

Football News Release



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FERRIS STATE AT INDIANAPOLIS

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GAME FACTS

FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS
(2-1; 2-1 GLIAC)

AT

INDIANAPOLIS GREYHOUNDS
(0-3; 0-3 GLIAC)

KICKOFF: 2 p.m. (EDT)

STADIUM/SURFACE: Key Stadium (5,500)/Field Turf (SprinTurf)

RADIO COVERAGE: WBRN-AM (1460).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State extended its winning streak to two games following a 21-7 conference triumph over Hillsdale last Saturday (Sept. 11) night at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. A season ago, Ferris posted a 6-5 overall mark and finished tied for fourth place in the GLIAC standings at 5-5. The Bulldogs were 3-2 at home and 3-3 on the road last fall. FSU has posted a winning season in 10 of the last 15 campaigns. Ferris has won or shared the conference championship six of the last 11 years, including five straight (1992-96).

Indianapolis suffered a 35-9 conference loss to nationally number-one ranked Grand Valley State last Saturday (Sept. 11) evening at GVSU's Lubbers Stadium in Allendale, Mich. The Greyhounds were 6-5 overall with a fourth-place tying 5-5 GLIAC mark last season. UI notched a 3-2 home ledger and was 3-3 in road encounters a season ago.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 10th season, 62-40-0 (.608) — (4-3-0 vs. Indianapolis). Pierce is 29-23-0 (.558) on the road, 58-34-0 (.630) in GLIAC games and 22-16-0 (.579) in September contests during his coaching career.

INDIANAPOLIS – Joe Polizzi (Hillsdale, 1976), 11th season, 53-57-1 (.482) – (3-5-0 vs. Ferris State). Polizzi served two seasons (1986-87) as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Ferris State.

2004 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Aug. 28	Grand Valley State*	L 6-24
Sept. 4	at Ashland*	W 23-17 OT
Sept. 11	Hillsdale*	W 21-7
Sept. 18	at Indianapolis*	2 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Mercyhurst*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Findlay* (HF)	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	at North Dakota	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Northern Michigan*	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Michigan Tech* (HC)	2 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Northwood*	12 p.m.
Nov. 6	Saginaw Valley State*	1 p.m.

All times are Eastern and subject to change
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 (Sept. 18) versus the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds in Indianapolis, Ind.

HEAD COACH JEFF PIERCE: Tenth-year head coach Jeff Pierce became Ferris State's all-time winningest coach as a result of the Bulldogs' 23-17 overtime conference victory at Ashland this season (Sept. 4). The 1995 GLIAC Coach of the Year surpassed Keith Otterbein (60-39-3, 1986-94) for the top honor. 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 meet for the 26th time with FSU holding a 14-10-1 series advantage. The Bulldogs have won 11 of the last 14 contests, but two of the last five meetings. The Bulldogs are averaging 32.1 points (449 total) in its last 14 games while Indianapolis has averaged 18.1 points (253 total) an outing for a +14.0 points differential. FSU has scored at a 34.9 points per game clip (244 total) to the Greyhounds' 18.0 points (126 total) in its last seven appearances at UI for a +16.9-points margin. Twenty-one of the 25 contests have been decided by 10 points or more and Ferris is 13-8-0 (.619) in those games.

