



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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2007 Schedule

Record: 18-8 Home: 10-1 Road: 4-5 Neutral: 4-2
GLIAC: 10-5 Home: 6-1 Road: 4-4

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST			
24	Fri.	Alaska Anchorage❖	W 3-0
24	Fri.	West Virginia State❖	W 3-0
25	Sat.	Glenville State (W.Va.)❖	W 3-0
25	Sat.	Colorado School of Mines❖	W 3-0
31	Fri.	vs. Adams State (Colo.)★	W 3-1
31	Fri.	vs. Western New Mexico★	W 3-0
SEPTEMBER			
1	Sat.	vs. Mesa State (Colo.)★	L 1-3
1	Sat.	vs. Western State (Colo.)★	W 3-0
7	Fri.	vs. North Dakota◆	W 3-2
7	Fri.	at Minnesota Duluth◆	L 0-3
8	Sat.	vs. West Texas A&M◆	L 1-3
14	Fri.	Lake Superior State*	W 3-1
15	Sat.	Michigan Tech*	W 3-2
16	Sun.	Northern Michigan*	L 2-3
21	Fri.	at Northwood*	L 0-3
22	Sat.	at Saginaw Valley State*	W 3-0
28	Fri.	at Ashland*	L 1-3
29	Sat.	at Findlay*	W 3-1
OCTOBER			
2	Tue.	at Grand Valley State*	L 2-3
5	Fri.	Gannon*	W 3-0
6	Sat.	Mercyhurst*	W 3-0
12	Fri.	Hillsdale*	W 3-2
13	Sat.	Wayne State*	W 3-0
19	Fri.	at Michigan Tech*	W 3-0
20	Sat.	at Northern Michigan*	L 1-3
21	Sun.	at Lake Superior State*	W 3-0
26	Fri.	Grand Valley State*	5 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
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
DECEMBER			
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 (Duluth, Minn.)
Dates and times are all subject to change

THE 35TH SEASON: The 2007 campaign represents Ferris State's 35th season of women's volleyball. The Bulldogs own an all-time mark of 753-424 (.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.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME: Ferris is currently 262-67 (.796) in 25-plus seasons at the Ewingleben Sports Arena since 1981. FSU, which has six undefeated home seasons in the facility, was 12-4 at home last fall. The Bulldogs are 115-27 (.809) in home matches under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Oct. 26 * 5 p.m. (EDT)
#10 Grand Valley State at Ferris State
Ewingleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The 2007 Ferris State University women's volleyball team will go up against its archrival in nationally-ranked Grand Valley State this Friday (Oct. 26) in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) match in Big Rapids, Mich. Opening serve is set for 5 p.m. (EDT) at FSU's Ewingleben Sports Arena. Grand Valley State is ranked 10th in this week's (Oct. 22) CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll with 571 points after being listed eighth in the previous poll (Oct. 15).

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State posted a 2-1 record in three GLIAC matches during its annual trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula last weekend (Oct. 19-21). The Bulldogs claimed a 3-0 decision over Michigan Tech last Friday (Oct. 19) in Houghton, Mich. FSU then suffered a 3-0 loss to Northern Michigan last Saturday (Oct. 20) in Marquette, Mich., before getting back on the winning track with a 3-0 victory against Lake Superior State last Sunday (Oct. 21) in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

SHOW YOUR BULLDOG PRIDE: Ferris State fans are encouraged to wear their Bulldog apparel for this Friday's home match versus Grand Valley State. Doors will open at 6 p.m. (EDT). Traditionally, a standing room-only crowd has been present for the FSU-GVSVU match in Big Rapids.

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 in the 2006 season's conference preseason poll and were fourth in the 2005 poll with 26 points. 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.

2007 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. The site features information on all of FSU's varsity athletics programs including rosters, statistics, yearbooks and more. The team's 2007 yearbook is available to view at the site. A live video and audio webcast is available for all 2007 Ferris home volleyball matches through B2 Networks for a charge of \$6 per match. Click the B2 Networks icon on the Ferris' Athletics website to access.

GREAT STRETCH: Ferris has won 20 or more matches eight times under **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs were 200-85 (.702) over the past nine years prior to 2007 and have reached the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regionals five times in that span. FSU has advanced to the GLIAC Tournament the nine consecutive seasons to date.

ANOTHER WINNING SEASON: Ferris State's current 18-8 mark this season with three regular-season matches remaining assures the Bulldogs of registering the program's 10th consecutive winning campaign.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State has posted more kills than its opponent in 10 of the last 11 matches to date and is averaging 57.0 kills per match (627 total) to the opposition's 43.6 average (480 total) in that span... Sophomore outside-middle hitter Amanda Kettlewell (Marysville) has set personal season highs in kills (31), service aces (seven), and digs (10) this season in 29 games. She registered eight kills along with two aces and nine digs in 29 games a season ago... The Bulldogs have compiled a 98-20 (.831) overall record in three-game matches since the start of the 2000 campaign... Lindsay Tye is two service aces shy of tying Kim McDowell (1988-91; 134 total) for 15th place on FSU's all-time leaders list. Tye presently has accumulated 132 aces in 105 matches and is tied with Janna Biggs (1985-88; 132 total) for 16th-place honors... Jamie Palazzolo's team-high 474 digs in 26 matches this fall presently ranks as the sixth-most single-season digs total in the program's history and the 2006 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention pick is six shy of moving into a fifth-place tie with Kelly Stosik (1989; 480 digs)... Ferris has totaled nine matches with double-digit service aces this season and is one shy of equalling last season's output in 30 matches.

