

Football News Release



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MICHIGAN TECH AT FERRIS STATE
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GAME FACTS

MICHIGAN TECH HUSKIES
(4-2; 4-2 GLIAC)

AT

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

KICKOFF: 2 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 dropped to 3-4 overall and 3-3 in the GLIAC with a 25-14 conference loss to Mercyhurst last Saturday (Oct. 13) at MC's Louis J. Tullio Field in Erie, Pa. The Bulldogs were 5-6 overall a season ago, which includes 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). The Bulldogs have won or shared the conference championship six of the last nine years, including five straight (1992-96).

Michigan Tech improved to 4-2 both overall and in the GLIAC to date following a 45-40 conference victory over Ashland last Saturday (Oct. 13) at MTU's Sherman Field in Houghton, Mich. The Huskies, who are 2-1 on the road this season, have presently won three of their last four outings. MTU compiled a 5-5 record both overall and in the GLIAC (5th-place tie) a season ago, which included a 1-4 road mark.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce

(Ferris State, 1979), 7th season, 45-29-0 (.608) – (4-2-0 vs. Michigan Tech).

MICHIGAN TECH – Bernie Anderson (Northern Michigan, 1978), 15th season, 68-77-0 (.469) – (3-9-0 vs. Ferris State).

2001 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS (3-4, 3-3 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)	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 celebrate its 75th Homecoming this Saturday (Oct. 20) as the Bulldogs play host to the Michigan Tech University Huskies 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 45-29-0 coaching record to date. Pierce has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by currently posting the second best winning percentage (.608) 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.

ALL-TIME SERIES: The teams will meet for the 51st time with MTU holding a 25-21-4 lead in a series that dates back to 1947. FSU has won 12 of the last 15 meetings and the Bulldogs are 6-3 in their last nine home outings versus the Huskies. FSU is averaging 34.2 points (513 total) in the last 15 games and MTU has scored at a 21.0 (315 total) points per game clip. Ferris is 18-5 when scoring at least 20 points in a contest and 3-19-4 when scoring below the 20-point total in a game.

MTU leads 25-21-4		(66-7* – 10/23/99); MTU 32	1972	MTU	41-20	A
FSU Scoring Avg.: 18.8 (939 pts.)	(39-7 – 10/30/76)		1973	Tie	14-14	H
MTU Scoring Avg.: 19.9 (998 pts.)	* – Denotes FSU home game		1974	MTU	17-0	A
Differential: +1.1 (MTU)	▲ – Overtime		1975	MTU	21-9	H
			1976	MTU	39-7	A
			1977	MTU	23-17	H
			1978	FSU	28-7	A
At Houghton: MTU leads 14-10-1	1947 FSU 2-0 H		1979	FSU	27-6	H
At Big Rapids: MTU leads 11-9-3	1948 MTU 21-6 H		1980	Tie	7-7	A
At Neutral Sites: FSU leads 2-0-0	1949 MTU 28-6 A		1981	FSU	27-6	H
First Game: FSU 2, MTU 0*	1950 MTU 20-6 H		1982	FSU	33-20	A
(10/18/47)	1951 MTU 31-6 A		1983	MTU	31-28	H
Last FSU Win: 66-7* (10/23/99)	1952 MTU 27-6 H		1984	MTU	48-22	A
Last MTU Win: 34-27 (10/21/00)	1953 MTU 12-0 A		1985	FSU	28-7	N
Last Meeting in Big Rapids:	1954 FSU 25-0 H			FSU	21-14	H
FSU 66, MTU 7* (10/23/99)	1955 MTU 26-13 A			FSU	55-41	N
Current Series Win Streak: 1	1956 MTU 20-0 H		1986	FSU	27-3	A
(MTU 10/21/00)	1957 MTU 31-13 A		1987	FSU	21-15	H
Longest Series Win Streak: 7	1958 MTU 35-7 H		1988	FSU	35-20	A
(FSU 10/19/85 – 9/1/90)	1959 MTU 26-7 A		1989	FSU	30-19	A
Most Points in a FSU Win: 67	1962 FSU 41-0 H		1990	MTU	33-13	H
(67-46 – 10/24/98)	1963 MTU 8-7 A		1991	FSU	30-19	A
Most Points in a MTU Win:	1964 Tie 14-14 H		1992	FSU	38-17	H
48 (48-22 – 10/28/89)	1965 MTU 29-0 A		1993	FSU	31-6	A
Most Decisive Score: FSU 59	1966 Tie 0-0 H		1994	MTU	34-24	H
	1967 FSU 6-3 A		1995	FSU	67-46	A
	1968 FSU 9-6 H		1996	FSU	66-7	H
	1969 FSU 27-0 A		1997	MTU	34-27	A
	1970 MTU 39-13 H		1998	FSU	34-27	A
	1971 MTU 39-13 H		1999	FSU	34-27	A
			2000	MTU	34-27	A

