GLIAC Volleyball Coaches Preseason North Division Poll as announced by the league office. The Bulldogs totaled 26 points in the balloting, which was conducted by the conference's head coaches. A year ago, Ferris also took fourth place in the preseason coaches poll with 26 points. Grand Valley State was the favorite to repeat as regular-season divisional champion as the Lakers recorded 31 points along with three first-place votes. Findlay, which tied for second place in the South Division last campaign, received 23 points and three first-place votes in being selected this year's favorite. Northwood and Northern Michigan were chosen second and third, respectively, in the North Division poll.

FSU DROPS FROM RANKINGS: The Bulldogs are not ranked in the latest (Oct. 31) 2005 CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll announced by the AVCA. This week marks the first time the Bulldogs haven't been ranked all season although Ferris is listed third among the other schools receiving votes with seven points. FSU registered 46 total points in the balloting process and was ranked 25th last week (Oct. 24). Ferris concluded the 2004 campaign ranked 20th in the AVCA's final regular-season poll. The only GLIAC school currently featured in the poll is 18th-ranked Grand Valley State. Ferris was ranked 17th in the organization's 2005 preseason national poll and ranked as high as 13th earlier this season (Sept. 6).

THE HEAD COACH: FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** presently ranks second among Ferris' all-time coaching victory leaders. Brandel-Wilhelm, who has a current 329-124 (.726) career mark, is 211-104 (.670) in her 10th season at Ferris. A 1990 Alma graduate, Brandel-Wilhelm guided the Bulldogs to NCAA-II Tournament appearances in 1999, 2002 and 2004. Brandel-Wilhelm was voted the GLIAC's Coach of the Year in 2002. She registered her 200th win at the Bulldog helm with a victory Sept. 10 over Edinboro (Pa.) at the Findlay (Ohio) TownPlace Suites Classic.

ON THE INTERNET: Ferris State University Athletics' official web site can be found at www.ferris.edu/sports. The site features information on all of FSU's varsity athletics programs including rosters, statistics, yearbooks and more. The squad's 2005 yearbook can also be found at the site.

LIVE STATS: "Live Stats" of all remaining 2005 Ferris home matches will be provided in progress via the internet. Visit www.ferris.edu/sports and click on the "Live Stats" icon to access the "Live Stats" feature.

THE FSU TRADITION: Ferris has won 20 or more matches seven times under 10th-year head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs are 178-74 (.706) over the past eight years (1998-05) and have reached the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament three times in that span. FSU has advanced to the GLIAC Tournament seven consecutive years (1998-04) to date.

HOME SWEET HOME: The Bulldogs have compiled a 239-62 (.794) record to date in 24 seasons of competition at Ewigleben Sports Arena since moving from the Health and Physical Education (HPE) Building in 1981. Ferris, which has compiled six undefeated home seasons in the facility, registered a 12-3 mark at home in 2004. Overall, Ferris is 92-22 (.807) in home matches under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**.

HITTING THE ROAD: Ferris State is 625-294 (.680) overall since 1981 and sports a 404-235 (.632) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. The Bulldogs are currently 6-4 in road matches this season after posting a 8-2 mark on the road last campaign.

BULLDOG CAPTAINS: Senior setter **Emily Clouse (Tiffin, Ohio/Bascom Hopewell-Loudon)**, senior libero **Brittney Godlewski (St. Clair Township/Marysville)** and junior outside hitter **Danielle Baucher (Kalamazoo/Mattawan)** were named tri-captains for the 2005 campaign. Baucher had 416 digs and added 340 kills in 2004. Clouse totaled 572 assists and 220 digs while Godlewski chipped in 396 digs last year.

THE FSU ROSTER: Ferris' 2005 active roster includes five seniors, five juniors, two sophomores and seven freshmen. Eight of the 19 players are outside hitters, seven are middle hitters, and four others fill the squad's setter, defensive specialist and libero roles. **Emily Clouse** (Ohio) is the only squad member not from the state of Michigan. The Bulldogs' current roster is the program's second-largest in school history behind last season's roster of 20 players.

