

# Football News Release



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FERRIS STATE AT NORTHERN MICHIGAN  
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## GAME FACTS

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

At

NORTHERN MICHIGAN WILDCATS  
(3-5; 2-5 GLIAC)

**KICKOFF:** 7 p.m. (EDT)

**STADIUM/SURFACE:** Superior Dome (8,000)/  
Artificial Turf

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

**THE RECORDS:** Ferris State is presently 4-4  
overall and 4-3 in the GLIAC following its 35-0  
conference win over Michigan Tech last  
Saturday (Oct. 20) in FSU's 75th Homecoming  
Game at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich.  
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 over-  
all and conference co-champions (7-2 GLIAC).  
The Bulldogs have won or shared the confer-  
ence championship six of the last nine years,  
including five straight (1992-96).

**Northern Michigan** is currently 3-5 overall  
and 2-5 in the GLIAC after suffering a 26-14  
conference setback to Ashland last Saturday  
(Oct. 20) at AU's Community Stadium in  
Ashland, Ohio. The Wildcats, who are 1-4 in  
their last five outings to date, are 3-1 at home  
and 0-4 on the road this season. NMU finished  
6-5 overall last year while recording a 6-4 (4th  
place) conference mark.

**THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce**  
(Ferris State, 1979), 7th season, 46-29-0 (.613)  
— (5-1-0 vs. Northern Michigan).

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN – Eric Holm** (Northeast  
Missouri State, 1981), 7th season, 42-29-0  
(.592); Career— 12th season, 79-48-0 (.622) –  
(1-5-0 vs. Ferris State).

## 2001 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS (4-4, 4-3 GLIAC)

Sept. 1	at South Dakota State	L 24-34
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>Findlay*</b>	<b>W 33-10</b>
Sept. 15	at Saginaw Valley State*	L 20-33
Sept. 22	at Wayne State*	W 38-14
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>Northwood*</b>	<b>W 32-29</b>
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Grand Valley State* (HF)</b>	<b>L 17-63</b>
Oct. 13	at Mercyhurst*	L 14-25
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>Michigan Tech* (HC)</b>	<b>W 35-0</b>
Oct. 27	at Northern Michigan*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Hillsdale*	2:30 p.m.
<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>Indianapolis*</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>

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

**THE GAME:** The Ferris State University football team is on the road the next two weeks in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play, beginning this Saturday (Oct. 27) as the Bulldogs travel to Michigan's Upper Peninsula to square off against the Northern Michigan University Wildcats in Marquette, Mich.

**HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE:** Jeff Pierce is presently in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 46-29-0 coaching record to date. Pierce has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by posting the second-best winning percentage (.613) in the program's history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is one win away from tying Sam Ketchman (1953-66) for second place in all-time victories and is 15 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.

**ALL-TIME SERIES:** This Saturday's contest represents the 28th meeting between the two teams in a series which originated in 1946. Ferris State has won eight of the last nine contests, including the last three outings to date. The Bulldogs are averaging 34.8 points (313 pts.) a contest in that nine-game span while the Wildcats have scored at an 18.8 points (169 pts.) per game clip. FSU, which has won three of its last four contests at Marquette, is averaging 38.5 points (154 pts.) in comparison to NMU's 19.3 points an outing (77 pts.) for a +19.2-point differential in that four-game period.

<b>NMU leads 11-10-6</b>	<b>Longest Series Win Streak: 6</b>	1952 NMU 34-19	A
FSU Scoring Avg.: 19.3 (521 pts.)	(NMU 10/20/56 – 9/30/89)	1953 FSU 7-2	H
NMU Scoring Avg.: 19.2 (518 pts.)	<b>Most Points in a FSU Win: 47</b>	1954 Tie 13-13	A
Differential: +0.1 (FSU)	(47-0 – 10/2/93)	1955 FSU 27-6	H
	<b>Most Points in a NMU Win:</b>	1956 NMU 19-0	A
<b>At Big Rapids:</b> FSU leads 7-4-3	80 (80-14 – 10/2/82)	1957 NMU 20-7	H
<b>At Marquette:</b> NMU leads 7-3-3	<b>Most Decisive Score:</b> FSU 47	1982 NMU 80-14	A
<b>First Game:</b> FSU 7, NMU 7*	(47-0 – 10/2/93); NMU 66 (80-14	1987 NMU 29-14	H
(10/26/46)	– 10/2/82)	1988 NMU 24-22	A
<b>Last FSU Win:</b> 28-7* (10/28/00)	* – Denotes FSU home game	1989 NMU 19-14	H
<b>Last NMU Win:</b> 23-21 (9/27/97)		1990 Tie 14-14	H
<b>Last Meeting in Marquette:</b>	1946 Tie 7-7	1991 NMU 27-17	A
FSU 45, NMU 27 (10/2/99)	1947 Tie 14-14	1992 FSU 23-12	H
<b>Current Series Win Streak: 3</b>	1948 Tie 0-0	1993 FSU 47-0	A
(FSU 10/3/98 – 10/28/00)	1949 NMU 21-6	1994 FSU 41-21	H
	1950 NMU 13-6	1995 FSU 41-27	A
	1951 Tie 7-7	1996 FSU 38-33	H
		1997 NMU 23-21	A
		1998 FSU 29-19	H
		1999 FSU 45-27	A
		2000 FSU 28-7	H

