

Football News Release



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GRAND VALLEY STATE AT FERRIS STATE
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GAME FACTS

GRAND VALLEY STATE LAKERS
(4-0; 3-0 GLIAC)
AT
FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS
(3-2; 3-1 GLIAC)

KICKOFF: 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

STADIUM/SURFACE: Top Taggart Field
(6,200)/Artificial Turf (AstroTurf 12)

RADIO COVERAGE: WBRN-AM (1460) – Jason Edwards (play-by-play), John Smith (color commentary).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State improved to 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the GLIAC with a 32-29 conference victory over Northwood last Saturday (Sept. 29) evening at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. Ferris is presently 2-0 at home this season. The Bulldogs were 5-6 overall a season ago, which includes a 5-5 GLIAC mark (5th-place tie). In 1999, FSU was 7-3 overall and conference co-champions (7-2). The Bulldogs have won or shared the conference championship six of the last nine years, including five straight (1992-96).

Grand Valley State is currently 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the GLIAC following a 64-14 conference triumph against Northern Michigan last Saturday (Sept. 29) night at GVSU's Arend Lubbers Stadium in Allendale, Mich. GVSU is has outscored its opponents 221-40 and is averaging 55.2 points per games this campaign. The Lakers finished last season at 7-4 overall and 7-3 (third-place) in the GLIAC.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 7th season, 45-27-0 (.625) – (2-4-0 vs. Grand Valley State).

GRAND VALLEY STATE – Brian Kelly (Assumption, Mass., 1983), 11th season, 81-33-2 (.707) – (5-4-1 vs. Ferris State).

2001 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS (3-2, 3-1 GLIAC)

Sept. 1	at South Dakota State	L 24-34
Sept. 8	Findlay*	W 33-10
Sept. 15	at Saginaw Valley State*	L 20-33
Sept. 22	at Wayne State*	W 38-14
Sept. 29	Northwood*	W 32-29
Oct. 6	Grand Valley State* (HF)	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Mercyhurst*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Michigan Tech* (HC)	2 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Northern Michigan*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Hillsdale*	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Indianapolis*	1:30 p.m.

All times are Eastern
Home games in **Bold** *GLIAC Game
(HF) – Hall of Fame (HC) – Homecoming

THE GAME: The Ferris State University football team will put its two-game winning streak on the line this Saturday (Oct. 6) as the Bulldogs entertain Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) archrival and nationally-ranked Grand Valley State University Lakers in the annual Ferris State Hall of Fame Game at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Jeff Pierce is presently in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 45-27-0 coaching record to date. In that span, Pierce has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by posting the best winning percentage (.625) in the program's history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is two wins away from tying Sam Ketchman (1953-66) for second place in all-time victories and is 16 wins away from becoming the winningest FSU coach and would surpass Keith Otterbein (60-39-0, 1986-94). Under Pierce's tutelage, the Bulldogs have won or shared three GLIAC titles while earning back-to-back (1995-96) berths in the NCAA Division II National Championship Playoffs, including a semifinal-round appearance in '95.

COLEMAN NAMED CONFERENCE PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK: Senior flanker **Clarence Coleman (Miami, Fla./Miramar)** is this week's GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week after recording two punt returns for 99 yards (49.5 ypr.), including an 88-yard TD return in the third quarter vs. Northwood last Saturday (9/29). Coleman also had two kickoff returns for 128 yards (32.0 ypr.).

ALL-TIME SERIES: Grand Valley State has a 17-12-1 lead over Ferris State in the series, which commenced in 1971 (10/9) with a 57-0 FSU home victory. The Bulldogs are 2-8-1 in their last 11 meetings at home. FSU had its 42-game unbeaten streak (40-0-2) snapped in 1996 (9/21) with a 36-17 loss at GVSU, which also halted the Bulldogs' 41-game MIFC unbeaten string (39-0-2) and 27-game conference win streak. Ferris is 8-6-0 in contests decided by 10 points or less and 2-8-0 in games when the margin is between 11 and 30 points.

