

Football News Release



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FINDLAY AT FERRIS STATE
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GAME FACTS

FINDLAY OILERS
(5-3; 4-3 GLIAC)

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

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

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

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

THE RECORDS: Ferris State is 4-4 overall and 3-4 in the GLIAC after dropping a 38-31 conference decision to nationally second-ranked Saginaw Valley State last Saturday (Oct. 25) at SVSU's Wickes Stadium in University Center, Mich. Last season, FSU went 5-5 overall and placed sixth in the GLIAC with a 4-5 conference record. The Bulldogs were picked fifth in the 2003 GLIAC Preseason Coaches Poll with 80 points. Ferris has won or shared the conference title six of the last 11 years, including five straight (1992-96).

Findlay is 5-3 overall and 4-3 in GLIAC play following a 22-14 conference home triumph over rival Ashland last Saturday (Oct. 25) at UF's Donnell Stadium in Findlay, Ohio. The win snapped a two-game losing skid. UF, which started out this campaign winning four of its first five, was 9-2 overall with a second-place tying 8-2 GLIAC mark last season.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 9th season, 58-38-0 (.604) — (3-2-0 vs. Findlay). In his FSU coaching career, Pierce is 31-15-0 (.674) in home outings, 14-6-0 (.700) in November and 53-32-0 (.624) in GLIAC contests to date.

FINDLAY – Dan Simrell (Toledo, 1966), 4th season, 19-21-0 (.475); Career – 12th season, 69-58-2 (.543) – (1-2-0 vs. Ferris State). Simrell served as head coach at Toledo from 1982-89 and was both the Mid-American Conference (MAC) and Ohio Coach of the Year in 1984.

2003 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Sept. 6	at Hillsdale	W 25-20
Sept. 13	at Grand Valley State*	L 10-40
Sept. 20	Northern Michigan* (HF)	L 14-26
Sept. 27	at Wayne State*	W 29-16
Oct. 4	Northwood*	W 40-16
Oct. 11	at Michigan Tech*	L 30-49
Oct. 18	Mercyhurst* (HC)	W 33-7
Oct. 25	at Saginaw Valley State*	L 31-38
Nov. 1	Findlay*	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Ashland*	1:25 p.m.
Nov. 15	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 entertain the University of Findlay Oilers this Saturday (Nov. 1) in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action at Big Rapids, Mich.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Jeff Pierce is midst his ninth season at Ferris State and has a current 58-38-0 career record. Pierce holds the distinction of having the second-best winning percentage (.604) in the program's history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is three wins shy of becoming FSU's winningest coach and would surpass Keith Otterbein (60-39-0, 1986-94). Under Pierce, 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 trails Findlay 9-6-0 in their all-time series which dates back to 1934 (10/27) with the Bulldogs dropping a 12-6 road decision to the Oilers. UF won the first six meetings, but FSU has posted victories in five of the last seven. Ferris had its three-game series winning streak snapped last season (11/2) with a 28-21 setback at Findlay. The Bulldogs have won three of its last four home contests versus the Oilers, including the past three. Ten of the last 14 meetings have been decided by 14 points or less, including 10 of the last 13 outings.

Findlay leads 9-6-0 FSU Scoring Avg.: 17.1 (256 pts.) UF Scoring Avg.: 20.5 (307 pts.) Differential: +3.4 (UF)	Longest Series Win Streak: 6 (UF 10/27/34 – 10/8/66); (FSU 9/18/99 – 9/8/01)	1963 UF 21-6 H 1964 UF 47-0 A 1965 UF 27-0 H 1966 UF 20-0 A 1968 FSU 36-16 A 1969 UF 20-3 H 1970 FSU 21-7 A 1971 FSU 28-13 H 1998 UF 24-7 A 1999 FSU 56-14 H 2000 FSU 33-15 A 2001 FSU 33-10 H 2002 UF 28-21 A
At Big Rapids: UF leads 4-3-0 At Findlay: UF leads 5-3-0 First Game: UF 12, FSU 6 (10/27/34) Last FSU Win: 33-10* (9/8/01) Last UF Win: 28-21 (11/2/02) Last Meeting in Big Rapids: FSU 33, UF 10* (9/8/01) Current Series Win Streak: 1 (UF 11/2/02)	Most Points in a FSU Win: 56 (56-14 – 9/18/99) Most Points in a UF Win: 47 (47-0 – 10/10/64) Most Decisive Score: FSU 42 (56-14 – 9/18/99) UF 47 (47-0 – 10/10/64) * – Denotes FSU home game	

