



# 2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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## 2007 Schedule

Record: 0-0    Home: 0-0    Road: 0-0    Neutral: 0-0  
GLIAC: 0-0    Home: 0-0    Road: 0-0

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>AUGUST</b>			
24	Fri.	Alaska Anchorage❖	1 p.m.
24	Fri.	West Virginia State❖	6 p.m.
25	Sat.	Glenville State (W.Va.)❖	12:30 p.m.
25	Sat.	Colorado School of Mines❖	5:30 p.m.
31	Fri.	vs. Adams State (Colo.)★	3 p.m.
31	Fri.	vs. Western New Mexico★	9:30 p.m.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
1	Sat.	vs. Mesa State (Colo.)★	5:30 p.m.
1	Sat.	vs. Western State (Colo.)★	9:30 p.m.
7	Fri.	vs. North Dakota◆	2 p.m.
7	Fri.	at Minnesota Duluth◆	7 p.m.
8	Sat.	vs. West Texas A&M◆	12:30 p.m.
14	Fri.	Lake Superior State*	7 p.m.
15	Sat.	Michigan Tech*	4 p.m.
16	Sun.	Northern Michigan*	1 p.m.
21	Fri.	at Northwood*	7 p.m.
22	Sat.	at Saginaw Valley State*	2 p.m.
28	Fri.	at Ashland*	7 p.m.
29	Sat.	at Findlay*	4 p.m.
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
2	Tue.	at Grand Valley State*	7 p.m.
5	Fri.	Gannon*	7 p.m.
6	Sat.	Mercyhurst*	1 p.m.
12	Fri.	Hillsdale*	7 p.m.
13	Sat.	Wayne State*	4 p.m.
19	Fri.	at Michigan Tech*	5 p.m.
20	Sat.	at Northern Michigan*	4 p.m.
21	Sun.	at Lake Superior State*	1 p.m.
26	Fri.	Grand Valley State*	5 p.m.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
2	Fri.	Saginaw Valley State*	7 p.m.
3	Sat.	Northwood*	5 p.m.
7	Wed.	GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals (Campus Site)	TBA
10	Sat.	GLIAC Tournament Semifinals (Campus Site)	TBA
11	Sun.	GLIAC Tournament Championship (Campus Site)	TBA
15-17	Thur.-Sat.	NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional (Campus Site)	TBA
29	Thur.-Sat.	27th Annual NCAA-II Elite Eight	TBA
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
1	Sat.	27th Annual NCAA-II Elite Eight	TBA

\*Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Match  
Home matches in **bold**  
All times are Eastern  
❖ – Ferris State Invitational (Big Rapids, Mich.)  
★ – Days Inn Denver West Oredigger Classic (Golden, Colo.)  
◆ – Minnesota Duluth Classic Tournament (Duluth, Minn.)  
Dates and times are all subject to change

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Tickets for all 2007 Ferris home matches will be available at the door. For more information, please contact the FSU Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888.

**THE 35TH SEASON:** The 2007 campaign represents Ferris State's 35th season of women's volleyball. The Bulldogs own an all-time mark of 735-416 (.639) to date. Since the program's inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made 14 NCAA-II Tournament appearances and registered 27 winning seasons.

**THE FSU ROSTER:** Ferris' 2007 active roster includes three seniors, three juniors, four sophomores and eight freshmen. Seven of the 18 players are outside hitters, four are middle hitters, and seven others fill the squad's setter, defensive specialist and libero roles. All 18 squad members are from the state of Michigan.

### THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Aug. 24 \* 1 p.m. (EDT)  
**Alaska Anchorage at Ferris State**  
Ewingleben Sports Arena \* Big Rapids, Mich.

Friday, Aug. 24 \* 6 p.m. (EDT)  
**West Virginia State at Ferris State**  
Ewingleben Sports Arena \* Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Aug. 25 \* 12:30 p.m. (EDT)  
**Glenville State (W.Va.) at Ferris State**  
Ewingleben Sports Arena \* Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Aug. 25 \* 5:30 p.m. (EDT)  
**Colorado School of Mines at Ferris State**  
Ewingleben Sports Arena \* Big Rapids, Mich.

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE:** The Ferris State University women's volleyball will open the 2007 season and its 35th year of intercollegiate competition this weekend (Aug. 24-25) as the Bulldogs host the Ferris State Invitational on three courts at the Ewingleben Sports Arena and Jim Wink Arena on the FSU campus in Big Rapids, Mich. Ferris will square off against Alaska Anchorage, West Virginia State, Glenville State (W.Va.) and Colorado School of Mines in the 12-team tournament.

