



# NEWS & NOTES

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### 2004 VOLLEYBALL



18-5 OVERALL, 10-3 GLIAC

#### Upcoming Matches:

**Friday, Oct. 29**  
at Saginaw Valley State\*, 7 p.m.  
Cardinal Gymnasium  
University Center, Mich.

**Saturday, Oct. 30**  
at Northwood\*, 4 p.m.  
Bennett Sports Center  
Midland, Mich.

All times are Eastern and subject to change  
\* Denotes GLIAC Match

#### Last Week's Results:

**Thursday, Oct. 21**  
FSU 3, at Grand Valley State 1\*  
GVSU Fieldhouse Arena  
Allendale, Mich.

### FSU Upsets GVSU; Hits The Road This Weekend

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE** – The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will visit Saginaw Valley State Friday, Oct. 29, for a 7 p.m. (EDT) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) encounter at University Center, Mich. FSU will then battle nationally-ranked Northwood Saturday, Oct. 30, in a 4 p.m. (EDT) league tilt at Midland, Mich. NU is ranked 16th in the latest (Oct. 19) CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II National Poll.

**LAST WEEK** – FSU, which is presently 18-5 overall and 10-3 in GLIAC action this campaign, defeated archrival and nationally ninth-ranked Grand Valley State 3-1 last Thursday (Oct. 21) in league action at GVSU's Fieldhouse Arena in Allendale, Mich. The Bulldogs, who were listed among others receiving votes with five points last week, should be a strong candidate for national rankings consideration when this week's poll is announced Tuesday (Oct. 26) afternoon.

**REGIONAL RANKINGS** – Ferris presently ranks third in the most recent (Oct. 20) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Rankings. The GLIAC holds the top seven spots in the regional poll with GVSU (1st), Northwood (2nd), Ashland (4th), Findlay (5th), Hillsdale (6th) and Northern Michigan (7th) all being represented. Three automatic and five at-large bids will be awarded in the region, which consists of the GLIAC, Great Lakes Valley (GLVC) and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conferences (WVIAC), for the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament set to be held Nov. 18-20 at a campus site.

**LAST SEASON** – Ferris posted a 15-14 overall mark during the 2003 campaign, which represented the program's sixth consecutive winning season and included a third-place 12-6 GLIAC North Division finish. The Bulldogs also made their sixth-straight league tournament appearance in 2003.

**THE 32ND SEASON** – The 2004 campaign marks the 32nd season of Ferris State women's volleyball. Since the program's inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have compiled a 685-395 (.634) overall record. Ferris has won eight GLIAC titles, made 11 NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and registered 24 winning seasons in its previous 31 campaigns.

**BULLDOG CAPTAINS** – Senior setter **Ashley Green (Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin)**, senior outside hitter **Karla Fairbanks (Rogers City)** and junior libero **Brittney Godlewski (St. Clair Township/Marysville)** were voted tri-captains for the 2004 campaign. Fairbanks attained honorable mention AVCA All-America accolades in 2003. Green was an honorable mention AVCA All-Great Lakes Region pick last season while Godlewski received second-team Daktronics All-Great Lakes Region kudos.

**THE BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL TRADITION** – Ferris State has won 20 or more matches in five of its last six seasons to date. The Bulldogs, who have recorded at least 20 victories in a season 16 times, are presently 150-64 (.701) overall since the start of the 1998 campaign. The 1984 FSU squad won a NCAA-II record 46 consecutive matches en route to a school-best 48-3 overall mark.

**BIG WIN IN ALLENDALE** – Ferris' victory over archrival GVSU, which was FSU's first in Allendale since Sept. 3, 1994, ended a four-match series' losing streak to the Lakers. Grand Valley State had won 12 straight series' meetings at home against the Bulldogs entering the match. GVSU also had its 16-match winning streak this season snapped with the loss.

**ONLY ONE AWAY** – **Karla Fairbanks** has 168 career service aces to date and is one away from matching Kris Johnson's (1982-85) fifth-place career mark of 169 aces at Ferris State. The 5-11 Fairbanks has posted 20 or more kills in 10 of her last 14 appearances this season to date. She presently has 1,487 career kills and ranks fifth on the school's all-time chart.

**WINNERS AGAIN** – The Bulldogs' current 18-5 mark with five regular-season matches remaining assures themselves of recording the program's seventh consecutive winning campaign and surpasses last season's victory total (15-14). Ferris has won at least 10 matches in each of its last 24 campaigns dating back to 1981.