FSU NOTES: Ferris is currently 38-11 (.776) in October matches dating back to 2001 FSU is 21-1 when registering more kills than its opponent this season Ferris is 8-4 in Friday matches and 11-2 in Saturday encounters to date this campaign The Bulldogs have compiled a 73-13 (.849) overall record in three-game matches since the start of the 2000 campaign Ferris has posted a lower hitting percentage than its opponent in each of its eight losses this season FSU holds a 21-0 mark when compiling a higher attack percentage than its opponent this year. The Bulldogs are 12-0 overall to date when their opponent hits less than .100 for the match.

BULLDOG SUCCESS: The Bulldogs' current 21-8 mark with one regular-season match remaining assures themselves of recording the program's eighth consecutive winning campaign. This season marks the 25th-straight year the Bulldogs have registered double-figure wins. The last time FSU failed to record at least 10 victories was in 1980 (5-21).



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

GODLEWSKI NOW SECOND: Ferris' **Brittney Godlewski** currently has 1,395 career digs and moved into second place all-time in school history last weekend. She is only 74 shy of Janna Biggs' (1985-88) school-record total of 1,469 digs.

BAUCHER NEARING MARK: FSU's **Danielle Baucher** has registered at least 10 kills and 10 digs in 17 of her last 18 outings this campaign. She has 977 kills to date and is 23 shy of becoming the 14th player in school history to join the 1,000 career kills club. Baucher, who earlier this season became the program's 10th member of the 1,000 digs club, would also become only the sixth player in Bulldog history to record both 1,000 career kills and digs.

SENIOR DAY MATCH: Friday's match versus GVSU will be the school's annual Senior Day contest as middle hitters **Lauren Heine (Ypsilanti)**, **Becky Thurau (Troy/Birmingham Groves)**, setter **Emily Clouse**, outside hitter **Sarah Miller (Bay City/John Glenn)** along with libero **Brittney Godlewski** will be honored prior to their final regular-season home encounters.

BULLDOG QUICK NOTES: Sophomore outside hitter **Lindsay Tye (Gregory/Chelsea)** has compiled 10 kills or more 10 times in her last 15 outings this season after having done so only twice in the initial 14 matches this year **Emily Clouse** notched her 1,500th career assist and played in her 100th career match at Northern Michigan. She's currently 10 digs shy of recording her 600th career dig **Lauren Heine** tallied her 700th career kill versus Michigan Tech **Brittney Godlewski's** 425 digs to date this campaign are the school's most in a season since Sheri (Maus) Harris netted 498 in 1998.

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris is currently 13-0 this season versus teams entering the match with a .500 record or less this year The Bulldogs are presently 19-1 overall when winning the opening game of a match this season.

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR: Ferris' current 21-8 overall record this season represents the school's seventh 20-win campaign in the last eight seasons to date. The Bulldogs, who have recorded at least 20 victories in a season 18 times, have won at least 10 matches in each of their last 25 campaigns dating back to 1981. The 1984 FSU squad won a NCAA-II record 46 consecutive matches en route to a school-best 48-3 overall mark.

BACK TO THE TOURNEY: FSU has already clinched a GLIAC Tournament berth. The tournament quarterfinals will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9, at campus sites still to be determined with the semifinals/finals set for Nov. 12-13 at the site of the highest remaining seed. The official brackets will be announced by the league office Sunday (Nov. 6). This season will mark the eighth consecutive year in which the Bulldogs have taken part in the event.

