

Football News Release



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**FERRIS STATE AT NORTHERN MICHIGAN
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GAME FACTS

**FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS
(5-2; 5-1 GLIAC)**

AT

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN WILDCATS
(2-4; 2-4 GLIAC)**

KICKOFF: 7 p.m. (EDT)

STADIUM/SURFACE: Superior Dome
(8,000)/AstroTurf

RADIO COVERAGE: WBRN-AM (1460).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State had its five-game winning streak snapped with a 45-0 non-conference loss to nationally-ranked North Dakota last Saturday (Oct. 9) at UND's Alerus Center in Grand Forks, N.D. 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).

Northern Michigan, which has currently won two of its last three games, posted a 35-27 come-from-behind conference victory over Ashland last Saturday (Oct. 9) at NMU's Superior Dome in Marquette, Mich. The Wildcats are both 1-2 at home and on the road this season. NMU compiled a 3-8 overall mark with a 10th-place 3-7 league record last season. Northern was 2-3 at home and 1-4 in away outings a season ago.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 10th season, 65-41-0 (.613) — (6-3-0 vs. Northern Michigan). Pierce is 31-24-0 (.564) on the road, 61-34-0 (.642) in conference games and 24-14-0 (.632) in October contests during his coaching career.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN – Doug Sams (Oregon State, 1978), 3rd season, 11-17-0 (.393); Career - 14th season, 69-69-0 (.500) – (2-0-0 vs. Ferris State). Sams spent 10 years as head coach at Fairmont State (W.Va.) and registered a 53-47-0 coaching mark.

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	L 0-45
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 resume Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play this Saturday, Oct. 16, evening versus the Northern Michigan University Wildcats in Marquette, 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 .613 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: Northern Michigan leads 13-11-6 in a series which started in 1946. Ferris State has won nine of the last 12 meetings, but has dropped the last two. The Bulldogs are averaging 26.7 points (267 pts.) per game in the last 10 contests while NMU scored 20.6 points (206 pts.) an outing during that span. FSU is averaging 23.4 points (117 pts.) while the Wildcats have averaged 20.0 (100 pts.) in the last five meetings in Marquette. Fifteen of the 30 meetings have been decided by 15 points or more and the Bulldogs are 8-7-0 in those games.

NMU leads 13-11-6	(NMU 10/20/56 – 9/30/89)	1954 Tie 13-13 A
FSU Scoring Avg.: 18.2 (545 pts.)	Most Points in a FSU Win: 47	1955 FSU 27-6 H
NMU Scoring Avg.: 18.5 (555 pts.)	(47-0 – 10/2/93)	1956 NMU 19-0 A
Differential: +0.3 (NMU)	Most Points in a NMU Win:	1957 NMU 20-7 H
At Marquette: NMU leads 8-4-3	80 (80-14 – 10/2/82)	1982 NMU 80-14 A
At Big Rapids: FSU leads 7-5-3	Most Decisive Score: FSU 47	1987 NMU 29-14 H
First Game: FSU 7, NMU 7*	(47-0 – 10/2/93); NMU 66 (80-14	1988 NMU 24-22 A
(10/26/46)	– 10/2/82)	1989 NMU 19-14 H
Last FSU Win: 7-6 (10/27/01)	* – Denotes FSU home game	1990 Tie 14-14 H
Last NMU Win: 26-14 (9/20/03)		1991 NMU 27-17 A
Last Meeting in Marquette:		1992 FSU 23-12 H
NMU 17, FSU 3 (9/21/02)		1993 FSU 47-0 A
Current Series Win Streak: 2		1994 FSU 41-21 H
(NMU 9/21/02 – 9/20/03)		1995 FSU 41-27 A
Longest Series Win Streak: 6		1996 FSU 38-33 H
	1946 Tie 7-7 H	1997 NMU 23-21 A
	1947 Tie 14-14 A	1998 FSU 29-19 H
	1948 Tie 0-0 A	1999 FSU 45-27 A
	1949 NMU 21-6 H	2000 FSU 28-7 H
	1950 NMU 13-6 A	2001 FSU 7-6 A
	1951 Tie 7-7 H	2002 NMU 17-3 A
	1952 NMU 34-19 A	2003 NMU 26-14 H
	1953 FSU 7-2 H	