OCTOBER MATCHES: Ferris State has registered a 54-21 overall record (.720) in October encounters dating back to the 2000 campaign. The Bulldogs are 26-8 at home and 28-13 on the road during that period. FSU is currently 6-2 in October matches this season, which includes a 4-0 home ledger. Ferris' most successful October performance was in 2002 when the Bulldogs went 10-1 overall, including 6-0 at home.

SERVING IT UP: Junior outside-middle hitter Emily Nemmers' (Caledonia/East Kentwood) 18 service aces in 67 games this season represents a personal season high. Nemmers recorded a combined nine aces in 152 games during her three prior seasons (2004-06) in a Bulldog uniform. She was granted a medical redshirt as a freshman in 2004 as a result of appearing in six matches due to an injury and received an extra year of eligibility.

DIGS STRING CONTINUES: Jamie Palazzolo stretched her double-digit digs streak to 24 straight with a match-leading 16 total at Lake Superior State last Sunday (10/21). Palazzolo has averaged 19.0 digs per match (456 total) during the 24-match period and is on pace (4.99 dpg) to finish third on the program's single-season digs chart. In her career, Palazzolo presently ranks seventh on the Bulldogs' all-time leaders list with 1,230 career digs in 112 matches.

GILCHRIST REACHES MARK: Sophomore middle hitter Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay) reached a personal milestone by surpassing the 500 career kills mark with eight kills at Northern Michigan last Saturday (10/20). Gilchrist currently has 512 career kills in 56 matches and posted 24 career double-digit kill matches to date, which includes 16 this fall.

2007 HOME CONTESTS: The Bulldogs are averaging 15.6 kills per game (624 total) in their 11 home matches this season compared to their opponent's 11.3 average (452 total) and have compiled a .231 hitting percentage. FSU has served 101 aces (2.5 avg.) to the opposition's 45 total (1.1 avg.). Individually, Lindsay Tye and sophomore outside hitter Katie Edwards (Cedar Springs) have combined for 44.6% (278-624) of the team's kills output at home this campaign. Tye is averaging a team-best 4.19 kills per game (155 total) and Edwards has averaged 3.15 kills a game (123 total).

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT

GRAND VALLEY STATE: Ferris State and Grand Valley State will square off for the 91st time with the Lakers owning a 50-40 series lead after capturing a 3-2 come-from-behind conference win earlier this season (10/2) at the GVSU Fieldhouse Arena in Allendale, Mich. GVSU, which has prevailed in 15 of the last 21 series meetings, sports a 17-15 all-time mark in matches played at Ferris and is 32-25 at home versus the Bulldogs. The nationally-ranked Lakers, who are under the direction of 13th-year head coach Deanna Scanlon, are presently 24-3 overall and 14-1 in the GLIAC this season. GVSU had its 19-match winning streak snapped in a 3-2 conference loss to Northern Michigan last Sunday (10/21) in Marquette, Mich. The Lakers' other two defeats occurred at the Regis Premier Tournament (8/31-9/1) in Denver, Colo., against a pair of nationally-ranked teams in Southwest State (Minn.) and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. GVSU dropped a 3-0 decision to Southwest State (8/31) and then came out on the short end of a 3-2 decision to SIU-Edwardsville. Grand Valley State claimed the 2005 NCAA Division II National Championship title. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. GVSU - 8-18

2007 FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: No., NAME, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL. Lists 20 players including Katie Edwards, Amanda Kettlewell, Candice Marut, Dana Ruttle, Arielle Goodson, Leslie Swanson, Lindsay Johnson, Jamie Palazzolo, Sarah Lark, Dana Fairbanks, Lisa Tobiczkyk, Whitney Rupp, Ashley Nugent, Danielle Hamilton, Lindsay Tye, Andrea Rich, Emily Nemmers, and Kristy Gilchrist.