Ferris State leads 14-10-1	(FSU 9/10/88 – 9/7/96)	1983	UI	30-0	A
FSU Scoring Avg.: 23.4 (586 pts.)	Most Points in a FSU Win: 54	1984	UI	47-0	H
UI Scoring Avg.: 19.8 (495 pts.)	(54-13 – 10/31/92)	1985	UI	34-7	A
Differential: +3.6 (FSU)	Most Points in a UI Win:	1986	UI	35-13	H
	47 (47-0* – 9/22/84)	1987	UI	35-19	A
At Indianapolis: Tied at 6-6-1	Most Decisive Score: FSU 50	1988	FSU	34-21	H
At Big Rapids: FSU leads 8-4-0	(50-0 – 9/16/95); UI 47 (47-0* –	1989	FSU	38-21	A
First Game: UI 19, FSU 7 (9/27/46)	9/22/84)	1990	FSU	29-15	A
Last FSU Win: 16-13♦* (11/10/01)	* – Denotes FSU home game	1991	FSU	21-6	H
Last UI Win: 35-20* (11/15/03)	♦ – Two overtimes	1992	FSU	54-13	A
Last Meeting in Indianapolis:		1993	FSU	40-26	H
UI 17, FSU 14 (11/16/02)		1994	FSU	44-7	H
Current Series Win Streak: 2		1995	FSU	50-0	A
(UI 11/16/02 – 11/15/03)		1996	FSU	30-19	H
Longest Series Win Streak: 9		1997	UI	32-21	A
		2000	FSU	38-28	A
		2001	FSU	16-13♦	H
		2002	UI	17-14	A
		2003	UI	35-20	H

LAST MEETING – 2003: Indianapolis scored 28 first-half points en route to a 35-20 league triumph over Ferris State in the season finale at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. UI quarterback Matt Kohn played a pivotal role in the win by throwing for 254 yards and three TD's while running back Donnie McCoy ran for a game-high 133 yards and a TD. The Greyhounds, who tallied 14 points each in the first two quarters, held a 28-10 halftime lead as Kohn threw for three TD's with two aerials going to wideout Sam Penrod covering 80 and 22 yards. Penrod finished the contest with 120 receiving yards on five catches. The Bulldogs' first-half scores came on a 28-yard Tom Perez field goal at 10:34 of the second quarter and a one-yard Derek Fudge TD run with :17 remaining in the stanza. Ferris State cut the deficit to 28-17 with 12:56 left in the third quarter as quarterback Tom Marsan tossed a 28-yard TD pass to flanker Carlton Brewster to finish an eight-play, 66-yard scoring drive. However, the Greyhounds countered with a score just over a minute later as Andre Dinkins returned a Marsan pass 20 yards for a score as UI claimed a 35-17 advantage. The Bulldogs, who outgained Indianapolis in total offense (361 to 350 yards), accounted for the fourth quarter's only points on Perez's 24-yard field goal. Tom Marsan completed 26-of-51 passes for 273 yards and a TD while running for a team-best 44 yards on eight attempts. Carlton Brewster paced the FSU receiving corps with a game-leading 10 receptions for 137 yards and split end Rob Giles had seven grabs for 58 yards. Outside linebacker Kevin Myers' racked up a game-high tying 13 tackles and a pass theft while middle linebacker Luke Piepkow had 12 stops. Free safety Rich Dosh contributed with 11 tackles and defensive tackle Whitney Bell added 10. Cornerback Jim Skodak also notched a pass interception and posted five tackles.

INTERNET COVERAGE: All 2004 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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2004 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC				OVERALL			
	W	L	Pct.	PF PA	W	L	Pct.	PF PA
Northwood	2	0	1.000	94 24	3	0	1.000	139 42
Michigan Tech	3	0	1.000	116 29	3	0	1.000	116 29
Findlay	2	0	1.000	69 23	3	0	1.000	109 44
Grand Valley State	3	0	1.000	107 32	3	0	1.000	107 32
Ferris State	2	1	.667	50 48	2	1	.667	50 48
Ashland	1	1	.500	39 42	2	1	.667	87 49
Saginaw Valley State	1	1	.500	66 24	1	1	.500	66 24
Mercyhurst	1	2	.333	95 124	1	2	.333	95 124
Hillsdale	1	2	.333	79 92	1	2	.333	79 92
Gannon	1	2	.333	79 107	1	2	.333	79 107
Indianapolis	0	3	.000	62 101	0	3	.000	62 101
Northern Michigan	0	3	.000	33 131	0	3	.000	33 131
Wayne State	0	2	.000	3 115	0	2	.000	3 115

