



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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2007 Schedule

Record: 16-7 Home: 10-1 Road: 2-4 Neutral: 4-2
GLIAC: 8-4 Home: 6-1 Road: 2-3

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*	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
OCTOBER			
2	Tue.	at Grand Valley State*	L 2-3
5	Fri.	Gannon*	W 3-0
6	Sat.	Mercyhurst*	W 3-0
12	Fri.	Hillsdale*	W 3-2
13	Sat.	Wayne State*	W 3-0
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 751-423 (.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.

ON THE ROAD: The Bulldogs are 659-312 (.679) overall since 1981 and sports a 419-248 (.628) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. Ferris State was 6-3 in road matches last season and compiled a 3-2 mark in neutral site encounters.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Oct. 19 * 5 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Michigan Tech
Student Development Complex Gymnasium * Houghton, Mich.

Saturday, Oct. 20 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Northern Michigan
Vandament Arena * Marquette, Mich.

Sunday, Oct. 21 * 1 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Lake Superior State
Bud Cooper Gymnasium * Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball squad ventures to Michigan's Upper Peninsula this weekend (Oct. 19-21) for three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) matches. The Bulldogs open the road trip this Friday (Oct. 19) against Michigan Tech at 5 p.m. (EDT) in Houghton, Mich. Ferris then ventures to Marquette, Mich., this Saturday (Oct. 20) to face Northern Michigan in a 4 p.m. (EDT) encounter. FSU concludes the weekend's action on Sunday (Oct. 21) versus Lake Superior State for a 1 p.m. (EDT) tilt in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State won both of its conference matches last week (Oct. 12-13) at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs rallied from a two-game deficit to register a 3-2 come-from-behind upset win over nationally 10th-ranked Hillsdale last Friday (Oct. 12) evening and then won their fourth consecutive match with a 3-0 victory against Wayne State last Saturday (Oct. 13) afternoon.

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/Vale)** 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 team's 2007 yearbook is 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) has presently compiled a team-high 43 service aces in 23 matches this season which is 23 more than she recorded last season at this time. Gilchrist is seven aces away from moving into a 30th place tie with Kathy O'Connor (1992; 47 aces) among the program's all-time single-season leaders...

WHAT A WIN!: Ferris State rallied from a 2-0 deficit to upset nationally 10th-ranked Hillsdale last Friday (10/12) night at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids. The GLIAC win was the Bulldogs' first over a nationally-ranked for since 2005 when FSU registered a 3-0 league home decision over 18th-ranked Grand Valley State in the regular-season finale (11/4).

THE STREAK CONTINUES: Jamie Palazzolo's double-digit digs match streak has reached 21 to date after she dug 24 attempts against Hillsdale (10/12) and a team-high 15 versus Wayne State (10/13). Palazzolo, who has racked up a team-leading 420 digs in 23 matches this year, is 29 shy of matching her career single-season high 449 digs in 30 matches a season ago.

APPROACHING A MILESTONE: Kristy Gilchrist needs 16 more kills to notch her 500th career kill. She presently has accumulated a career single-season best 484 career kills in 53 matches while also generating 15 double-figure kill matches this season to date.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

MICHIGAN TECH: Ferris State has a 47-11 lead in its all-time series against Michigan Tech as the teams will meet for the 59th time. In the most recent meeting (9/15), the Bulldogs recorded a 3-2 win at Big Rapids. FSU, which has prevailed in 18 of the last 19 series matches, holds a 24-6 all-time record versus MTU in road/neutral site matches.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN: The series is currently tied at 38-all as a result of NMU's 3-2 victory on the Bulldogs' home floor earlier this season (9/16). FSU has won six of the last 14 matchups which included a 3-0 decision over the Wildcats last year (9/23) in Marquette. Ferris would claim a 3-1 win at home a year ago (10/22) to sweep the two-match regular-season series.

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE: FSU has a commanding 58-17 advantage over Lake Superior State in an all-time series following a 3-1 home triumph earlier this fall (9/14). Ferris has claimed 38 of the last 39 contests and is 27-13 all-time against the Lakers in road/neutral site matchups.

2007 SEASON TRENDS

Table with 2 columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists various match outcomes and statistics such as 'Three-game match 10-2', 'Opponent has more blocks 11-4', and 'Attendance over 200 10-3'.

2007 FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Roster table with columns: No., NAME, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (COLLEGE). Lists players like 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
* - Denotes letters earned (C) - Denotes captain

FERRIS STATE'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Value. Lindsay Tye is listed with a value of 8.



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.



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

Thursday, Oct. 18

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

Friday, Oct. 19

Ferris State at Michigan Tech*, 5 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Lake Superior State*, 7 p.m.
Ashland at Gannon*, 7 p.m.
Findlay at Mercyhurst*, 7 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Northwood*, 7 p.m.
Wayne State at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Ashland at Mercyhurst*, 12 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech*, 4 p.m.
Ferris State at Northern Michigan*, 4 p.m.
Findlay at Gannon*, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21

Ferris State at Lake Superior State*, 1 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m.

* - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Match
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GLIAC HONOREE: Kristy Gilchrist was named this week's (10/15) GLIAC North Division Player of the Week in an announcement made by the conference office. Gilchrist led the Bulldogs with six service aces and 12 blocks (all block assists) in the two matches while averaging a team-best 4.50 points per game. She produced 15 kills and a team-best 11 block assists as Ferris recorded a 3-2 come-from-behind win over nationally-ranked Hillsdale (10/12). Gilchrist tallied a team second-best tying nine kills and hit .375 to go with a match-high five aces in a 3-0 triumph over Wayne State (10/13). The middle hitter averaged 3.00 kills and 1.50 blocks per game with a .232 attack percentage.

LATEST NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS: Ferris State ranks 35th in kills per game (15.35 avg.) in the most recent (10/14) NCAA-II national statistics. The Bulldogs are 46th in assists (13.66), 56th in service aces (2.34), 81st in hitting percentage (.204), and 95th in blocks (2.08). Individually, Lindsay Tye is 17th in kills (4.62) and 118th in hitting percentage (.292) while Jamie Palazzolo is 81st in digs (4.94). Kristy Gilchrist is 118th in service aces per game (0.51) and 143rd in attack percentage (.285). Junior setter Andrea Rich is listed 158th in assists per game (8.15).

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), 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), ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT OFFICE/FAX ((231) 591-2860/2869), HOME COURT (CAPACITY) (Robert L. Ewigleben Sports Arena (600)).