



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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2007 Schedule

Record: 4-0 Home: 4-0 Road: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0
GLIAC: 0-0 Home: 0-0 Road: 0-0

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.)★	1 p.m.
31	Fri.	vs. Western New Mexico★	7:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER			
1	Sat.	vs. Mesa State (Colo.)★	3 p.m.
1	Sat.	vs. Western State (Colo.)★	7:30 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.
OCTOBER			
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.
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 Tournament (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 739-416 (.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.

ON THE ROAD: Ferris State is 636-300 (.679) overall since 1981 and sports a 413-242 (.631) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. The Bulldogs were 6-3 in road matches a season ago and notched a 3-2 mark in neutral site encounters.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Aug. 31 * 1 p.m. (EDT)
Adams State (Colo.) vs. Ferris State
Lockridge Arena * Golden, Colo.

Friday, Aug. 31 * 7:30 p.m. (EDT)
Western New Mexico vs. Ferris State
Lockridge Arena * Golden, Colo.

Saturday, Sept. 1 * 3 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State vs. Mesa State (Colo.)
Lockridge Arena * Golden, Colo.

Saturday, Sept. 1 * 7:30 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State vs. Western State (Colo.)
Lockridge Arena * Golden, Colo.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will play in its second tournament of the 2007 season this weekend (Aug. 31-Sept. 1) as the Bulldogs participate in the 2007 Days Inn-Denver West Oredigger Classic at Lockridge Arena in Golden, Colo. Ferris will go up against Adams State (Colo.), Western New Mexico, Mesa State (Colo.), and Western State (Colo.) in the tourney.

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. 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 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 were 200-85 (.702) over the past nine years prior to entering the 2007 season 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.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

THE DAYS INN-DENVER WEST OREDIGGER CLASSIC: The Bulldogs will be competing in the 10-team 2007 Days Inn-Denver West Oredigger Classic, which will be held at Lockridge Arena on the campus of the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. Along with the host Colorado School of Mines and Ferris State, the tourney field includes Adams State (Colo.), Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.), Merrimack (Mass.), Mesa State (Colo.), Montana State-Billings, Missouri-Rolla, Western New Mexico, and Western State (Colo.). Action will take place on two courts both Friday and Saturday. Ferris will depart for the tournament Thursday (Aug. 30) morning and return Sunday (Sept. 2).

FERRIS STATE INVITATIONAL RECAP: Ferris State's Lindsay Tye and Candice Marut were named to the 12-member Ferris State Invitational All-Tournament Team. Tye, a 2006 All-GLIAC Second-Team pick, registered a squad-best tying 37 kills and had a .333 attack percentage in the tourney while Marut compiled 24 kills to go with team highs in hitting percentage (.458) and assists (103). Tye received all-tourney team honors at the 2006 Ferris State Invite. Ferris State along with Grand Valley State and Northwood all posted 4-0 marks among the 12 teams in the tournament field.

A FINE START: The Bulldogs' 4-0 start this fall represents the program's best since 2005 when Ferris won its initial six matches of the season and went on to finish with a 22-10 overall record. All four of FSU's matches this campaign were decided in three games as the Bulldogs held their opponent to a combined .112 hitting percentage for the tournament.

RETURN TO SENDER: Ferris is currently outblocking the opposition 2.00-to-1.17 this season. The Bulldogs have outblocked their foe in three of their four initial matches and have a combined 10 more total blocks (24.0 to 14.0) than their opponent.

MOVING UP THE CHARTS: Lindsay Tye currently ranks 27th among Ferris' all-time kills leaders with a 692 total and is 13 away from tying Kris Johnson (1982-85; 705) for 26th place. Jamie Palazzolo is presently 18th all-time on FSU's career digs leaders list. She has accumulated 801 digs in 280 career games and is 24 shy of tying Gretchen Galloway's (1992-94) 825 career digs in 326 games.

PRODUCTIVE RETURN: Sophomore outside hitter Katie Edwards (Cedar Springs), who played in last season's first five matches before suffering a season-ending injury, has compiled a team-high tying 37 kills and a .256 hitting percentage in 12 games to date this season. She produced 30 kills and had a .024 attack percentage in the Bulldogs' first four matches a season ago.

