



# 2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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## 2007 Schedule

Record: 14-7    Home: 8-1    Road: 2-4    Neutral: 4-2  
GLIAC: 6-4    Home: 4-1    Road: 2-3

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*	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*	L 2-3
5	Fri.	Gannon*	W 3-0
6	Sat.	Mercyhurst*	W 3-0
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 749-423 (.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 260-67 (.795) 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 113-27 (.807) in home matches under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

### THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Oct. 12 \* 7 p.m. (EDT)  
**#10 Hillsdale at Ferris State**  
Ewigleben Sports Arena \* Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Oct. 13 \* 4 p.m. (EDT)  
**Wayne State at Ferris State**  
Ewigleben Sports Arena \* Big Rapids, Mich.

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE:** The Ferris State University women's volleyball team concludes its two week homestand this weekend (Oct. 12-13) with a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) matches at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs square off against the nationally-ranked Hillsdale Chargers this Friday (Oct. 12) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) encounter before entertaining the Wayne State Warriors this Saturday (Oct. 13) at 4 p.m. (EDT). Hillsdale is ranked 10th in this week's (Oct. 8) CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll with 552 points after being listed 11th in the previous poll (Oct. 1).

**LAST TIME OUT:** Ferris State came close to upsetting nationally ninth-ranked and conference archrival Grand Valley State last Tuesday (Oct. 2) as the Bulldogs won the match's first two games before suffering a 3-2 setback to the host Lakers in Allendale, Mich. However, FSU came back with a pair of 3-0 league home victories over Gannon and Mercyhurst last weekend (Oct. 5-6) in Big Rapids.

**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 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.

**GREAT 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: Sophomore middle hitter Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay) posted a team-high .303 hitting percentage in the Bulldogs' three matches last week with a squad second-best 35 kills on 76 attempts. She also produced six service aces, six digs, and a team-leading eight blocks (six block assists) . . . The Bulldogs are hitting .237 in their nine home matches this fall compared to the opposition's .111. FSU also has recorded 147 more kills (495-348) and 51 more service aces (87-36) than its opponent at home this season . . . Ferris .326 attack percentage versus Gannon last Friday (10/5) marked a team season high, bettering the squad's .312 hitting clip against Colorado School of Mines (8/25) at the Ferris State Invitational . . . Lindsay Johnson registered her 75th career service ace at Grand Valley State (10/2) . . . Junior outside hitter Emily Nemmers (Caledonia/East Kentwood) is five kills away from attaining the 100th kill in her career. She presently has produced 95 career kills in 82 matches to date . . . Lindsay Tye is three service aces shy of tying Janna Biggs (1985-88; 132 career aces) for 16th place and five away from matching Kim McDowell's 15th-place 134 total (1988-91) . . . Sophomore middle hitter Sarah Lark (Alma) posted her 100th kill of this season against Mercyhurst (10/6). Lark, who has played in 21 matches this fall, had 13 kills in 18 matches for the 2006 campaign . . . Fresh middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) notched a .643 hitting percentage vs. Gannon (10/5) with 10 kills on 14 attempts. Her season-best is .692 (10 kills-13 att.) vs. Adams State, Colo. (8/31) at the Days Inn-Denver West Oredigger Classic.

TYE REACHES 1,000 KILLS MARK: Lindsay Tye became the 15th player in Ferris State's volleyball history to register 1,000 career kills as she notched a team-leading 10 total in the Bulldogs' 3-0 conference home win over Mercyhurst last Saturday (10/6). Tye, who has presently amassed 1,003 career kills in 100 matches, needs 81 more to tie Erin Minnis (1998-01; 1,084 career kills) for 14th place among the program's all-time leaders. Tye, a 2006 All-GLIAC Second-Team selection, joins Danielle Baucher (2003-06; 1,492 career kills) as the newest members of the exclusive club.

IT'S GREAT TO BE RICH: Junior setter Andrea Rich (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay) tallied her 1,000th career assist at Grand Valley State (10/2) with a career match-tying 54 helpers to equal her 54-assists total at Michigan Tech last season (9/24/06). Rich earns the distinction of becoming the 12th individual in Ferris State annals to garner 1,000 assists and currently is 12th place on the school's all-time charts with 1,061 in 45 career contests.

BACKROW STOPPER: Jamie Palazzolo is making the most of her senior season this fall as she has accumulated double-figure digs in the Bulldogs' last 19 matches to date and is averaging 17.29 digs a match during that period. Palazzolo, who has totaled a team-high 381 digs in 21 matches this season, is 68 digs shy of equalling her career single-season 449 digs total in 30 matches last season. The 2006 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention honoree posted 16 digs at Grand Valley State (10/2) before garnering 13 and 20 digs, respectively in home outings against Gannon (10/5) and Mercyhurst (10/6).

