



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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2007 Schedule

Record: 8-3 Home: 4-0 Road: 0-1 Neutral: 4-2
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.)★	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*	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 743-419 (.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 IS OUR HOUSE: The Bulldogs have compiled a 256-66 (.795) record to date in 25-plus seasons of competition at Ewingleben Sports Arena since 1981. Ferris, which has compiled six undefeated home seasons in the facility, was 12-4 at home a season ago. The Bulldogs are 109-26 (.807) in home matches under current head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Sept. 14 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Lake Superior State at Ferris State
Ewingleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Sept. 15 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Michigan Tech at Ferris State
Ewingleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Sunday, Sept. 16 * 1 p.m. (EDT)
Northern Michigan at Ferris State
Ewingleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team returns home this weekend (Sept. 14-16) as the Bulldogs begin Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action with a three-match homestand at the Ewingleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs host Lake Superior State this Friday (Sept. 14) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) contest before squaring off against Michigan Tech Saturday (Sept. 15) at 4 p.m. (EDT). Ferris State will wrap up the weekend's play this Sunday (Sept. 16) taking on Northern Michigan at 1 p.m. (EDT).

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..

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PROMOTION: Ferris will hold its third annual "Back To School" night in conjunction with this Friday's (Sept. 14) match. Fans attending the match can earn free admission by providing a new school supply, which will then be distributed by the athletics department for use in local elementary classrooms. Items should be in new package condition and can include such materials as crayons, construction paper, markers, glue, notebooks and pencils. A season ago, the athletics department collected over 100 individually-packaged items which were donated to the Eastwood Early Childhood Center in Big Rapids.

2007 BULLDOG CAPTAINS: A trio of seniors - outside hitter **Lindsay Johnson (Cadillac)**, outside hitter **Lindsay Tye (Gregory/Chelsea)**, and **Jamie Palazuelo (Emmett/Yale)** along with junior setter-outside hitter **Candice Marzot (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

ALL-TOURNEY TEAM: Lindsay Tye was among eight players to earn a spot on the 2007 Minnesota Duluth Classic All-Tournament Team.

MINNESOTA DULUTH CLASSIC RECAP: Ferris State posted a 1-2 record at the Minnesota Duluth Classic last weekend (Sept. 7-8) in Duluth, Minn.

CONFERENCE OPENERS: Ferris State is 12-5 (.706) in conference openers since 1990, which includes a 7-2 home mark in those matches during that period.

DOUBLE VISION: Senior libero-outside hitter Jamie Palazzolo (Emmett/Yale) extended her current double-figure digs streak to nine after compiling double digits in all three matches at the Minnesota Duluth Classic.

SETTING TO A CAREER MILESTONE: Junior setter-outside hitter Candice Marut (Pinconning) is 49 assists away from recording her 1,500 career assist.

TYE ATTACKS: Lindsay Tye's 26 kills versus North Dakota (9/7) represents a season high, bettering her 22-kills effort versus Western New Mexico (8/31) at the Days Inn-Denver West Oredigger Classic.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE: FSU has a 57-17 lead over Lake Superior State in the all-time series as the teams will be meeting for the 75th time.

MICHIGAN TECH: Ferris and Michigan Tech will square off for the 58th time with the Bulldogs having a 46-11 series advantage.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN: Ferris has a 38-37 advantage over the Wildcats in the all-time series as a result of 3-1 home victory last season (10/22).

2007 FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Table with 7 columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). 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 Tobczyk, 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 2 columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists various match scenarios and their corresponding records, such as Three-game match (.6-1), Four-game match (.1-2), Five-game match (.1-0), 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 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, PCT., CONFERENCE WON, LOST, PCT., GLIAC FINISH. Rows include years 1993-2007 and CAREER TOTALS/FSU TOTALS.



2007 GLIAC STANDINGS

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

UPCOMING GLIAC SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 13
Lake Superior State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14
Lake Superior State at Ferris State*, 7 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Wayne State*, 7 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.
Northwood at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.
Gannon at Ashland*, 7 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Findlay*, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15
Saginaw Valley State at Hillsdale*, 12 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
Northwood at Wayne State*, 2 p.m.
Gannon at Findlay*, 4 p.m.
Northwood at Wayne State*, 2 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Ferris State*, 4 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16
Northern Michigan at Ferris State*, 1 p.m.

* - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Match
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CLOGGING THE MIDDLE: Freshman middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) and Kristy Gilchrist, the team's top two blocks leaders this fall, have combined for 49.2% (61-124) of the team's production this season. Goodson has generated a squad-best 36 blocks (11 block solos) while Gilchrist has produced 25 blocks (24 block assists).

NCAA RANKINGS: Ferris State ranks 31st in kills per game (15.45 avg.) among the NCAA-II national leaders through Sept. 9. The Bulldogs are also 44th in assists (13.61), 57th in service aces (2.37), and 63rd in hitting percentage (.222). Individually, Lindsay Tye is listed 18th in kills (4.58) while Jamie Palazzolo ranks 81st in digs (4.66). In attack percentage, Kristy Gilchrist is 87th (.319) and Lindsay Tye is 91st (.318).

MARKED IMPROVEMENT: Sophomore middle hitter Sarah Lark (Alma) has already set career single-season highs in kills (52), blocks (20), and digs (eight) this season in 11 matches. A season ago in 18 matches, she netted 13 kills with three blocks and four digs.

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).