LAST MEETING – 2000: Michigan Tech rallied from a 20-7 halftime deficit with 27 second-half points to post a 34-27 win over Ferris State in Houghton, Mich. Following a scoreless first quarter, FSU hit paydirt at 11:58 of the second quarter as quarterback Dan Richard hooked up with split end Clarence Coleman on a 57-yard TD pass. MTU answered the Bulldogs' score as quarterback Alex Kowalski, who passed for 252 yards and three TD's while running for 44 more, threw a 12-yard TD pass with 7:45 left before halftime. FSU dominated in the time remaining as tailback Derek Fudge's three-yard run put the Bulldogs up 14-7 at 2:11 and then with eight seconds left in the half, Coleman caught a three-yard Richard pass as Ferris led 20-7 at the half. However, MTU opened the second half by scoring 20 unanswered points. Following Kowalski's one-yard run with 5:56 left to go in the third quarter, fullback Bryan Wedan found the end zone on back-to-back Huskies' possessions. Wedan's first score came on a six-yard pass reception at 1:52 of the third quarter and then followed with an eight-yard TD run at 12:39 of the fourth quarter to put the hosts ahead 27-20. But, FSU countered about four minutes later as Richard hit flanker Doug Searles on a four-yard scoring strike to knot the game at 27-apiece. The winning score occurred at 4:13 left in the contest when Kowalski connected with wide receiver Jeff Geisz on a 19-yard TD pass. FSU compiled 399 yards in total offense while MTU recorded a 431-yard total. Individually, Richard completed 14-of-25 passes for 278 yards and three TD's while Fudge led Ferris in rushing with 82 yards on 23 carries. Coleman totaled 224 receiving yards on eight catches. Outside linebacker Charlie Pierson and defensive tackle Ryan Morris notched 12 tackles apiece to lead the defense, which also received 11 tackles from free safety Alvin Grier and 10 by middle linebacker Rudy Lopez.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

2001 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grand Valley State	5	0	1.000	6	0	1.000
Saginaw Valley State	5	1	.833	6	1	.857
Indianapolis	4	2	.667	5	2	.714
Michigan Tech	4	2	.667	4	2	.667
Wayne State	3	2	.600	3	3	.500
Ferris State	3	3	.500	3	4	.429
Hillsdale	3	3	.500	3	4	.429
Ashland	2	4	.333	3	4	.429
Northern Michigan	2	4	.333	3	4	.429
Mercyhurst	1	4	.200	1	4	.200
Northwood	1	4	.200	1	4	.200
Findlay	1	5	.167	1	6	.143

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Michigan Tech 45, Ashland 40*
 Saginaw Valley State 24, at Northwood 21*
 at Northern Michigan 26, Findlay 7*
 at Wayne State 19, Hillsdale 17*
at Mercyhurst 25, Ferris State 14*
 Grand Valley State 63, at Indianapolis 27*

