



# 2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

FERRIS STATE		WEEKLY RELEASE #8 - OCTOBER 16, 2008	
		VOLLEYBALL	

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## 2008 Schedule

RECORD: 13-7 GLIAC: 7-4	HOME: 6-3 HOME: 2-2	ROAD: 5-3 ROAD: 5-2	NEUTRAL: 2-1
<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>			
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
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
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
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
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 vs. Drury	2:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
18	Sat.	at Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover♦ vs. Lewis	1 p.m.
24	Fri.	Grand Valley State*	7 p.m.
31	Fri.	Lake Superior State*	12 p.m.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
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
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
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.

**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 768-433 (.639) to date. Since 1972, the Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made 14 NCAA-II Tournament appearances, and registered 28 winning seasons.

**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 233-102 (.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.

### THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

#### 2008 ASICS GLVC/GLIAC CROSSOVER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday, Oct. 17 ♦ 2:30 p.m. (EDT)  
**Missouri-St. Louis vs. Ferris State**  
Team Indiana Facility \* Indianapolis, Ind.

Friday, Oct. 17 ♦ 5:30 p.m. (EDT)  
**Drury vs. Ferris State**  
Team Indiana Facility \* Indianapolis, Ind.

Saturday, Oct. 18 ♦ 1 p.m. (EDT)  
**Lewis vs. Ferris State**  
Team Indiana Facility \* Indianapolis, Ind.

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE:** The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will be participating in the 2008 Asics Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC)/Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Crossover Tournament this weekend (Oct. 17-18) at the Team Indiana Facility in Indianapolis, Ind. The Bulldogs will open the tourney with a pair of non-conference matches on Friday (Oct. 17), starting with a 2:30 p.m. (EDT) match versus the Missouri St. Louis Tritons. FSU then squares off against the Drury Panthers in a 5:30 p.m. (EDT) tilt. Ferris State concludes tourney action this Saturday (Oct. 18) as the Bulldogs entertain the Lewis Flyers with a 1 p.m. (EDT) starting time scheduled.

**LAST TIME OUT:** Ferris State extended its current winning streak to six straight matches as the Bulldogs registered a pair of GLIAC victories over South Division teams. FSU rallied from a 2-0 deficit to claim a 3-2 triumph over Ashland last Friday (Oct. 10) in Ashland, Ohio. The Bulldogs would go on to notch a 3-1 decision versus Tiffin last Saturday (Oct. 11) at Tiffin, 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, 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 58-22 overall (.725) in October matches since the 2000 season. The Bulldogs sport a 28-9 home mark and are 30-13 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.

**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.



## FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State's 14 service aces at Tiffin last Saturday (10/11) represented a team season best, surpassing the squad's 13 aces at Wayne State (9/13). The last time FSU served up at least 14 aces in a contest was in 2007 when the Bulldogs chalked up 17 aces at Findlay (9/29)...

ATTACK MODE: Junior outside hitter Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay) became the 28th player in Ferris State history to attain at least 700 career kills. Gilchrist also currently ranks 28th on the program's all-time charts with a 704 career total in 80 matches and is averaging 2.44 kills a set during her career.

REGIONAL RANKINGS: Ferris State is ranked sixth of 10 teams in the latest NCAA Division II Midwest Region rankings, which were released Wednesday (10/15) by the NCAA-II Women's Volleyball Committee. The Bulldogs, who have an 8-6 in-region mark, are one of six GLIAC teams to be listed in the regional rankings.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS: Ferris State holds a 3-0 advantage over Missouri-St. Louis in their all-time series with all three encounters taking place either at UMSL and at a neutral site. The Bulldogs posted a 3-2 victory over the Tritons in the 1999 season (9/4) at the North Alabama Ricatoni's/Ramada Inn Classic in Florence, Ala.

DRURY: First-ever meeting between the two teams. Drury, which is directed by fifth-year head coach Amy Gardner, is presently 10-11 overall and 6-6 in the GLVC this season. The Panthers snapped a three-match losing streak last Saturday (10/11) with a 3-0 home conference decision over St. Joseph's (Ind.) in Springfield, Mo.

LEWIS: Ferris State leads Lewis by a 22-5 margin in the all-time series, which includes an 11-5 mark in road/neutral site outings. The Bulldogs posted a 3-2 win over the Flyers at the 2001 GLIAC/GLVC Challenge (9/8) in Highland Heights, Ky.

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

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. Her 371 career wins also represents a tie for 22nd place on the Division II active coaches total victories list.

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

2008 Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover Volleyball Tournament
Visit www.gliac.org/vvball for complete tourney schedule

\* - 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. The squad's 2007 yearbook can also be found at the site.

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. Gilchrist paced the 2007 squad in service aces (48) while finishing second for top team honors in kills (336) and total blocks (83) in 30 matches. Rich dished out a career-high 700 assists to go with 213 digs in 23 outings.

DIG STREAK: Redshirt freshman libero Lisa Tobiczkyk (Marysville) has presently generated five straight double-figure single-match dig efforts and is averaging 15.6 digs per match (78 total) during that span. For the season, Tobiczkyk has produced double-digit dig totals in 14 contests. Tobiczkyk's 23 digs at Ashland last Friday (10/10) represented a season high, bettering her 22-digs output against Indiana (Pa.) at the Ferris State Invitational earlier this season (8/29). She has totaled 20 or more digs on four occasions this campaign.

NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS: Ferris State presently is 65th in aces per set (1.86 avg.), 69th in blocks per set (1.93 avg.), 120th in kills per set (11.46 avg.) and 121st in assists per set (10.37 avg.) among the latest NCAA Division II national statistical leaders through matches of Oct. 12. On an individual basis, Arielle Goodson is 81st in blocks per set (0.96 avg.). Andrea Rich is listed 185th in assists per set (6.0 avg.) and 190th in aces per set (0.38 avg.). Kristy Gilchrist ranks 222nd in blocks per set (0.76) while Lisa Tobiczkyk is 247th in digs per set (3.09 avg.). Katie Edwards is 269th in kills per set (2.63 avg.).