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INDIANAPOLIS AT FERRIS STATE
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GAME FACTS

INDIANAPOLIS GREYHOUNDS
(7-3; 6-3 GLIAC)

At

FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS
(6-4; 6-3 GLIAC)

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

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, which has a current three-game winning streak, improved to 6-4 overall and 6-3 in the GLIAC with a 38-21 conference victory over Hillsdale last Saturday (Nov. 3) at HC's Frank "Muddy" Waters Stadium in Hillsdale, Mich. FSU sports a present 3-1 home mark this campaign. The Bulldogs were 5-6 overall a season ago, which included a 5-5 GLIAC mark (5th-place tie). Ferris was 2-3 at home and 3-3 on the road last season. In 1999, FSU was 7-3 overall and conference co-champions (7-2 GLIAC). The Bulldogs have won or shared the conference championship six of the last nine years, including five straight (1992-96).

Indianapolis is 7-3 overall and 6-3 in the GLIAC following a 23-10 conference loss to Ashland last Saturday (Nov. 3) at UI's Key Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. The Greyhounds, who had their two-game winning streak snapped as a result of Ashland loss, are 5-0 on the road this season. UI was 3-8 overall and 2-8 (10th-place tie) in the GLIAC last year.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – **Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 7th season, 48-29-0 (.623) – (3-1-0 vs. Indianapolis).

INDIANAPOLIS – **Joe Polizzi** (Hillsdale, 1976), 8th season, 42-42-1 (.500) – (1-4-0 vs. Ferris State).

2001 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS (6-4, 6-3 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)	L 17-63
Oct. 13	at Mercyhurst*	L 14-25
Oct. 20	Michigan Tech* (HC)	W 35-0
Oct. 27	at Northern Michigan*	W 7-6
Nov. 3	at Hillsdale*	W 38-21
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 conclude its 2001 season this Saturday (Nov. 10) as the Bulldogs put their current three-game winning streak on the line against the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action at Big Rapids, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Jeff Pierce is presently in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 48-29-0 coaching record to date. Pierce has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by posting the second-best winning percentage (.623) in the program's history. With Ferris' win at Hillsdale last Saturday (11/3), Pierce moved ahead of Sam Ketchman (1953-66) for second place in all-time victories. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is presently 13 wins away from becoming the winningest coach in FSU gridiron history 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.

ALL-TIME SERIES: Ferris State and Indianapolis will square off for the 23rd time this Saturday with Ferris State having a 13-8-1 series lead. Ferris, which has won 10 of the last 11 meetings between the two teams, is averaging 36.3 points (399 total) in its last 11 games while Indianapolis has averaged 17.1 points (188 total) an outing for a +19.2 points differential. The Bulldogs have a current five-game home winning streak versus the Greyhounds.

Ferris State leads 13-8-1	(FSU – 11/11/00)	1960	FSU	19-0	H
FSU Scoring Avg.: 24.4 (536 pts.)	Longest Series Win Streak: 9	1980	Tie	14-14	A
UI Scoring Avg.: 19.5 (430 pts.)	(FSU 9/10/88 – 9/7/96)	1982	UI	21-17	H
Differential: +4.9 (FSU)	Most Points in a FSU Win: 54	1983	UI	30-0	A
	(54-13 – 10/31/92)	1984	UI	47-0	H
At Big Rapids: FSU leads 7-3-0	Most Points in a UI Win:	1985	UI	34-7	A
At Indianapolis: FSU leads 6-5-1	47 (47-0* – 9/22/84)	1986	UI	35-13	H
First Game: UI 19, FSU 7	Most Decisive Score: FSU 50	1987	UI	35-19	A
(9/27/46)	(50-0 – 9/16/95); UI 47 (47-0* –	1988	FSU	34-21	H
Last FSU Win: 38-28 (11/11/00)	9/22/84)	1989	FSU	38-21	A
Last UI Win: 32-21 (9/6/97)	* – Denotes FSU home game	1990	FSU	29-15	A
Last Meeting in Big Rapids:		1991	FSU	21-6	H
FSU 30, UI 19* (9/7/96)		1992	FSU	54-13	A
Current Series Win Streak: 1		1993	FSU	40-26	H
		1994	FSU	44-7	H
		1995	FSU	50-0	A
		1996	FSU	30-19	H
		1997	UI	32-21	A
		2000	FSU	38-28	A

