



2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

FERRIS STATE		WEEKLY RELEASE #4 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2008	
		VOLLEYBALL	

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2008 Schedule

RECORD: 7-4 HOME: 4-1 ROAD: 1-2 NEUTRAL: 2-1
GLIAC: 1-1 HOME: 0-0 ROAD: 1-1

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*	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 season represents Ferris State's 36th season of women's volleyball. The Bulldogs own an all-time mark of 762-430 (.639) to date. Since 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.
GREAT STRETCH: Ferris State has won 20 or more matches nine times under 13th-year head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs have a current 227-99 (.696) 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

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesday, Sept. 16 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at #8 Grand Valley State
GVSU Fieldhouse Arena * Allendale, Mich.

Friday, Sept. 19 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Northern Michigan at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Sept. 20 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Michigan Tech at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team enters its fourth week of the 2008 season preparing for the challenge which three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) opponents are expected to offer in this week's action. The Bulldogs square off against archrival and nationally-ranked Grand Valley State this Tuesday (Sept. 16) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) contest at Allendale, Mich. FSU then returns home this weekend (Sept. 19-20) for a two-match conference homestand. Ferris hosts the Northern Michigan Wildcats this Friday (Sept. 19) at 7 p.m. (EDT) before concluding the week's action this Saturday (Sept. 20) versus the Michigan Tech Huskies. Opening serve is set for 4 p.m. (EDT). Grand Valley State moved up two places into eighth place nationally in this week's (Sept. 15) CBS College Sports/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll with 621 points.

LAST TIME OUT: The Bulldogs opened the GLIAC portion of their 2008 schedule by splitting a pair of conference road matches last weekend (Sept. 12-13). FSU suffered a 3-1 league-opening loss to Northwood last Friday (Sept. 12) in Midland, Mich., before getting back on the winning path with a 3-2 decision over Wayne State last Saturday (Sept. 13) in Detroit, Mich.

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 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.

SEPTEMBER MATCHES: Ferris State has compiled a 71-36 overall record (.664) in September outings dating back to the 2000 campaign. The Bulldogs are 21-5 at home and 50-31 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.

WAY TO GO: Junior outside hitter **Katie Edwards' (Cedar Springs)** 17 kills at Wayne State (9/13) marked a season high and her eighth double-figure kills outing this fall. She's presently averaging 14.3 kills (57 total) per match in her last four contests. Edwards, who has amassed 445 kills in 57 career matches, is 55 kills away from reaching the 500-kills plateau.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Sophomore defensive specialist Dana Ruttle's (Reed City) 11 digs at Wayne State last Saturday (9/13) represents a career high, bettering her seven digs against Wayne State last season (10/13/07)...

2008 HOME CONTESTS: The Bulldogs are averaging 13.2 kills per set (225 total) in their five home matches this season compared to the opposition's 8.3 average (141 total) and have compiled a .249 hitting percentage.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

GRAND VALLEY STATE: Ferris State and Grand Valley State will square off for the 92nd time with the Lakers maintaining a 51-40 series lead. GVSU bested the Bulldogs twice in last season's action as the Lakers posted a 3-2 come-from-behind league home win (10/2) in Allendale.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN: Ferris State is 38-40 in its all-time series against Northern Michigan after the Wildcats were victorious in all three meetings a season ago. NMU won both 2007 regular-season matches by claiming a 3-2 victory (9/16) in Big Rapids and a 3-1 home decision (10/20) in Marquette, Mich.

MICHIGAN TECH: The two teams will meet for the 60th time with the Bulldogs having a 48-11 all-time series advantage. Ferris State swept last season's two-match series as the Bulldogs recorded a 3-2 home victory over the Huskies (9/15) in Big Rapids and then claimed a 3-0 road win (10/19) at Houghton, Mich.

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 Ruttle, 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 outcomes and statistics such as Three-game match (4-0), Four-game match (1-4), Five-game match (2-0), Win game one (7-2), Lose game one (0-3), Win first two games (6-0), Split first two games (1-4), Lose first two games (0-0), Win game three (4-0), Win game four (2-0), In the deciding fifth game (2-0), More kills than opponent (7-2), Fewer kills than opponent (0-2), Kills are equal (0-0), Hit under .100 (0-1), Hit .100-.300 (5-3), Hit over .300 (2-0), Opponent hits under .100 (5-0), Opponent hits .100-.300 (2-3), Opponent hits over .300 (0-1), Has higher hitting pct. (7-0), Opponent has higher pct. (0-4), Has more assists (7-2), Opponent has more assists (0-2), Assists are equal (0-0), Has more aces (5-2), Opponent has more aces (2-1), Aces are equal (0-1), Has more digs (6-1), Opponent has more digs (0-3), Digs are equal (1-0), Has more blocks (6-1), Opponent has more blocks (0-2), Blocks are equal (1-1), In August (4-1), In September (3-3), 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 (4-1), On Saturday (2-3), On Sunday (0-0), In morning matches (1-1), In afternoon matches (3-1), In evening matches (3-2), Against nationally-ranked teams (0-2), In non-conference matches (6-3), In conference matches (1-1), In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams (0-0), Attendance under 100 (3-1), Attendance of 100-200 (3-3), Attendance over 200 (1-0), Match time under one hour (0-0), Match time one-two hours (6-4), Match time over two hours (1-0), In invitational matches (5-3), Against in-state teams (2-1), Against out-of-state teams (5-3), Against winning record teams (0-2), Against losing record teams (5-2), Against even record teams (2-0), 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. 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, Sept. 16

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

Friday, Sept. 19

- Michigan Tech at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.
Ashland at Lake Superior State*, 7 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Ferris State*, 7 p.m.
Findlay at Wayne State*, 7 p.m.
Hillsdale at Northwood*, 7 p.m.
Tiffin at Saginaw Valley State*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20

- Hillsdale at Wayne State*, 1 p.m.
Ashland at Saginaw Valley State*, 2 p.m.
Tiffin at Lake Superior State*, 2 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*, 4 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Ferris State*, 4 p.m.
Findlay at Northwood*, 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.

ACES HIGH: FSU's 13 service aces at Wayne State (9/13) not only is a season high, but represents the squad's highest match total since last season (9/29) when the Bulldogs registered 17 aces at Findlay.

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.). Andrea Rich is listed 153rd in hitting percentage (.292) and 194th in assists per set (5.03 avg.). Candice Marut ranks 219th in assists per set (4.3 avg.) while Katie Edwards is 246th in kills per set (2.59 avg.).