**LAST MEETING – 2000:** A total team effort by Ferris State on both sides of the football resulted in a 28-7 victory over Northern Michigan at FSU's Top Taggart Field. Both teams were unable to register a point until 9:09 of the first quarter when Ferris found the end zone on fullback Mike Collins' one-yard plunge to put the hosts up 6-0 after 15 minutes of action. The Bulldogs then proceeded to increase their lead to 14-0 with 14:16 remaining before halftime as quarterback Dan Richard connected with split end Clarence Coleman on a 49-yard TD pass. After having its point after attempt blocked on the previous TD, FSU elected to go for two points and Mike Collins' rush up the middle to the end zone made the decision pay off. Northern Michigan struck 12 minutes later when quarterback Bryan White threw an 11-yard TD pass to fullback Hector Castellanos to pull the Wildcats within 14-7 at the half. The second half was all Ferris State as the Bulldogs scored the game's final 14 points, all in the third quarter, while holding the NMU's offense to 19 yards rushing in the half. Quarterback Kyle Park scored on the keeper from a yard out at the 11:57 mark as Ferris State was able to retain its 14-point advantage at 21-7. Collins tallied his second TD with 2:10 left before the end of quarter on a one-yard run to conclude the scoring. FSU rolled up 539 yards in total offense while limiting Northern Michigan to a 157-yard total, including 49 yards on the ground. Park threw for 141 yards on 14-of-24 passing for the Bulldogs while Richard completed seven of 15 passes for 143 yards. Tailback Derek Fudge rushed for 134 yards while Coleman had eight catches for 132 yards, both game highs. Flanker Robert Giles had five receptions for 83 yards. Defensive end Dave Zuiderveen, strong safety Vito Ciaramellano and outside linebacker Charlie Pierson each totaled a team-high tying nine tackles apiece. Zuiderveen had a game-high five tackles for minus 16 yards, including three quarterback sacks (-14 yards).

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

## 2001 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grand Valley State	6	0	1.000	7	0	1.000
Saginaw Valley State	6	1	.857	7	1	.875
Indianapolis	5	2	.714	6	2	.750
<b>Ferris State</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.571</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.500</b>
Michigan Tech	4	3	.571	4	3	.571
Wayne State	3	3	.500	3	4	.429
Ashland	3	4	.429	4	4	.500
Hillsdale	3	4	.429	3	5	.375
Northern Michigan	2	5	.286	3	5	.375
Findlay	2	5	.286	2	6	.250
Mercyhurst	1	5	.167	1	5	.167
Northwood	1	5	.167	1	5	.167

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Saginaw Valley State 45, Wayne State 12\*  
at Ashland 26, Northern Michigan 14\*  
at **Ferris State 35, Michigan Tech 0\***  
Indianapolis 20, at Hillsdale 17 OT\*  
at Findlay 31, Northwood 19\*  
at Grand Valley State 59, Mercyhurst 3\*

### SATURDAY, OCT. 27

Ashland at Northwood\*, 12 p.m.  
Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech\*, 12 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Wayne State\*, 12 p.m.  
Hillsdale at Mercyhurst\*, 1:30 p.m.  
Saginaw Valley State at Findlay\*, 4 p.m.  
**Ferris State at Northern Michigan\*, 7 p.m.**



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\*GLIAC Game  
All Times are Eastern