GVSU leads 17-12-1 FSU Scoring Avg.: 20.8 (625 pts.) GVSU Scoring Avg.: 25.0 (750 pts.) Differential: +4.2 (GVSU)	(57-0* – 10/9/71) Most Points in a GVSU Win: 56 (56-53 OT* – 11/14/98) Most Decisive Score: FSU 57 (57-0* – 10/9/71); GVSU 38 (38-0* – 10/11/75) * – Denotes FSU home game ▲ – Overtime	1981 GV 46-12 A 1982 GV 38-35 H 1983 GV 52-21 A 1984 FSU 13-11 H 1985 GV 27-21 H 1986 GV 30-22 A 1987 GV 21-5 H 1988 GV 36-20 A 1989 GV 28-0 H 1990 GV 42-12 A 1991 GV 28-6 H 1992 FSU 23-0 A 1993 Tie 17-17 H 1994 FSU 27-21 A 1995 FSU 30-21 H 1996 GV 36-17 A 1997 GV 21-18 H 1998 GV 56-53▲ H 1999 FSU 48-23 A 2000 GV 21-20 A
At Allendale: GVSU leads 8-7-0 At Big Rapids: GVSU leads 9-5-1 First Game: FSU 57, GVSU 0* (10/9/71) Last FSU Win: 48-23 (11/13/99) Last GVSU Win: 21-20 (10/7/00) Last Meeting in Big Rapids: GVSU 56, FSU 53 OT* (11/14/98) Current Series Win Streak: 1 (GVSU 10/7/00) Longest Series Win Streak: 7 (GVSU 10/5/85 – 10/19/91) Most Points in a FSU Win: 57	1971 FSU 57-0 H 1972 FSU 42-0 H 1973 FSU 17-13 A 1974 FSU 17-12 A 1975 GV 38-0 H 1976 FSU 26-23 A 1977 FSU 11-7 H 1978 GV 38-14 A 1979 FSU 14-9 A 1980 GV 35-7 H	

LAST MEETING – 2000: Ferris State dropped a 21-20 road conference decision to Grand Valley State in front of 5,073 spectators as the host Lakers tied the game with 3:33 remaining in the contest when quarterback Curt Anes' 28-yard pass connected with wide receiver David Kircus in the corner of the end zone. GVSU kicker Kevin Sonntag's point after attempt was successful for the game-winning margin. The contest started out with Ferris taking a 7-0 lead after the opening quarter on quarterback Kyle Park's four-yard scoring strike to split end Clarence Coleman with 2:38 left in the quarter. But, the Lakers drew even early in the second quarter on a 24-yard Anes pass to tight end Phil Condon for a seven-all tie following the first 30 minutes. Coleman put the Bulldogs back in front at 11:05 of the third quarter with his second TD reception, a five-yard scoring toss from Park. FSU held the advantage until 2:34 remaining in the stanza as GVSU running back Michael Tennessee scored from three yards out to knot the game at 14-all. The teams exchanged TD's in the fourth quarter as Ferris snapped the tie with 9:22 left to go on tailback Mike Collins' one-yard out, but kicker Brian McCullough's point after kick attempt was blocked. The Bulldogs posted 301 total yards in offense to the Lakers' 278-yard total. Park completed 32-of-60 passes for 152 yards with two TD's while Coleman had a game-high 15 receptions for 152 yards. Flanker Lamar Patterson had nine catches for 77 yards. Cornerback Ryan Hodges and outside linebacker Charlie Pierson each notched 11 tackles while defensive tackle Ryan Morris had 10 stops. Middle linebacker Luke Piepkow and outside linebacker Rob Ridling recorded nine tackles apiece.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

2001 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grand Valley State	3	0	1.000	4	0	1.000
Indianapolis	3	1	.750	4	1	.800
Saginaw Valley State	3	1	.750	4	1	.800
Ferris State	3	1	.750	3	2	.600
Hillsdale	3	1	.750	3	2	.600
Michigan Tech	2	2	.500	2	2	.500
Northwood	1	2	.333	1	2	.333
Wayne State	1	2	.333	1	3	.250
Ashland	1	3	.250	2	3	.400
Northern Michigan	1	3	.250	2	3	.400
Findlay	1	3	.250	1	4	.200
Mercyhurst	0	3	.000	0	3	.000

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Saginaw Valley State 20, Ashland 3*
 Indianapolis 17, at Mercyhurst 14*
 at Hillsdale 52, Michigan Tech 35*
 at Findlay 44, Wayne State 43*
at Ferris State 32, Northwood 29*
 at Grand Valley State 64, Northern Michigan 14*

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

Mercyhurst at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m.
 Michigan Tech at Northwood*, 12 p.m.
 Hillsdale at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
 Wayne State at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m.
 Findlay at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m.



