



2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

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		VOLLEYBALL	

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2008 Schedule

Record: 6-3 Home: 4-1 Road: 0-1 Neutral: 2-2
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.)★	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*	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	Thu.-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 761-429 (.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 667-317 (.678) overall since 1981 which includes a 423-252 (.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. 12 * 7 a.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Northwood
Bennett Sports Center * Midland, Mich.

Saturday, Sept. 13 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Wayne State
Matthaei Center * Detroit, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will open the 2008 portion of its Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) schedule this weekend (Sept. 12-13) with a pair of road matches. The Bulldogs open their league slate facing the Northwood Timberwolves this Friday (Sept. 12) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) tilt before venturing to Detroit, Mich., this Saturday (Sept. 13) to battle the Wayne State Warriors.

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State registered a 2-2 record at last weekend's (Sept. 5-6) Tampa Classic in Tampa, Fla. FSU posted victories in its initial two matches as the Bulldogs produced a 3-2 win over Eckerd last Friday (Sept. 5) and then a 3-0 decision versus Colorado State-Pueblo in the day's final contest. Ferris State suffered a pair of 3-1 setbacks to Minnesota State and nationally fifth-ranked Tampa in last Saturday's (Sept. 6) action.

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 226-98 (.698) 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.

SEPTEMBER MATCHES: Ferris State has compiled a 70-35 overall record (.667) in September outings dating back to the 2000 campaign. The Bulldogs are 21-5 at home and 49-30 in road/neutral site contests since that time. FSU was 6-6 in September matches last season – 2-1 at home and 4-5 on the road. The 2002 and 2006 teams both compiled an 11-2 record for the month while 2003 squad posted an 11-3 ledger.

TRIPLE DOUBLE-DOUBLE: **Andrea Rich** netted her second triple double-double of the 2008 season with 11 kills, 17 assists, and 15 digs against Eckerd, Fla. (9/5) at the Tampa (Fla.) Classic. Rich garnered 11 kills with 25 assists and 10 digs versus Minnesota Duluth (8/30) at the Ferris State Invitational in Big Rapids, Mich.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Andrea Rich moved into 10th place among Ferris State's all-time leaders in assists with a present 1,553 career total. Rich, who surpassed Wendy McCann (1984-87; 1,552 assists) with a squad-best 20 helpers against Tampa (9/6), is now 36 assists shy of tying Emily Clouse's (2002-05) ninth-place 1,589 career assists total... Arielle Goodson's 14 kills at Tampa (9/6) represented a career single-match high, eclipsing her 13 kills against Eckerd (Fla.) in the Bulldogs' first match (9/5) of the Tampa Classic... Kristy Gilchrist moved into 30th place on Ferris State's all-time kills leaders list with a current 602 career total in 69 matches. Gilchrist is now 72 kills away from tying Kelly Stosik (1986-89; 674 career total) for 29th place. She also ranks 24th in FSU annals with 211 career total blocks and is one shy of tying Tracie Henne (1990-93; 212 career total) for 23rd-place honors... Junior outside hitter Katie Edwards (Cedar Springs) has tallied double figures in kills six times this campaign, which includes 15 against Indiana, Pa. (8/29) and 14 at Tampa (9/6). Edwards accumulated double-digit kills on 13 occasions last season... Freshman outside hitter Karen Thompson's (Holt) eight digs against Minnesota State (9/6) at the Tampa Classic marked a personal season high... Andrea Rich dug a season-best 17 attacks at Tampa (9/6) for her third double-digit match total this campaign. Rich's 17 digs exceeded her 15 versus Eckerd (9/5) in a Tampa Classic match... Ferris State's 53 kills at Tampa (9/6) represents a team match high this campaign, bettering the team's 51 kills against Wheeling Jesuit (8/29) at the Ferris State Invitational.