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saginaw Valley State 45, at Wayne State 0*
 at Michigan Tech 54, Mercyhurst 13*
 Northwood 45, at St. Joseph's (Ind.) 18
at Ferris State 21, Hillsdale 7*
 Ashland 22, at Gannon 19 OT*
 at Grand Valley State 35, Indianapolis 9*
 Findlay 41, at Northern Michigan 0*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

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

LAST WEEK: Junior quarterback **Ryan Kaul (Clarkston)** made the most of his first collegiate start by throwing for a career-high 206 yards and a TD while rushing for 61 yards along with a 13-yard TD in propelling host Ferris State to 21-7 conference victory over the Hillsdale Chargers Saturday night before 2,295 spectators. The Bulldogs led throughout the contest as senior tailback **Andrew Terry's (Kentwood/Grand Rapids Creston)** six-yard TD run capped off an 11-play, 90-yard scoring drive at 4:18 of the first quarter to give FSU a 6-0 lead. Ferris claimed a 12-0 halftime advantage as a result of **Kaul** connecting with senior split end **Andy Thwaites (Stanton/Central Montcalm)** on a 17-yard scoring pass play with 12:36 remaining in the second quarter. The Bulldogs erupted for nine straight fourth-quarter points with the first six occurring at 11:42 on a **Kaul** 13-yard TD run to cap off an 11-play, 79-yard scoring drive. Then with 2:12 left to go in the game, freshman kicker **Ben Keur (Muskegon/Oakridge)** kicked a 28-yard field goal as Ferris widened its lead to 21-0. Hillsdale was able to get on the scoreboard with 1:12 to go as Chargers' wide receiver Derek Nelson recovered a pass reception fumble by tight end Keith Recker in the end zone. FSU compiled 386 yards in total offense to HC's 249-yard total. **Kaul** was successful on 15-of-21 pass attempts for 206 yards while junior flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** had a game-high eight receptions for 123 yards and Thwaites contributed with 41 receiving yards on four grabs. **Terry's** 117 yards rushing on 29 attempts also represented a game high. HC quarterback Aaron Scholl was the Chargers' primary offensive weapon as evident by his 125 yards passing (10-23) and a team-leading 68 rushing yards on 22 carries. Sophomore middle linebacker **Mike Klobucher's (Grand Haven/North Muskegon)** 14 tackles (nine solo) marked a game high. Senior outside linebackers **Kevin Myers (Midland)** and **Rob Mida (Chelsea)** totaled 12 (nine solo) and 10 stops, respectively.

BULLDOG BITES: **Carlton Brewster**, who has a team-high 35 catches for 459 yards this season, has accounted for 54.7% (35-64) of the squad's total pass receptions this campaign. Brewster presently trails Jermaine Bell (1993-96; 1,653 career yds.) by 161 yards for seventh place among the Bulldogs' all-time receiving leaders. Brewster has registered 1,492 career yards (11.7 ypg.) on 128 receptions in 24 contests.
Ryan Kaul's 206 passing yards versus Hillsdale represents a career high, eclipsing his previous best of 177 yards (15-33) at Ashland (9/4).
 Ferris State's 180 yards rushing against Hillsdale not only marked a season high, but was almost twice as much yardage as the Bulldogs' first two games combined (91 yards). FSU recorded 74 yards on the ground against Grand Valley State (8/28) and a 17-yard total at Ashland (9/4).
 With Saturday's triumph, Ferris won for the fifth time in its last six encounters with Hillsdale. The Bulldogs also have now won 12 of the last 16 meetings, including nine of the past 11 to date.



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*GLIAC Game
 All Times are Eastern



Ben Keur was successful on his initial collegiate field goal attempt with a fourth-quarter 28-yard field goal on Saturday's Hillsdale contest.