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*GLIAC Game
 All Times are Eastern



LAST WEEK: Ferris State tallied 25 unanswered second-half points, including 19 straight in the third quarter, to claim a thrilling 32-29 victory over Northwood Saturday evening before a Top Taggart Field crowd of 2,683 fans. With the win, the Bulldogs have now won 13 of the last 15 meetings against Northwood and have a current three-game series winning streak. FSU also won for the sixth straight time at home vs. the Timberwolves. NU built a 21-7 halftime advantage with a pair of TD's on two Ferris State miscues. Fullback Bryant Lawrence's two-yard TD plunge with 7:06 remaining in the opening quarter gave the Timberwolves an early lead before the Bulldogs answered in the second quarter at 13:59 when red-shirt freshman quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** connected with sophomore tight end **Matt McCoy (Charlotte)** on an 11-yard TD pass. NU broke the deadlock minutes later as **Marsan's** pass went through the hands of **Coleman** right to freshman cornerback Martell Foster, who returned the ball 44 yards for a TD as the Timberwolves surged ahead 14-7 with 11 minutes left before halftime. NU then caught another break when **Coleman** fielded the ensuing kickoff, but fumbled near midfield where Northwood recovered the ball. A play later, quarterback Jason Martin found wide receiver Ron Hunter wide open behind the FSU secondary as the pair connected on a 48-yard TD strike. Ferris rallied in the second half as the Bulldogs scored four times in a row to take a 32-21 lead with the final tally occurring with 12:40 remaining in the game on senior tailback **Matt Otero's (Independence, Ohio)** two-yard TD rush. Trailing 21-7 at the half, **Coleman** picked up a rolling NU punt and broke loose for an 88-yard TD at the third quarter's 12:15 mark. A few minutes later, junior cornerback **DeRen Ellis (Detroit/Harper Woods Notre Dame)** scooped up a blocked Timberwolves' 39-yard field goal attempt and dashed 55 yards for the score to draw the Bulldogs within 21-19. FSU capitalized on another NU turnover as a Timberwolves' center snap sailed over the punter into the end zone where sophomore free safety **Rich Dosh (Burton/Flint Kearsley)** recovered the ball. **Dosh's** three-yard TD fumble recovery at 1:52 gave the Bulldogs their first lead of the game (26-21). Ferris' offense was on the field for just three seconds in the third quarter. Following **Otero's** TD early in the fourth quarter, the Timberwolves closed to within 32-29 with 5:15 left as Martin scored on a two-yard keeper and then was successful on a two-point conversion pass. Ferris, which held a 270-yard to 268-yard edge in total offense, was paced by **Otero's** game-high 144 yards rushing on 27 carries while senior split end **Lamar Patterson (Milan)** had a game-best eight receptions for 95 yards. **Marsan** was 14-of-30 in passing for 135 yards. Senior outside linebacker **Charlie Pierson (St. Ignace/LaSalle)** posted a game-high 14 tackles (10 solos) while junior defensive end **Bo Moore (Montrose)** and sophomore middle linebacker **Luke Piepkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** had nine tackles apiece. Redshirt frosh outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** totaled eight stops.

