

Football News Release



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FERRIS STATE AT NORTHWOOD
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GAME FACTS

FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS
(6-3; 6-2 GLIAC)

At

NORTHWOOD TIMBERWOLVES
(8-1; 7-1 GLIAC)

KICKOFF: 12 p.m. (EDT)

STADIUM/SURFACE: Hantz Stadium (3,000)
/Natural Grass.

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

LAST WEEK: Ferris State suffered a 28-6 loss to nationally eighth-ranked Michigan Tech last Saturday (Oct. 23) in FSU's 78th Homecoming contest at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. Ferris sports a 4-1 road ledger to date this campaign. 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).

Northwood, which is ranked 13th in this week's American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) poll, registered a 35-14 conference victory over nationally 10th-ranked Grand Valley State last Saturday (Oct. 23) night at GVSU's Lubbers Stadium in Allendale, Mich. NU started out this season winning its first seven contests and is 3-0 at home this fall. A season ago, the Timberwolves finished 6-5 overall with a third-place 6-4 GLIAC mark. Ferris State and Northwood both tied for the conference title in 1999 with 7-2 league records.

THE COACHES: FERRIS STATE – **Jeff Pierce** (Ferris State, 1979), 10th season, 66-42-0 (.611) — (7-2-0 vs. Northwood). Pierce is 32-24-0 (.571) at home, 62-35-0 (.639) in conference games and 25-15-0 (.625) in October during his coaching career. **NORTHWOOD** – **Pat Riepma** (Hillsdale, 1983), 12th season, 65-57-2 (.532) – (2-9-0 vs. Ferris State). Riepma is a four-time GLIAC Coach of the Year recipient and the second all-time winningest coach in NU history.

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*	W 17-14 OT
Oct. 23	Michigan Tech* (HC)	L 6-28
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 close out the road portion of its 2004 regular-season schedule this Saturday (Oct. 30) as the Bulldogs face the nationally-ranked Northwood University Timberwolves in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) matchup at Midland, 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 maintains a 16-14-0 series lead over Northwood in a series which commenced in 1972. FSU has won 14 of the last 17 meetings, including 10 of the past 12 contests after NU was victorious in 11 of the previous 13 games. Ferris is averaging 37.5 points per game (450 total) in its last 12 contests to Northwood's 21.0 (252 total) for a +16.5 point margin. The Bulldogs are 5-2 in their last seven outings at NU and have averaged 34.3 points a game (240 total) while the Timberwolves have scored at an 18.7 points per contest (131 total) clip. Ferris is 12-9 (.571) all-time in meetings decided by 11 points or more (7-5 on the road) and is 4-5 (.444) in contests determined by 10 points or less (1-3 on the road).

Ferris State leads 16-14-0

FSU Scoring Avg.: 25.7 (770 pts.)

NU Scoring Avg.: 20.9 (627 pts.)

Differential: +4.8 (FSU)

At Midland: Tied at 8-8-0

At Big Rapids: FSU leads 8-6-0

First Game: FSU 20, NU 3*

(10/28/72)

Last FSU Win: 40-16* (10/4/03)

Last NU Win: 41-24 (10/5/02)

Last Meeting in Midland:

NU 41, FSU 24 (10/5/02)

Current Series Win Streak: 1

(FSU 10/4/03)

Longest Series Win Streak: 6

(NU 1973-78) & (FSU 1992-97)

Most Points in a FSU Win: 56

(56-14 – 10/21/95)

Most Points in a NU Win:

41 (41-24 – 10/5/02)

Most Decisive Score: FSU 42

(56-14 – 10/21/95); NU 27 (51-24

– 10/28/89)