STATISTICAL RANKINGS: Ferris currently leads the GLIAC in allowing the lowest opponent's hitting percentage (.118). Individually, **Danielle Baucher** ranks eighth in kills (3.76 kpg) among the league's overall statistical leaders. **Brittney Godlewski** is seventh in digs (4.09 dpg), junior middle hitter **Karla White (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay)** ranks fifth in total blocks (1.20 bpg) and **Emily Clouse** is ninth in assists (8.98 apg) for all matches played this campaign. The Bulldogs rank 25th nationally in blocks (2.62 bpg) according to the NCAA's latest (Oct. 23) national statistical rankings.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT

GRAND VALLEY STATE: Ferris and Grand Valley State have met 84 times before with GVSU holding a 45-39 series advantage. In the last meeting (10/11/05), the Lakers registered a 3-2 triumph in Allendale, Mich. FSU has won two of the last three meetings, including a 3-0 victory in the 2004 GLIAC Tournament Championship match (11/14/04) at Allendale. Ferris head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** currently has a 7-13 career coaching record against Grand Valley State. GVSU, which has won 10 of the last 15 series contests, holds a 29-25 all-time record versus FSU in Allendale and a 16-14 edge at Big Rapids, Mich. Grand Valley State compiled a 27-7 overall record in 2004, including a first-place 16-2 GLIAC North Division finish and a berth in the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament. The Lakers, who are coached by 11th-year head coach **Deanne Scanlon**, improved to 23-5 overall and 15-2 in GLIAC action this season as a result of a 3-0 league road win at Lake Superior State Sunday (Oct. 30). GVSU, which has won 13 of its last 14 outings to date this season, was picked to finish first in the 2005 GLIAC North Division Preseason Poll.

2005 FSU VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Exp.	Hometown/High School (College)
#1	Katie Edwards	OH	Fr.	5-11	HS	Cedar Springs, Mich.
#2	Lauren Heine***	MH	Sr.	6-1	3L	Ypsilanti, Mich.
#3	Candice Marut	S/OH	Fr.	5-10	RS	Pinconning, Mich.
#5	Becky Thurau***	MH	Sr.	6-4	3L	Troy, Mich./Birmingham Groves
#6	Danielle Baucher** (C)	OH	Jr.	5-10	2L	Kalamazoo, Mich./Mattawan
#7	Lindsay Johnson*	OH	So.	5-10	1L	Cadillac, Mich.
#8	Jamie Palazzolo*	OH	Jr.	5-7	1L	Emmett, Mich./Yale
#9	Keagan Krauss**	OH	Jr.	5-10	2L	Lake Odessa, Mich./Lakewood
#10	Andrea Zylstra	MH	Fr.	6-2	RS	Muskegon, Mich./Mona Shores
#11	Emily Clouse*** (C)	S/DS	Sr.	5-9	3L	Tiffin, Ohio/Bascom Hopewell-Loudon
#12	Jacque Edwards	MH	Fr.	6-0	HS	Cedar Springs, Mich.
#13	Brittney Godlewski*** (C)	LIB	Sr.	5-7	3L	St. Clair Township, Mich./Marysville
#14	Molly Pickvet**	OH	Jr.	6-0	2L	Pinconning, Mich.
#15	Karla White**	MH	Jr.	6-0	2L	New Baltimore, Mich./Anchor Bay
#16	Sarah Miller***	OH	Sr.	6-3	3L	Bay City, Mich./John Glenn
#17	Lindsay Tye*	OH	So.	5-10	1L	Gregory, Mich./Chelsea
#18	Andrea Rich	S	Fr.	5-10	HS	New Baltimore, Mich./Anchor Bay
#19	Emily Nemmers	OH/MH	Fr.	6-0	RS	Caledonia, Mich./East Kentwood
#20	Kristy Gilchrist	MH	Fr.	6-0	HS	Macomb, Mich./Anchor Bay

Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, 10th year (Alma, 1990)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Dale Wilhelm, second year

Assistant Coach: Theresa Beeckman, first year
Student Assistant Coach: Karla Fairbanks (1st year)

