



2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

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		VOLLEYBALL	

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2008 Schedule

RECORD: 16-10 HOME: 7-5 ROAD: 5-3 NEUTRAL: 4-2
 GLIAC: 8-6 HOME: 3-4 ROAD: 5-2

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST			
28	Thu.	Aquinas	W 3-0
29	Fri.	Indiana (Pa.)♦	W 3-1
29	Fri.	Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.)♦	W 3-0
30	Sat.	Minnesota Duluth♦	L 1-3
30	Sat.	Urbana (Ohio)♦	W 3-0
SEPTEMBER			
5	Fri.	vs. Eckerd (Fla.)★	W 3-2
5	Fri.	vs. Colorado State-Pueblo★	W 3-0
6	Sat.	vs. Minnesota State★	L 1-3
6	Sat.	at Tampa★	L 1-3
12	Fri.	at Northwood*	L 1-3
13	Sat.	at Wayne State*	W 3-2
16	Tue.	at Grand Valley State*	L 0-3
19	Fri.	Northern Michigan*	L 2-3
20	Sat.	Michigan Tech*	L 2-3
26	Fri.	at Lake Superior State*	W 3-0
27	Sat.	at Saginaw Valley State*	W 3-2
OCTOBER			
3	Fri.	Hillsdale*	W 3-1
4	Sat.	Findlay*	W 3-0
10	Fri.	at Ashland*	W 3-2
11	Sat.	at Tiffin*	W 3-1
17	Fri.	at Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover♦ vs. Missouri-St. Louis	W 3-1
		vs. Drury	W 3-2
18	Sat.	at Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover♦ vs. Lewis	L 1-3
24	Fri.	Grand Valley State*	L 2-3
31	Fri.	Lake Superior State*	W 3-1
NOVEMBER			
1	Sat.	Saginaw Valley State*	L 0-3
7	Fri.	at Northern Michigan*	7 p.m.
8	Sat.	at Michigan Tech*	4 p.m.
12	Wed.	GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals (Campus Site)	TBA
15	Sat.	GLIAC Tournament Semifinals (Campus Site)	TBA
16	Sun.	GLIAC Tournament Championship (Campus Site)	TBA
20-22	Thur.-Sat.	NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional (Campus Site)	TBA
DECEMBER			
4-6	Thu.-Sat.	28th Annual NCAA-II Elite Eight (Campus Site)	TBA

*Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Match
 Home matches in **bold** All times are Eastern
 ♦ - Ferris State Invitational (Big Rapids, Mich.)
 ★ - Tampa Labor Day Classic (Tampa, Fla.)
 ◆ - Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover (Indianapolis, Ind.)
 Dates and times are all subject to change

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for all 2008 Ferris State home matches will be available at the door. For more information, please contact the Ferris State Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888.

GREAT STRETCH: Ferris State has won 20 or more matches nine times under 13th-year head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs have registered a current 236-105 (.692) record over the past 10 years and have reached the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament five times in that span. FSU has advanced to the GLIAC Tournament 10 consecutive years to date.

ATTACK MODE: Junior middle hitter **Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay)**, who has chalked up 765 career kills in 86 appearances to date, is four shy of tying Milli Holley (1982-85; 769 total) for 20th place and is seven more kills away from moving into a 19th-place tie with Kate Pickvet (1999-01; 772 total) on the program's all-time leaders chart.

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Nov. 7 * 7 p.m. (EST)
Ferris State at Northern Michigan
 Vandament Arena * Marquette, Mich.

Saturday, Nov. 8 * 4 p.m. (EST)
Ferris State at Michigan Tech
 SDC Gymnasium * Houghton, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will wrap up the regular-season portion of its 2008 schedule this weekend (Nov. 7-8) with a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) North Division road matches. The Bulldogs take on the Northern Michigan Wildcats this Friday (Nov. 7) in a 7 p.m. (EST) match at Marquette, Mich. Ferris State then closes out its regular season this Saturday (Nov. 8) against the Michigan Tech Huskies with opening serve set for 4 p.m. (EST) at Houghton, Mich.

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State split a pair of GLIAC North Division matches last weekend (Oct. 31-Nov. 1) at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs recorded a 3-1 decision over Lake Superior State last Friday (Oct. 31) afternoon and then suffered a 3-0 loss to Saginaw Valley State in last Saturday's (Nov. 1) final home match of the 2008 campaign.

LAST SEASON: Ferris State concluded the 2007 season at 20-10 overall with a third-place 12-6 mark in the GLIAC's North Division. The Bulldogs, which produced the program's 10th consecutive winning campaign in 2007, made its 10th straight conference tourney appearance a year ago.