GLIAC OPENERS: Ferris State is 13-5 (.722) in conference openers dating back to 1990, which includes a 5-3 road mark in those matches during that span. The Bulldogs have been victorious in eight of their last 10 league-opening matches to date after garnering a 3-1 home triumph over Lake Superior State in last season's (9/14) conference opener at Big Rapids. FSU suffered a 3-0 loss at Northwood (9/14/05) in its most recent GLIAC road opening outing.

DIGGIN' IT: Redshirt freshman libero Lisa Tobiczky (Marysville) has chalked up a double-digit digs total in five matches this season, including 11 apiece in the Bulldogs' most recent two matches against Minnesota State (9/6) and at Tampa (9/6). Tobiczky turned in a season-best 22 digs effort versus Indiana, Pa., earlier this season (8/29) at the Ferris State Invitational.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Ferris' current top two kills leaders this season, Katie Edwards (83 kills) and Arielle Goodson (74 kills) have combined to generate 39.9% (157-393) of the Bulldogs' total kills production.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

NORTHWOOD: Ferris State sports a 27-20 mark in its all-time series versus Northwood despite the Timberwolves prevailing in 12 of the last 19 meetings to date. The two teams split last season's series with Northwood registering a 3-0 decision in Midland (9/21). The Bulldogs, who are 12-13 on the road in the series, avenged the loss later in the season (11/3) by posting a 3-0 home victory over the Timberwolves in Big Rapids. Northwood is presently 3-5 overall and 0-0 in the GLIAC to date this season. The Timberwolves, under fifth-year head coach Tim Koth, are midst a two-match winning streak which includes a 3-1 non-conference triumph over Metropolitan State (Colo.) last Saturday (9/6) at the Colorado Premier Challenge in Denver, Colo. NU began the campaign winning one of its initial six contests. Northwood was 18-12 overall and 6-12 in the GLIAC's North Division last season. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. NU - 12-16.

WAYNE STATE: Ferris State's contest against Wayne State will represent the 70th matchup between the teams with the Bulldogs holding a 42-27 lead in the all-time series. In the last meeting (10/13) a season ago, Ferris claimed a 3-0 home win over the Warriors in Big Rapids. FSU, which has won the last 10 series matches to date, boasts a 22-21 all-time road/neutral mark against Wayne State. The Warriors, under first-year head coach Phil Nickel, are 5-3 overall and 0-0 in GLIAC action to date after producing a 3-0 non-league decision over Gannon last Saturday (9/6) in the TownePlace Suites Classic at Findlay, Ohio. The Warriors have won four of their last six matches to date, which included a 2-2 record at the TownePlace Suites Classic. Wayne State was 10-15 overall and 5-12 in the GLIAC's South Division a season ago. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. WSU - 10-3.

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

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.

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. 7. Columns include School, Conference (W, L, Pct.), and Overall (W, L, Pct.).

UPCOMING GLIAC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Hillsdale vs. Davenport (Mich.), 7 p.m.
Urbana (Ohio) at Findlay, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Tiffin at Findlay*, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 12

Ashland at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.
Ferris State at Northwood*, 7 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Wayne State*, 7 p.m.
Lake Superior State at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Michigan Tech*, 7 p.m.
Madonna (Mich.) at Findlay, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Tiffin at Hillsdale*, 12 p.m.
Ashland at Findlay*, 2 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Northern Michigan*, 2 p.m.
Ferris State at Wayne State*, 4 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Northwood*, 4 p.m.
Lake Superior State at Michigan Tech*, 4 p.m.

* - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Match
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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.

FORCE IN THE MIDDLE: Sophomore middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) leads the 2008 team with a 0.96 blocks per set average and has totaled a squad-best 27 blocks (24 block assists) in nine matches.

NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS: Ferris State ranks 54th in service aces per game (2.0 avg.) among the latest NCAA-II national statistical leaders through matches of Sept. 7. The Bulldogs are 75th in blocks (1.91 avg.), 86th in kills (11.91 avg.), 95th in assists (10.61 avg.), and 107th in hitting percentage (.194). Individually, Arielle Goodson is 77th in hitting percentage (.329) and 79th in blocks per set (0.96 avg.).