

# Football News Release



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MICHIGAN TECH AT FERRIS STATE

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## GAME FACTS

**MICHIGAN TECH HUSKIES**  
(7-0; 7-0 GLIAC)

**At**  
**FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS**  
(6-2; 6-1 GLIAC)

**KICKOFF:** 2 p.m. (EDT)

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

**TICKET INFORMATION:** \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Free for FSU students with ID. Call (231) 591-2888 for more information.

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

**THE RECORDS:** Ferris State won for the sixth time in its last seven outings with a 17-14 overtime conference victory against Northern Michigan last Saturday (Oct. 16) night at NMU's Superior Dome in Marquette, Mich. The Bulldogs were among 13 other teams receiving votes in this week's American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) poll. A season ago, Ferris posted a 6-5 overall mark and finished tied for fourth place in the GLIAC at 5-5. FSU has now posted a winning season in 11 of its last 16 campaigns. Ferris has won or shared the conference championship six of the last 12 years, including five straight (1992-96).

**Michigan Tech**, which is ranked eighth in this week's AFCA poll, is presently 7-0 both overall and in the GLIAC after rolling to a 54-7 conference victory over nationally-ranked Northwood last Saturday (Oct. 16) at MTU's Sherman Field in Houghton, Mich. Tech is 7-0 for the first time since 1992 and first time ever as a member of the GLIAC. The Huskies were 5-5 both overall and in the GLIAC (fourth-place tie) for the 2003 season.

**THE COACHES:** **FERRIS STATE** – **Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 10th season, 66-41-0 (.617) — (6-3-0 vs. Michigan Tech). Pierce is 34-17-0 (.667) at home, 62-34-0 (.646) in conference games and 25-14-0 (.641) in October during his coaching career. **MICHIGAN TECH** – **Bernie Anderson** (Northern Michigan 1978), 18th season, 85-91-0 (.483) – (4-11-0 vs. Ferris State). Anderson is the dean of GLIAC football coaches and the winningest coach in MTU history.

## 2004 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS

<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>Grand Valley State*</b>	<b>L 6-24</b>
Sept. 4	at Ashland*	W 23-17 OT
<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>Hillsdale*</b>	<b>W 21-7</b>
Sept. 18	at Indianapolis*	W 24-14
Sept. 25	at Mercyhurst*	W 31-28
<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>Findlay* (HF)</b>	<b>W 35-7</b>
Oct. 9	at North Dakota	L 0-45
Oct. 16	at Northern Michigan*	W 17-14 OT
<b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>Michigan Tech* (HC)</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Oct. 30	at Northwood*	12 p.m.
<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>Saginaw Valley State*</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>

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 celebrates its 78th Homecoming this Saturday (Oct. 23) as the Bulldogs entertain the nationally-ranked Michigan Tech University Huskies in a key Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) matchup at Big Rapids, Mich.