2005 SEASON TRENDS

SITUATION	FSU RECORD
Three-game match	13-4
Four-game match	5-2
Five-game match	3-2
Win game one	19-1
Lose game one	2-7
Win first two games	15-0
Split first two games	6-1
Lose first two games	0-7
In game three	21-8
In game four	8-4
In the deciding fifth game	3-2
More kills than opponent	21-1
Fewer kills than opponent	0-7
Kills are equal	0-0
Hit under .100	0-3
Hit .100-.300	16-5
Hit over .300	5-0
Opponent hits under .100	12-0
Opponent hits .100-.300	9-8
Opponent hits over .300	0-0
Has higher hitting pct.	21-0
Opponent has higher pct.	0-8
Has more assists	20-1
Opponent has more assists	1-7
Assists are equal	0-0
Has more aces	19-2
Opponent has more aces	2-5
Aces are equal	0-1
Has more digs	15-2
Opponent has more digs	5-6
Digs are equal	1-0
Has more blocks	14-4
Opponent has more blocks	5-4
Blocks are equal	2-0
In August	5-0
In September	8-4
In October	8-4
In November	0-0
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-1
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	1-0
On Friday	8-4
On Saturday	11-2
On Sunday	1-1
In Morning matches	1-0
In afternoon matches	13-4
In evening matches	7-4
Against nationally-ranked teams	1-3
In non-conference matches	10-2
In conference matches	11-6
In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams	0-0
Attendance under 100	7-2
Attendance of 100-200	4-0
Attendance over 200	10-6
Match time under one hour	0-0
Match time one-two hours	18-6
Match time over two hours	3-2
In invitational matches	9-2
Against in-state foes	8-5
Against out of state teams	13-3
Against winning teams	8-8
Against losing teams	9-0
Against even teams	4-0
In Home Matches	10-2





2005 FSU VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	WEST VIRGINIA STATE	W, 3-0
26	LEES-MCRAE (N.C.)♦	W, 3-0
26	LOCK HAVEN (PA.)♦	W, 3-2
27	WHEELING JESUIT (W.VA.)♦	W, 3-2
27	SEATTLE PACIFIC (WASH.)♦	W, 3-1
Sept. 2	Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.)★	W, 3-0
2	Minnesota-Duluth★	L, 0-3
3	Central Washington★	L, 0-3
3	Arkansas Tech★	W, 3-1
9	Bellarmine (Ky.)♦	W, 3-0
10	Concord (W.Va.)♦	W, 3-0
10	Edinboro (Pa.)♦	W, 3-1
16	at Northwood*	L, 0-3
17	at Saginaw Valley State*	W, 3-0
23	ASHLAND*	L, 2-3
24	FINDLAY*	W, 3-0
30	MICHIGAN TECH*	W, 3-0
Oct. 1	NORTHERN MICHIGAN*	L, 1-3
2	LAKE SUPERIOR STATE*	W, 3-2
7	at Mercyhurst*	W, 3-0
8	at Gannon*	W, 3-0
11	at Grand Valley State*	L, 2-3
14	at Hillsdale*	L, 0-3
15	at Wayne State*	W, 3-1
21	SAGINAW VALLEY STATE*	W, 3-0
22	NORTHWOOD*	W, 3-1
28	at Lake Superior State*	W, 3-0
29	at Michigan Tech*	W, 3-0
30	at Northern Michigan*	L, 1-3
Nov. 4	GRAND VALLEY STATE*	5:30 P.M.
9	GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals (Campus Site)	TBA
12-13	GLIAC Tournament Semifinals/Finals (Campus Site)	TBA
17-19	NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional (Campus Site)	TBA
Dec. 1-3	25th Annual NCAA Division II Elite Eight (Campus Site)	TBA

* - GLIAC Match Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**
 ♦ - Ferris State Holiday Inn Invitational
 ★ - Amerihost-Grand Valley State Fall Classic (Allendale, Mich.)
 ♦ - Findlay Classic (Findlay, Ohio)
 All times are Eastern and subject to change

