



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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2007 Schedule

Record: 18-9 Home: 10-2 Road: 4-5 Neutral: 4-2
GLIAC: 10-6 Home: 6-2 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*	L 1-3
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 753-425 (.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 262-68 (.794) in 25-plus seasons at the Ewigleben Sports Arena since 1981. FSU, which has six undefeated home seasons in the facility, was 12-4 at home last fall. The Bulldogs are 115-28 (.804) in home matches under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Nov. 2 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Nov. 3 * 5 p.m. (EDT)
Northwood at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will close out the regular-season portion of its 2007 schedule this weekend (Nov. 2-3) with a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) home matches at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs face the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals this Friday (Nov. 2) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) contest before going up against the Northwood Timberwolves this Saturday (Nov. 3) at 5 p.m. (EDT) in the regular-season finale.

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State suffered a 3-1 conference loss to nationally-10th-ranked and West Michigan archrival Grand Valley State last Friday (Oct. 26) at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids. The contest represented the Bulldogs' only match last week.

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 18-9 mark this season with two regular-season matches remaining assures the Bulldogs of registering the program's 10th consecutive winning campaign. FSU is two victories away from producing the school's ninth 20-win campaign in the last 10 seasons. The Bulldogs have recorded at least 20 victories in a season 19 times prior to this season.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State has tallied 53 kills in each of its last three matches to date - at Northern Michigan (10/20), at Lake Superior State (10/21) and against Grand Valley State (10/26) . . . Junior outside-middle hitter Emily Nemmers (Caledonia/East Kentwood) has compiled a combined 13 service aces in her last three matches after generating nine aces in her previous 24 outings this season. She has produced a career match-high six aces at Lake Superior State (10/21) and then followed with four aces against Grand Valley State last Friday (10/26) . . . Jamie Palazzolo's team-high 489 digs in 27 matches this campaign currently represents the fourth-best ever single-season digs output in school history. She's four away from moving into a fourth-place tie with Wendy McCann (1987; 493 digs) and is nine shy of tying Sheri (Maus) Harris' 498-digs total set in 1998 . . . The Bulldogs are 1-6 (.143) in their regular-season finale matches dating back to 2000. The lone triumph was a 3-0 home decision over Grand Valley State in 2005 (11/4) . . . Lindsay Tye needs 35 more kills to tie for 13th place on FSU's all-time leaders chart with Lisa Haan (1988-91; 1,141 career kills). Tye has currently accumulated 1,106 career kills in 106 matches, which includes a career season-best 451 kills in 27 contests this season.

NOVEMBER MATCHES: Ferris State has registered a 14-16 overall record (.467) in November encounters dating back to the 2000 campaign. The Bulldogs are 7-3 at home and 7-13 in road/neutral site contests during that period. Ferris was 0-2 in November encounters last season with both being neutral-site matches. FSU's most successful November performance since the new millennium was in 2004 when the Bulldogs produced a 5-2 record.

DOUBLE-DOUBLE: Lindsay Tye continues her dominance in her final collegiate season as she recorded her 13th double-double of the season against Grand Valley State last Friday (10/26). She finished the league contest with a match-leading 19 kills and a team-best 21 digs. Tye's digs total in the match marked a season high, eclipsing her 18 digs versus Hillsdale (10/12).

THE QUARTER MARK: Jamie Palazzolo extended her double-digit digs match streak to 25 consecutive after tallying 15 digs in the Grand Valley State match (10/26). This season, Palazzolo has garnered at least 20 or more digs a match on 10 occasions. She presently ranks seventh on FSU's all-time digs leaders list with 1,245 digs in 113 matches and is 59 shy of tying Stephanie Chaffin (1989-92; 1,304 career digs) for sixth place.

2007 GLIAC TOURNEY INFO: FSU has clinched a GLIAC Tournament berth. The tournament quarterfinals will be held Wednesday, Nov. 7, at campus sites still to be determined with the semifinals/finals set for Nov. 10-11 at the site of the highest remaining seed. The official brackets will be announced by the conference office after regular-season action concludes this Saturday (Nov. 3). The Bulldogs' appearance in the conference tourney represents the 10th consecutive year in which FSU will be a participant.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE: Ferris State holds a commanding 46-9 lead over Saginaw Valley State in the all-time series and recorded a 3-0 win on the Cardinals' home court earlier this season (9/22) in University Center, Mich. The Bulldogs have won 13 of the last 15 meetings between the two teams and are 24-3 all-time in home matches against SVSU. Ferris suffered a 3-2 loss to Saginaw Valley State last season (9/9) in its most recent home appearance versus the Cardinals. SVSU, which is coached by fifth-year head coach Will Stanton, improved to 20-9 overall and 9-7 in the GLIAC with a 3-1 conference home win over Michigan Tech last Sunday (10/28). The Cardinals have won five of their last six matches to date and are 16-5 in road/neutral site matches this season. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. SVSU - 19-4

