

Football News Release



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**FERRIS STATE AT MERCYHURST
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GAME FACTS

FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS

(3-1; 3-1 GLIAC)

AT

MERCYHURST LAKERS

(1-3; 1-3 GLIAC)

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

STADIUM/SURFACE: Louis J. Tullio Field
(2,300)/AstroTurf

RADIO COVERAGE: WBRN-AM (1460).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State won its third consecutive contest this season with a 24-14 conference victory over Indianapolis last Saturday (Sept. 18) at UI's Key Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. 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).

Mercyhurst suffered its second straight setback with a 56-24 conference loss to nationally-ranked Northwood last Saturday (Sept. 18) at NU's Hantz Stadium in Midland, Mich. The Lakers are 1-1 at home and 0-2 on the road this campaign. Last season, MC posted a 5-6 overall record while compiling an eighth-place tying 4-6 conference mark. The Lakers sported a 4-1 home ledger and were 1-5 in away outings a season ago.

THE COACHES: **FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 10th season, 63-40-0 (.612) — (2-2-0 vs. Mercyhurst). Pierce is 30-23-0 (.566) on the road, 59-34-0 (.634) in GLIAC games and 23-16-0 (.589) in September contests during his coaching career.

MERCYHURST – Marty Schaeztle (Bucknell, 1983), 3rd season, 8-18-0 (.308) – (0-2-0 vs. Ferris State). He previously spent five seasons as an assistant at NCAA Division IAA Bucknell.

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*	W 24-14
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 will take its present three-game winning streak up against the Mercyhurst College Lakers this Saturday (Sept. 25) in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action at Erie, Pa.

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 and .616 winning percentage ranks second on the school's all-time charts to only Wallie Hein's (1924-26) .625 (12-7-1). 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 series is deadlocked at 2-2-0 following Ferris State's home win last season. The Bulldogs are averaging 344.3 yards in total offense (1,377 total yds.) while the Lakers have compiled a 277.0 yard average (1,108 total yds.). FSU is averaging 229.0 passing yards (916 total yds.) and has rushed for a 115.3-yard average (461 total yds.). Conversely, MC has compiled a 98.5 rushing average (394 total yds.) while throwing for 178.5 yards (714 total yds.) per contest. In the last two outings at Mercyhurst, Ferris has averaged 16.5 points (33 total) to the Lakers' 19.0 (38 total) for a +2.5 differential.

Tied at 2-2-0

FSU Scoring Avg.: 19.0 (76 pts.)

MC Scoring Avg.: 16.5 (66 pts.)

Differential: +2.5 (FSU)

At Erie: Tied at 1-1-0

At Big Rapids: Tied at 1-1-0

First Game: MC 21, FSU 10* (10/14/00)

Last FSU Win: FSU 33, MC 7* (10/18/03)

Last MC Win: 25-14 (10/14/01)

Last Meeting in Erie: FSU 19, MC 13 OT (10/19/02)

Current Series Win Streak: 2 (FSU 10/19/02 – 10/18/03)

Longest Series Win Streak: 2 (MC 10/14/00 – 10/13/01), (FSU 10/19/02 – 10/18/03)

Most Points in a FSU Win: 33 (33-7* – 10/18/03)

Most Points in a MC Win: 25 (25-14 – 10/13/01)

Most Decisive Score: FSU 26 (33-7* – 10/18/03);

MC 11 (21-10* – 10/14/00) & (25-14 – 10/13/01)

* – FSU home game

2000 MC 21-10 H

2001 MC 25-14 A

2002 FSU 19-13† A

2003 FSU 33-7 H

† – Overtime

LAST MEETING – 2003: A total team effort was put forth by Ferris State resulting in a 33-7 conference victory over Mercyhurst before a FSU Homecoming crowd of 3,644 at Top Taggart Field. While Ferris chalked up 391 yards in total offense, the Bulldogs' defense did its part by holding the Lakers to 67 total offensive yards, which included three net yards rushing. Following a scoreless opening quarter, FSU was the first to reach the end zone with 1:15 left to go in the second quarter as flanker Carlton Brewster made a nifty one-handed catch of a 17-yard scoring strike by quarterback Tom Marsan to give the hosts a 7-0 halftime lead. In the second half, Mercyhurst capitalized on a Bulldog turnover as outside linebacker Mike Cikra blocked punter Tim Gill's attempt which free safety Ben Bluemle recovered the ball and proceed to score from four yards out to knot the contest at seven-all with 10:38 left in the third quarter. The score remained that way until 5:05 of the quarter when tailback Derek Fudge hit paydirt on a 17-yard TD run to give Ferris the lead for good. The Bulldogs increased their lead to 20-7 on an one-yard TD keeper by Marsan with 2:20 showing on the clock. Ferris continued to find the endzone two more times in the fourth quarter with the first occurring on Fudge's 11-yard TD run at the 7:06 mark and then just a minute later, tailback Shawn Grigg dashed 58 yards for the final score. Marsan posted his fourth straight 100-yard plus passing game performance with 228 yards on 26-of-39 passing while Brewster was his favorite target with eight receptions for 88 yards. Flanker Brandis Bowie chipped in with seven catches for 39 yards and split end Andy Thwaites caught five aerials for 66 yards. Fudge paced all rushers with 85 yards on 23 attempts and snagged six passes for 35 yards. Mercyhurst's Ben Bluemle was in on a game-leading 10 total tackles. For Ferris, middle linebacker Luke Piepkow and outside linebacker Rob Mida both garnered a team-leading nine tackles. Senior free safety Rich Dosh, defensive tackle Pat Smith and defensive end John Hazle all recorded eight stops apiece.

