

Football News Release



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FERRIS STATE AT NORTH DAKOTA

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GAME FACTS

FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS

(5-1; 5-1 GLIAC)

AT

NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING SIOUX

(4-1; 1-1 NCC)

KICKOFF: 2 p.m. (EDT)

STADIUM/SURFACE: Alerus Center
(13,500)/AstroTurf Magic Carpet

RADIO COVERAGE: WBRN-AM (1460).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State extended its present winning streak to five with a 35-7 conference win over Findlay last Saturday (Oct. 2) night at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs are among 16 teams receiving votes in this week's (Oct. 5) AFCA/Division II Coaches Poll with 10 total. A season ago, Ferris posted a 6-5 overall mark and finished tied for fourth place in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic (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 12 years, including five straight (1992-96).

North Dakota, which is listed 11th in this week's (Oct. 5) AFCA/Division II Coaches Poll and 12th in the *D2Football.com* Poll, dropped a 21-17 decision to eighth-ranked St. Cloud State last Saturday (Oct. 2) evening in North Central Conference (NCC) action at SCSU's Husky Stadium in St. Cloud, Minn. The Fighting Sioux were 12-2 overall with a first-place 7-0 NCC mark last season.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 10th season, 65-40-0 (.619) — (0-0-0 vs. North Dakota). Pierce is 31-23-0 (.574) on the road, 5-6-0 (.455) in non-conference games and 24-13-0 (.649) in October contests during his coaching career.

NORTH DAKOTA – Dale Lennon (North Dakota, 1985), 6th season, 52-15-0 (.776); Career – 8th season, 64-24-0 (.727) – (0-0-0 vs. Ferris State). Lennon was the 2003 NCC Coach of the Year and ranks fifth all-time in UND wins.

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*	W 31-28
Oct. 2	Findlay* (HF)	W 35-7
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, which is midst a current five-game winning streak, will square off against the nationally-ranked University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux this Saturday (Oct.9) afternoon in a non-conference encounter at Grand Forks, N.D. The contest represents the first-ever meeting between the two schools. Ferris State is listed eighth in this week's (Oct. 4) NCAA Division II Northwest Regional rankings while North Dakota is fourth.

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 .619 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: This Saturday's contest will mark the first meeting between the two teams. Ferris State is 0-1-0 all-time versus schools from North Dakota after suffering a 1999 (9/2) season-opening 55-35 loss to North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D.

TERRY ETCHES NAME IN NCAA RECORD BOOKS: Senior tailback **Andrew Terry (Kentwood/Grand Rapids Creston)** established a new NCAA Division II single-game rushing record with his 410 yards on 38 carries versus Findlay. Terry eclipsed the previous mark of 405 yards set by Kentucky State's Alvon Brown against Kentucky Wesleyan in 2000 (9/16). Terry finished 31 yards shy of equaling the national rushing record for all divisions held by Dante Brown of D-III Marietta. Brown rolled up 441 net yards on the ground in a 1996 contest (10/5) versus Baldwin-Wallace. Terry's rushing effort in the Findlay contest also represented the sixth-best single-game total in NCAA history. Along with the national mark, Terry also set an all-time game high in both the GLIAC and at Ferris State by bettering Chris Pulliams' 329 against Saginaw Valley State in the 1995 regular-season finale (11/11). Terry netted 256 yards on 21 rush attempts (12.2 ypa.) in the first half alone.

TERRY RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCOLADES: As a result of his record-breaking performance Saturday against Findlay, **Andrew Terry** has been named this week's (Oct. 5) national offensive player of the week by both *D2Football.com* and *Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette*. Terry was among four individuals named offensive player of the week by *Hansen's Football Gazette*. Terry, who currently ranks 14th among FSU's all-time rushing leaders with 1,314 career yards (42.4 ypg.) in 31 games, is 28 yards shy of tying Lou Melchiorre (1990-93; 1,342 yds.) for 13th place.

NON-CONFERENCE GAMES: The Bulldogs are 5-5 (.500) in non-conference contests dating back to 1990 and have won their last two outings to date both against Hillsdale, which is a fellow GLIAC member. Ferris halted a four-game non-league losing skid in 2002 (9/7) with a 33-21 home triumph over the Chargers and then won a 25-20 decision at Hillsdale in 2003 (9/6). The two schools competed against one another for two consecutive seasons due to an unbalanced league schedule. Since 1990, FSU is 4-4 (.500) on the road as seven of its last eight non-conference games have been away from Big Rapids.

ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA: The Fighting Sioux have competed in the NCAA Division II Championship game two of the last three years, which includes a 10-3 setback to Grand Valley State last season (12/13) at Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence, Ala. In 2001 (12/8), UND claimed a 17-14 victory over Grand Valley State to claim the national championship title. Junior linebacker Digger Anderson, a 2003 first-team All-American by *D2Football.com* and *Daktronics*, is the team's top tackler leader this season with 41 stops in five games. The UND presently ranks third nationally in total defense (235.2 ypg.), fourth in scoring defense (10.8 ypg.), fifth in rushing defense (61.0 ypg.) and 14th in pass efficiency defense (89.4 rating pts.). Offensively, the Fighting Sioux are 34th in rushing offense (201.6 ypg.) with senior running back Adam Roland's 108.0 yards per game ranking 27th highest. Junior kicker Jeff Glas, who was a *Football Gazette* All-America honorable mention honoree last season, ranks third among UND's all-time field goal leaders and is ninth nationally this week in field goals made per game (1.4 avg.).

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	5	0	1.000	237 93	6	0	1.000	282 111
Michigan Tech	5	0	1.000	205 67	5	0	1.000	205 67
Grand Valley State	5	0	1.000	178 39	5	0	1.000	178 39
Ferris State	5	1	.833	140 97	5	1	.833	140 97
Saginaw Valley State	4	1	.800	201 76	4	1	.800	201 76
Findlay	2	3	.400	124 127	3	3	.500	164 148
Gannon	2	4	.333	179 223	2	4	.333	179 223
Mercyhurst	2	4	.333	172 225	2	4	.333	172 225
Hillsdale	2	4	.333	152 214	2	4	.333	152 214
Ashland	1	4	.200	74 155	2	4	.333	122 162
Northern Michigan	1	4	.200	91 189	1	4	.200	91 189
Wayne State	1	4	.200	40 188	1	4	.200	40 188
Indianapolis	0	6	.000	111 211	0	6	.000	111 211

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Saginaw Valley State 62, Indianapolis 14*
 Grand Valley State 34, at Wayne State 0*
 Mercyhurst 25, at Ashland 14*
 Michigan Tech 38, at Gannon 24*
at Ferris State 35, Findlay 7*
 Northwood 56, at Hillsdale 21*

SATURDAY, OCT. 9

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

LAST WEEK: Ferris State tailback **Andrew Terry** ran for a NCAA Division II single-game record 410 yards in guiding the Bulldogs to their fifth straight victory with a 35-7 triumph over the Findlay Oilers Saturday evening before 1,990 fans at FSU's Top Taggart Field. The contest also represented Ferris' fifth annual Hall of Fame game. The hosts jumped out to a 21-0 lead after the opening quarter and never looked back. Terry's 82-yard TD scamper gave FSU a 7-0 advantage at 13:06 into the first quarter. The Bulldogs then completed a 12-play, 80-yard drive when senior tight end **Nate Wruble (Harbor Beach)** hauled in a 10-yard TD pass from junior quarterback **Ryan Kaul (Clarkston)** with 6:38 left in the opening stanza. FSU proceeded to increase its margin by three scores with 2:58 remaining in the stanza on **Kaul's** three-yard keeper to claim a 21-0 halftime advantage. The Bulldogs continued their offensive onslaught in the second half, hitting paydirt at 12:39 into the third quarter as **Kaul** hit junior tight end **Ryan Fritz (Elkton/Piegon Laker)** on a four-yard TD pass to make it 28-0. Findlay avoided the shutout when quarterback Kevin Crooks hooked up with wide receiver Brian Wolters on a 12-yard TD pass play with 5:36 left in the frame. However, Ferris countered minutes later as **Kaul** hit junior flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** on a 27-yard aerial for the game's final score. The Bulldogs, due primarily to the exploits of **Terry**, wound up with 568 yards in total offense while Findlay accumulated a 326-yard total. **Kaul** had 96 yards on nine-of-12 passing while **Brewster's** 47 yards was tops among the Bulldogs' receivers. For the Oilers, Crooks was 18-of-30 in passing for 153 yards while running back Michael Simpson had 123 rushing yards and wideout Robby Rouault caught seven passes for 47 yards. Defensively for Ferris State, senior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** totaled a game-high 14 tackles (eight solo) along with a pass interception while senior outside linebacker **Rob Mida (Chelsea)** chipped in with 10 stops. Senior strong safety **Jason Davis (Howard City/Tri-County)** and sophomore middle linebacker **Mike Klobucher (Grand Haven/North Muskegon)** both had eight tackles apiece. Senior defensive end **Jesse Schnitker (Manton)** also notched a pass theft.