**HEAD COACH TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM** – FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**, who presently ranks second among Ferris' all-time coaching victory leaders, garnered her 300th career victory against Hillsdale (Oct. 16). Brandel-Wilhelm, who has a current 301-114 (.725) career mark, is 183-94 (.661) in nine seasons at Ferris after previously serving as West Virginia Wesleyan's head coach from 1993-95. A 1990 Alma graduate, Brandel-Wilhelm guided the Bulldogs to NCAA-II Tournament appearances in 1999 and 2002. She was voted the GLIAC's Coach of the Year in 2002.

**BETWEEN THE LINES** – FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** will make periodic appearances throughout the season on "Between The Lines," a weekly half-hour television show devoted to Ferris State Athletics. The program, which is hosted by Shannon Vesper and produced by FSU's media productions department, airs each Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. (ET) and 8 p.m. (ET), respectively, on FSU's Cable Channel 7.

**FSU ON THE INTERNET** – Ferris State University Athletics' official web site can be found at [www.ferris.edu/sports](http://www.ferris.edu/sports). The site features information on all of FSU's varsity athletics programs including rosters, statistics, yearbooks and more.



### 2004 QUICK FACTS

<b>Location:</b>	Big Rapids, Mich.
<b>Founded:</b>	1884
<b>Enrollment:</b>	11,803
<b>Nickname:</b>	Bulldogs
<b>Colors:</b>	Crimson & Gold
<b>Affiliation:</b>	NCAA Division II
<b>Conference:</b>	Great Lakes Intercollegiate
<b>President:</b>	Dr. David L. Eisler
<b>Athletics Director:</b>	Tom Kirinovic
<b>Asst. Athletics Director:</b>	Brian Kegler
<b>Head Trainer:</b>	Dave Lucey, ATC
<b>Assistant Trainer:</b>	Tim Glover, ATC
<b>Assistant Trainer:</b>	Mike Blackburn, ATC
<b>Equip. Manager:</b>	Ben Mumah, E.M., C.
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<b>Head Coach:</b>	Tia Brandel-Wilhelm
<b>Alma Mater/Year:</b>	Alma/1990
<b>Record at FSU/Year:</b>	183-94/9th
<b>Career Record/Years:</b>	301-114/12th
<b>Office Phone:</b>	(231) 591-2871
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Lee Anderson
<b>Office Phone:</b>	(231) 591-2745
<b>Home Court:</b>	Ewigleben Sports Arena
<b>Capacity:</b>	600
<b>2003 Overall Record:</b>	15-14
<b>2003 Conf. Record/Finish:</b>	12-6/3rd-N
<b>All-Time Record:</b>	685-395 (.634)
<b>Letterwinners Ret./Lost:</b>	12/0
<b>Website:</b>	www.ferris.edu/sports



BULLDOG BITES

The Bulldogs have compiled a 58-9 (.866) overall record in three-game matches since the start of the 2000 campaign.

ON THE ROAD - Ferris State is 597-284 (.678) overall since 1981 and sports a 389-228 (.630) record in road/neutral site matches during that span.

STATISTICAL RANKINGS - Karla Fairbanks currently ranks 14th nationally in kills (5.00 kpg) and 25th in aces (0.67 apg) among the latest (Oct. 18) NCAA-II National Statistical Rankings leaders.

GLIAC POLL - FSU was picked to finish fourth in the 2004 GLIAC Volleyball Coaches Preseason North Division Poll.

THE 2004 GLIAC TOURNEY - The 2004 GLIAC Tournament returns to campus sites this season following a one-year hiatus.

UP NEXT - Ferris will host Michigan Tech Thursday, Nov. 4, in a 7 p.m. (EST) contest at FSU's Ewingleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich.

A Look At The Opponents

Saginaw Valley State: Ferris and Saginaw Valley State will square off for the 50th time Friday with FSU holding a 41-8 series advantage.

Northwood: FSU maintains a 23-17 series edge heading into this Saturday's 41st series meeting against Northwood.

2004 FSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists 20 players including Ashley Ollenburger, Lauren Heine, Candice Marut, etc.

Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, ninth year (Alma, 1990)
Assistant Coach: Lee Anderson, second year
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Dale Wilhelm, first year

2004 Season Trends

Table with columns: SITUATION, FSU RECORD. Lists trends such as Three-game match (11-1), Four-game match (5-3), etc.