LAST MEETING – 2000: Ferris State concluded its 2000 season with a 38-28 conference triumph at Indianapolis as the Bulldogs rolled up 514 yards in total offense while limiting the hosts to a 133-yard total. Ferris led 14-7 after the opening quarter on a pair of TD runs, one of four yards by defensive tackle Ryan Morris at 5:43 and the other of three yards by tailback Mike Collins with 41 seconds left in the quarter. Following IU tailback Chad Schulte's second rushing TD of the game at 13:25 of the second quarter to knot the contest at 14-all, the Bulldogs rallied with two TD pass plays. Quarterback Dan Richard hooked up twice with flanker Clarence Coleman in the stanza with the first TD aerial covering 66 yards at the 3:12 mark and then Richard connected with Coleman again with 1:11 remaining before halftime from 34 yards out as FSU claimed a 28-14 halftime advantage. The Greyhounds sliced into the 14-point deficit with two TD's in the third quarter, which represented the only points scored in the stanza. IU's cornerback Tarron Acuff scored a TD on a nine-yard fumble recovery to pull the hosts within 28-21 with 9:12 remaining on the scoreboard and then eight minutes later, the Greyhounds tallied a game-tying TD on quarterback Andy Owen's 16-yard pass to wide receiver Gary Griffin. Ferris then took the lead for good at 31-28 in the fourth quarter on a 27-yard field goal by placekicker Brian McCullough at the 9:22 mark. The Bulldogs then proceeded to increase their margin to 38-29 with 6:05 left to be played in the contest as Collins went into the end zone from five yards out to wrap up the game's scoring. Paving the way offensively for FSU were tailback Derek Fudge and Coleman. Fudge rushed for a season-high 213 yards on 47 carries while Coleman was on the receiving end of 10 passes for 175 yards and two TD's. Richard completed 15-of-22 passes for 222 yards and a pair of TD's while fellow signal-caller Kyle Park threw for 78 yards on six-of-12 passing. Strong safety Vito Ciaramellano recorded four tackles to pace the Bulldogs while free safety Alvin Grier had two pass interceptions for 12 yards. Strong safety J.J. Moreland and cornerback DeRen Ellis also registered a pass theft in the game.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

2001 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grand Valley State	8	0	1.000	9	0	1.000
Saginaw Valley State	8	1	.889	9	1	.900
Indianapolis	6	3	.667	7	3	.700
Ferris State	6	3	.667	6	4	.600
Ashland	4	5	.444	5	5	.500
Michigan Tech	4	5	.444	4	4	.500
Wayne State	3	5	.375	3	6	.333
Northern Michigan	3	6	.333	4	6	.400
Hillsdale	3	6	.333	3	7	.300
Findlay	3	6	.333	3	7	.300
Mercyhurst	2	6	.250	2	6	.250
Northwood	2	6	.250	2	6	.250

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saginaw Valley State 40, at Michigan Tech 10*
 at Northern Michigan 17, Northwood 9*
 Ashland 23, at Indianapolis 10*
 Findlay 24, at Mercyhurst 14*
Ferris State 38, at Hillsdale 21*
 at Grand Valley State 77, Wayne State 12*

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m.
 Northwood at Wayne State*, 12 p.m.
 Hillsdale at Grand Valley State*, 1 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m.
 Michigan Tech at Findlay*, 6 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Taking advantage of six Hillsdale turnovers, Ferris State extended its winning string to three games with a 38-21 conference triumph over the Chargers last Saturday (Nov. 3) at HC's Frank "Muddy" Waters Stadium in Hillsdale, Mich. Three of Ferris' six scores occurred following HC miscues. The Chargers claimed a 7-0 lead at the end of the first quarter on a one-yard TD run at 9:13. However, the Bulldogs wasted little time recovering a second-quarter Charger fumble and converting on the turnover with 11:54 remaining. Redshirt freshman quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)**, who threw for 134 yards and three TD's on 13-of-23 passing, connected with senior flanker **Clarence Coleman (Miami, Fla./Miramar)** on a 10-yard TD pass to tie the contest. HC then went ahead 14-7 on a two-yard TD run at 4:19 before Ferris countered with a TD of its own as senior tailback **Matt Otero (Independence, Ohio)** scored from a yard out to make the score 14-all at the end of two quarters. FSU controlled the second half as the Bulldogs tallied 17 unanswered third-quarter points to take a 31-14 advantage after three quarters. A one-handed grab by junior flanker **Robert Giles (Mt. Clemens/L'Anse Creuse North)** on a 30-yard Marsan pass with 12:09 on the clock in the third quarter gave Ferris a 21-14 lead. The Chargers fumbled on their next possession which enabled FSU to increase its margin to 28-14 on a four-yard toss from **Marsan to Coleman** at the 10:05 mark. The Bulldogs continued their scoring six minutes later as sophomore kicker **Tom Perez's (Lewiston/Johannesburg-Lewiston)** 35-yard field goal split the uprights for a 31-14 lead after three quarters. The teams exchanged TD's in the fourth quarter as **Coleman** was on the receiving end of a nine-yard aerial from senior quarterback **Kyle Park (Goshen, Ind.)**, who completed six-of-10 passes for 50 yards, with 10:54 remaining to put Ferris up 38-14. A Charger nine-yard TD pass play with just over nine minutes to go closed out the scoring. FSU garnered 275 yards in total offense while HC compiled a 336-yard total. **Coleman** finished with eight receptions for 77 yards and three TD's while sophomore tailback **Derek Fudge (Gibonston, Fla./East Bay)** rushed for 73 yards on 14 carries. Senior outside linebacker **Charlie Pierson (St. Ignace/LaSalle)** and senior free safety **Alvin Grier (Benton Harbor)** had 10 tackles apiece while senior outside linebacker **Jason Wells (Tipp City, Ohio/Bethel)** chipped in with nine stops. **Grier**, senior cornerback **Ryan Hodges (Montrose)** and sophomore free safety **Rich Dosh (Burton/Flint Kearsley)** each recorded a pass interception.