NORTHWOOD: Ferris State is 26-20 in its all-time series versus Northwood although the Timberwolves have prevailed in 12 of the last 18 contests to date. Northwood handed the Bulldogs a 3-0 conference loss earlier this campaign (9/21) in Midland, Mich. Ferris is 14-7 at home against the Timberwolves, which includes a 3-0 setback on the Bulldogs' home floor last season (9/8). Northwood is currently 18-10 overall and 6-10 in GLIAC action under fourth-year head coach Tim Koth. The Timberwolves started out the season with a 12-match winning streak, but have dropped three of their last four contests to date. NU suffered a 3-2 home loss to Lake Superior State last Sunday (10/28) in its most recent action. The Timberwolves sport a 15-5 record in away/neutral site matches this campaign. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. NU - 11-16

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 Tobiczky, 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 various match situations and their records, such as Three-game match (12-2), Four-game match (3-5), Five-game match (3-1), Win game one (15-1), Lose game one (4-7), Win first two games (13-0), Split first two games (4-4), 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 (0-5), Kills are equal (0-0), Hit under .100 (0-1), Hit .100-.300 (16-7), Hit over .300 (2-0), Opponent hits under .100 (6-0), Opponent hits .100-.300 (12-5), Opponent hits over .300 (0-3), Has higher hitting pct. (17-1), Opponent has higher pct. (0-7), Has more assists (17-3), Opponent has more assists (0-5), Assists are equal (1-0), Has more aces (17-2), Opponent has more aces (0-4), Aces are equal (1-2), Has more digs (15-3), Opponent has more digs (3-5), Digs are equal (0-0), Has more blocks (12-5), Opponent has more blocks (6-3), Blocks are equal (0-0), In August (6-0), In September (6-6), In October (6-2), In November (0-0), On Monday (0-0), On Tuesday (0-0), On Wednesday (0-0), On Thursday (0-0), On Friday (9-4), On Saturday (8-3), On Sunday (1-1), In morning matches (0-0), In afternoon matches (10-5), In evening matches (8-3), Against nationally-ranked teams (1-5), In non-conference matches (8-3), In conference matches (10-5), In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams (0-0), Attendance under 100 (2-1), Attendance of 100-200 (4-2), Attendance over 200 (12-5), Match time under one hour (0-0), Match time one-two hours (15-7), Match time over two hours (3-1), In invitational matches (8-3), Against in-state foes (7-4), Against out of state teams (11-4), Against winning record teams (5-6), Against losing record teams (11-0), Against even record teams (2-2), In home matches (10-2)

FERRIS STATE'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

Lindsay Tye12



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., CONFERENCE, OVERALL, GLIAC FINISH. Rows include years 1993-2007 and career totals.



2007 GLIAC STANDINGS

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

UPCOMING GLIAC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Oct. 30
at Mercyhurst 3, Daemen (N.Y.) 0

Wednesday, Oct. 31
Northern Michigan at Michigan Tech*, 7 p.m.
Edinboro (Pa.) at Gannon, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2
Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State*, 7 p.m.
Northwood at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.
Lake Superior State at Michigan Tech*, 7 p.m.
Wayne State at Ashland*, 7 p.m.
Hillsdale at Findlay*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3
Hillsdale at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
Wayne State at Findlay*, 4 p.m.
Lake Superior State at Northern Michigan*, 4 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Grand Valley State*, 4 p.m.
Northwood at Ferris State*, 5 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Gannon*, 7 p.m.

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

SENIOR DAY MATCH: This Saturday's (11/3) home outing against Northwood will be the program's annual Senior Day contest as Lindsay Johnson, Jamie Palazzolo and Lindsay Tye will be honored prior to the Bulldogs' final 2007 regular-season home match. The trio have guided Ferris State to an 86-35 record (.711) during their careers (2004-present).

PAIR OF ACES: FSU's top leaders in service aces this season, sophomore middle hitter Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay) and Lindsay Tye have currently combined for 36.1% (83-230) of the team's output. Gilchrist has compiled a squad-best 46 aces and Tye has served up 37 aces this fall.

LATEST NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS: Ferris State is listed 38th in kills per game (15.32 avg.) among this week's (10/28) NCAA Division II national statistical leaders. The Bulldogs are 43rd in assists (13.7), 54th in service aces (2.32), 79th in hitting percentage (.205), 125th in blocks (1.99), and 142nd in digs (16.46). Individually, Lindsay Tye ranks 11th in kills (4.7) and 102nd in hitting percentage (.301) while Jamie Palazzolo is 81st in digs (4.94). Junior setter Andrea Rich (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay) ranks 149th in assists per game (8.78) and Kristy Gilchrist is 161st in service aces (0.48).

2007 FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

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