



2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

FERRIS STATE		WEEKLY RELEASE #2 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2008	
		VOLLEYBALL	

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2008 Schedule

Record: 4-1 Home: 4-1 Road: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0
GLIAC: 0-0 Home: 0-0 Road: 0-0

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.)★	11 a.m.
5	Fri.	vs. Colorado State-Pueblo★	5 p.m.
6	Sat.	vs. Minnesota State★	11 a.m.
6	Sat.	at Tampa★	7 p.m.
12	Fri.	at Northwood*	7 p.m.
13	Sat.	at Wayne State*	4 p.m.
16	Tue.	at Grand Valley State*	7 p.m.
19	Fri.	Northern Michigan*	7 p.m.
20	Sat.	Michigan Tech*	4 p.m.
26	Fri.	at Lake Superior State*	7 p.m.
27	Sat.	at Saginaw Valley State*	5 p.m.
OCTOBER			
3	Fri.	Hillsdale*	7 p.m.
4	Sat.	Findlay*	4 p.m.
10	Fri.	at Ashland*	7 p.m.
11	Sat.	at Tiffin*	2 p.m.
17	Fri.	at Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover♦	TBA
18	Sat.	at Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover♦	TBA
24	Fri.	Grand Valley State*	7 p.m.
31	Fri.	Lake Superior State*	12 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
1	Sat.	Saginaw Valley State*	1 p.m.
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 FSU Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888.

THE 36TH SEASON: The 2008 campaign represents Ferris State's 36th season of women's volleyball. The Bulldogs own an all-time mark of 759-427 (.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 28 winning seasons.

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.

ON THE ROAD: The Bulldogs are 665-315 (.679) overall since 1981 which includes a 421-250 (.627) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. Ferris State was 4-6 in road matches a season ago while compiling a 4-2 mark in neutral site encounters.

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Sept. 5 * 11 a.m. (EDT)
Tampa Classic – Ferris State vs. Eckerd (Fla.)
Bob Martinez Sports Center * Tampa, Fla.

Friday, Sept. 5 * 5 p.m. (EDT)
Tampa Classic – Ferris State vs. Colorado State-Pueblo
Bob Martinez Sports Center * Tampa, Fla.

Saturday, Sept. 6 * 11 a.m. (EDT)
Tampa Classic – Ferris State vs. Minnesota State
Bob Martinez Sports Center * Tampa, Fla.

Saturday, Sept. 6 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Tampa Classic – Ferris State at #5 Tampa
Bob Martinez Sports Center * Tampa, Fla.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will play its second tournament of the 2008 season this weekend (Sept. 5-6) as the Bulldogs compete in the Tampa Classic at the Bob Martinez Sports Center in Tampa, Fla. Ferris State will go up against Eckerd (Fla.), Colorado State-Pueblo, Minnesota State, and host Tampa in the tourney. Tampa is ranked fifth in this week's (Sept. 1) CBS College Sports/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll with 761 points while Minnesota State received 25 points and is listed among nine other teams receiving votes in the national poll.

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State opened the 2008 campaign winning four of its initial five non-conference matches all at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs bested Aquinas, 3-0, in last Thursday's (Aug. 28) season opener. FSU then began 2008 Ferris State Invitational play last Friday (Aug. 29) with a 3-1 decision over Indiana (Pa.) and a 3-0 win against Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.). Ferris suffered a 3-1 setback to nationally-ranked Minnesota Duluth last Saturday (Aug. 30) in its opening match of the day before bouncing back with a 3-0 victory over Urbana (Ohio).

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, the Bulldogs 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. Defending NCAA Division II National Champion 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 seniors – setter-outside hitter **Candice Marut (Pinconning)** and setter-outside hitter **Andrea Rich (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay)** will serve as the captains for the 2008 season.

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 224-96 (.700) 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.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

GLIAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Andrea Rich has been selected this week's (9/3) GLIAC North Division Player of the Week as announced by the conference office. Rich, a member of the 2008 Ferris State Invitational All-Tournament Team, recorded a triple double-double against nationally-ranked Minnesota Duluth (8/30) with 11 kills, 25 assists, and 10 digs.