HEAD COACH: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, 12th Year (Alma, 1990) ASSISTANT COACH: Theresa Beeckman, 3rd Year
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH: Dale Wilhelm, 4th Year
* - Denotes letters earned (C) - Denotes captain

2007 SEASON TRENDS

Table with columns: SITUATION, FSU RECORD. Lists trends such as Three-game match (12-2), Four-game match (3-4), Five-game match (3-1), Win game one (15-1), Lose game one (4-6), Win first two games (13-0), Split first two games (4-3), Lose first two games (1-4), Winning game three (17-4), Winning game four (5-3), The deciding fifth game (3-1), More kills than opponent (19-2), Fewer kills than opponent (0-4), Kills are equal (0-0), Hit under .100 (0-1), Hit .100-.300 (16-6), Hit over .300 (2-0), Opponent hits under .100 (6-0), Opponent hits .100-.300 (12-5), Opponent hits over .300 (0-2), Has higher hitting pct. (17-1), Opponent has higher pct. (0-6), Has more assists (17-3), Opponent has more assists (0-4), Assists are equal (1-0), Has more aces (17-1), Opponent has more aces (0-4), Aces are equal (1-2), Has more digs (15-3), Opponent has more digs (3-4), Digs are equal (0-0), Has more blocks (12-4), Opponent has more blocks (6-3), Blocks are equal (0-0), In August (6-0), In September (6-6), In October (6-1), In November (0-0), On Monday (0-0), On Tuesday (0-0), On Wednesday (0-0), On Thursday (0-0), On Friday (9-3), On Saturday (8-3), On Sunday (1-1), In morning matches (0-0), In afternoon matches (10-4), In evening matches (8-3), Against nationally-ranked teams (1-4), In non-conference matches (8-3), In conference matches (10-4), In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams (0-0), Attendance under 100 (2-1), Attendance of 100-200 (4-2), Attendance over 200 (12-4), Match time under one hour (0-0), Match time one-two hours (15-6), Match time over two hours (3-1), In invitational matches (8-3), Against in-state foes (7-3), Against out of state teams (11-4), Against winning record teams (5-5), Against losing record teams (11-0), Against even record teams (2-2), In home matches (10-1)

FERRIS STATE'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

Lindsay Tye11



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 entered the 2007 season ranked 19th in career best winning percentage among the nation's Division II active coaches with a 351-135 (.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 prior to 2007, 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, WON, LOST, PCT., OVERALL, CONFERENCE, GLIAC FINISH. Rows include years 1993-2007 and career totals.



2007 GLIAC STANDINGS

Table showing 2007 GLIAC Standings for North and South Divisions, including columns for School, Conference (W, L, Pct.), and Overall (W, L, Pct.).

UPCOMING GLIAC SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Lake Erie (Ohio) at Mercyhurst 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 25

Michigan Tech at Lake Superior State*, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26

Grand Valley State at Ferris State*, 5 p.m.

Findlay at Ashland*, 7 p.m.

Michigan Tech at Northwood*, 7 p.m.

Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State*, 7 p.m.

Mercyhurst at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.

Gannon at Wayne State*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Gannon at Hillsdale*, 12 p.m.

Lake Superior State at Saginaw Valley State*, 2 p.m.

Northern Michigan at Northwood*, 4 p.m.

Mercyhurst at Wayne State*, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28

Michigan Tech at Saginaw Valley State*, 2 p.m.

Lake Superior State at Northwood*, 4 p.m.

* - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Match
All times are Eastern and subject to change

CAREER MATCH BEST: Emily Nemmers' six service aces at Lake Superior State last Sunday (10/22) marked a career match high, bettering her three service aces at Northern Michigan (10/21) in the Bulldogs' previous match. She has a combined nine aces in her last two matches after generating nine in her previous 24 outings this season.

SUDDEN IMPACT: Freshman middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) leads the 2007 team with a 0.90 blocks per game average and has totaled a squad-best 80 blocks (61 block assists) in 26 matches.

LATEST NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS: Ferris State ranks 35th in kills per game (15.41 avg.) in the most recent (10/21) NCAA-II national statistics. The Bulldogs are 44th in assists (13.76), 49th in service aces (2.34), 86th in hitting percentage (.204), 108th in blocks (2.03), and 138th in digs (16.46). Individually, Lindsay Tye is 12th in kills (4.7) and 101st in hitting percentage (.302) while Jamie Palazzolo is 75th in digs (4.99). Junior setter Andrea Rich ranks 142nd in assists per game (8.9) and Kristy Gilchrist is 152nd in aces (0.48).

2007 VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

Table listing quick facts: LOCATION (Big Rapids, Mich.), FOUNDED/ENROLLMENT (1884/13,087), NICKNAME/COLORS (Bulldogs/Crimson and Gold), AFFILIATION (NCAA Division II), CONFERENCE (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic (GLIAC)), PRESIDENT (Dr. David L. Eisler), ATHLETICS DIRECTOR (Tom Kirinovic), FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE (Dr. Terry Nerbonne), COORDINATOR OF RECORDS & NCAA (Carma Burcham), SENIOR WOMEN'S ADMINISTRATOR (Tia Brandel-Wilhelm), HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER (Dave Lucey), ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER (Tim Glover), EQUIPMENT MANAGER (Ben Mumah), ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT OFFICE/FAX ((231) 591-2860/2869), HOME COURT (CAPACITY) (Robert L. Ewigleben Sports Arena (600)).