LAST MEETING – 2002: Despite a career-high 396 passing yards from quarterback Tom Marsan, Ferris State dropped a 28-21 decision to nationally-ranked Findlay at UF's Donnell Stadium in Findlay, Ohio. FSU jumped on the scoreboard first with 13:17 left in the first quarter as tailback Andrew Terry scored from 10 yards out to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead. The Oilers then exploded for three straight TD's in the span of six minutes to take a 21-7 lead after the opening quarter with the first coming on a 14-yard TD pass from quarterback Jeff Fraser to tight end Bryce Abbott at the 8:42 mark of the first quarter. UF then claimed a 14-7 lead when running back Robert Campbell scored on a two-yard TD run with 4:33 left to go in the quarter. After the ensuing Ferris State drive went three-and-out, Findlay returned a FSU punt 55 yards for a TD to go up 21-7 at the end of the first quarter. Following a scoreless second quarter, the Bulldogs tied the contest at 21-all in the third quarter with back-to-back TD's. Marsan hooked up with split end Brandis Bowie on a 25-yard TD pass play with 3:42 remaining in the quarter and then at the 2:18 mark, Marsan connected with split end Dennis Cartwright on a 68-yard TD aerial to complete a two-play, 68-yard scoring drive. However, Findlay capitalized on its ensuing drive as Fraser reached the end zone on a quarterback keeper from a yard out with 20 seconds left in the third quarter to give the Oilers a 28-21 lead and the hosts proceeded to hold off the Bulldogs in the fourth frame for the win. Both teams combined for 868 yards in total offense with FSU recording a 507-yard total. Marsan was 19-of-39 in the passing department to go along with two TD's and a pair of pass interceptions while Cartwright had five receptions for 121 yards and flanker Carlton Brewster caught four passes for 71 yards. Tailback Derek Fudge rushed for 115 yards on 21 attempts. For the Oilers, Campbell led all rushers with 40 carries for 198 yards and Fraser completed 11-of-25 passes for 140 yards. Middle linebacker Luke Piepkow and outside linebacker Kevin Myers each totaled 16 tackles while free safety Alvin Grier chipped in with 13 stops.

INTERNET COVERAGE: All 2003 Ferris State football games can be heard live on the internet through an agreement with FSU Athletics and local radio affiliate WBRN. The link is located on Ferris' Athletics homepage website (www.ferris.edu/sports). Listeners who click on the Bulldog Athletics' webcast icon will be directed to the site at www.ferris.edu/sports/bulldogwebcasts.

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2003 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC					OVERALL				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Saginaw Valley State	7	0	1.000	260	96	8	0	1.000	290	110
Grand Valley State	6	1	.857	278	133	7	1	.875	287	139
Findlay	4	3	.571	128	150	5	3	.625	179	181
Northwood	4	3	.571	202	145	4	4	.500	216	175
Michigan Tech	4	4	.500	294	279	4	4	.500	294	279
Ferris State	3	4	.429	187	192	4	4	.500	212	212
Indianapolis	3	4	.429	163	264	4	4	.500	207	271
Mercyhurst	3	4	.429	111	175	4	4	.500	141	196
Hillsdale	3	4	.429	193	216	3	5	.375	213	241
Wayne State	2	5	.286	168	250	3	5	.375	206	271
Northern Michigan	2	5	.286	196	225	2	6	.250	196	287
Ashland	2	6	.250	133	188	2	7	.222	139	200

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Saginaw Valley State 38, Ferris State 31*

Grand Valley State 33, at Northwood 14*

at Michigan Tech 47, Hillsdale 28*

at Mercyhurst 27, Indianapolis 24*

at Findlay 22, Ashland 14*

Wayne State 45, at Northern Michigan 42*

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Northwood at Wayne State*, 12 p.m.