**LAST SEASON:** Ferris State advanced to the NCAA Division II National Tournament for the 14th time in school history in the 2006 campaign after previously claiming its ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship in 2004 by winning the league's annual postseason tournament for the first time ever. FSU registered a 21-9 overall record a season ago and finished second place in the GLIAC's North Division with a 12-6 mark. Ferris, which compiled the program's ninth consecutive winning campaign in 2006, also made its ninth-straight conference tourney appearance a year ago.

**GLIAC PRESEASON POLL:** For the second consecutive season, FSU was selected to place third in the 2007 GLIAC Volleyball Coaches Preseason North Division Poll as released by the league office. The Bulldogs totaled 24 points in the balloting, which was conducted by the conference's head coaches. The Bulldogs accumulated a third-place 26 points total in last season's conference preseason poll and were tabbed fourth in the 2005 poll with 26 points. Defending NCAA Division II National Champion Grand Valley State was voted as the favorite to repeat as regular-season divisional champions for the third consecutive year as the Lakers garnered 36 points along with six of the seven first-place votes. Hillsdale, which captured the South Division title last campaign, received 23 points and had three first-place votes in being selected this year's South Division favorite.

**2007 BULLDOG CAPTAINS:** A trio of seniors – outside hitter **Lindsay Johnson (Cadillac)**, outside hitter **Lindsay Tye (Gregory/Chelsea)**, and **Jamie Palazzolo (Emmett/Yale)** along with junior setter-outside hitter **Candice Marut (Pinconning)** will serve as the 2007 captains.

**ON THE INTERNET:** Ferris State University Athletics' official web site can be found at [www.ferris.edu/sports](http://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 2007 yearbook can also be found at the site.

**LIVE STATS:** "Live Stats" of all 2007 Ferris home matches will be provided in progress via the internet. Visit [www.ferris.edu/sports](http://www.ferris.edu/sports) and click on the "Live Stats" icon to access the CSTV GameTracker "Live Stats" feature.

**GREAT STRETCH:** Ferris has won 20 or more matches eight times under 12th-year head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs are 200-85 (.702) over the past nine years and have reached the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament five times in that span. FSU has advanced to the GLIAC Tournament nine consecutive years to date.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

THE FSU INVITATIONAL: The Bulldogs have had previous success in the Ferris State Invitational. From 1998-2001, the Bulldogs opened each of their four campaigns with a 4-0 record after winning consecutive matches in the home event.

THE STARTING POINT: The 2007 campaign represents the fourth straight season in which the Bulldogs will open a season at home. Prior to the 2004 campaign, FSU had not played its season opener at home since 2001.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME: The Bulldogs have posted a 32-1 cumulative record in non-conference home outings during head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm's tenure. Overall, Ferris is 105-26 (.802) in home matches under Brandel-Wilhelm.

ALL-CONFERENCE PERFORMERS: Outside hitter Lindsay Tye and outside hitter-libero Jamie Palazzolo both earned All-GLIAC recognition a season ago.

TOUGH AT HOME: The Bulldogs have compiled a 252-66 (.792) record to date in 26 seasons of competition at the Ewigleben Sports Arena since moving from the Health and Physical Education (HPE) Building in 1981.

WHAT RETURNS FOR 2007: Below is a look at the 2006 statistical totals of the returnees and what percentage of the team totals they accounted for:

Table with 4 columns: Category, 2006 Total, 2007 Returning, % Returning. Rows include Kills, Aces, Digs, and Blocks.

NEARING THE CENTURY MARK: Outside hitter Lindsay Tye is four service aces shy and nine total blocks shy of attaining the 100 career plateau in both statistical categories.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

ALASKA ANCHORAGE: Ferris has a 4-3 all-time lead over the Seawolves to date. The Bulldogs are 0-2 at home and 4-1 on the road versus UAA.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE: FSU holds a 3-0 series advantage versus the Yellow Jackets with all matches taking place in Big Rapids. Ferris claimed a 3-0 home victory last year (8/26) in the most recent meeting between the two schools.

GLENVILLE STATE: First-ever meeting. GSC was 10-17 overall and 9-8 in the WVIAC last season. Jerry Gregg is in his first season as Pioneers' head coach.

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES: First-ever meeting. The Orediggers, under fifth-year head coach Shelly Johnson, were 11-17 overall and 7-12 in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) action last season.

2007 FSU VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Roster table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists 20 players including Katie Edwards, Amanda Kettlewell, Candice Marut, etc.

Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, 12th Year (Alma, 1990)
Assistant Coach: Theresa Beeckman, 3rd Year
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Dale Wilhelm, 4th Year

2007 SEASON TRENDS

Table with 2 columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists various match scenarios and their corresponding records, such as Three-game match (0-0), Opponent has more aces (0-0), etc.