**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 his .617 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:** Ferris State and Michigan Tech will square off for the 54th time with MTU holding a 26-23-4 series lead. FSU has won 14 of the last 18 meetings and the Bulldogs are 5-2-0 in their last seven home appearances. In the last six meetings, Ferris has averaged 41.0 points (246 points) to the Huskies' 25.0 points (150 total) for a +16.0 differential. The Bulldogs are 20-5 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 26-23-4		(39-7 – 10/30/76)		1975 MTU 21-9 H	
FSU Scoring Avg.: 19.3 (1025 pts.)		* – FSU home game		1976 MTU 39-7 A	
MTU Scoring Avg.: 20.0 (1061 pts.)				1977 MTU 23-17 H	
Differential: +0.7 (MTU)				1978 FSU 28-7 A	
	1947 FSU 2-0 H			1979 FSU 27-6 H	
	1948 MTU 21-6 H			1980 Tie 7-7 A	
	1949 MTU 28-6 A			1981 FSU 27-6 H	
<b>At Big Rapids:</b> Tied at 11-11-3	1950 MTU 20-6 H			1982 FSU 33-20 A	
<b>At Houghton:</b> MTU leads 15-10-1	1951 MTU 31-6 A			1983 MTU 31-28 H	
<b>At Neutral Sites:</b> FSU leads 2-0-0	1952 MTU 27-6 H			1984 MTU 48-22 A	
<b>First Game:</b> FSU 2, MTU 0*	1953 MTU 12-0 A			1985 FSU 28-7 N	
(10/18/47)	1954 FSU 25-0 H			FSU 21-14 H	
<b>Last FSU Win:</b> 21-14 OT* (10/12/02)	1955 MTU 26-13 A			1986 FSU 55-41 N	
<b>Last MTU Win:</b> 49-30 (10/11/03)	1956 MTU 20-0 H			1987 FSU 27-3 A	
<b>Last Meeting in Big Rapids:</b>	1957 MTU 31-13 A			1988 FSU 21-15 H	
FSU 21, MTU 14* OT (10/12/02)	1958 MTU 35-7 H			1989 FSU 35-20 A	
<b>Current Series Win Streak:</b> 1	1959 MTU 26-7 A			1990 FSU 30-19 A	
(MTU 10/11/03)	1962 FSU 41-0 H			1991 MTU 33-13 A	
<b>Longest Series Win Streak:</b> 7	1963 MTU 8-7 A			1994 FSU 30-19 A	
(FSU 10/19/85 – 9/1/90)	1964 Tie 14-14 H			1995 FSU 38-17 H	
<b>Most Points in a FSU Win:</b> 67	1965 MTU 29-0 A			1996 FSU 31-6 A	
(67-46 – 10/24/98)	1966 Tie 0-0 H			1997 MTU 34-24 H	
<b>Most Points in a MTU Win:</b>	1967 Tie 0-0 H			1998 FSU 67-46 A	
49 (49-30 – 10/11/03)	1968 FSU 6-3 A			1999 FSU 66-7 H	
<b>Most Decisive Score:</b> FSU 59	1969 FSU 9-6 H			2000 MTU 34-27 A	
(66-7* – 10/23/99); MTU 32	1970 MTU 27-0 A			2001 FSU 35-0 H	
	1971 MTU 39-13 H			2002 FSU 21-14† H	
	1972 MTU 41-20 A			2003 MTU 49-30 A	
	1973 Tie 14-14 H				
	1974 MTU 17-0 A				

† – Overtime

**LAST MEETING – 2003:** Michigan Tech celebrated its Homecoming with 521 yards in total offense as the Huskies claimed a 49-30 win over Ferris State in front of 2,554 fans at MTU's Sherman Field in Houghton. Michigan Tech built a 21-3 halftime lead with three second-quarter TD's. MTU's Chris Lomasney scored on a two-yard run at 13:17 and DeVon Allen hauled in a two-yard pass from quarterback Dan Mettlach 2:49 later to give the Huskies a 14-0 advantage. Following FSU kicker Tom Perez's 37-yard field goal with 5:13 left in the quarter, Mettlach scored on a 22-yard run with 48 seconds left. Mettlach would finish with 72 yards rushing and 255 passing yards. In the third quarter, both teams exchanged scores with Mettlach running three yards for a TD at the 8:34 mark before the Bulldogs answered as quarterback Tom Marsan connected with flanker Carlton Brewster on a four-yard TD pass play with 3:54 remaining in the quarter to get within 28-10. Tech proceeded to build a 35-10 advantage by the quarter's 3:35 mark as Brad Ruhanen caught a 65-yard Mettlach pass for a TD. Tailback Derek Fudge, who had 74 yards rushing on 20 carries, scored from three yards out early in the fourth quarter for the Bulldogs to make it 35-17 before MTU tailback Lee Marana answered on the Huskies' next drive with a two-yard TD run. Ferris mounted a comeback with back-to-back passing TD's midway through the fourth to draw within 42-30 as Brewster and flanker Avery Hicks both caught a pair of Marsan TD passes of 13 and 20 yards, respectively, with the latter occurring at 6:24. Ferris State got the ball back just 45 seconds later on an MTU fumble, but the Huskies' defense held on four downs. Mettlach sealed the win with 2:20 remaining on an eight-yard scamper. The Bulldogs rolled up 440 total offensive yards, which included Marsan's 297-yard, three TD passing on a 32-of-51 performance. Brewster led all receivers with 14 receptions for 100 yards and also had seven kickoff returns for 109 yards. Strong safety Vito Ciaramellano claimed a game-high 19 tackles while middle linebacker Luke Piepkow totaled 17 stops. Outside linebacker Kevin Myers also cracked the double-figure tackle column with 16 tackles.