* – Denotes FSU home game

1981 NU 13-10 A

1982 NU 27-14 H

1983 NU 38-14 A

1984 NU 21-0 H

1985 FSU 38-20 A

1986 FSU 35-29 H

1987 FSU 43-13 A

1988 FSU 37-6 H

1989 NU 51-24 A

1992 FSU 33-10 A

1993 FSU 47-0 A

1994 FSU 52-16 H

1995 FSU 56-14 A

1996 FSU 40-24 H

1997 FSU 31-17 A

1998 NU 35-21 A

1999 FSU 46-36 H

2000 FSU 28-14 A

2001 FSU 32-29 H

2002 NU 41-24 A

2003 FSU 40-16 H

LAST MEETING – 2003: Ferris State recorded a 40-16 conference win over Northwood under the lights at FSU's Top Taggart Field. Bulldog tailback Derek Fudge rushed for a game-high 163 yards and scored on TD runs of two, one and six yards to pace Ferris State, which outgained the Timberwolves 406 to 269 yards in total offense. Defensively, the Bulldogs held NU to 79 yards passing and forced five turnovers, including intercepting four passes. A 40-yard TD pass from quarterback Tom Marsan to split end Jesse Porter, who had two receptions for 47 yards, at the 2:07 first-quarter mark gave Ferris a 6-0 lead which they never relinquished. The Bulldogs widened their lead at 12-0 with 27 seconds remaining in the opening quarter as middle linebacker Luke Piepkow picked up a Timberwolves' fumble and lateraled to outside linebacker Kevin Myers, who dashed 40 yards for a TD. NU narrowed the margin to 12-3 on a 36-yard field goal with six minutes left in the half. The Bulldogs netted the first half's last score as Fudge scored on a two-yard TD run to give FSU a 19-3 halftime advantage. Northwood pulled to within 19-9 on a one-yard TD run for the only third-quarter points. But, the Timberwolves would get no closer as the Bulldogs tallied 21 fourth-quarter points to take a 40-9 lead. A pair of Fudge TD's along with a 13-yard interception return by defensive tackle Whitney Bell accounted for the Bulldogs' final-quarter points. A NU three-yard TD run with 53 ticks left accounted for the final score. Marsan completed 10-of-16 passes for 144 yards while flanker Carlton Brewster caught three aeriels for 49 yards. Tailback Andrew Terry ran for 72 yards in a supporting role. Piepkow recorded a game-high 13 tackles while outside linebacker Mike Klobucher, defensive end Jesse Schnitker and free safety Rich Dosh each had 10 stops. Defensive end John Hazle notched nine tackles and Myers had nine hits along with a pass theft.

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2004 GLIAC STANDINGS

	GLIAC					OVERALL				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Michigan Tech	8	0	1.000	348	103	8	0	1.000	348	103
Northwood	7	1	.875	341	182	8	1	.889	386	200
Saginaw Valley State	6	2	.750	289	125	6	2	.750	289	125
Grand Valley State	6	2	.750	270	112	6	2	.750	270	112
Ferris State	6	2	.750	163	139	6	3	.667	163	184
Findlay	4	4	.500	210	181	5	4	.556	250	202
Mercyhurst	4	4	.500	218	261	4	5	.444	232	319
Ashland	3	5	.375	153	211	4	5	.444	201	218
Northern Michigan	2	6	.250	147	275	2	6	.250	147	275
Hillsdale	2	6	.250	159	296	2	7	.222	172	311
Gannon	2	7	.222	230	325	2	7	.222	230	325
Indianapolis	2	7	.222	201	285	2	7	.222	201	285
Wayne State	1	7	.125	90	324	1	7	.125	90	324

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Ashland 28, at Wayne State 21*
 at Saginaw Valley State 42, Northern Michigan 7*
 at Mercyhurst 24, Indianapolis 21*
Michigan Tech 28, at Ferris State 6*
 Tiffin (Ohio) 15, at Hillsdale 13
 at Findlay 13, Gannon 6*
 Northwood 35, at Grand Valley State 14*

SATURDAY, OCT. 30

Saginaw Valley State at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m.
Ferris State at Northwood*, 12 p.m.
 Findlay at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
 Wayne State at Gannon*, 1 p.m.
 St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Indianapolis, 2 p.m.
 Mercyhurst at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m.
 Grand Valley State at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Ferris State dropped its 78th Homecoming contest last Saturday afternoon as the Bulldogs fell to nationally eighth-ranked Michigan Tech, 28-6, at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. FSU trailed throughout the contest as Michigan Tech scored 14 first-quarter points and never looked back. The Huskies tallied at 4:57 left in the first quarter on a quarterback Dan Mettlach 29-yard TD pass to wide receiver Kirk Williams. Then, MTU went up by two TD's on tailback Lee Marana's one-yard run with 39 seconds remaining in the frame. Ferris was able to get on the board at the second quarter's 14:49 mark when junior flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** made a spectacular one-handed catch of junior quarterback **Ryan Kaul's (Clarkston)** pass near midfield and raced in for the score to complete a 67-yard TD pass play. The extra-point kick attempt by freshman kicker **Ben Keur (Muskegon/Oakridge)** was blocked. FSU had reached the Huskies' 23-, 20- and 39-yard lines on three subsequent second-quarter possessions but failed to score. The second half was a battle for field position until the Huskies converted early in the fourth quarter (13:07) as a MTU interception set up a two-yard TD run by Marana. The Huskies then iced the game by completing a 13-play, 80-yard drive which culminated when Marana ran into the end zone from two yards out with 5:25 left to go in the contest. Ferris State was outgained 363 to 202 yards in total offense as the Huskies limited the Bulldogs to 47 yards rushing. **Brewster** led FSU with a game-high eight receptions for 125 yards and **Kaul** completed 12-of-34 passes for 155 yards. On defense, sophomore middle linebacker **Mike Klobucher (Grand Haven/North Muskegon)** totaled 16 tackles and senior outside linebacker **Rob Mida (Chelsea)** had 12. Senior defensive tackle **Whitney Bell (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area)** chipped in with nine stops while senior outside linebacker **Kevin Myers (Midland)** claimed eight hits. For Tech, Marana finished the game with 233 yards on 42 carries while Mettlach completed 11-of-20 aerials for 129 yards. Kirk Williams was Mettlach's favorite target with six receptions for 93 yards.