TERRY NAMED GLIAC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK: **Andrew Terry** has been chosen as this week's Wilson/GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week for his NCAA-II record 410 yards rushing against Findlay. Terry, who earned the weekly conference honor for the first time in his career, joins senior defensive tackle **Whitney Bell (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area)** as this season's recipients of the GLIAC Player of the Week Award.

BULLDOG BITES: • Ferris State's 5-1 start this season represents its best since 1999 when the Bulldogs lost their season opener at North Dakota State (9/2) before winning their next five contests. FSU went on to register a 7-3 overall record and were GLIAC co-champions with a 7-2 league

mark.

• FSU's present five-game winning string represents its longest since 1999 when the Bulldogs won five consecutive games before suffering a 26-22 homecoming conference loss to Ashland (10/16). The longest streak is 12 contests which occurred in the 1995 campaign as Ferris won its initial 12 outings before falling to 1995 NCAA-II National Champion North Alabama, 45-7, in the semifinal round (12/2) of the national playoffs in Florence, Ala.

• **Andrew Terry** has ran for 100-yard plus yards in his last four outings to date and is averaging 208 yards a game (832 total yds.) with five TD's in that span.

• The Bulldogs are averaging 242.0 yards rushing in their three home encounters this fall with 726 yards on 131 attempts. Conversely, FSU has averaged 155.7 yards on the ground (130-467) in its three away contests.

Andrew Terry has ran for 602 yards and two TD's on 91 carries (220.7 ypg.) at home compared to 335 yards with four TD's on 76 attempts (111.7 ypg.) in his three road outings this season.

• **Nate Wruble**, a four-year letterwinner (2000-04) on the FSU men's basketball team, tallied his first collegiate TD with a 10-yard catch versus Findlay. Wruble had two receptions for a season-best 19 yards in the game.

• Among this week's NCAA Division II national leaders, Ferris State ranks 22nd in scoring defense (16.2 ppg). **Carlton Brewster** is second in both receptions (8.3 rpg.) and receiving yardage (129.5 ypg.) while ranking 11th in all-purpose yards (172.0 ypg.). **Andrew Terry** is sixth in rushing (156.2) and 17th in all-purpose yards (160.3 ypg.). **Ryan Kaul** is listed 29th in passing efficiency (139.3). Defensively, **Kevin Myers** is 11th in total tackles (11.8 avg.) and 16th in solo stops (6.3 avg.). **Mike Klobucher** ranks 23rd in total tackles (11.0 avg.) while **Whitney Bell** is 28th in pass sacks (0.8 avg.) and 34th in tackles for loss (1.6 avg.). **Jim Skodak** is seventh in passes defended (2.0 avg.).

• **Kevin Myers**, a preseason All-America selection by *Street & Smith's*, *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* and *D2Football.com*, has moved into seventh place among FSU's all-time tackles leaders with 380 career stops (225 solos) in 37 contests. Myers, who's averaging 10.3 career tackles an outing to date, is four stops shy of tying Scott Renner's (1977-79) sixth-place 384 career total. A 2003 first-team All-American by the *Associated Press* and American Football Coaches Association, Myers has currently registered 20 double-figure tackle game performances in his career.

• FSU's 472 yards rushing on 59 team attempts against Findlay represents a new school mark, surpassing the 417 yards set at Illinois-Chicago in 1973 (10/19).

• The Bulldogs have posted a 50-19-1 (.721) record in their final five regular-season contests per season since 1990. Ferris has went 3-2 in each of its last two seasons to date.

• Ferris State snapped its three-game Hall of Fame game losing skid with the 35-7 triumph over Findlay Saturday evening in its fifth annual contest. FSU, which is 2-3 in such outings to date, notched a 51-30 win against Wayne State in its inaugural encounter (9/23/00).

UP NEXT: Ferris State resumes GLIAC play next Saturday, Oct. 16, as the Bulldogs go up against the Northern Michigan Wildcats at the Superior Dome in Marquette, Mich. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. (EDT).

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	Offense-Andrew Terry, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Ben Keur, EPEP-Jereld Sawyer
Oct. 2	Findlay	Offense-Andrew Terry, Defense-John Hazle, Specialty-Jordan Moore, EPEP-FSU Offense
Oct. 9	at North Dakota	
Oct. 16	at Northern Michigan	
Oct. 23	Michigan Tech	
Oct. 30	at Northwood	
Nov. 6	Saginaw Valley State	

Home games listed in **bold**

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