



# 2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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## 2007 Schedule

Record: 12-6    Home: 6-1    Road: 2-3    Neutral: 4-2  
GLIAC: 4-3    Home: 2-1    Road: 2-2

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>AUGUST</b>			
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
<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*	L 0-3
22	Sat.	at Saginaw Valley State*	W 3-0
28	Fri.	at Ashland*	L 1-3
29	Sat.	at Findlay*	W 3-1
<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 747-422 (.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.

**NO PLACE LIKE HOME:** Ferris is currently 258-67 (.794) in 25-plus seasons at the Ewigleben Sports Arena since 1981. FSU, which has six undefeated home seasons in the facility, was 12-4 at home last fall. The Bulldogs are 111-27 (.804) in home matches under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

### THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesday, Oct. 2 \* 7 p.m. (EDT)  
**Ferris State at #9 Grand Valley State**  
GVSU Fieldhouse Arena \* Allendale, Mich.

Friday, Oct. 5 \* 7 p.m. (EDT)  
**Gannon at Ferris State**  
Ewigleben Sports Arena \* Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Oct. 6 \* 1 p.m. (EDT)  
**Mercyhurst at Ferris State**  
Ewigleben Sports Arena \* Big Rapids, Mich.

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE:** The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will go up against three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) opponents this week. The Bulldogs square off against their archrivals the nationally-ranked Grand Valley State Lakers this Tuesday (Oct. 2) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) contest at Allendale, Mich. FSU's four-match homestand starts this Friday (Oct. 5) as the Bulldogs host Gannon Golden Knights at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Opening serve is set for 7 p.m. (EDT). Ferris then concludes the week's play Saturday (Oct. 6) entertaining the Mercyhurst Lakers at 1 p.m. (EDT). Grand Valley State moved up into ninth in this week's (Oct. 1) CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll as the Lakers earned 633 points.

**LAST TIME OUT:** Ferris State split a pair of conference road four-game matches last weekend (Sept. 28-29) in Ohio. The Bulldogs suffered a 3-1 loss to then 14th nationally-ranked Ashland last Friday (Sept. 28) at Ashland, Ohio, but bounced back to register a 3-1 triumph over Findlay last Saturday (Sept. 29) in Findlay, Ohio.

**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.

**2007 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](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 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.

**GRAND STRETCH:** Ferris has won 20 or more matches eight times under **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs were 200-85 (.702) over the past nine years prior to 2007 and have reached the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regionals five times in that span. FSU has advanced to the GLIAC Tournament the nine consecutive seasons to date.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State's 17 service aces at Findlay last Saturday (9/29) marked a 2007 season high, bettering the squad's 13 aces versus Michigan Tech (9/15). The Bulldogs have generated 74 more aces (158-84) than the opposition this season to date... Redshirt freshman libero Whitney Rupp (West Bloomfield/Mercy) has posted double-figure digs in two of her last three matches. Rupp, who compiled a combined 29 digs in the three-match span, totaled a personal season-best 12 digs at Findlay (9/29) to exceed her 10 digs at Saginaw Valley State (9/22)... Sophomore middle hitter Kristy Gilchrist's (Macomb/Anchor Bay) six service aces in the Bulldogs' 3-1 conference win at Findlay (9/29) marked a career match best, eclipsing her five aces versus Chadron State, Neb. last season (9/1) at the Alamo City Classic in San Antonio, Texas... Junior setter Andrea Rich (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay) is 47 assists away from notching her 1,000th career assist and presently has generated 953 assists in 42 career matches to rank 12th on the school's all-time leaders list... Gilchrist and freshman middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) are the only two Bulldogs to have at least one block in all but two matches this season. The two have combined for 48.6% (119-245) of the team's blocks production this fall... Kristy Gilchrist is hitting a squad-high .281 with 50 kills in 114 attempts over FSU's last four matches... Lindsay Tye has totaled 106 more kills this season (309 total) in her first 18 matches than a season ago (203 total) at this juncture... Jamie Palazzolo has improved her season digs total by 82 (332 in 2007) in comparison to the 2006 18-match total (250)... Lindsay Johnson is one service ace shy of attaining her 75th career ace... Junior outside hitter Emily Nemmers (Caledonia/East Kentwood) needs eight more kills to reach the 100-career mark.

1,000 KILLS MILESTONE ALERT: Lindsay Tye is 36 kills away from recording the 1,000th kill of her career and would become the 15th player in Ferris State history to reach the milestone joining Danielle Baucher (2003-06; 1,492 career kills) as the club's newest members. Tye, who presently has amassed 964 career kills in 97 matches, currently is 15th among the Bulldogs' career kills leaders and needs 120 more to tie Erin Minnis (1998-01; 1,084 career kills) for 14th-place honors.