LAST MEETING – 2003: Tailback Derek Fudge rushed for a game-high 167 yards and accounted for both Ferris State scores, but the Bulldogs turned the ball over seven times as Northern Michigan registered a 26-14 victory in FSU's annual Hall of Fame game at Top Taggart Field. Following a scoreless first quarter, NMU claimed a 10-0 second-quarter lead with two minutes left in the opening half on a two-yard quarterback keeper by Kyle Swenor, who passed for 130 yards. A 43-yard Kyle Marotz field goal earlier had given the Wildcats a 3-0 advantage. Ferris finally struck with only 12 seconds remaining in the quarter when Fudge caught a one-yard TD slant pass from sophomore quarterback Ryan Kaul, who came in relief of starting junior signal-caller Tom Marsan. However, Northern quickly answered on the ensuing kickoff with a 30-yard return and a Bulldog penalty, which eventually resulted in Marotz's 50-yard field goal as time expired. Trailing 13-7 going into the third quarter, Fudge gave Ferris its first and only lead (14-13) by breaking loose for an 87-yard TD run with 3:53 left in the stanza. Unfortunately, FSU's lead stood until 14:56 left in the game when NMU's Abram McCoy scored from a yard out to put the Wildcats up 19-14. A three-yard run by Corey Woods at the 9:23 mark sealed the Northern victory. Ferris outgained NMU 388 to 277 yards in total offense, but the Bulldogs' offensive output was nullified by seven turnovers which included a conference-record tying six pass interceptions. For FSU, Kaul was 15-of-36 in passing for 159 yards while Marsan had 54 yards through the air. Middle linebacker Luke Piepkow garnered a team-high 13 tackles while outside linebacker Kevin Myers notched 12 stops. Defensive tackle Whitney Bell tallied 11 tackles and free safety Rich Dosh contributed with 10 hits.

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	6	0	1.000	299 114	7	0	1.000	344 132
Michigan Tech	6	0	1.000	266 90	6	0	1.000	266 90
Grand Valley State	6	0	1.000	236 46	6	0	1.000	236 46
Ferris State	5	1	.833	140 97	5	2	.714	140 142
Saginaw Valley State	4	2	.667	216 98	4	2	.667	216 98
Mercyhurst	3	4	.429	194 240	3	4	.429	194 240
Findlay	2	4	.333	150 169	3	4	.429	190 190
Northern Michigan	2	4	.333	126 216	2	4	.333	126 216
Gannon	2	5	.286	200 285	2	5	.286	200 285
Hillsdale	2	5	.286	159 272	2	5	.286	159 272
Ashland	1	5	.167	101 190	2	5	.286	149 197
Wayne State	1	5	.167	63 249	1	5	.167	63 249
Indianapolis	1	6	.143	153 237	1	6	.143	153 237

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

at Northwood 62, North 21*
 at Northern Michigan 35, Ashland 27*
 at Michigan Tech 61, Wayne State 23*
 at Mercyhurst 22, Saginaw Valley State 15*
 at Indianapolis 42, Findlay 26*
at North Dakota 45, Ferris State 0
 at Grand Valley State 58, Hillsdale 7*

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

Grand Valley State at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m.
 Hillsdale at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Gannon*, 1 p.m.
 Northwood at Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m.
 Wayne State at Findlay*, 6 p.m.
Ferris State at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Southeastern Louisiana, 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Nationally-ranked North Dakota scored 31 first-half points and went on to snap Ferris State's five-game winning streak with a 45-0 non-conference triumph Saturday (Oct. 9) afternoon before 9,212 fans at UND's Alerus Center in Grand Forks, N.D. The Fighting Sioux generated 376 yards of total offense, including 213 in the air to defeat FSU in the first-ever meeting between the two schools. UND, which limited the Bulldogs to one net yard rushing, got on the scoreboard at the first quarter's 10:40 mark on fullback David Wisthoff's three-yard TD reception from quarterback Chris Belmore. Then, at 2:03 of the opening frame, tight end Trevor Mielke caught a five-yard Belmore strike to give the Sioux a 14-0 advantage after the opening period. In the second quarter, North Dakota struck again at 12:55 as Wisthoff tallied his second TD on a 17-yard Belmore pass. Belmore added another touchdown pass with 4:46 remaining in the first half as he hit wideout Weston Dressler on a 13-yard scoring pass. North Dakota also tallied a 31-yard field goal from kicker Jeff Glas with 25 seconds left in the half to cap a seven-play, 28-yard march and give the hosts a 31-point edge. After a scoreless third quarter, North Dakota totaled 14 fourth-quarter points to secure the victory. Wide receiver Lee Groeschl caught a four-yard TD pass from backup quarterback Reed Manke with 6:30 remaining and then running back Demitrius Charles scored on a five-yard run with only 1:50 left to account for the final margin. The Bulldogs posted 198 total offensive yards to go with 12 first downs in the contest. Senior tailback **Andrew Terry**

