



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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2007 Schedule

Record: 11-5 Home: 6-1 Road: 1-2 Neutral: 4-2
GLIAC: 3-2 Home: 2-1 Road: 1-1

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◆	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*	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 746-421 (.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 658-310 (.679) overall since 1981 and sports a 418-246 (.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.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Sept. 28 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at #13 Ashland
Kates Gymnasium * Ashland, Ohio

Saturday, Sept. 29 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Findlay
Croy Gymnasium * Findlay, Ohio

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team continues Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) road-match play this weekend (Sept. 28-29) as the Bulldogs prepare for a pair of matches in Ohio. Ferris will go up against the nationally-ranked Ashland Eagles this Friday (Sept. 28) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) tilt at Ashland, Ohio. Following that match, the Bulldogs face the Findlay Oilers this Saturday (Sept. 29) at 4 p.m. (EDT) in Findlay, Ohio. Ashland is ranked 13th nationally in this week's (Sept. 24) CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll with 433 points which is the fourth 2007 regular-season national poll to be released.

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State was involved in pair of 3-0 conference match decisions last weekend (Sept. 21-22) as the Bulldogs gained a split. FSU suffered a 3-0 loss to then nationally 24th-ranked Northwood last Friday (Sept. 21) in Midland, Mich. The Bulldogs rallied to register a 3-0 decision over Saginaw Valley State last Saturday (Sept. 22) in University Center, Mich.

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 (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 is also 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 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 is 16 assists shy of attaining her 1,600 career assist and is only five away from tying Emily Clouse's (2002-05) eighth-place 1,589 career assists total . . . Jamie Palazzolo's 34 assists in 58 games this season matches her career season best set a season ago in 111 games . . . Sophomore middle hitter Sarah Lark's (Alma) eight kills at Saginaw Valley State (9/22) matched her career season high which was established earlier this season (9/16) in a home match versus Northern Michigan . . . Sophomore middle hitter Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay) posted her 131st career block assist at Saginaw Valley State (9/22) to currently place her 30th on the school's all-time block assist leaders chart. Gilchrist, who has a team second-best 42 block assists in 57 games this season, is one shy of tying Dawn Lowe's (1984-87) 29th-place 132 total block assists in 435 games . . . With a 3-0 triumph at Saginaw Valley State (9/22), the Bulldogs have now won 13 of the last 15 meetings between the two schools.

GOOD NEWS: Freshman middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) has recorded a team-leading 15 block solos to date this season and is seven shy of equaling last season's team block solos leaders in Karla White and Kristy Gilchrist, who each netted 22 block solos in 30 matches apiece.

APPROACHING 1,000 KILLS: Lindsay Tye, who has accumulated 928 career kills in 95 matches at Ferris State, is 72 kills away from notching the 1,000th kill of her career. Tye would become the 15th player in the program's history to reach the milestone with the most recent being Danielle Baucher (2003-06; 1,492 career kills). Tye, a 2006 All-GLIAC Second-Team pick, presently ranks 17th among the Bulldogs' all-time kills leaders and is two shy of moving into a 16th-place tie with Jamie Kowalkowski (1995-98; 930 career kills).

THIS MONTH: Ferris State sports a 67-32 record (.677) in September matches dating back to the 2000 season, which includes a 15-15 road ledger (.500). The Bulldogs have registered a program-best 11-2 mark in September matches twice (2002 and 2006) since 2000. FSU's 5-1 road record a season ago represented its best in the last six seasons.

THE STREAK CONTINUES: Jamie Palazzolo extended her current double-figure match digs streak to 14 consecutive with a match-high 22 digs at Saginaw Valley State last Saturday (9/22) after garnering 16 at Northwood last Friday (9/21). Palazzolo, a 2006 honorable mention all-conference honoree, began the string with 13 digs against Glensville State (W.Va.) at the 2007 Ferris State Invitational (8/25). Palazzolo currently has racked up 1,039 career digs in 102 matches and represents the 12th individual in Ferris State volleyball history to attain 1,000 career digs. She needs 15 more digs to tie Sarah Vandermolten (1997-00; 1,054 career digs) for 11th place on FSU's charts.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

ASHLAND: The Bulldogs own a 12-3 series advantage against Ashland as the teams split a pair of matches last season. Ferris State claimed a 3-1 win at Ashland during the regular season (9/15) before dropping a 3-0 season-ending decision to the Eagles in the 2007 NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional (11/9) at Hillsdale, Mich. Ashland is presently 15-2 overall and 4-1 in the GLIAC following a 3-0 victory over Wayne State last Saturday (9/22) in Detroit, Mich., as the Eagles have prevailed in 13 of their last 14 contests. AU, which is coached by fifth-year head coach Connie Surowicz, had its 12-match winning streak snapped in a 3-2 loss at nationally-ranked Hillsdale last Friday (9/21). Ferris has won nine of the last 11 meetings and is 7-2 all-time in road/neutral outings against the Eagles. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. AU - 10-3

FINDLAY: Ferris holds a 6-4 series edge over Findlay and dropped a 3-0 decision to the Oilers last season (9/16) in Findlay, Ohio. The Bulldogs are 2-3 in the last five meetings to date between the two teams and FSU has dropped its last three matches on UF's home court. FSU is 2-4 all-time in road/neutral encounters versus Findlay. Ferris' most recent win over the Oilers occurred in the 2005 season (9/24) with a 3-0 home decision. Findlay, under 10th-year head coach Wick Colchagoff, was 14-4 overall and 3-1 in the GLIAC prior to this Friday's (Sept. 28) home match against Grand Valley State. The Oilers have presently won eight of their last 10 matches, which includes a 3-1 loss at nationally-ranked Hillsdale last Saturday (9/22) in Hillsdale, Mich. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. UF - 6-4

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 Ruttelle, Arielle Goodson, Leslie Swanson, Lindsay Johnson, Jamie Palazzolo, Sarah Lark, Dana Fairbanks, Lisa Tobiczkyk, 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 statistics such as Three-game match (7-2), Opponent hits (3-0), and Attendance (2-1).





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.), and Overall (W, L, Pct.).

UPCOMING GLIAC SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 28

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

Saturday, Sept. 29

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

Sunday, Sept. 30

- Northwood at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Lake Superior State*, 1 p.m.

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

THREE AND OUT: The Bulldogs have compiled a 93-20 (.823) overall record in three-game matches since the start of the 2000 campaign, which consists of a 7-2 mark in such matches this fall.

POTENT HITTING ATTACK: Ferris State has hit over .200 in a match nine times this season and boasts a 9-0 record in those contests. The Bulldogs hit a season-best .312 (52 kills in 109 attempts) in a non-conference home match victory over the Colorado School of Mines (8/25) at the 2007 Ferris State Invitational in Big Rapids, Mich.

LATEST NCAA RANKINGS: Ferris State is ranked 35th in kills per game (15.43 avg.) in the most recent (9/23) NCAA-II national statistics. The Bulldogs are listed 48th in assists (13.62), 67th in hitting percentage (.215), 70th in service aces (2.31), and 75th in blocks (2.22). Individually, Lindsay Tye is eighth in kills (4.48) and 64th in hitting percentage (.325) while Jamie Palazzolo is listed 70th in digs (4.88). Arielle Goodson ranks 111th in blocks (1.05) while Kristy Gilchrist is 122nd in hitting percentage (.295) and Candice Marut is 129th in assists per game (9.13).

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 (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic (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)).