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## 2004 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC				OVERALL			
	W	L	Pct.	PF PA	W	L	Pct.	PF PA
Michigan Tech	7	0	1.000	320 97	7	0	1.000	320 97
Northwood	6	1	.857	306 168	7	1	.875	351 186
Grand Valley State	6	1	.857	256 77	6	1	.857	256 77
<b>Ferris State</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.857</b>	<b>157 111</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>157 156</b>
Saginaw Valley State	5	2	.714	247 118	5	2	.714	247 118
Findlay	3	4	.429	197 175	4	4	.500	237 196
Mercyhurst	3	4	.429	194 240	3	5	.375	208 298
Ashland	2	5	.286	125 190	3	5	.375	173 197
Northern Michigan	2	5	.286	140 233	2	5	.333	140 233
Gannon	2	6	.250	224 312	2	6	.286	224 312
Indianapolis	2	6	.250	180 261	2	6	.286	180 261
Hillsdale	2	6	.250	159 296	2	6	.286	159 296
Wayne State	1	6	.143	69 296	1	6	.167	69 296

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Saginaw Valley State 31, Grand Valley State 20\*  
at Ashland 24, Hillsdale 0\*

Indianapolis 27, at Gannon 24\*  
at Michigan Tech 54, Northwood 7\*  
at Findlay 47, Wayne State 6\*

**Ferris State 17, at Northern Michigan 14 OT\***  
at Southeastern Louisiana 58, Mercyhurst 14

### SATURDAY, OCT. 23

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

**LAST WEEK:** Freshman kicker **Ben Keur (Muskegon/Oakridge)** booted a 44-yard field goal in overtime as Ferris State tallied a 17-14 triumph over Northern Michigan Saturday night to spoil the Wildcats' Homecoming before 4,028 fans at the Superior Dome in Marquette, Mich. The Bulldogs started the extra session with the first series on NMU's 25-yard line and tacked on three points with Keur's 44-yarder. On the Wildcats' series, senior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** intercepted quarterback Kelly Reed's pass along the right sideline at the Ferris two-yard line to preserve the win. The game went to overtime when NMU kicker Thomas Labuz's 26-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right with eight seconds left in regulation. The Wildcats held a 6-0 halftime lead as a result of a 19-yard TD pass from Reed to Vincent Mayfield with 13:56 left in the opening half. However, the Bulldogs stormed out in the second half with 13 unanswered third-quarter points as junior cornerback **Jimmy Skodak (Lennon/Corunna)** fielded the opening kick of the third quarter at the FSU 15-yard line and returned it 85 yards for a TD at the 14:47 mark. FSU went up 14-6 about seven minutes later as senior quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** hit junior flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** in stride at the back of the end zone from 22 yards out to cap a four-play, 33-yard drive. Northern was able to tie the contest with 6:18 remaining in regulation as Reed threw a 24-yard scoring pass to Manuel Diaz and the two-point conversion by Abram McCoy was successful. FSU, which was outgained 418 to 207 yards in total offense, was led offensively by senior tailback **Andrew Terry's (Kentwood/Grand Rapids Creston)** 81 yards rushing on 30 carries. **Brewster** caught four aerials for 50 yards while **Marsan** was nine-of-26 in the passing department for 90 yards. Reed finished with 309 yards on 24-of-44 passing for NMU, which also received an eight catch, 122 receiving yard effort from Diaz. Sophomore middle linebacker **Mike Klobucher's (Grand Haven/North Muskegon)** 15 tackles (eight solos) led the Bulldog defense while senior outside linebacker **Rob Mida (Chelsea)** had 10 stops (eight solos). **Myers** garnered eight tackles to go with the key interception as FSU snapped a two-game series losing skid.

**BULLDOG BITES:** **Andrew Terry** eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing mark this season with his 80-yard effort at Northern Michigan. Terry has a career-high 1,039 yards on 210 attempts this year and is presently 10 yards shy of tying Delbert Littlejohn's 10th-place 1,049-yard season performance in 1990 on FSU's all-time single-season rushing bests.

