



2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

FERRIS STATE		WEEKLY RELEASE #9 - OCTOBER 21, 2008	
		VOLLEYBALL	

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2008 Schedule

RECORD: 15-8 HOME: 6-3 ROAD: 5-3 NEUTRAL: 4-2
GLIAC: 7-4 HOME: 2-2 ROAD: 5-2

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*	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	W 3-1
		vs. Drury	W 3-2
18	Sat.	at Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover♦ vs. Lewis	L 1-3
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 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 770-434 (.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 235-103 (.695) 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:

Friday, Oct. 24 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
#5 Grand Valley State at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team, which has won eight of its last nine matches to date this season, will host the nationally fifth-ranked and their West Michigan archrival the Grand Valley State Lakers this Friday (Oct. 24) in its lone match of the week. The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) contest is scheduled for a 7 p.m. (EDT) start time in Big Rapids, Mich. Grand Valley State moved up one spot into fifth place nationally in this week's (Oct. 20) CBS *College Sports*/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll with 765 points.

FREE ADMISSION FOR A DONATION: Admission will be free for those fans attending this Friday's (Oct. 24) match with a donation of a book or boardgame. The books and boardgames will be collected and given to the Bulldog women's volleyball team's adopted family for Christmas.

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State compiled a 2-1 record in its three matches at the 2008 Asics Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC)/GLIAC Crossover Tournament last weekend (Oct. 17-18) at the Team Indiana Facility in Indianapolis, Ind. The Bulldogs opened tourney play with a 3-1 win over Missouri-St. Louis before holding on for a 3-2 victory against Drury (Mo.) in last Friday's (Oct. 17) action. Ferris State then had its eight-match win streak snapped as a result of suffering a 3-1 setback to nationally 17th-ranked Lewis last Saturday (Oct. 18) in its lone match.

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 60-23 overall (.723) in October matches since the 2000 season. The Bulldogs sport a 28-9 home mark and are 32-14 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.

NEARING A MILESTONE: **Candice Marut** enters this Friday's (Oct. 24) match needing only nine more assists to become the eighth player in Ferris State history to compile at least 2,000 career helpers. Marut has accumulated 1,991 career assists (5.96 per set avg.) in 102 matches to date. In 18 matches this season, Marut has recorded 289 assists (4.31 per set avg.) after finishing second on the 2007 team with a 620 total.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Junior middle hitter Sarah Lark (Alma) hit for a team-best .339 attack percentage at the Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover Tournament with 24 kills in 59 attempts. She also totaled a team second-best tying eight total blocks in the Bulldogs' three matches, which included seven block assists. Lark's 10 kills versus Drury (10/17) marked a career match high, eclipsing her eight kills set in three previous matches. . . Junior middle hitter Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay) hammered 16 kills against Drury (10/17) which represented her eighth double-digit kills match performance this fall and was two shy of equaling her season best of 18 kills at Wayne State (9/13) . . . Andrea Rich, who has currently generated 695 career digs in 77 matches, is five digs shy of attaining the 700th of her career and is 16 away from moving into a 24th-place tie with Joanne Stafford (1988-90; 711 total) . . . Junior outside hitter Katie Edwards (Cedar Springs) and sophomore middle hitter Arielle Goodson (Grand Rapids/Central) have combined to account for 40/9% (227-555) of Ferris State's kills production in 12 non-conference contests this season. Edwards has presently chalked up 115 kills and a .176 hitting percentage in 12 matches while Goodson has produced 112 kills to go with a .285 attack percentage in 12 outings . . . Sophomore defensive specialist Dana Ruttle's (Reed City) 14 digs against Drury not only marked seventh double-digit digs match output this campaign, but was one shy of matching her career-high 15 digs at Ashland earlier this season (10/10) . . . Ferris State has held the opposition to a .131 attack percentage (497 kills in 1,555 attempts) in its last 11 matches after allowing its opponent to hit at a .144 clip (421-1,322) in the squad's initial 12 encounters this campaign.

NOTEWORTHY STREAK: Ferris State's eight-match winning streak, which started on Sept. 26 with a 3-0 conference victory at Lake Superior State and ended with a 3-1 loss to nationally-ranked Lewis last Saturday (10/18), represented the program's longest since the 2006 season when the Bulldogs also won eight consecutive matches (9/25-9/8).

COMING AROUND: Kristy Gilchrist has shown marked improvement in FSU's last 11 matches to date with a combined 105 kills, 14 service aces, 21 digs, and 45 total blocks. In her first 12 appearances this season, Gilchrist generated 75 kills, seven aces, 16 digs, and 22 total blocks.

BLOCK PARTY: FSU notched double figures in team blocks for the fourth time this season with 13.0 team rejections against Drury last Friday (10/17). The Bulldogs have also netted double digits on three prior occasions this season - 10 each at Tampa (9/6) and vs. Michigan Tech (9/20) along with 20.5 total against Northern Michigan (9/19).

