



# 2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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## 2007 Schedule

Record: 10-4    Home: 6-1    Road: 0-1    Neutral: 4-2  
GLIAC: 2-1    Home: 2-1    Road: 0-0

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>AUGUST</b>			
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
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
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*	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.
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
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.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
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
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
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 745-420 (.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 657-309 (.680) overall since 1981 and sports a 417-245 (.629) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. The Bulldogs were 6-3 in road matches last season and notched a 3-2 mark in neutral site encounters.

### THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Sept. 21 \* 7 p.m. (EDT)  
**Ferris State at #24 Northwood**  
Bennett Sports Center \* Midland, Mich.

Saturday, Sept. 22 \* 2 p.m. (EDT)  
**Ferris State at Saginaw Valley State**  
Cardinal Gymnasium \* University Center, Mich.

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE:** The Ferris State University women's volleyball team hits the road for a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) matches this weekend (Sept. 21-22). The Bulldogs square off against the nationally-ranked Northwood this Friday (Sept. 21) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) contest at Midland, Mich. The Bulldogs then face Saginaw Valley State this Saturday (Sept. 22), starting at 2 p.m. (EDT) in University Center, Mich. Northwood is listed 24th nationally in the latest CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll with 95 points. The third 2007 regular-season national poll was released Monday (Sept. 17).

**LAST TIME OUT:** The Bulldogs opened GLIAC action last weekend (Sept. 14-16) going 2-1 in play at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. FSU recorded a 3-1 league-opening win over Lake Superior State last Friday (Sept. 14) and then knocked off Michigan Tech by a 3-2 count Saturday (Sept. 15) after winning the opening two games of the match. The Bulldogs downed the Huskies 15-10 in the decisive fifth game. Ferris then suffered a 3-2 loss to Northern Michigan Sunday (Sept. 16) despite rallying from a 2-1 deficit to win game four (30-23). The fifth game was close all the way with the Wildcats squeaking out a 15-13 decision.

**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..

**2007 BULLDOG CAPTAINS:** A trio of seniors – outside hitter **Lindsay Johnson (Cadiillac)**, 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](http://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

BULLDOG BITES: Candice Marut needs 45 more assists to reach the 1,600-career plateau and is 34 helpers away from tying Emily Clouse's (2002-05) eighth-place 1,589 career assists total...

DOUBLE-DIGIT WINS: Ferris State's 10 victories to date this campaign represents the 27th consecutive year in which the Bulldogs have posted double-figure wins.

DOUBLE DIGS STREAK: Jamie Palazzolo has presently posted double-figure digs in her last 12 matches and is averaging 18.9 digs (227 total) during that span.

IMPRESSIVE SOPHOMORE: Sophomore outside hitter Katie Edwards (Cedar Springs) has a team third-place best 145 kills in 14 matches this season.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

NORTHWOOD: Ferris State maintains a 26-19 lead over the Timberwolves as the teams will battle one another for the 46th time this Friday evening.

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE: Ferris and Saginaw Valley State will square off for the 55th time on Saturday with FSU having a 45-9 series advantage.

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, etc.

Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, 12th Year (Alma, 1990) Assistant Coach: Theresa Beeckman, 3rd Year
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Dale Wilhelm, 4th Year

2007 SEASON TRENDS

Table with columns: SITUATION, FSU RECORD. Lists trends such as Three-game match (.6-1), Four-game match (.2-2), 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., OVERALL, CONFERENCE, 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.), and Overall (W, L, Pct.).

UPCOMING GLIAC SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 21

- Ferris State at Northwood\*, 7 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Saginaw Valley State\*, 7 p.m.
Gannon at Lake Superior State\*, 7 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Northern Michigan\*, 7 p.m.
Ashland at Hillsdale\*, 7 p.m.
Findlay at Wayne State\*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 22

- Ferris State at Saginaw Valley State\*, 2 p.m.
Findlay at Hillsdale\*, 2 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Northwood\*, 4 p.m.
Gannon at Northern Michigan\*, 4 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Michigan Tech\*, 4 p.m.
Ashland at Wayne State\*, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 23

- Mercyhurst at Lake Superior State\*, 1 p.m.
Gannon at Michigan Tech\*, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

- Northern Michigan at Lake Superior State\*, 7 p.m.

\* - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Match
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ON THE ATTACK: Ferris State has registered more kills than its opponent in 12 of the team's 14 matches this season. The Bulldogs are averaging 15.37 kills per game (799 total) to the opposition's 12.12 average (630 total) in 52 games this campaign. A season ago in its first 14 matches, Ferris also held the kills advantage in 12 of its initial 14 and averaged 20.70 kills (766 total) in 37 games during that period.

NCAA RANKINGS: Ferris State was ranked 32nd in kills per game (15.37 avg.) according to the most recent (9/16) NCAA-II national statistics. The Bulldogs are listed 50th in assists (13.50), 77th in service aces (2.23), and 63rd in hitting percentage (.218). Individually, Lindsay Tye is 13th in kills (4.47) while Jamie Palazzolo ranks 79th in digs (4.71). In attack percentage, Lindsay Tye is 80th (.318). Arielle Goodson is 119th in blocks (1.0).

DID YOU KNOW?: Lindsay Tye has accounted for 31.9% (128-401) of the team's kills in seven road/neutral site matches this season. She boasts an .853 service ace percentage (nine aces in 95 attempts) in 26 away games.

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 (GLIAC), President (Dr. David L. Eisler), Athletics Director (Tom Kirinovic), Email (kirinovt@ferris.edu), 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), Athletic Department Office/Fax ((231) 591-2860/2869), Home Court (Capacity) (Robert L. Ewigleben Sports Arena (600)).