Indianapolis at Ashland*, 1:25 p.m.

Findlay at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m.

Saginaw Valley State at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m.

Mercyhurst at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.

Michigan Tech at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.



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*GLIAC Game
All Times are Eastern



LAST WEEK: Saginaw Valley State quarterback Mark Radlinski passed for a school-record 431 yards as the nationally second-ranked Cardinals overcame a 24-7 halftime deficit with 31 second-half points to register a 38-31 conference win over Ferris State last Saturday (Oct. 25) afternoon before a SVSU Wickes Stadium crowd of 5,175 fans at University Center, Mich. Ferris scored the contest's initial 21 points with the first two occurring on defensive TD's by junior cornerback **Ryan Carruthers (Waterford/Mott)** on a first-quarter 46-yard interception return and senior middle linebacker **Luke Piepkow's (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** second-quarter 16-yard fumble return at 10:35. The Bulldogs then went up by three TD's with 2:14 left in the half by scoring on its first play as junior quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** connected with sophomore flanker **Brandis Bowie (Lansing/Sexton)** on a nine-yard TD pass play after senior strong safety **Vito Ciaramellano (Rochester Hills/Rochester)** picked off another tipped Radlinski pass and ran 17 yards to the SVSU nine-yard line. Following an 11-yard TD pass from Radlinski with 40 seconds to go, FSU recovered a Radlinski fumble which set up a 31-yard field goal by senior kicker **Tom Perez (Lewiston/Johannesburg-Lewiston)** with three seconds left in the half. The Cardinals came out in the second half and scored 17 unanswered points, including 10 third-quarter points to get within 24-17 after three quarters. Senior running back Damion Bridges, who rushed for a game-high 120 yards, scored his first of three rushing TD's on a two-yard run with 48 seconds remaining in the third quarter. SVSU then tied the game at 24-all with 13:07 left as Radlinski threw an 11-yard TD strike to senior wideout Glenn Martinez, who caught 11 passes for 234 yards. However, on the ensuing drive, the Bulldogs regained the lead as **Marsan** hit sophomore flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** for a 10-yard TD pass to make it 31-24 at the 10:53 mark. SVSU rallied about four minutes later to tie the contest at 31-apiece with 7:14 remaining on Bridges' one-yard TD plunge. The Cardinals then proceeded to score the game-winner on Bridges' five-yard TD run with 1:36 left in the game. A trick kickoff return by Ferris went awry as SVSU recoved the Bulldog lateral. The Bulldogs were outgained 589 to 265 yards in total offense. **Marsan** led the Ferris offensive unit with 200 yards on 15-of-27 passing while **Brewster** had six catches for 50 yards. **Bowie** chipped in with four receptions for 46 yards as the Cardinals held senior tailback **Derek Fudge (Gibonston, Fla./East Bay)** to 39 yards on the ground. Junior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** and junior defensive tackle **Whitney Bell (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area)** spearheaded the Bulldogs' defensive charge with 16 and 12 tackles, respectively. Bell also notched five tackles for a loss of 15 yards, including three sacks for minus 11 yards. Senior free safety **Rich Dosh (Burton/Flint Kearsley)** garnered 11 stops while **Ciaramellano** compiled 10 tackles

BULLDOG BITES: **Derek Fudge** needs 36 rushing yards to reach the 1,000-yard single-season mark. Fudge has presently accumulated 964

yards (120.5 ypg.) on 199 attempts in eight outings this fall. He's 244 yards shy from the 4,000-yard plateau and his 3,756 career yards are second on the school's all-time charts to Mo Harris (1996-99; 4,192 career yards).

• **Ryan Carruthers** recorded his second pass interception in as many games with a theft at Saginaw Valley State. He has notched an interception in three of his last four games and his 46-yard TD return at SVSU represented his first collegiate score.