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
Grand Valley State	4	0	1.000	144 39	4	0	1.000	144 39
Northwood	3	0	1.000	150 48	4	0	1.000	195 66
Michigan Tech	3	0	1.000	116 29	3	0	1.000	116 29
Ferris State	3	1	.750	74 62	3	1	.750	74 62
Findlay	2	1	.667	93 61	3	1	.750	133 82
Saginaw Valley State	2	1	.667	104 48	2	1	.667	104 48
Hillsdale	2	2	.500	117 123	2	2	.500	117 123
Ashland	1	2	.333	46 79	2	2	.500	94 86
Mercyhurst	1	3	.250	119 180	1	3	.250	119 180
Gannon	1	3	.250	110 1145	1	3	.250	110 145
Northern Michigan	1	3	.250	51 144	1	3	.250	51 144
Indianapolis	0	4	.000	76 125	0	4	.000	76 125
Wayne State	0	3	.000	16 133	0	3	.000	16 133

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Northwood 56, Mercyhurst 24*
 Northern Michigan 18, at Wayne State 13*
Ferris State 24, at Indianapolis 14*
 at Hillsdale 38, Gannon 31 OT*
 Saginaw Valley State 38, at Findlay 24*
 at Grand Valley State 37, Ashland 7*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

Hillsdale at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m.
Ferris State at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m.
 Wayne State at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m.
 Northwood at Findlay*, 4 p.m.
 Michigan Tech at Ashland*, 7 p.m.
 Gannon at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Senior tailback **Andrew Terry (Kentwood/Grand Rapids Creston)** rushed for a game-high 127 yards and scored twice as Ferris State won its third straight with a 24-14 conference triumph over the Indianapolis Greyhounds Saturday afternoon in front of 3,000 fans at UI's Key Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. Along with Terry's notable performance, junior quarterback **Ryan Kaul (Clarkston)** rushed for 103 yards on 17 attempts while throwing for 148 yards on 14-of-23 passing. FSU out-gained the Greyhounds 409 to 273 yards in total offense. Indianapolis threw for 206 yards but was limited to 67 rushing yards. A one-yard TD rushes by tailback Donnie McCoy put the Greyhounds up 7-0 at 8:49 of the opening quarter. The Greyhounds proceeded to increase their lead to 14-0 with 1:38 left in the first quarter as fullback Sam Elmore hit paydirt from a yard out. However, Ferris gradually chipped away at UI's lead in the second quarter with its first points coming on freshman kicker **Ben Keur's (Muskegon/Oakridge)** 42-yard field goal at the 12:32 mark. FSU then narrowed the gap to 14-10 with 7:30 left in first half as **Terry** scampered 10 yards for the score to cap off a seven-play, 60-yard scoring drive. Then with 13 ticks remaining in the stanza, **Kaul** connected with senior split end **Andy Thwaites (Stanton/Central Montcalm)** on a nine-yard TD pass play as Ferris claimed a 17-14 halftime advantage. The Bulldogs added to their lead with 3:36 left in the contest as the FSU offense marched 57 yards on 11 plays culminating in **Terry's** two-yard TD run. Ferris, which rolled up a season-leading 261 yards on the ground, was paced by **Terry's** 127 yards on 31 carries. Junior flanker **Carlton Brewster's (Grand Rapids/Creston)** eight grabs for 99 yards led all receivers. Thwaites chipped in with 23 receiving yards on three catches. For Indianapolis, quarterback Matt Kohn, who became UI's all-time leader in completions in the contest, was 15-of-31 in the passing department for 206 yards although he was intercepted twice – once each by junior cornerback **Jim Skodak (Lennon/Corunna)** and redshirt frosh cornerback **LaMar Williams (Flint/Northern)**. Sophomore middle linebacker **Mike Klobucher (Grand Haven/North Muskegon)** totaled a team-high 11 tackles (eight solo) while senior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** notched eight stops (six solo). **Skodak** and senior defensive end **John Hazle (St. Johns)** garnered five tackles apiece.