**LAST WEEK:** Ferris State snapped its two-game losing streak in convincing fashion last Saturday (Oct. 20) as the Bulldogs celebrated their 75th Homecoming with a 35-0 conference victory over Michigan Tech in front of 4,606 spectators at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. FSU, which has now won 13 of the last 16 meetings with MTU, posted 444 yards in total offense with 291 of those yards via the pass. Meanwhile, the Bulldogs' defense limited the Huskies to 148 total offense yards, including 50 yards on the ground. A pair of first-quarter TD passes from redshirt freshman quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** to junior flanker **Robert Giles (Mt. Clemens/L'Anse Creuse North)** gave Ferris a 14-0 advantage after the opening 15 minutes of play. FSU struck at the first quarter's 5:12 mark as **Marsan** hooked up with **Giles** on an 82-yard TD pass to complete a three-play, 94-yard scoring drive. On its next possession, the **Marsan-Giles** combination hit paydirt again when a center snap sailed over **Marsan's** head at the MTU 12-yard line. However, **Marsan** field the ball off the turf and then spotted **Giles** in the corner of the end zone for a 12-yard TD with 1:10 left as the hosts took a 14-0 half-time lead. Ferris continued to increase the margin in the second half with a 21-point third-quarter output. **Marsan**, who was 19-of-27 in passing for 281 yards and three TD's, threw a 31-yard slant pass to junior flanker **Doug Searles (Marshall)** for FSU's third TD of the contest with 13:20 remaining in the quarter. The Bulldogs then went up 28-0 at 8:05 on the clock when senior flanker **Clarence Coleman (Miami, Fla./Miramar)** fielded a MTU punt and returned the ball 53 yards for the score. Ferris' final points occurred with 1:22 left to go in the third quarter as sophomore tailback **Derek Fudge (Gibonston, Fla./East Bay)** took a **Marsan** pitch and dodged his way 58 yards to the end zone to conclude a two-play, 70-yard scoring drive. For FSU, **Giles** totaled 107 yards on three receptions while **Coleman** had six catches for 68 yards. **Fudge** rushed for 76 yards on 11 carries while his counterpart, MTU's sophomore tailback Joe Johnson ran for a game-high 84 yards on 27 attempts. MTU junior Jake Casper punted 13 times for 448 yards, an average of 34.5 yards per attempt. Junior defensive tackle **Jason Feasel (Ceresco/Battle Creek Harper Creek)** paved the way for the Bulldogs with nine tackles, including 3.5 sacks for minus 20 yards. Sophomore middle linebacker **Luke Piepkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** had eight tackles while senior outside linebacker **Charlie Pierson (St. Ignace/LaSalle)** and sophomore strong safety **Vito Ciaramellano (Rochester Hills/Rochester)** chipped in with seven stops apiece. Senior cornerback **Ryan Hodges (Montrose)** had a 12-yard pass interception return.

**BULLDOG BITES:** **Clarence Coleman**, who presently has 37 career receiving TD's in conference games only, remains one 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). In conference scoring, the FSU wide out has presently amassed a sixth-place 256 career points in

36 conference outings and is now within eight points of tying Saginaw Valley State's Brian Dolph (264 pts.; 1997-00) for third place. He surpassed both Saginaw Valley State's Leo Loiacano (251 pts.; 1994-97) and FSU's Mo Harris (252 pts.; 1996-99) with his conference-record fifth career TD punt return vs. Michigan Tech. **Coleman**, who has 280 career points, presently ranks third among FSU's all-time scoring leaders and needs 20 points to move into a second-place tie with Jason Lipke (300 pts., 1992-95). **FSU's 35-0 triumph over Michigan Tech** represented the Bulldogs' first shutout since the 1996 season opener - 26-0 win at Ashland (8/29). The last time Ferris recorded a home shutout was in 1990 (11/10) when the Bulldogs tallied a 30-0 season-finale victory over St. Joseph's (Ind.). **Robert Giles** is averaging 29.2 yards per catch in his last two games. He totaled a personal career-high 107 yards versus Michigan Tech and notched 68 receiving yards on three catches at Mercyhurst (10/13).

**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 4,629 career receiving yards on a NCAA-II record 297 catches in 39 games at FSU while compiling 265 career receptions for 4,240 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 25 career 100-yard plus receiving single-game performances.

**COLEMAN MAKES HISTORY:** **Clarence Coleman**, the NCAA Division II's all-time leader in pass receptions with 297 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 4,629-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 15.6 yards per catch and 118.7 per game in 39 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 fifth in receiving yards (4,629), seventh in receptions (297), ninth in both receiving yards per game (118.7), tied for 14th in receptions per game (7.6), 15th in all-purpose yards (7,331) and tied for 25th in touchdown receptions (39). Coleman is one catch away from moving into a sixth-place tie with Nevada's Trevor Insley (298; 1996-99) on the all-time receptions list and is six all-purpose yards shy of tying Wagner's Rick Sarille (7,337; 1995-99) for 14th place on the career charts. Coleman is also 64 receiving yards away from tying Mississippi Valley's Jerry Rice (4,693; 1981-84) for fourth place in career receiving yardage.

**UP NEXT:** Ferris State closes out the road portion of its 2001 regular-season schedule Saturday, Nov. 3, as the Bulldogs go up against the Hillsdale College Chargers. Opening kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m. (EST) at HC's Frank "Muddy" Waters Stadium in Hillsdale, Mich.

**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	
Nov. 3	Hillsdale	
Nov. 10	Indianapolis	
Home games listed in <b>bold</b>		FBRelease.10/22/01.FBnews