2008 GLIAC PRESEASON POLL: Ferris State has been chosen to finish in a tie for third place in the 2008 GLIAC Volleyball Coaches Preseason North Division Poll as released by the league office. The Bulldogs totaled 16 points in the balloting, which was conducted by the conference's head coaches. A season ago, Ferris State racked up a third-place 24 points after posting 26 points good for third place in the 2006 league poll. Ferris State was tabbed fourth in the 2005 poll with 26 points. Grand Valley State was voted as the favorite to repeat as the North Division regular-season champions for the fourth consecutive year as the Lakers recorded 24 points along with four of the six first-place votes. Northern Michigan received the other two first-place votes while totaling 18 points.

2008 BULLDOG CAPTAINS: A pair of senior setter-outside hitters, **Candice Marut (Pinconning)** and **Andrea Rich (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay)** will serve as the team captains for the 2008 season.

THE 2008 FSU ROSTER: Ferris State's 2008 active roster includes two seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and eight freshmen. Five of the 18 players are outside hitters, six are middle hitters, and seven others fill the squad's setter, defensive specialist and libero roles. All 18 student-athletes on the team hail from the state of Michigan.

THE 2000 ASSISTS CLUB: **Andrea Rich** needs 24 more assists to become the ninth individual in Ferris State volleyball history to reach the 2,000 career assists plateau. Rich has currently amassed 1,976 career helpers in 80 contests. She is presently ninth among the school's all-time leaders and trails current teammate **Candice Marut** by 71 assists to date. Marut became the eighth player in the program's history to attain at least 2,000 career assists with a team-high 19 helpers against Grand Valley State earlier this season (10/24).

THE 36TH SEASON: The 2008 season represents Ferris State's 36th season of intercollegiate women's volleyball. The Bulldogs have accumulated an all-time mark of 771-436 (.639) to date. Since 1972, the Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made 14 NCAA-II Tournament appearances, and registered 28 winning seasons.



MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Sophomore middle hitter Arielle Goodson's (Grand Rapids/Central) match-high 17 kills against Lake Superior State last Friday (10/31) represents a career high, eclipsing her 16 kills set earlier this fall at Tiffin (10/11) and against Drury (10/17) at the Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover Tournament in Indianapolis, Ind. Goodson has compiled double-figure kill totals in 10 matches this season to date, which includes three times in her last five appearances... Andrea Rich is seven service aces shy of attaining the 100th of her career. Rich presently is 29th on FSU's all-time leaders list with 93 aces in 80 matches and needs six more to tie Lisa Haan (1988-91; 99 total) for 27th-place honors... Redshirt freshman libero Lisa Tobiczkyk (Marysville) is currently tied for 30th place on the Bulldogs' all-time single-season leaders list with 341 digs in 26 contests this season. Tobiczkyk's team-leading 341 digs total matches Morgan Buckner's 1999 season output... Freshman outside hitter Ashley Huntey (Stanwood/Morley-Stanwood) extended her current double-digit digs streak to five with 10 total against Saginaw Valley State last Saturday (11/1). Huntey is averaging 12.8 digs per match (64 total) in her last five outings and has generated 11 matches with double-digit totals this season.

REGULAR-SEASON FINALES: Ferris State has posted a 2-6 mark (.250) in its regular-season finale match since the 2000 campaign. The Bulldogs' two victories in that span are a 3-0 home decision over Grand Valley State in 2005 (11/4) and a 3-0 home win against Northwood last season (11/3).

FINAL APPEARANCE: Seniors Candice Marut and Andrea Rich were both honored prior to the final home match of their collegiate careers last Saturday (11/1) against Saginaw Valley State. Marut dished out a squad-best 14 assists while Rich totaled 11 helpers and digs apiece in the match.

REGIONAL RANKINGS: Ferris State is listed eighth place in the most recent NCAA Division II Midwest Region rankings, which were released Wednesday (10/29) by the NCAA-II Women's Volleyball Committee. The Bulldogs, who were ranked sixth in the first regional rankings (10/15), have compiled a 10-8 in-region record to date. FSU is one of six GLIAC teams to be listed in the Midwest Region rankings. Grand Valley State continues to remain first followed by Lewis and Northern Kentucky. Ferris State is one place in back of seventh-place Michigan Tech and one in front of ninth-place Missouri-St. Louis among the 10 teams to be ranked. The next rankings will be released Wednesday, Nov. 12.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

NORTHERN MICHIGAN: Ferris State is 38-41 in its all-time series against Northern Michigan to date as the Wildcats claimed a 3-2 win in Big Rapids earlier this season (9/19). NMU prevailed in all three meetings last season, which included a 3-1 regular-season home triumph (10/20) in Marquette, Mich., and a 3-0 home victory in a 2007 GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinal-Round match (11/7). Ferris has won six of the last 17 encounters and has produced a 19-25 all-time road/neutral site mark against the Wildcats. NMU, under second-year head coach and former Bulldog assistant Dominic Yoder, is currently 18-9 overall and 10-4 in the GLIAC's North Division. The Cats', who have won 10 of their last 12 matches to date, posted a 3-1 home league win over Michigan Tech last Friday (10/31) and then bested Urbana (Ohio), 3-0, in a non-conference tilt last Saturday (11/1) at NMU's Vandament Arena. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. NMU - 9-20.