**Kevin Myers**, a 2004 Harlon Hill Trophy candidate and an unanimous preseason All-America selection by *Street & Smith's*, *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* and *D2Football.com*, reached the 100th single-season tackles mark for the third consecutive year. A 2003 first-team All-American by the Associated Press and the American Football Coaches Association, Myers has compiled 101 total stops (66 solos) in eight

games this fall after racking up 141 (87 solos) in 2003 and 112 (66 solos) in 2002. Myers, who has 403 career stops (240 solos) in 39 outings, is 33 tackles away from moving into a fourth-place tie with Jeff Fisher (1994-97; 436 tackles) among the school's all-time leaders.

Senior outside linebacker **Brad Bigelow's (Alma)** made a career-best seven tackles (three solos) at Northern Michigan to surpass his five stops at North Dakota the previous week (10/9).

Among this week's NCAA Division II national statistics, FSU ranks 34th in scoring defense (19.5 ppg.). Individually, **Carlton Brewster** is fifth in receptions (7.9 rpg.) and sixth in receiving yardage (119.0 ypg.) while ranking 12th in all-purpose yards (163.5 ypg.). **Andrew Terry** is 12th in rushing (129.9) and 35th in all-purpose yards (134.5 ypg.). Defensively, **Kevin Myers** is ninth in solo tackles (6.6 avg.) and tied for 10th in total tackles (11.8 avg.) with **Mike Klobucher**, who listed 14th in solo stops (6.5 avg.). **Jim Skodak** ranks ninth in passes defended (2.9 avg.).

Ferris State improved to 5-1 in all-time overtime contests with the extra-session victory at Northern Michigan and has won five straight to date. The Bulldogs claimed a 23-17 win at Ashland earlier this season (9/4) and won both its overtime encounters in 2002 - 21-14 vs. Michigan Tech (10/12) and 19-13 at Mercyhurst (10/19). FSU concluded its 2001 season with a 16-13 double overtime triumph over Indianapolis (11/10). Ferris' first overtime game was a 56-53 season-finale loss to Grand Valley State in the 1998 season finale (11/14).

Redshirt freshman **Levi Slager's (Polo, Ill.)** 435 yards in punting at Northern Michigan was 29 yards shy of tying a FSU single-game record for most punting yards. The mark is held by Larry Schwartz, who totaled 464 yards on 13 attempts at Central State (Ohio) in 1984 (9/15).

The Bulldogs are a combined 32-10 (.762) in their final three regular-season contests since 1990, including a 15-6 (.714) home ledger. Ferris State is 8-4 (.667) to date starting with the 2000 season, which includes a 2-1-0 mark a season ago.

**HOMEcomings GAMES:** Ferris State is 30-31-2 (.492) in Homecoming contests dating back to 1931 and has won 11 of its last 14, including the last three to date. FSU claimed a 33-7 victory over Mercyhurst last year (10/18) after registering a 21-14 overtime decision against Michigan Tech in 2002 (10/12). The Bulldogs started their current streak with a 35-0 win over MTU in 2001 (10/20). FSU's longest Homecoming win streak is seven games (1990-96) and its longest losing streak is nine (1981-89). Ferris posted a 19-6 win over Albion in its initial Homecoming in 1931 (10/17). The Bulldogs are 2-3-0 (.400) against MTU in such contests.

**UP NEXT:** Ferris State concludes the road portion of its 2004 regular-season schedule next Saturday, Oct. 30, as the Bulldogs face the nationally-ranked Northwood University Timberwolves in GLIAC action at Midland, Mich. A 12 p.m. (EDT) start time is slated at NU's Hantz Stadium.

**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](http://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](http://www.ferris.edu/sports/bulldogwebcasts).

**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
<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>Grand Valley State</b>	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
<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>Hillsdale</b>	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	Offense-Andrew Terry, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Ben Keur, EPEP-Jereld Sawyer
<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>Findlay</b>	Offense-Andrew Terry, Defense-John Hazle, Specialty-Jordan Moore, EPEP-FSU Offense
Oct. 9	at North Dakota	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Kevin Myers, Specialty-Brad Bigelow, EPEP-Mike Klobucher
Oct. 16	at Northern Michigan	Offense-Kevin Teeple, Defense-Rob Mida, Specialty-Ben Keur, EPEP-Kevin Myers
<b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>Michigan Tech</b>	
Oct. 30	at Northwood	
<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>Saginaw Valley State</b>	

Home games listed in **bold**