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

Wayne State at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m.
 Northern Michigan at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Ferris State*, 2 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m.
 Northwood at Findlay*, 6 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Mercyhurst snapped a five-game losing skid dating back to last season and recorded its first win this campaign as the Lakers posted a 25-14 league home triumph over Ferris State in front of 2,317 fans at Louis J. Tullio Field in Erie, Pa. FSU, which is now 0-2 all-time versus Mercyhurst, was plagued by five turnovers (four passes intercepted) in the contest. The game was scoreless until 7:28 of the first quarter when redshirt freshman quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** hooked up with senior flanker **Clarence Coleman (Miami, Fla./Miramar)** on a 44-yard TD pass play. MC got on the scoreboard three minutes later on the first of three field goals by junior kicker Vinny Repucci. The Lakers went up 13-7 at the half on a two-yard TD run at 3:30 and Repucci's 47-yard field goal with two seconds left in the second quarter. However, Ferris regained the lead (14-13) in the third quarter with 2:35 remaining in the stanza as **Marsan** threw a 44-yard scoring strike to junior split end **Robert Giles (Mt. Clemens/L'Anse Creuse North)**. Mercyhurst then reeled off 12 straight fourth-quarter points as Repucci connected on a 20-yarder to put the hosts ahead to stay at 16-14 with under eight minutes left to be played. Junior quarterback Mac McArdle, who passed for 224 yards, scored on a four-yard bootleg at the 1:37 mark and the Lakers tacked on a safety during the Bulldogs' next possession when the snap sailed over **Marsan's** head and was swatted out of the FSU end zone. Individually, **Coleman** notched a game-best eight catches for 134 yards while **Giles** posted three receptions for 68 yards. Senior tailback **Matt Otero's (Independence, Ohio)** 114 rushing yards on 30 carries represented a game high. **Marsan** was 17-of-36 in passing for 241 yards and two TD's, but was intercepted four times. Redshirt frosh outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** garnered a game-high 11 tackles (six solos) to spearhead the FSU defense while sophomore middle linebacker **Luke Piepkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** totaled nine stops and senior outside linebacker **Charlie Pierson (St. Ignace/LaSalle)** had eight. Sophomore cornerback Rob Keefe recorded two pass thefts for the Lakers, who racked up 376 yards in total offense to Ferris' 366-yard total.

BULLDOG BITES: **Clarence Coleman**, who presently has 37 career receiving TD's in conference games only, is 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 250 career points in 35 conference outings and trails Saginaw Valley State's Leo Loiacano (251 pts., 1994-97) by one point for fifth place. **Coleman**, who has 274 career points to date, presently ranks third among the school's all-time scoring leaders and needs 26 points to move into a second-place tie with kicker Jason Lipke (300 pts., 1992-95).

Kevin Myers' 11 tackles at Mercyhurst marked a personal season high, eclipsing his previous best of eight tackles vs. Northwood (9/29).
 FSU is 28-27-2 (.509) in homecoming contests dating back to 1931



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*GLIAC Game
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and the Bulldogs have won nine of their last 12 encounters despite losing their last two to date – 26-22 to Ashland (10/16/99) and 21-10 to Mercyhurst (10/14/00). Ferris' last homecoming triumph was in 1998 (10/10) with a 37-13 win over Wayne State. The Bulldogs' longest homecoming win streak is seven games (1990-96) and the longest losing string is nine games (1981-89). FSU posted a 19-6 win over Albion in its first homecoming contest (10/17/31).

Matt Otero recorded his third straight 100-yard plus single-game rushing performance with a 114-yard output at Mercyhurst. He's averaging 135.7 yards per game (407 total) in the Bulldogs' last three outings. He ran for 144 yards (27 att.) against Northwood (9/29) and then posted a game-leading 149 yards (21 att.) versus Grand Valley State (10/6).

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 4,561 career receiving yards on a NCAA-II record 291 catches in 38 games at FSU while compiling 259 career receptions for 4,172 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 both were 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 291 career catches to date, became the NCAA-II's career leader in receiving yards with his 44-yard TD reception at Mercyhurst. Coleman has registered a current 4,561-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 15.7 yards per catch and 120.0 per game in 38 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 (4,561), eighth in both receiving yards per game (120.0) and receptions (291), tied for 13th in receptions per game (7.7), 18th in all-purpose yards (7,133) and tied for 25th in touchdown receptions (39). Coleman is four catches shy of moving into a seventh-place tie with Nevada's Geoff Noisy (295; 1995-98) on the all-time receptions list and is 39 all-purpose yards away from tying Napoleon McCallum of Navy (7,172; 1981-85) for 17th place on the career charts. Coleman needs 32 more receiving yards to tie Mississippi Valley's Jerry Rice (4,693; 1981-84) for fourth place in career receiving yardage.

UP NEXT: Ferris State is on the road in its next two GLIAC outings, beginning Saturday, Oct. 27, as the Bulldogs tangle with the Northern Michigan University Wildcats. A 7 p.m. (EDT) start time is scheduled at NMU's Superior Dome in Marquette, 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	
Oct. 27	Northern Michigan	
Nov. 3	Hillsdale	
Nov. 10	Indianapolis	
Home games listed in bold		FBRelease.10/15/01.FBnews