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State's 3-1 start this season represents its best since the 1999 campaign when the Bulldogs lost their season opener at North Dakota State (9/2) before reeling off five consecutive victories. FSU went on to register a 7-3 overall record and claimed a share of the GLIAC title with a 7-2 league mark.

Carlton Brewster is averaging 139.5 receiving yards (558 total yds.) in his initial four outings this season compared to 33.8 yards (135 total yds.) last season in the same span. Brewster presently trails Jermaine Bell (1993-96; 1,653 career yds.) for seventh place among FSU's all-time receiving leaders by 62 yards. Brewster has compiled 1,591 career

receiving yards (11.7 ypg.) on 136 receptions in 25 games. He needs only 187 receiving yards to match his career best of 745 yards (66 catches) set last season in 11 contests.

Andrew Terry is 274 yards away from reaching the 1,000-yard rushing mark in a career. Terry, who has already ran for a career-high 349 yards (3.4 ypr.) on 103 carries in this fall's four encounters, has racked up 726 career yards (3.8 ypr.) on 189 attempts in 29 games. He presently has ran for over 100 yards in his last two contests – 127 at Indianapolis (9/18) and 117 on 29 attempts against Hillsdale (9/11).

Ferris State's 261 rushing yards at Indianapolis not only marked a season best, but was also 10 yards shy of equalling the Bulldogs' combined rushing total of 271 yards in their first three games this season. FSU is averaging 220.5 yards per outing (441 total yds.) in its last two contests.

With its 24-14 win at Indianapolis last Saturday (9/18), Ferris has now won 12 of the last 15 series meetings while 22 (.846) of the 26 series contests have been decided by 10 points or more. The Bulldogs are 14-8-0 (.636) in such outings.

Kevin Myers, a preseason All-America selection by *Street & Smith's*, *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* and *D2Football.com*, needs 13 more tackle to move into a seventh-place tie with Charles Anderson (1995-98; 376 career stops) on FSU's career tackles leaders chart. Myers has accumulated 363 career stops (215 solos) in 35 contests and is averaging 10.4 career tackles per game.

Mike Klobucher extended his double-digit tackle streak this campaign to four straight with 11 stops at Indianapolis. Klobucher is currently averaging 15.3 tackles a game and 63.9% (39-61) of his tackles this season have been solo stops. His 61 tackles this fall already surpasses his 2003 season total of 54 stops.

The Bulldogs are 11-13-2 (.462) all-time versus Pennsylvania schools, which includes a 3-6-2 (.364) road ledger and an 8-7-0 (.533) home mark.

Among this week's NCAA Division II national leaders, Ferris State ranks 24th in scoring defense (15.5 ppg). Individually, **Carlton Brewster** is first in receptions (10.8 rpg.), second in receiving yardage (139.5 ypg.) and 15th in all-purpose yards (170.3 ypg.). Defensively, **Kevin Myers** is tops in solo tackles (9.8 avg.) and fourth in total tackles (14.5 avg.). **Mike Klobucher** is second in solo stops (9.0 avg.) while listed sixth in total tackles (14.3 avg.). **Jim Skodak** ranks ninth in passes defended (2.0 avg.).

Ryan Kaul set a Bulldog single-game record for most yards rushing by a quarterback with his 103-yard effort at Indianapolis. The mark was previously held by Bill Costner, who ran for 97 yards on 21 attempts at Saginaw Valley State in 1980 (10/25).

John Hazle is one-half sack away from tying Jim Lyman (1995-98; 15.0 for -76 yds.) for 13th place on the FSU's all-time pass sack leaders list. Hazle has 14.5 sacks for 96 yards in 35 career games to date.

FSU has tallied a team-high 32 points in the fourth quarter while outscoring the opposition by 18 points (32-14). Incidentally, the Bulldogs have yet to score a point in the third quarter and its opponents have currently only recorded six total points this campaign. Last season in its first four outings, Ferris registered a team-leading 23 third-quarter points while notching a low of 15 points in the final quarter.

UP NEXT: Ferris State returns home Saturday, Oct. 2 for the first time in two weeks as the Bulldogs host the Findlay Oilers in GLIAC action at FSU's Top Taggart Field. A 7 p.m. (EDT) opening kickoff is scheduled for Ferris' fifth annual Hall of Fame game.

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	Offense-Ryan Kaul, Defense-Rob Mida, Specialty-Matt Desmarais, EPEP-Andrew Terry
Sept. 25	at Mercyhurst	
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Home games listed in **bold**

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