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. Grand Valley State is ranked first while two of the Bulldogs' three tournament opponents this weekend in Lewis and Missouri-St. Louis are second and ninth, respectively.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

GRAND VALLEY STATE: Ferris State and Grand Valley State will face one another for the 93rd time in a series which the Lakers have a 52-40 advantage over the Bulldogs. GVSU registered a 3-0 home victory earlier this season (9/16) in Allendale, Mich. Last season, the Lakers posted a 3-2 come-from-behind conference home decision (10/2) and then recorded a 3-1 road triumph (10/26) in Big Rapids. GVSU, which has been victorious in 17 of the last 23 series matches, is 33-25 in road/neutral site encounters against Ferris State. FSU's last win over Grand Valley State was in the 2005 season (11/4) when the Bulldogs prevailed 3-0 in a regular-season home match. The nationally-ranked Lakers, who are coached by 14th-year head coach Deanne Scanlon, improved to 21-2 overall with a 3-0 tourney mark at the 2008 Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover Tournament last weekend (10/17-18) in Indianapolis, Ind. GVSU bested Indianapolis and Northern Kentucky by 3-1 scores (10/17) before notching a 3-0 decision over Bellarmine (10/18) in its final tourney match. The Lakers have won 18 consecutive matches to date this season and host Aquinas this Wednesday (10/22) in a non-league contest. Grand Valley sports a first-place 11-0 conference ledger and is 7-0 in away outings this fall. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. GVSU - 8-20.

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 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 (.4-5), Five-game match (.5-2), Win game one (.14-3), Lose game one (.1-6), Win first two games (.10-0), Split first two games (.4-5), Lose first two games (.1-3), Win game three (.10-2), Win game four (.5-2), In the deciding fifth game (.5-2), More kills than opponent (.13-2), Fewer kills than opponent (.1-6), Kills are equal (.1-0), Hit under .100 (.0-4), Hit .100-.300 (.13-4), Hit over .300 (.2-0), Opponent hits under .100 (.8-0), Opponent hits .100-.300 (.7-7), Opponent hits over .300 (.0-1), Has higher hitting pct. (.13-0), Opponent has higher pct. (.2-8), Has more assists (.13-2), Opponent has more assists (.2-5), Assists are equal (.0-1), Has more aces (.10-4), Opponent has more aces (.4-2), Aces are equal (.1-2), Has more digs (.11-4), Opponent has more digs (.3-4), Digs are equal (.1-0), Has more blocks (.12-2), Opponent has more blocks (.2-5), Blocks are equal (.1-1), In August (.4-1), In September (.5-6), In October (.6-1), In November (.0-0), On Monday (.0-0), On Tuesday (.0-1), On Wednesday (.0-0), On Thursday (.1-0), On Friday (.9-2), On Saturday (.5-5), On Sunday (.0-0), In morning matches (.1-1), In afternoon matches (.8-3), In evening matches (.6-4), Against nationally-ranked teams (.0-4), In non-conference matches (.8-4), In conference matches (.7-4), In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams (.0-0), Attendance under 100 (.4-1), Attendance of 100-200 (.7-4), Attendance over 200 (.4-3), Match time under one hour (.0-0), Match time one-two hours (.12-7), Match time over two hours (.3-1), In invitational matches (.7-4), Against in-state teams (.5-4), Against out-of-state teams (.10-4), Against winning record teams (.3-6), Against losing record teams (.10-2), 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.

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, Oct. 21
at Tiffin 3, Findlay 1*

Thursday, Oct. 23
Tiffin at Urbana (Ohio), 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24
Hillsdale at Ashland*, 7 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Ferris State*, 7 p.m.
Findlay at Lake Erie (Ohio), 7 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Lake Superior State*, 7 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Saginaw Valley State*, 7 p.m.
Wayne State at Northwood*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25
Findlay at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Lake Superior State*, 2 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State*, 4 p.m.
Hillsdale at Tiffin*, 4 p.m.

* - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Match
All times are Eastern and subject to change

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 Kristy Gilchrist and Andrea Rich. Gilchrist received all-conference second-team accolades in 2007 while Rich garnered honorable mention all-league kudos.

SEASON HIGH EQUALIZER: Ferris State's 65 kills against Drury (10/17) tied a 2008 team season high, which was initially set at Wayne State (9/13). The Bulldogs have tallied at least 50 kills or more in a match nine times this campaign and have more kills than their opponent in 15 matches.

A TALE OF TWO TEAMS: FSU has recorded a .217 attack percentage to go along with 12.2 kills, 13.5 digs and 1.8 blocks per set in its 15 victories. The opposition has hit for a .100 percentage. In the squad's eight losses, the Bulldogs are hitting at a .086 clip with 10.5 kills, 12.5 digs and 2.1 blocks per set.

NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS: Ferris State is currently listed 60th in blocks per set (1.95 avg.) while the Bulldogs rank 67th in aces per set (1.8 avg.), 71st in winning percentage (.652), 113th in kills per set (11.6 avg.), and 120th in assists per set (10.47 avg.). Arielle Goodson is 99th in blocks per set (0.91 avg.). Andrea Rich ranks 182nd in aces per set (0.38) and is 186th in assists per set (5.91 avg.). Kristy Gilchrist is 187th in blocks (0.8 avg.), Lisa Tobczyk is 207th in digs (3.27 avg.), Candice Marut is 238th in assists (4.31 avg.), and Katie Edwards ranks 284th in kills (2.6 avg.).