• FSU's top two receivers this fall, **Carlton Brewster** and **Brandis Bowie** have combined for 51.4% (75-146) of the team's total receptions and 50.4% (795-1,578) of the squad's total receiving yards. A season ago, the duo combined for 28.4% (58-204) of FSU's pass catches and 24.5% (594-2,429) of the receiving yardage.

• **Whitney Bell's** 12 tackles (10 solos) at Saginaw Valley State is a personal career high, eclipsing his 11 stops against Northern Michigan earlier this season (9/20). Bell, who has compiled four career double-digit tackle efforts, has already established a career best in pass sacks with 5.0 for 21 yards. He posted 1.5 sacks for minus 12 yards last season.

• **Rich Dosh** set a season high with 11 stops (six solos) at SVSU, which bested his 10 hits apiece versus Northern Michigan (9/20) and Northwood (10/4). His career best is 12 tackles set against Grand Valley State (10/6/01).

• Ferris State sports a 30-9 (.769) record in its final three regular season contests per campaign dating back to 1990. The Bulldogs are 16-4 on the road (.800) and 14-5 (.737) at home during those last three season outings. Since 1992, FSU is 12-4 (.750) at Top Taggart Field in its final three season appearances.

• **Kevin Myers' 16** tackles (12 solos) against SVSU tied his season high set earlier this campaign at Michigan Tech (10/11). His career best is 17 stops at Northwood in 2002 (10/5). Myers has registered 13 career double-figure tackle efforts, including five this fall.

• Among this week's NCAA Division II national individual leaders, **Derek Fudge** ranks 15th in rushing (120.5 ypg.), 20th in scoring (9.0 ppg.) and 31st in all-purpose yards (137.6 ypg.). **Carlton Brewster** is 29th in punt returns (12.3 ypr.). Defensively, **Luke Piepkow** ranks 10th in total tackles (11.3 avg.) while **Kevin Myers** is 13th (11.1). **John Hazle** is listed ninth in pass sacks (1.1 avg.) and 11th in tackles for loss (1.8 avg.).

• **Did You Know?: Derek Fudge** is averaging 149.0 yards (447 total) with three TD's in 77 carries in his three series contests versus Findlay. Fudge, who has a 5.81 yards per carry average against the Oilers, ran for 138 yards (5.3 avg.) in 2001 after rushing for 194 yards (6.5 avg.) the previous campaign. Last season, he posted 115 yards (5.5 avg.) on 21 carries. In its last three meetings against UF, Ferris State has averaged 479.3 yards in total offense (1,438 total yards) along with 162.7 yards rushing (488 total) and 316.7 yards in passing (950 total).

UP NEXT: FSU concludes the road portion of its 2003 season schedule next Saturday, Nov. 8, as the Bulldog go up against the Ashland University Eagles in a GLIAC tilt. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:25 p.m. (EST) at AU's Community Stadium in Ashland, Ohio.

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. 6	at Hillsdale	Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-John Hazle, Specialty-Carlton Brewster, EPEP-Kevin Myers
Sept. 13	at Grand Valley State	Offense-Andy Thwaites, Defense-Luke Piepkow, Specialty-Tim Gill, EPEP-Kevin Myers
Sept. 20	Northern Michigan	Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-Rich Dosh, Specialty-Corey Scheick, EPEP-Rob Mida
Sept. 27	at Wayne State	Offense-Derek Fudge, Defense-Pat Smith, Specialty-Carlton Brewster, EPEP-Allen Feigel
Oct. 4	Northwood	Offense-Tom Marsan, Defense-Kevin Myers, Specialty-Casey Danford, EPEP-Vito Ciaramellano
Oct. 11	at Michigan Tech	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Vito Ciaramellano, Specialty-Justin Rudy, EPEP-Matt McCoy
Oct. 18	Mercyhurst	Offense-Jim Bockheim, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Tim Gill, EPEP-Rob Mida
Oct. 25	at Saginaw Valley State	Offense-Tom Marsan, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Justin Rudy, EPEP-Kevin Myers
Nov. 1	Findlay	
Nov. 8	at Ashland	
Nov. 15	Indianapolis	

Home games listed in bold

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