BULLDOG BITES: • With his game-high 16 tackles against Michigan Tech, **Mike Klobucher** has now compiled double-digit tackles in eight of the Bulldogs' nine games this season. He's averaging 14.7 tackles per game (44 total) in his last three outings to date.

• Senior defensive end **John Hazle's (St. Johns)** two pass sacks for minus 13 yards versus Michigan Tech moved him into a 12th-place tie with David Sall (1976-79) among FSU's all-time sacks leaders. Hazle has posted 17.0 career sacks for a loss of 113 yards while Sall garnered a 62-yard loss total.

• Senior tailback **Andrew Terry (Kentwood/Grand Rapids Creston)** is one yard shy of tying for 10th place on the school's single-season rushing leaders list with John Hogarth. Terry has a ran for a career-best 1,098 yards on 229 carries in nine games this year while Hogarth generated

1,099 yards on 196 rush attempts in 1971.

• The Bulldogs' 11 pass interceptions this season is two shy of equalling last season's output in 11 outings. Ferris has notched a pass theft in each of its last six contests to date with a combined eight total interceptions.

• FSU's two top tackles leaders this season, **Mike Klobucher** and **Kevin Myers** have combined for 31.4% (228-727) of the team's total tackles production with Klobucher having a team-leading 119 tackles and Myers tallying a 109 total stops.

• Junior flanker **Carlton Brewster (Grand Rapids/Creston)** recorded his sixth 100-yard plus receiving game effort this season with a 125-yard performance vs. Michigan Tech. Brewster is within 165 yards of tying Andre Johnson (1986-89) for fourth place among FSU's all-time receiving leaders and presently has 2,111 career receiving yards on 164 catches in 30 games. Johnson amassed 2,276 career receiving yards on 138 grabs.

• Senior outside linebacker **Brad Bigelow (Alma)** registered his first career pass interception last Saturday against MTU and tallied a 13-yard return. He also contributed with four tackles in the contest.

• Ferris State dropped to 30-32-2 (.484) in Homecoming games and had its three-game Homecoming winning string halted with the setback to Michigan Tech. The Bulldogs have won 11 of their last 15 Homecoming encounters to date.

• Sophomore defensive end **Jereld Sawyer (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area)** tied his season high with six tackles vs. MTU, which matched his game total at Mercyhurst (9/25). He had a combined five total tackles in eight games a season ago.

• Junior free safety **Jason Machalak (Clinton Township/Clintondale)** turned in a career-high six stops against Michigan Tech. His previous game best was two stops on three occasions

• Among this week's NCAA Division II statistical leaders, **Carlton Brewster** ranks fifth in both receptions (7.9 rpg.) and receiving yardage (119.8 ypg.) while being listed 17th in all-purpose yards (160.1 ypg.). **Andrew Terry** is 16th in rushing (122.0). Defensively, **Mike Klobucher** is seventh in total tackles (12.2 avg.) and 11th in solo stops (6.7 avg.) while **Kevin Myers** is 16th in total tackles (11.3 avg.) and 22nd in solo stops (6.1 avg.). **Jim Skodak** ranks 20th in passes defended (1.6 avg.).

Season Road Finales: The Bulldogs are 27-25-1 (.519) in regular-season road finales since 1950 and have won 11 of their last 12 outings, which includes a 17-10 conference win at Ashland last season (11/8). In 1991 (11/16), FSU dropped a 16-10 decision at St. Joseph's (Ind.).

UP NEXT: Ferris State concludes its 2004 regular season next Saturday, Nov. 6, hosting the nationally-ranked Saginaw Valley State Cardinals in the conference finale. Opening kickoff is set for 1 p.m. (EDT) at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

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.

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	Offense-Kevin Teeple, Defense-Rob Mida, Specialty-Ben Keur, EPEP-Kevin Myers
Oct. 23	Michigan Tech	Offense-Carlton Brewster, Defense-John Hazle, Specialty-Dan Boulter EPEP-Mike Klobucher
Oct. 30	at Northwood	
Nov. 6	Saginaw Valley State	

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