2008 FERRIS STATE INVITATIONAL RECAP: Ferris State's Andrea Rich, Katie Edwards, and junior middle hitter Sarah Lark (Alma) were all named to the 12-member Ferris State Invitational All-Tournament Team. Rich recorded a squad-best 90 assists and seven service aces with a .301 attack percentage in the tourney while Edwards compiled a team-high 49 kills and averaged 3.50 kills per set.

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State's .375 attack percentage in its 3-0 non-league triumph over Wheeling Jesuit (8/29) at the Ferris State Invite represented the third-best attack percentage in the program's history. The Bulldogs generated 51 kills with 12 errors in 104 total attempts for the match. The performance surpassed the .366 hitting percentage at Saginaw Valley State (10/3/03).

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

ECKERD: First-ever meeting between the two schools. The Tritons are presently 2-2 overall this season after splitting four non-league matches at the West Florida Comfort Inn-Vitational in Pensacola, Fla. Eckerd posted a 3-1 win ove Flagler (Fla.) last Saturday (8/30) in its most recent match.

COLORADO STATE-PUEBLO: First meeting between the two teams. CSU-Pueblo is 2-2 overall this campaign to date as a result of gaining a split in its four matches at the CSU-Pueblo Fall Classic last weekend (8/29-30) in Pueblo, Colo. The Thunderwolves snapped a two-match losing skid with a 3-2 victory over St. Edwards, Texas last Saturday (8/30) in their most recent action.

MINNESOTA STATE: Ferris State maintains a 3-2 lead over the Minnesota State in the all-time series although the Bulldogs suffered a 3-1 loss to Mavericks back in the 1991 season (9/13) at the Central Missouri State Tournament in Warrensburg, Mo. MSU currently sports a 2-2 overall record this season and is midst a two-match winning streak after claiming a 3-1 decision over Western State (Colo.) last Saturday (8/30) at the Days Inn Oredigger Classic in Golden, Colo.

TAMPA: The Bulldogs own a 3-2 all-time series advantage against the Spartans. In the most recent meeting (8/30/03), Tampa notched a 3-0 victory over Ferris State at the North Florida Labor Day Classic in Jacksonville, Fla. The Spartans, who are ranked fifth in the latest (9/1) CBS College Sports/AVCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll, are 3-0 on the 2008 season after tallying 3-0 wins against nationally-ranked Ashland, Central Oklahoma, and Northern Kentucky at last weekend's (8/29-30) Tampa Labor Day Classic in Tampa, Fla.

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

FERRIS STATE'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

Andrea Rich 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 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.

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 as of Sept. 4. Columns include School, Conference (W, L, Pct.), and Overall (W, L, Pct.).

2008 TAMPA CLASSIC SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 5

Bob Martinez Sports Center

11 a.m. Ferris State vs. Eckerd (Fla.)
3 p.m. Eckerd vs. Minnesota State

5 p.m. Ferris State vs. Colorado State-Pueblo
7 p.m. Minnesota State at Tampa

Saturday, Sept. 6

Bob Martinez Sports Center

11 a.m. Minnesota State vs. Ferris State
1 p.m. Colorado State-Pueblo at Tampa
5 p.m. Colorado State-Pueblo vs. Minnesota State
7 p.m. Ferris State at Tampa

All Times Are Eastern Daylight

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.

LIVE STATS: "Live Stats" of all 2008 Ferris State home volleyball matches will be provided in progress via the internet. Visit www.ferris.edu/sports and click on the "Live Stats" icon to access the CSTV GameTracker "Live Stats" feature.

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

MOVING UP THE CHARTS: Andrea Rich, who presently has 1,489 career assists in 59 matches, is 63 assists shy of moving into a 10th-place tie with Wendy McCann (1984-87; 1,552 career assists) on the program's all-time leaders list.

STARTING OUT STRONG: Junior outside hitter Katie Edwards (Cedar Springs) is off to another strong start for the Bulldogs as she recorded double-digit kills in four of her first five 2008 season matches, which includes the last four contests to date.

GOOD START: Sophomore middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) has compiled a team third-best tying 36 kills in the Bulldogs' initial five matches this season. She also has a .324 attack percentage and is averaging 2.77 kills per set during that span.