BULLDOG BITES: **Clarence Coleman** set a GLIAC record for most receiving TD's in a career with a third-quarter four-yard TD catch at Hillsdale last Saturday (Nov. 3). Coleman, who has 40 career receiving TD's in conference games only, surpassed Saginaw Valley State's Brian Dolph (38 TD's; 1997-2000). In conference scoring, the FSU wide out has a third-place 274-career points total in 38 GLIAC outings and is within

four points of tying Hillsdale's Scott Schulte (278 pts.; 1990-93) for second place. Coleman needs 15 more points to surpass Tyree Dye (288 pts.; 1990-91, 93-94) as the GLIAC's all-time scoring leader.

Coleman, who has amassed 298 career points to date, is two points shy of moving into a second-place tie with Jason Lipke (300 pts., 1992-95) on FSU's all-time scoring leaders list.

Sophomore punter **Tim Gill (Mt. Clemens/Lutheran North)** is averaging 37.8 yards per attempt in his last three games with 19 punts for 718 total yards. His 39.1 yards per kick (7-274 yds.) at Hillsdale represented a personal season high.

Ferris State is 13-4-0 (.765) in regular-season finale contests since 1985, which includes an 8-3-0 (.727) mark since 1990. The Bulldogs have a 5-2-0 (.714) home record in regular-season finales dating back to 1985 and dropped a 56-53 overtime decision to conference archrival Grand Valley State (11/14/98) in their last home regular-season finale appearance.

HARLON HILL TROPHY CANDIDATE: Senior flanker **Clarence Coleman** is among several NCAA-II standouts vying for the 2001 Harlon Hill Trophy as the nation's top Division II player. The All-America receiver has currently amassed 4,836 career receiving yards on a NCAA-II record 313 catches in 41 games at FSU while compiling 281 career receptions for 4,547 yards in conference games only. Coleman established school single-season marks for receptions (97), receiving yards (1,519) and TD's (15) in 2000. His 89 catches for 1,441 yards in GLIAC games last fall were both conference records. Coleman, who's the GLIAC and FSU's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and all-purpose yards, has presently recorded 10 double-figure reception games in his career while registering 26 career 100-yard plus receiving single-game performances.

COLEMAN AMONG NCAA ALL-TIME LEADERS: **Clarence Coleman**, the NCAA Division II's all-time leader in pass receptions with 313 career catches to date, became the NCAA-II's career leader in receiving yards with his 44-yard TD reception at Mercyhurst (Oct. 13). Coleman has registered a current 4,836-career yard total and surpassed the national mark held by James Roe of Norfolk State (4,468 yds. on 239 receptions, 1992-95). Coleman is averaging 15.5 yards per catch and 118.0 per game in 41 career outings.

Coleman is also listed among the national career leaders in all four NCAA Divisions (I-A, I-AA, II and III), presently ranking third in both receiving yards (4,836) and receptions (313), 10th in both receiving yards per game (118.0) and all-purpose yards (7,753), tied for 14th in receptions per game (7.6) and tied for 16th in touchdown receptions (42).

The 2000 All-America receiver currently ranks third on the all-time receptions list and is four catches away from tying Jacquay Nunnally (317; 1997-00) of Florida A&M for second place. Coleman is 50 all-purpose yards shy of moving into a ninth-place tie with Johnny Bailey (7,803; 1986-89) of Texas A&M-Kingsville. He's also currently 169 receiving yards away of tying Nevada's Trevor Insley (5,005; 1996-99) for second place among the all-time receiving yardage leaders.

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	Offense-Matt Otero, Defense-Rich Dosh, Specialty-Robert Giles, EPEP-Patrick Smith
Oct. 13	Mercyhurst	Offense-Clarence Coleman; Defense-Kevin Myers; Specialty-Jesse Schnitker, EPEP-DeRen Ellis
Oct. 20	Michigan Tech	Offense-Tom Marsan; Defense-Jason Feasel; Specialty-Rob Mida; EPEP-Brad Morris
Oct. 27	Northern Michigan	Offense-Lamar Patterson; Defense-William Foster; Specialty-Tim Gill; EPEP-Alvin Grier
Nov. 3	Hillsdale	Offense-Justin Giordano; Defense-Alvin Grier; Specialty-Tim Gill; EPEP-Bo Moore
Nov. 10	Indianapolis	

Home games listed in **bold**