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

HILLSDALE: Ferris State has a 45-11 series advantage over Hillsdale as the two teams will meet for the 57th time this Friday. The Bulldogs have won four of the last eight series outings, but have dropped the last two including a 3-2 home decision last season (10/6) in Big Rapids. Ferris is 21-2 overall versus Hillsdale in home matches. The nationally-ranked Chargers, who are presently 19-4 overall and 10-0 in the GLIAC's South Division, have a current 12-match winning streak after registering a 3-0 home league triumph over Lake Superior State last Saturday (10/6) in Hillsdale, Mich. HC has prevailed in 14 of its last 17 contests to date. The Chargers, under 12th-year head coach Chris Gravel, were picked to finish first in the GLIAC South Division Preseason Poll for the second consecutive year. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. HC - 11-4

WAYNE STATE: Ferris State's contest against Wayne State will represent the 69th matchup between the teams with the Bulldogs holding a 41-27 lead in the all-time series. In the last meeting (10/7) a season ago, Ferris registered a 3-0 home triumph over the Warriors in Big Rapids. FSU, which has won the last nine series contests to date, holds a 19-6 all-time mark against Wayne State in Big Rapids. The Warriors, under fourth-year head coach Ernie Gilbert, improved to 8-10 overall and 3-7 in GLIAC action following a 3-1 home league decision against Lake Superior State last Sunday (10/7) in Detroit, Mich. Wayne State, which sports a 3-7 ledger in its last 10 outings, visits Grand Valley State this Friday (Oct. 12) prior to facing Ferris State. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. WSU - 9-3

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 (9-2), Four-game match (3-3), Five-game match (2-1), Win game one (11-1), Lose game one (3-5), Win first two games (10-0), Split first two games (4-2), Lose first two games (0-4), Winning game three (13-4), Winning game four (4-3), The deciding fifth game (2-1), More kills than opponent (15-2), Fewer kills than opponent (0-3), Kills are equal (0-0), Hit under .100 (0-1), Hit .100-.300 (12-5), Hit over .300 (2-0), Opponent hits under .100 (5-0), Opponent hits .100-.300 (9-4), Opponent hits over .300 (0-2), Has higher hitting pct. (13-1), Opponent has higher pct. (0-5), Has more assists (14-3), Opponent has more assists (0-3), Assists are equal (0-0), Has more aces (14-1), Opponent has more aces (0-3), Aces are equal (0-2), Has more digs (11-3), Opponent has more digs (3-3), Digs are equal (0-0), Has more blocks (10-4), Opponent has more blocks (4-2), Blocks are equal (0-0), In August (6-0), In September (6-6), In October (2-0), In November (0-0), On Monday (0-0), On Tuesday (0-0), On Wednesday (0-0), On Thursday (0-0), On Friday (7-3), On Saturday (7-2), On Sunday (0-1), In morning matches (0-0), In afternoon matches (8-3), In evening matches (6-3), Against nationally-ranked teams (0-4), In non-conference matches (8-3), In conference matches (6-3), In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams (0-0), Attendance under 100 (2-1), Attendance of 100-200 (3-2), Attendance over 200 (9-3), Match time under one hour (0-0), Match time one-two hours (12-5), Match time over two hours (2-1), In invitational matches (8-3), Against in-state foes (3-2), Against out of state teams (11-4), Against winning record teams (4-4), Against losing record teams (8-0), Against even record teams (2-2), In home matches (8-1)

FERRIS STATE'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Record. Lindsay Tye . . . . . 7



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 entered 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 prior to 2007, 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, Oct. 12
Hillsdale at Ferris State\*, 7 p.m.
Wayne State at Grand Valley State\*, 7 p.m.
Northwood at Gannon\*, 7 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Mercyhurst\*, 7 p.m.
Lake Superior State at Findlay\*, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13
Lake Superior State at Ashland\*, 12 p.m.
Northwood at Mercyhurst\*, 2 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Gannon\*, 4 p.m.
Wayne State at Ferris State\*, 4 p.m.
Hillsdale at Grand Valley State\*, 4 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Findlay\*, 4 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Ashland\*, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 14
Michigan Tech at Ashland\*, 1 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Findlay\*, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18
Davenport (Mich.) at Lake Superior State, 7 p.m.
Findlay at Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.), 7:30 p.m.

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

REGIONAL RANKINGS: Ferris State is listed ninth of 10 teams in the latest NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region rankings, which were released this Wednesday (Oct. 10) by the NCAA-II Women's Volleyball Committee. The Bulldogs are one place behind Northern Michigan and one spot in front of 10th-place Saginaw Valley State. Indianapolis is ranked number one while Grand Valley State is rated second through Oct. 7 matches.

LATEST NCAA RANKINGS: Ferris State ranks 37th in kills per game (15.25 avg.) in the most recent (10/7) NCAA-II national statistics. The Bulldogs are 48th in service aces (2.4), 52nd in assists (13.52), 82nd in hitting percentage (.203), and 103rd in blocks (2.04). Individually, Lindsay Tye is 15th in kills (4.7) and 116th in hitting percentage (.296) while Jamie Palazzolo is listed 74th in digs (4.95). Arielle Goodson ranks 180th in blocks (0.91) and Kristy Gilchrist is 130th in hitting percentage (.291) and Candice Marut ranks 145th in assists per game (8.6). Gilchrist's 0.49 aces per game is good for 141st place.

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)).