



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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2007 Schedule

Record: 7-1 Home: 4-0 Road: 0-0 Neutral: 3-1
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.	Glennville 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◆	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 (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 742-417 (.640) 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 639-301 (.679) overall since 1981 and sports a 416-243 (.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, Sept. 7 * 2 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State vs. North Dakota
Romano Gymnasium * Duluth, Minn.

Friday, Sept. 7 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at #4 Minnesota Duluth
Romano Gymnasium * Duluth, Minn.

Saturday, Sept. 8 * 12:30 p.m. (EDT)
#15 West Texas A&M vs. Ferris State
Romano Gymnasium * Duluth, Minn.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will compete in its third consecutive tournament of the 2007 season this weekend (Sept. 7-8) as the Bulldogs play in the 2007 Minnesota Duluth Classic at Romano Gymnasium in Duluth, Minn. Ferris State will participate in three non-conference matches - versus North Dakota, host Minnesota-Duluth and West Texas A&M. Minnesota Duluth is presently ranked fourth nationally with 804 points in the first CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll while West Texas A&M is listed 15th with a 368 points. The first 2007 regular season national poll was released Monday, Sept. 3.

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 over-all 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.

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

ANOTHER STRONG BEGINNING: The Bulldogs' 7-1 start this fall resembles 2006 when Ferris State won nine of its first 10 matches en route to a 21-9 overall record.

DAYS INN-DENVER WEST OREDIGGER CLASSIC RECAP: Ferris State's Lindsay Tye earned a spot on the seven-member Days Inn-Denver West Oredigger Classic All-Tournament Team.

DOUBLE-DOUBLE: Lindsay Tye compiled her 20th career double-double with 17 kills and 11 digs versus Mesa State (Colo.) last Saturday (9/1) at the Days Inn-Denver West Oredigger Classic.

MOVING UP THE CHARTS: Sophomore middle hitter Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay) has tallied double-figure kills in each of her last five matches.

A CAREER BEST: Senior libero-outside hitter Jamie Palazzolo's (Emmett/Yale) match-high 28 digs against Mesa State (9/1) represents a career match high, eclipsing her 25 digs set twice last season.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Ferris' top two kills leaders this season, Lindsay Tye (110 kills) and Kristy Gilchrist (82 kills) have presently combined for 45.8% (192-419) of the squad's total kills output this season.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

NORTH DAKOTA: The Bulldogs trail North Dakota by a 2-1 count in the all-time series. The Fighting Sioux posted a 3-2 win over Ferris in the most recent series matchup in 1991 (9/13) at the Central Missouri State Tournament in Warrensburg, Mo.

MINNESOTA DULUTH: Ferris maintains a 7-4 lead over Minnesota Duluth in the all-time series. UMD prevailed by a 3-0 margin in the most recent series meeting (9/2) at the 2005 Amerihost-Grand Valley State Classic in Allendale, Mich.

WEST TEXAS A&M: The all-time series is knotted at 1-1-0 to date as the Bulldogs evened the series with a 3-1 victory over the Lady Buffaloes in the 1992 season opener (9/4) at the Northern Michigan Invitational in Marquette, Mich.

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





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 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, WON, LOST, OVERALL PCT., CONFERENCE WON, LOST, PCT., GLIAC FINISH. Includes data for years 1993-2007 and career totals.



2007 GLIAC STANDINGS

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

MINNESOTA DULUTH CLASSIC SCHEDULE

Sept. 6-8, 2007
Romano Gymnasium
Hosted by Minnesota Duluth
Duluth, Minn.

Thursday, Sept. 6

- 5:30 p.m. Minnesota State-Mankato vs. Lake Superior State
8 p.m. Michigan Tech at Minnesota Duluth

Friday, Sept. 7

- 10 a.m. West Texas A&M vs. Minnesota State-Mankato
12 p.m. Minnesota Duluth vs. Lake Superior State
2 p.m. Ferris State vs. North Dakota
4 p.m. Michigan Tech vs. Minnesota State-Mankato
6 p.m. West Texas A&M vs. North Dakota
8 p.m. Ferris State at Minnesota Duluth

Saturday, Sept. 8

- 10 a.m. North Dakota vs. Lake Superior State
12:30 p.m. West Texas A&M vs. Ferris State
3 p.m. North Dakota vs. Michigan Tech
5:30 p.m. West Texas A&M at Minnesota Duluth

A SEASON'S COMPARISON: The Bulldogs are currently averaging 16.1 kills per game in 26 games this season over their first eight matches compared to an average of 15.2 kills a game in 29 games last season in their initial eight matches.

SERVING ACE: Senior outside hitter Lindsay Johnson (Cadillac) has presently produced a team-high 15 service aces in 25 games and has at least one ace in every match this season. Last year, the 2006 GLIAC All-Academic Team selection tallied five aces in 16 games during FSU's first eight matches. She posted a career single-season high and squad fourth-best 46 service aces in 94 games for 2006.

DIGGIN' IT: Junior setter-outside hitter Candice Marut (Pinconning) is averaging a squad-best 2.50 digs (65 total) in 26 games this fall. She amassed a career single-season high 157 digs in 101 games last year.

2007 VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

Table listing quick facts: 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).