MICHIGAN TECH: Ferris State and Michigan Tech will square off for the 61st time in a series which the Bulldogs own a 48-12 all-time series advantage. The Huskies notched a 3-2 decision at Ferris State earlier this fall (9/20) in Big Rapids. A season ago, FSU swept the two-match regular-season series as the Bulldogs recorded a 3-2 home victory over MTU (9/15) in Big Rapids and then claimed a 3-0 road win (10/19) at Houghton, Mich. Ferris State is 25-6 all-time in away/neutral site encounters against Michigan Tech. The Huskies, who are coached by 10th-year head coach Krista Mikesch, are 17-9 overall with a 10-4 GLIAC North Division mark to date. MTU suffered a 3-1 non-league decision over Urbana (Ohio) last Saturday (11/1) at MTU's SDC Gymnasium. The Huskies, who are listed among others receiving votes in this week's (11/3) Bison/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll, have prevailed in 10 of their last 14 matches. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. MTU - 22-5.

2008 FERRIS STATE 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 Ruttie, Arielle Goodson, Leslie Swanson, Anne Sutton, Ashley Huntey, Sarah Lark, Samantha Fordyce, Lisa Tobiczkyk, Whitney Rupp, Danielle Hamilton, Mallory Kopa, Aly Brecht, Andrea Rich, Karen Thompson, and Kristy Gilchrist.

Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, 13th Year (Alma, 1990) Assistant Coach: Theresa Beeckman, 4th Year
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Dale Wilhelm, 5th Year * - Letters earned C - Captain

2008 SEASON TRENDS

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

FERRIS STATE'S TRIPLE DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

Andrea Rich 2



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 13th year at FSU for the 2008 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 six years.

Success and Brandel-Wilhelm have become synonymous as Ferris State recorded the program's 10th consecutive winning campaign in 2007 as Bulldogs attained double-digits in victories for the 27th straight year with a 20-10 overall record.

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 2008 season ranked 22nd in career best winning percentage among the nation's Division II active coaches with a 371-145 (.719) career mark in 15 seasons as a collegiate head coach.

In the last eight seasons, Brandel-Wilhelm has coached Ferris State to an impressive 199-86 overall record (.698). She was voted as the GLIAC's Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 2002 by her coaching 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. She also serves as the advisor for Ferris State's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). 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, OVERALL (WON, LOST, PCT.), CONFERENCE (WON, LOST, PCT.), GLIAC FINISH. Rows include years 1993-2008 and Career/FSU Totals.

2008 GLIAC STANDINGS

Table showing 2008 GLIAC Standings for North and South Divisions, including columns for School, Conference (W, L, Pct.), and Overall (W, L, Pct.).

UPCOMING GLIAC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Ashland 3, at Tiffin 0*

Friday, Nov. 7

- Saginaw Valley State at Lake Superior State*, 4 p.m.
Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) at Tiffin, 6 p.m.
Ferris State at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech*, 7 p.m.
Northwood at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.
Wayne State at Findlay*, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8

- Northwood at Findlay*, 1 p.m.
Wayne State at Hillsdale*, 2 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Northern Michigan*, 2 p.m.
Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) at Northwood, 3:30 p.m.
Gannon at Tiffin, 4 p.m.
Ferris State at Michigan Tech*, 4 p.m.
Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) at Findlay, 6 p.m.

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

2008 GLIAC TOURNEY INFORMATION: Ferris State has clinched a berth in the 2008 GLIAC Volleyball Tournament. The tournament quarterfinals will be held next Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. (EST) on campus sites still yet to be determined.

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.

ALL-CONFERENCE RETURNEES: The Bulldogs return a pair of All-GLIAC performers from the 2007 season in Kristy Gilchrist and Andrea Rich. Gilchrist received all-conference second-team accolades in 2007 while Rich garnered honorable mention all-league kudos.

NOVEMBER MATCHES: The Bulldogs have currently registered a 17-18 overall record (.486) in November encounters dating back to 2000. FSU sports a 10-4 home ledger and is 7-14 in road/neutral site matches during that period.

NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS: Ferris State is 73rd nationally in NCAA Division II in blocks per set (1.92 avg.) while the Bulldogs are ranked 86th in aces per set (1.7 avg.) and 93rd in win-loss percentage (.615).