BULLDOG BITES: **Clarence Coleman**, who presently has 35 career receiving TD's in conference games only, is three shy of tying the GLIAC record for most receiving TD's in a career held by Saginaw Valley State's Brian Dolph (38 TD's; 1997-2000). **Coleman** is three points from tying former FSU kicker Jason Lipke (1992-95; 241 pts.) for sixth place on the GLIAC's career scoring charts. The wideout has presently amassed 238 career points in 33 conference outings. **Coleman**, who has 262 career points, is one point away from moving into a third-place tie with Doc Proctor (263 pts., 1996-99) among the school's all-time scoring leaders . . . **Coleman's** 88-yard TD punt return vs. Northwood marked his fourth career TD punt return in a GLIAC contest, which set a new conference career mark previously shared with Grand Valley State's Diriki Mose (1992-95) and Northern Michigan's Brian Pinks (1994-97) . . . FSU is ranked 10th in this week's (10/1) NCAA-II Northeast Regional Rankings while Grand Valley State is number one . . . **Lamar Patterson's** 95 receiving yards on eight catches vs. Northwood represented a personal career high, eclipsing his previous best of 77 yards (nine catches) at Grand Valley State (10/7/00) . . . **Bo Moore's** nine tackles against Northwood equalled his personal career high, set earlier this season at Saginaw Valley State (9/15) . . . **Charlie Pierson** posted his 13th double-figure tackle single-game effort with 14 stops vs. Northwood last Saturday. He's averaging 8.1 tackles (266 total) an outing in 33 career contests.

2001 HARLON HILL TROPHY CANDIDATE: **Clarence Coleman**, the GLIAC and FSU's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and all-purpose yards, is among several NCAA Division II standouts vying for the 2001 Harlon Hill Trophy as the nation's top Division II football player. The All-America receiver has currently amassed 4,346 career receiving yards on 274 catches in 36 games at FSU while compiling 251 career receptions for 4,124 yards in conference games only. Coleman established school single-season marks for receptions (97), receiving yards (1,519) and TD's (15) last fall. His 89 catches for 1,441 yards in GLIAC games last season both represented conference records. He has recorded 10 double-figure reception games in his career while registering 24 career 100-yard plus receiving single-game performances.

COLEMAN MAKES HISTORY: **Clarence Coleman** became the NCAA Division II's all-time leader in pass receptions with 274 career catches as a result of an eight-yard reception vs. Northwood – his only catch of the game. Coleman surpassed Damien Hoffman of Minnesota-Morris (1997-00; 3,128 yds.). He's also 122 yards shy of tying the all-time mark for career receiving yards which is currently held by Norfolk (Va.) State's James Roe with 4,468 career yards (1992-95; 239 receptions). Coleman has totaled 4,346 career yards (15.9 yards per catch) to date and presently ranks 11th among the NCAA's four division all-time leaders after moving ahead of Pacific's Aaron Turner (4,345 yds. on 266 receptions, 1989-92). Coleman is within six yards of tying Louisiana Tech's Troy Edwards (4,352 yds. on 280 catches, 1996-98) for 10th place.

UP NEXT: Ferris State visits the Mercyhurst Lakers Saturday, Oct. 13, in GLIAC action. Opening kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. (EDT) at MC's Louis J. Tullio Field in Erie, Pa.

Bulldogs-Of-The-Week: Following each Ferris State contest, individual players will be recognized by the FSU coaching staff for their outstanding performance. Individual(s) will be selected on offense, defense, specialty teams, and for extraordinary effort (*every player, every play*).

DATE	OPPONENT	BULLDOGS-OF-THE-WEEK
Sept. 1	South Dakota State	Offense-Kyle Park, Defense-DeRen Ellis, Specialty-Tom Perez, EPEP-William Foster
Sept. 8	Findlay	Offense-Clarence Coleman, Defense-J.J. Moreland, Specialty-Devin Sokolowski, EPEP-Derek Fudge
Sept. 15	Saginaw Valley State	Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-Bo Moore, Specialty-Tim Gill, EPEP-Lamar Patterson
Sept. 22	Wayne State	Offense-Tom Marsan, Defense-Luke Piepkow, Specialty-Jason Wells, EPEP-Charlie Pierson
Sept. 29	Northwood	Offense-Lamar Patterson, Defense-Charlie Pierson, Specialty-DeRen Ellis, EPEP-Matt Otero
Oct. 6	Grand Valley State	
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