



2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

FERRIS STATE		WEEKLY RELEASE #6 -	
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		VOLLEYBALL	

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2008 Schedule

RECORD: 9-7 HOME: 4-3 ROAD: 3-3 NEUTRAL: 2-1
 GLIAC: 3-3 HOME: 0-2 ROAD: 3-1

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*	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*	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 764-433 (.638) 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 229-102 (.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.

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Oct. 3 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Hillsdale at Ferris State
 Ewingleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.
 Saturday, Oct. 4 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Findlay at Ferris State
 Ewingleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team returns home this weekend (Oct. 3-4) to host a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division opponents at FSU's Ewingleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs take on the Hillsdale Chargers this Friday (Oct. 3) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) encounter before squaring off against the Findlay Oilers this Saturday (Oct. 4) at 4 p.m. (EDT).

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State was victorious in its two GLIAC road matches last weekend (Sept. 26-27). The Bulldogs posted a 3-0 win over Lake Superior State last Friday (Sept. 26) in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., before knocking off Saginaw Valley by a 3-2 margin last Saturday (Sept. 27) at University Center, 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 senior setter-outside hitters, **Candice Marut (Pinconning)** and **Andrea Rich (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay)** will serve as the captains for the 2008 season.

OCTOBER MATCHES: Ferris State is a 54-22 overall (.711) in October matches since the 2000 season. The Bulldogs sport a 26-9 home mark and are 28-13 in road/neutral site outings in that span. Ferris State won six of its nine matches in October a season ago, which included a 4-1 home ledger.

VOLLEY FOR THE CURE: Ferris State will do its part for Breast Cancer Awareness month this Friday (Oct. 3) as the Bulldogs join forces with the Susan P. Wheatlake Foundation for "Volley For The Cure". The event, which is being held in conjunction with FSU's home volleyball match against Hillsdale, will donate \$3 from each paid ticket sold to benefit the Susan P. Wheatlake Women's Cancer and Wellness Fund. Following the match, a silent auction for FSU's pink uniforms will commence and held for all remaining 2008 Bulldog volleyball home matches.

RICHLY DESERVED: **Andrea Rich** presently ranks among Ferris State's all-time leaders in career assists (1,781) and digs (621). Rich currently ranks ninth place in assists and is 86 helpers shy of tying Candice Marut's eighth-place 1,867 career total. The 2007 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention performer is 17 digs away of moving into a 29th-place tie with Tracy Landschoot (1993-96; 638 digs). This fall, Rich's 93 kills represents a career single-season high and eclipsed her 35 kills in the 2007 campaign. She also has compiled a career season-best 35 block assists after totaling a combined 32 block assists in her prior 54 matches before this season.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

A GOOD SIGN: Sophomore middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) is only nine kills away from matching her 2007 season's output of 146 kills in 30 matches.

NEARING A MILESTONE: Junior outside hitter Katie Edwards (Cedar Springs) is six kills shy of notching the 500th kill in her career.

BACKROW STOPPER: Redshirt freshman libero Lisa Tobiczkyk's (Marysville) 21 digs at Saginaw Valley State last Saturday (9/27) was one shy of matching her season high of 22 digs against Indiana (Pa.) earlier this season (8/29) in a Ferris State Invitational match.

BULLDOG BITES: Katie Edwards has generated a squad-best 165 kills in the Bulldogs' initial 16 matches this season after recording a 162-kills total a season ago following the team's first 16 outings.

2008 HOME MATCHES: The Bulldogs are averaging 11.8 kills per set (319 total) in their seven home matches this season to the opposition's 9.1 average (246 total).

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

HILLSDALE: Ferris State owns a 46-11 advantage over Hillsdale as the two teams will square off for the 58th time this Friday. The Bulldogs have won five of the last nine series meetings, which included a 3-2 home triumph over the Chargers last season (10/12) in Big Rapids.

FINDLAY: Ferris State holds a 7-4 series lead against Findlay following a 3-1 win over the Oilers last season (9/29) in Findlay, Ohio. The Bulldogs are 3-3 in the last six contests to date between the two teams and FSU is undefeated at home against UF after claiming a 3-0 victory in the 2005 season (9/24).

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 2

Ashland at Michigan Tech*, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3

Ashland at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.

Hillsdale at Ferris State*, 7 p.m.

Findlay at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.

Lake Superior State at Northwood*, 7 p.m.

Tiffin at Michigan Tech*, 7 p.m.

Saginaw Valley State at Wayne State*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Lake Superior State at Wayne State*, 1 p.m.

Tiffin at Northern Michigan*, 2 p.m.

Hillsdale at Grand Valley State*, 4 p.m.

Findlay at Ferris State*, 4 p.m.

Saginaw Valley State 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 junior 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.

CLOGGING THE MIDDLE: The Bulldogs are averaging 11.63 team blocks (46.5 total) in their last four matches to date compared to 7.0 team blocks (28 total) in the previous four outings this season.

CLAMPING DOWN: Ferris State is holding opponents to a .136 hitting percentage this season after 16 matches. The Bulldogs have held their opponent to a .150 or lower hitting percentage in nine contests this fall.

NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS: Ferris State currently ranks 49th in blocks per set (2.02 avg.), 75th in service aces (1.81 avg.), 117th in kills per set (11.37 avg.) and 120th in assists per set (10.24 avg.) among the latest NCAA Division II national statistical leaders through matches of Sept. 28.