Andrew Terry rushed for a personal career-high 117 yards on 29 carries against Hillsdale. Terry's previous best was 75 yards on 24 rush attempts in this season's opener versus Grand Valley State (8/28).

The Bulldogs are operating at 81.8% (9-11) efficiency in the red zone (inside opponent's 20-yard line) and have been successful in their last eight chances. Last season, Ferris operated at 77.8% (28-36) efficiency in the red zone.

Mike Klobucher, who averaging 16.7 tackles a game in his first three outings this fall, is only four tackles shy of matching last season's 54 total stops (34 solos) in 11 games. He has 50 tackles (31 solos) in three outings this year. Klobucher has totaled double-digit tackles in all three contests this campaign, which includes a career-high 20 stops versus Grand Valley State (8/28).

Senior defensive end **Jesse Schnitker (Manton)** is three tackles away from notching his 100th career stop. Schnitker has currently garnered 97 career tackles (55 solos) in 35 outings and turned in a personal career-best 63 tackles (37) a season ago in 11 encounters.

In its three initial games this campaign, FSU is averaging 90.3 yards rushing (271 total yds.) and 255.0 yards (765 total yds.) in passing. A season ago, the Bulldogs averaged 181.7 (545 total yds.) on the ground and 185.3 yards through the air.

Among this week's NCAA Division II national leaders, Ferris State ranks 25th in passing offense (255.0 ypg.) and 35th in scoring defense (16.0 ppg). Individually, **Carlton Brewster** is first in both receptions (11.7 rpg.) and receiving yards (153.0 ypg.) along with 15th in all-purpose yards (169.3 ypg.). Defensively, **Kevin Myers** ranks first in solo tackles (9.7 avg.) and second in total tackles (17.7 avg.). **Mike Klobucher** is third in solo stops (9.3 avg.) and fifth in total tackles (16.0 avg.). Junior cornerback **Jim Skodak (Lennon/Corunna)** is fifth in passes defended (2.7 avg.).

Kevin Myers, a preseason All-America selection by *Street & Smith's*, *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* and *D2Football.com*, is presently tied with Jeff Robeson (1984-87; 355 career tackles) for eighth place on FSU's career tackles leaders chart. Myers has accumulated 355 career stops (209 solos) in 34 contests and has averaged 10.4 tackles per game during his career. He's within 21 tackles of tying Charles Anderson's (1995-96) seventh-place 376 career total.

Senior strong safety **Jason Davis (Howard City/Tri-County)** posted eight tackles for the second straight game with his performance against Hillsdale. Davis, who has 17 career tackles (10 solos) in 18 games prior to this season, notched eight stops (all solos) at Ashland (9/4) after claiming a career-best nine against Grand Valley State (8/28).

FSU has scored 50% of its points (25 total pts.) this campaign in the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs scored eight total fourth-quarter points (0.16%) last season in their first three outings.

In its last three meetings versus Indianapolis, Ferris State has averaged 358.3 yards in total offense (1,075 total yds.), 269.3 yards in passing (808 yds.) and 89.0 yards in rushing (267 yds.). **Carlton Brewster** has 13 career receptions for 163 yards (12.5 avg.) against the Greyhounds during that span while **Kevin Myers** is averaging 8.7 tackles in the series with 26 total stops (13 solos).

UP NEXT: Ferris State visits the Mercyhurst Lakers Saturday, Sept. 25, in GLIAC play. Opening kickoff is slated 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
Aug. 28	Grand Valley State	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Kevin Myers, Specialty-Levi Slager, EPEP-Mike Klobucher
Sept. 4	at Ashland	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Jim Skodak, Specialty-Dan Boulter, EPEP-Ryan Kaul
Sept. 11	Hillsdale	Offense-Ryan Kaul, Defense-Mike Klobucher, Specialty-Cory Strader, EPEP-Jason Davis
Sept. 18	at Indianapolis	
Sept. 25	at Mercyhurst	
Oct. 2	Findlay	
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