HEAD COACH TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM

Tia Brandel-Wilhelm and the Ferris State University women's volleyball program are deeply intertwined as the Bulldog head coach embarks on her 12th year at FSU for the 2007 season.



Since becoming the program's fifth head coach in June 1996, Brandel-Wilhelm has resurrected the program by guiding the Bulldogs to five NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances, which includes four of the last five years.

Success and Brandel-Wilhelm have become synonymous as Ferris State recorded the program's ninth consecutive winning campaign in 2006 as Bulldogs attained double-digits in victories for the 26th straight year with a 21-9 overall record. FSU also was able to make its 14th all-time appearance in the NCAA-II Tournament.

In 2004, Ferris State claimed its ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship after winning the league's annual postseason tournament for the first-time ever.

FSU also reached the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament under Brandel-Wilhelm in 2002. During the 1999 campaign (11/5), Brandel-Wilhelm registered her 200th career coaching victory in the Bulldogs' 3-1 home league win over Grand Valley State. Ferris also finished runner-up at the GLIAC Tournament for the third time in the Brandel-Wilhelm era during the 2001 season. She notched her 300th all-time victory in 2004 and enters the 2007 season ranked 19th in career best winning percentage among the nation's Division II active coaches with a .722 (.722) career mark in 14 seasons as a collegiate head coach. Her 351 career wins is 22nd best on the Division II active coaches total victories list.

In the last seven seasons, Brandel-Wilhelm has coached Ferris to an impressive 179-76 overall record (.702). She was voted as the GLIAC's Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 2002 by her peers after leading Ferris to a second-place finish in the league's North Division.

Brandel-Wilhelm's resume demonstrates a penchant for winning. Prior to joining FSU, she served as head coach for three seasons (1993-95) at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W. Va. Under Brandel-Wilhelm's tutelage, the Bobcats racked up a 118-20 overall record, captured three West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and regional titles, made two NAIA national tournament appearances, and placed fifth at the 1995 NCAA Division II Championships.

Brandel-Wilhelm left WVWC with an active streak of 80 conference victories. In 1993, she was selected WVIAC and NAIA Mid-South Region Coach-of-the-Year after guiding her team to an impressive 40-11 overall mark in her initial campaign.

She earned a master's in business administration from WVWC after receiving her undergraduate degree in business administration and psychology from Alma (Mich.) College in 1990. Brandel-Wilhelm, who competed in both volleyball and track at Alma, was an all-conference first-team scholar athlete. While attending Alma, she coached volleyball for two years at Alma (Mich.) High School.

A native of Whitehall, Mich., Brandel-Wilhelm presently serves as Ferris State's senior women's administrator and is accredited as a level II coach by the United States Volleyball Association. Brandel-Wilhelm, who is a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), also holds positions on the NCAA National Volleyball and AVCA Division II Volleyball Coaches Committees.

Brandel-Wilhelm is married to Dale Wilhelm and resides in Big Rapids along with her daughter, Ivie, and stepson, Allen. The newest addition to the family is a son, Isaac, who was born on July 16, 2007.

Brandel-Wilhelm Year-By-Year

Table with columns: YEAR, SCHOOL, MATCHES, OVERALL (WON, LOST, PCT.), CONFERENCE (WON, LOST, PCT.), GLIAC FINISH. Rows include years 1993-2007 and Career/FSU Totals.



2007 GLIAC STANDINGS

Table showing 2007 GLIAC Standings for North and South Divisions as of Aug. 23. Columns include School, W, L, Pct., Overall W, L, Pct.

FERRIS STATE INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 24

Court 1 - Ewigleben Sports Arena

- 10 a.m. Colorado School of Mines vs. West Virginia Wesleyan
1 p.m. Alaska Anchorage at Ferris State
3:30 p.m. Lake Superior State vs. Colorado School of Mines
6 p.m. West Virginia State at Ferris State

Court 2 - Jim Wink Arena

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Saturday, Aug. 25

Court 1 - Ewigleben Sports Arena

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12:30 p.m. Glenville State (W.Va.) at Ferris State
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2007 VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

Table of quick facts including Location, Founded/Enrollment, Nickname/Colors, Affiliation, Conference, President, Athletics Director, Email, Faculty Athletics Representative, Coordinator of Records & NCAA, Senior Women's Administrator, Head Athletic Trainer, Assistant Athletic Trainer, Assistant Athletic Trainer (Volleyball), Equipment Manager, Athletic Department Office/Fax, Home Court (Capacity).