DIGGING IT: Jamie Palazzolo continues to anchor Ferris' backline for 2007 as she has compiled double-digit digs the last 16 Bulldog matches to date, which includes seven 20 or more plus match efforts this campaign. Palazzolo is averaging 19.63 digs a match during the 16 contests. She garnered 29 digs at Ashland (9/28) and then claimed 20 at Findlay (9/29) this past weekend.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

GRAND VALLEY STATE: Ferris State and GVSU will be meeting for the 90th time with the Lakers having a 49-40 series advantage. Grand Valley State won all three meetings last season - winning 3-2 in Big Rapids (10/3) and 3-1 in Allendale (10/27) during the regular season before recording a 3-0 triumph in the 2006 GLIAC Tournament Semifinals (11/3) at Hillsdale, Mich. GVSU, which has won 14 of the last 20 series meetings, holds a 31-25 all-time record against the Bulldogs in Allendale and a 17-15 edge at Big Rapids. The Lakers, who are coached by 13th-year head coach Deanne Scanlon, are currently 17-2 overall and 7-0 in the GLIAC this campaign following a 3-2 conference decision at nationally-ranked Ashland last Saturday (9/29). GVSU claimed the 2005 NCAA -II National Championship title. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. GVSU - 8-17

GANNON: Ferris and Gannon meet for the 18th time in their all-time series with the Bulldogs owning an 11-6 series advantage. FSU has won six of the last 10 outings in the series, which included a 3-1 triumph in Big Rapids a season ago (9/30). Gannon, which is presently 4-11 overall and 0-7 in the GLIAC, is midst a seven-match losing streak after dropping a 3-0 league contest to Wayne State last Saturday (9/29) in Erie, Pa. GU's last win was a 3-2 decision over Point Park (Pa.) at the Point Park Tournament (9/9) in Pittsburgh, Pa. The Bulldogs are presently 5-2 versus the Golden Knights at home and 6-4 in road/neutral site encounters. Gannon, coached by first-year head coach Matt Darling, visits rival and crosstown foe Mercyhurst this Tuesday (10/2) in conference action. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. GU - 10-4

MERCYHURST: FSU has a 13-1 advantage over Mercyhurst to date in the all-time series and claimed a 3-0 home win over the Lakers last season (9/29) in Big Rapids. The Bulldogs sport a 6-0 home ledger against MC, which is under the direction of third-year head coach Ryan Patton. The Lakers are presently 14-6 overall and 2-5 in the GLIAC following a 3-1 home setback to nationally-ranked Hillsdale last Saturday (9/29) in Erie, Pa. Mercyhurst is 2-5 in its last seven appearances to date. The Lakers host Gannon this Tuesday (10/2) and visit Grand Valley State this Friday (10/5) before facing the Bulldogs. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. MC - 12-1

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 Ruttle, 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 columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists trends such as Three-game match (7-2), Four-game match (3-3), Five-game match (2-1), Win game one (9-1), Lose game one (3-5), Win first two games (8-0), Split first two games (4-2), Lose first two games (0-4), Winning game three (11-4), Winning game four (4-3), The deciding fifth game (2-1), More kills than opponent (13-2), Fewer kills than opponent (0-3), Kills are equal (0-0), Hit under .100 (0-1), Hit .100-.300 (11-5), Hit over .300 (1-0), Opponent hits under .100 (3-0), Opponent hits .100-.300 (9-4), Opponent hits over .300 (0-2), Has higher hitting pct. (11-1), Opponent has higher pct. (0-5), Has more assists (12-3), Opponent has more assists (0-3), Assists are equal (0-0), Has more aces (12-1), Opponent has more aces (0-3), Aces are equal (0-2), Has more digs (9-3), Opponent has more digs (3-3), Digs are equal (0-0), Has more blocks (8-4), Opponent has more blocks (4-2), Blocks are equal (0-0), In August (6-0), In September (6-6), 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 (6-3), On Saturday (6-2), On Sunday (0-1), In morning matches (0-0), In afternoon matches (7-3), In evening matches (5-3), Against nationally-ranked teams (0-4), In non-conference matches (8-3), In conference matches (4-3), In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams (0-0), Attendance under 100 (2-1), Attendance of 100-200 (3-2), Attendance over 200 (7-3), Match time under one hour (0-0), Match time one-two hours (10-5), Match time over two hours (2-1), In invitational matches (8-3), Against in-state foes (3-2), Against out of state teams (9-4), Against winning record teams (3-4), Against losing record teams (7-0), Against even record teams (2-2), In home matches (6-1)

FERRIS STATE'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

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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, OVERALL, 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

Tuesday, Oct. 2
Ferris State at Grand Valley State\*, 7 p.m.
Gannon at Mercyhurst\*, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 4
Michigan Tech at Hillsdale\*, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 5
Gannon at Ferris State\*, 7 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Grand Valley State\*, 7 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Hillsdale\*, 7 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Wayne State\*, 7 p.m.
Ashland at Northwood\*, 7 p.m.
Findlay at Saginaw Valley State\*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6
Mercyhurst at Ferris State\*, 1 p.m.
Lake Superior State at Hillsdale\*, 2 p.m.
Gannon at Grand Valley State\*, 4 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Wayne State\*, 4 p.m.
Findlay at Northwood\*, 4 p.m.
Ashland at Saginaw Valley State\*, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 7
Lake Superior State at Wayne State\*, 1 p.m.

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

BETTER THAN BEFORE: Kristy Cilchrist has recorded a team second-best 13 double-digit kill match outs in 65 games this year after posting eight matches with double-figure kills in 111 games last season. Gilchrist is 15 kills shy of equalling her 220 kills output in 30 matches a season ago.

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)).