



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

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THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Sept. 30 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Michigan Tech at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Oct. 1 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Northern Michigan at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Sunday, Oct. 2 * 1 p.m. (EDT)
Lake Superior State at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

**Overall Ferris State Record: 12-4, 2-2 GLIAC
National Ranking: #19**

BULLDOG BITES

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team continues its five-match homestand by hosting Michigan Tech Friday, Sept. 30, in a 7 p.m. (EDT) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tilt at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Ferris will then host Northern Michigan Saturday, Oct. 1, with the league home match set to start at 4 p.m. (EDT). FSU, which is presently 12-4 overall this campaign, concludes the homestand against Lake Superior State Sunday, Oct. 2, in a 1 p.m. (EDT) GLIAC home encounter.

FSU SPLITS TWO LEAGUE OUTINGS: Ferris split two league matches last weekend. The Bulldogs dropped a 3-2 decision to Ashland last Friday (Sept. 23) in a home conference match. Ferris then responded by posting a 3-0 victory over Findlay Saturday (Sept. 24) in GLIAC home action. FSU has won six of its last eight 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 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (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 704-401 (.637) overall record. Ferris has won nine GLIAC titles, made 12 NCAA-II Tournament appearances and registered 25 winning seasons in its previous 31 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 RANKED 19TH: The Bulldogs are currently ranked 19th overall in the latest (Sept. 26) 2005 CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll announced by the AVCA. FSU registered 237 total points in the balloting process after being ranked 16th with

310 points last week. Ferris concluded the 2004 campaign ranked 20th in the AVCA's final regular-season poll. In addition to FSU, the only other GLIAC school featured in the current poll is 15th-ranked Grand Valley State. Ashland is included in the teams receiving votes category. 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 320-120 (.727) career mark, is 202-100 (.669) 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.

GREAT STRETCH: Ferris has won 20 or more matches six times under 10th-year head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs are 169-63 (.728) over the past seven years 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 to date.

TOUGH AT HOME: The Bulldogs have compiled a 235-61 (.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 88-21 (.807) in home matches under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**.

HITTING THE ROAD: Ferris State is 616-290 (.680) overall since 1981 and sports a 399-232 (.632) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. The Bulldogs are currently 5-2 in neutral site matches this season after posting a 5-2 neutral site mark last campaign.

FERRIS STATE TRENDS: Ten of Ferris State's 16 matches this season have been decided in only three games. Three matches have won the entire five games while three have went four frames FSU is 12-0 when registering more kills than its opponent this season Ferris is 4-3 in Friday matches and 7-1 in Saturday encounters to date this campaign The Bulldogs have had more blocks than their opponent in 12 of 16 matches this year Five of Ferris' last seven matches this season have been decided in only three games.

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 last season. Clouse totaled 572 assists and 220 digs while Godlewski chipped in 396 digs.

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.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG QUICK NOTES: Ferris has won 24 of its last 30 outings dating back to last campaign **Brittney Godlewski** currently has 1,194 career digs and moved into fifth place on the school's all-time list last weekend. Godlewski is 110 digs away from tying Stephanie Chaffin (1,304; 1989-92) for fourth place in Bulldog history Senior middle hitter **Becky Thurau (Troy/Birmingham Groves)** is eight kills away to date from registering her 600th career kill **Emily Clouse** notched her 500th career dig against Findlay. She is eight assists shy of registering her 1,000th career assist Junior middle hitter **Karla White (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay)** currently needs 26 kills to record her 500th career kill **Brittney Godlewski's** 28 digs versus Ashland was one shy of tying her personal career-high of 29 digs set against Gannon (10/10/03) The Bulldogs have compiled a 67-12 (.848) overall record in three-game matches since the start of the 2000 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) FSU has currently won 11 of its last 13 regular-season outings versus GLIAC South Division opponents dating back to the 2003 season. Ferris posted a 6-0 record against South Division foes last season.

BIG DAY FOR HEINE: Senior middle hitter **Lauren Heine (Ypsilanti)** registered the best single-match attack percentage in school history (min. of 15 attacks) with her .875 showing on 14 kills and no errors in 16 total attempts in the win over Findlay. Heine currently has 581 career kills and is 19 away from picking up her 600th career kill.

BAUCHER NEARING MARK: FSU's **Danielle Baucher** needs 55 digs to become the 11th player in school history to join the 1,000 career digs club.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

MICHIGAN TECH: Ferris and Michigan Tech will square off for the 53rd time this Friday with FSU holding a 41-11 series advantage. In the last meeting (11/4/04), the Bulldogs recorded a 3-2 win at Big Rapids. FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** currently has a 15-4 career coaching record against the Huskies. FSU, which has won 14 of the past 15 contests, holds an 19-5 all-time record versus MTU in home matches. MTU compiled an 11-20 overall record in 2004, including a fifth-place 8-10 GLIAC North Division finish. The Huskies, who are coached by seventh-year head coach Krista Mikesch, improved to 7-6 overall and 3-2 in league play this season as a result of their 3-1 conference home win over Saginaw Valley State Sunday (Sept. 25). MTU has lost three of its last six outings this campaign to date after being picked to finish fifth in the GLIAC North Division Preseason Poll. MTU will visit Grand Valley State Thursday (Sept. 29) prior to heading to Big Rapids to battle the Bulldogs.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN: Ferris holds a 36-35 all-time advantage heading into Saturday's 72nd series meeting. FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**, who has a current 7-14 career coaching mark against the Wildcats, led Ferris to a 3-1 triumph in the 2004 GLIAC Tourney Quarterfinals (11/10) at Big Rapids. NMU won both regular-season meetings last year. NMU is presently 8-6 overall and 5-1 in the GLIAC's North Division following Tuesday's (Sept. 27) 3-1 conference road win at LSSU. Northern Michigan recorded a 24-7 overall record and a third-place 13-5 mark in the GLIAC's North Division last season. The Wildcats are directed by Qi Wang, who is midst his first season at NMU. NMU, which has won seven of its last eight outings to date this campaign, has claimed five of the last nine series' victories versus FSU. Ferris holds a 18-13 all-time advantage over the Wildcats in Big Rapids. Northern Michigan visits GVSU Friday (Sept. 30) before facing FSU.

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE: FSU holds a 53-17 advantage entering this Sunday's 71st series meeting with Lake Superior State. Ferris' **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** has a current 19-1 career coaching mark against LSSU and guided the Bulldogs to a 3-0 win in the last meeting (11/5/04) at Big Rapids. LSSU, which has won four of its last six matches this campaign to date, is presently 6-12 overall and 3-2 in conference play heading into Saturday's (Oct. 1) league road contest at Grand Valley State after dropping a 3-1 GLIAC home decision to Northern Michigan Tuesday (Sept. 27). Last season, the Lakers compiled a 8-22 overall record and placed sixth (4-14) in the league's North Division. The Bulldogs, who have won 33 of the last 34 meetings, are 28-4 all-time versus Lake Superior State in home encounters. LSSU is coached by 11th-year head coach Mark Engle.

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