(**Kentwood/Grand Rapids Creston**) was limited to only 21 rushing yards on 13 carries while junior quarterback **Ryan Kaul (Clarkston)** was 16-of-30 passing for 180 yards. Junior flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** caught nine passes for 126 yards to lead all receivers. Senior split end **Andy Thwaites (Stanton/Central Montcalm)** had 30 yards in receiving on four catches. North Dakota's Dan Grossman recorded eight grabs for 50 yards and Dressler registered four catches for 37 yards as Belmore connected on 21-of-29 passing attempts for 163 yards. Brandon Strouth led the Sioux ground game with 66 yards on 18 carries. Senior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** chalked up a game-high 15 tackles (10 solos) while sophomore middle linebacker **Mike Klobucher (Grand Haven/North Muskegon)** made 13 stops (11 solos), which included three tackles for minus eight yards. Senior outside linebacker **Rob Mida (Chelsea)** picked up seven tackles (all solos) and had two tackles for a loss of 10 yards.

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State has recorded nine pass interceptions this season for zero yards with redshirt freshman cornerback **LaMar Williams (Flint/Northern)** three thefts leading the way after notching one at North Dakota. The Bulldogs totaled 13 interceptions for 131 yards in 11 contests last season.



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*GLIAC Game
 All Times are Eastern



Ferris State's **Andrew Terry** is averaging 170.6 yards per game rushing in his last five outings with 853 total yards on the ground during that span. He's seven yards away from tying Lou Melchiorre (1990-93) for 13th place among FSU's all-time leading rushers. Terry has 1,335 career yards on 266 rush attempts while Melchiorre ran for 1,342 yards on 363 career carries.

Ferris State's **Carlton Brewster** is 83 receiving yards shy of tying Levi Baker (1993-96) for fifth place among FSU's all-time receiving leaders. Brewster has totaled 1,936 career receiving yards on 152 catches in 28 contests while Baker produced 2,019 yards on 137 career receptions. Brewster's 126 receiving yards at North Dakota marked his fifth 120-yard plus receiving game performances this season.

Ferris State's senior outside linebacker **Brad Bigelow's (Alma)** five tackles (all solos) at North Dakota represents a personal career high, bettering his three stops at Ashland earlier this campaign (9/4).

Among this week's NCAA Division II individual leaders, **Carlton Brewster** is second in receptions (8.4 rpg.) and third in receiving yardage (129.0 ypg.) while ranking 10th in all-purpose yards (171.6 ypg.).

Andrew Terry is 10th in rushing (136.9) and 31st in all-purpose yards (142.3 ypg.). Defensively, **Kevin Myers** is sixth in total tackles (12.3 avg.) and seventh in solo stops (6.9 avg.). **Mike Klobucher** ranks 16th in total tackles (11.3 avg.) and 17th in solo tackles (6.3 avg.). **Jim Skodak** is 10th in passes defended (1.9 avg.).

Ferris State's **Kevin Myers**, a preseason All-America selection by *Street & Smith's*, *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* and *D2Football.com*, is 41 tackles away from moving into a fourth-place tie with Jeff Fisher (1994-97) among the school's all-time tackles leaders. Myers has 395 career stops (235 solos) in 38 outings to Fisher's 436 career tackles (227 solos). A 2003 first-team All-American by the *Associated Press* and American Football Coaches Association, Myers' 15 tackles at North Dakota was his fifth double-digit tackle game effort this fall and the 21st of his career. Myers, who had a career-high 26 tackles in this season's opener against Grand Valley State (8/28), has averaged 20.5 tackles (41 total) versus the top two 2003 NCAA Division II teams in Grand Valley State and North Dakota.

FSU had its five-game winning streak snapped with the loss at North Dakota. The Bulldogs' victory string represented the longest since 1999 when Ferris won five straight before being dealt a 26-22 home conference loss by Ashland (10/16).

Prior to the 45-0 defeat at North Dakota, the last time Ferris State was held scoreless dates back to 1989 (10/7) when Grand Valley State notched a 28-0 road win in Big Rapids.

Ferris has compiled a 7-4-0 record in its last 11 Upper Peninsula appearances since 1993. The Bulldogs lost a 49-30 decision at Michigan Tech last season (10/11) after suffering a 17-3 setback at Northern Michigan in 2002 (9/21).

Senior quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)** is averaging 153.0 passing yards (459 total yds.) in his three appearances against Northern Michigan, which includes 247 yards (18-30) in 2001.

UP NEXT: Ferris State celebrates its 78th Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 23, as the Bulldogs host the nationally-ranked Michigan Tech Huskies in conference play. Game time is set for 2 p.m. (EDT) at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

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	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-Kevin Myers, Specialty-Brad Bigelow, EPEP-Mike Klobucher
Oct. 16	at Northern Michigan	
Oct. 23	Michigan Tech	
Oct. 30	at Northwood	
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