THE CENTURY MARK: Lindsay Tye recorded her 100th career service ace last Saturday (8/25) in FSU's win versus Colorado School of Mines. Tye, who has played in 83 matches and 260 games, is now three shy of tying Gretchen Galloway's (1992-94) 24th-place 103 service aces total.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

ADAMS STATE: Ferris State and Adams State have never faced each other prior to this Friday's matchup. The Grizzlies, under third-year head coach Lindy Mortensen, are currently 2-2-0 overall this season with the two victories coming in a 3-0 win over Grand Canyon (Ariz.) and a 3-1 decision versus Dixie State (Utah) last weekend (Aug. 23 & 25) at the Best Western Alamosa Inn/Grizzly Inn Volleyball Classic in Alamosa, Colo. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. ASC - 0-0

WESTERN NEW MEXICO: The two teams have never met. The Mustangs posted a 3-1 mark at last weekend's (Aug. 24-25) Best Western Alamosa Inn/Grizzly Inn Volleyball Classic in Alamosa, Colo. WNMU dropped its season opener before recording wins against Texas-Permian Basin (3-1), Grand Canyon (3-0) and Winona State (3-0). Head coach Jim Callendar was named the 2006 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's (RMAC) Coach of the Year. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. WNMU - 0-0

MESA STATE: First-ever meeting. The Mavericks are 2-2-0 overall to date this campaign as a result of a pair of 3-1 victories over Incarnate Word (Texas) and Oklahoma Panhandle State at the West Texas A&M Lady Buff Classic last weekend (Aug. 24-25) in Canyon, Texas. Head coach Dave Fleming is in his third year at Mesa State. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. MSC - 0-0

WESTERN STATE: The two teams will square off against each other for the first time ever this Saturday. Western State will bring a 1-3-0 mark into this weekend's tournament with the lone triumph occurring in a 3-2 triumph over Colorado Christian (Aug. 25) at the Colorado Christian Invitational in Lakewood, Colo. The Mountainers are coached by Shawn Back, who's in his eighth year at the helm. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. WSC - 0-0

2007 FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists 20 players including Katie Edwards, Amanda Kettlewell, Candice Marut, Dana Ruttelle, 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 Coaches: Dale Wilhelm, 4th Year
* - Denotes letters earned (C) - Denotes captain

2007 SEASON TRENDS

Table with columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists various match and game statistics such as Three-game match (4-0), Five-game match (0-0), Win game one (4-0), 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. She 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 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, 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 through matches of Aug. 28. Columns include School, W, L, Pct., Overall W, L, Pct.

DAYS INN-DENVER WEST OREDIGGER CLASSIC SCHEDULE

Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2007

Lockridge Arena
Hosted by Colorado School of Mines
Golden, Colo.

Friday, Aug. 31

Court 1 - East Court

- 1 p.m. Western State (Colo.) vs. Missouri-Rolla
3 p.m. Western New Mexico vs. Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.)
5:30 p.m. Montana State-Billings at Colorado School of Mines
7:30 p.m. Western State (Colo.) vs. Merrimack (Mass.)
9:30 p.m. Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) at Colorado School of Mines

Court 2 - West Court

- 1 p.m. Adams State (Colo.) vs. Ferris State
3 p.m. Mesa State (Colo.) vs. Merrimack (Mass.)
5:30 p.m. Adams State (Colo.) vs. Missouri-Rolla
7:30 p.m. Western New Mexico vs. Ferris State
9:30 p.m. Mesa State (Colo.) vs. Montana State-Billings

Saturday, Sept. 1

Court 1 - East Court

- 1 p.m. Montana State-Billings vs. Western State (Colo.)
3 p.m. Adams State (Colo.) vs. Concordia-St. Paul
5:30 p.m. Merrimack (Mass.) at Colorado School of Mines
7:30 p.m. Ferris State vs. Western State (Colo.)
9:30 p.m. Missouri-Rolla at Colorado School of Mines

Court 2 - West Court

- 1 p.m. Missouri-Rolla vs. Western New Mexico
3 p.m. Ferris State vs. Mesa State (Colo.)
5:30 p.m. Montana State-Billings vs. Western New Mexico
7:30 p.m. Mesa State (Colo.) vs. Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.)
9:30 p.m. Adams State (Colo.) vs. Merrimack (Mass.)

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).