2005 VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

Location: Big Rapids, Mich. 49307-2741
Founded/Enrollment: 1884/12,547
Nickname/Colors: Bulldogs/Crimson and Gold
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic (GLIAC)
President: Dr. David L. Eisler (Michigan, 1972)
Athletics Director: Tom Kirinovic (Ferris State, 1977)
Associate Athletics Director for Advancement: Brian Kegler
Events, Facilities & Marketing Manager: Michael Haggerty
Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. Terry Nerbonne
Coordinator of Records & NCAA: Carma Burcham
Senior Women's Administrator: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm
Assistant Trainer (Volleyball): Michael Blackburn, ATC
Equipment Manager: Ben Mumah, E.M., C.
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Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm (Alma, 1990)
Record at FSU/Year: 211-104/10th
Career Record/Year: 329-124/13th
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Assistant Coach: Theresa Beeckman
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Dale Wilhelm
Student Assistant Coach: Karla Fairbanks
Home Court (Capacity): Robert L. Ewigleben Sports Arena (600)
2004 Overall Record: 25-7
2004 North Division Conference Record/Finish: 14-4/2nd-North
All-Time Volleyball Record: 713-405 (.638)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/4
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GLIAC STANDINGS

North Division	Conference			As of Oct. 31		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grand Valley State▲	15	2	.882	23	5	.821
Northwood▲	11	4	.733	17	9	.654
Northern Michigan▲	10	5	.667	13	10	.565
Ferris State▲	11	6	.647	21	8	.724
Michigan Tech	5	10	.333	9	16	.360
Lake Superior State	5	10	.333	8	20	.286
Saginaw Valley State	1	14	.067	7	21	.250

South Division	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Ashland▲	13	3	.813	22	6	.786
Findlay▲	11	5	.688	20	9	.690
Hillsdale▲	9	6	.600	16	10	.615
Wayne State	6	8	.429	14	8	.636
Mercyhurst	3	12	.200	13	13	.500
Gannon	0	15	.000	5	20	.200

▲-Clinched GLIAC Tourney Berth

THIS WEEK'S GLIAC SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 3

Findlay at Ashland*, 7 p.m.
 Lake Superior State at Northwood*, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4

Grand Valley State at Ferris State*, 5:30 p.m.
 Northern Michigan at Wayne State*, 7 p.m.
 Lake Superior State at Saginaw Valley State*, 7 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.
 Michigan Tech at Northwood*, 7 p.m.
 Charleston (W.Va.) at Findlay, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Gannon at Hillsdale*, 12 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Wayne State*, 1 p.m.
 Michigan Tech at Saginaw Valley State*, 4 p.m.
 Northern Michigan at Northwood*, 4 p.m.
 Ashland at Florida Gulf Coast, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 6

Michigan Tech at Lake Superior State*, 1 p.m.
 Gannon at Wayne State*, 1 p.m.
 Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State*, 2 p.m.

All times are Eastern and subject to change
 * - Denotes GLIAC Match

THE GLIAC TOURNAMENT

The 2005 GLIAC Tournament remains on campus sites this season for the second-straight year. The top three teams in each division plus the next two best overall teams will qualify for the postseason tournament. The top four teams will host quarterfinal-round action Wednesday, Nov. 9, with the top remaining seed selected to host the semifinals/finals Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12-13. Ferris has clinched its eighth consecutive league tournament berth.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL RANKINGS

TEAM	RECORD	REGIONAL RECORD
1. Grand Valley State	19-4	16-1
2. Rockhurst	18-3	14-1
3. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	17-5	12-2
4. Ashland	18-5	14-3
5. Hillsdale	15-8	12-5
6. Northwood	16-7	12-3
7. Findlay	15-8	12-4
T8. Northern Kentucky	17-5	9-3
T8. Northern Michigan	10-9	7-6
T8. Southern Indiana	15-10	10-4

*Rankings & Records as of Oct. 18, 2005

Regional Information: Three automatic and five at-large bids will be awarded in the region, which consists of the GLIAC, Great Lakes Valley (GLVC) and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conferences (WVIAC), for the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament set to be held Nov. 17-19 at a campus site to be determined. New regional rankings will be announced Wednesday (Nov. 2) with both the official tournament pairings and site slated to be released by the national committee Sunday, Nov. 13. FSU has made 12 NCAA-II Tournament appearances to date.