

## 2008 INFORMATION

### FERRIS STATE FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

**Location:** Big Rapids, Michigan 49307-2741  
**Founded:** 1884  
**Enrollment:** 13,087  
**Nickname/Colors:** Bulldogs/Crimson and Gold  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division II  
**Conference:** Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic (GLIAC)  
**President:** Dr. David L. Eisler (Michigan, 1972)  
**Athletics Director:** Tom Kirinovic (Ferris State, 1977)  
**Associate Athletics Director:** TBA  
**Director of Athletics Development:** Tarrance Price  
**Athletics Department Office:** (231) 591-2860  
**Athletics Department FAX:** (231) 591-2869  
**Coordinator of Records and NCAA:** Carma Burcham  
**Faculty Athletics Representative:** Dr. Terry Nerbonne  
**Head Coach:** Jeff Pierce  
**Alma Mater:** Ferris State, 1979  
**Year Entering/Record (FSU/Career):** 14th/84-59-0 (84-59-0)  
**Office Phone/E-Mail:** (231) 591-2864/piercej@ferris.edu  
**Best Time/Day to Reach Coach Pierce:** 9-11 a.m./Mon.-Thur.  
**Assistant Coaches:** **Duane Wilson** (Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator & Linebackers); **Matt McCarthy** (Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks & Wide Receivers); **Eric Ravellette** (Offensive Line & Recruiting Coordinator); **Chris Reese** (Defensive Backs & Video Coordinator); **Whitney Bell** (Defensive Line); **Allen Curtiss** (Special Teams Coordinator & Running Backs); **Rick Williams** (Kickers & Punters)  
**Volunteer Assistant Coaches:** **Max Huntoon** (Wide Receivers Assistant), **Bob Maynard** (Defensive Line Assistant), **Phil Fortier** (Offensive Line Assistant)  
**Team Building Coordinator/Chaplain:** Mike Wissink  
**Athletic Trainers:** Dave Lucey, ATC; Tim Glover, ATC  
**Equipment Manager:** Ben Mumah, E.M.,C.  
**Home Field (Capacity/Year Built):** Top Taggart Field (6,200/1957)  
**Field Surface:** Artificial Turf (Mondo Ecofill)  
**Press Box Phone:** (231) 591-2217/2143  
**2007 Overall Record:** 7-4-0 (4-2-0 home, 3-2-0 road)  
**2007 Conference Record (Finish):** 6-4-0 (T4th) (3-2-0 home, 3-2-0 road)  
**Offensive System/Defensive System:** Spread/4-3  
**Letterwinners Returning:** 51 (Offense-25, Defense-25, Specialty-1)  
**Offensive Starters Returning/Lost:** 7/5  
**Defensive Starters Returning/Lost:** 8/3  
**Specialty Starters Returning/Lost:** 2/0  
**First Year of Football/All-Time Record:** 1900/360-403-40 (.473)  
**All-Time Bowl/Playoff Record:** 5-5  
**Years in Post-Season Play:** 5  
**Last Post-Season Appearance:** 1996  
**Result:** Quarterfinals – Lost to Clarion, Pa. (23-21)  
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**ON THE COVER:** Ferris State returns five 2007 All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) honorees for the 2008 campaign. Pictured are senior defensive tackle Jake Visser (First Team), senior linebacker Kevin Noe (Second Team), senior cornerback Terrell Heggins (Second Team), senior kicker/punter Jim Yates (Second Team) and senior linebacker Jordan Moore (Honorable Mention).

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### FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

INFORMATION ON ALL FSU TEAMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE BULLDOGS'  
 OFFICIAL ATHLETICS WEBSITE: [www.ferris.edu/sports](http://www.ferris.edu/sports)

### MEDIA SERVICES

#### GENERAL SERVICES

Your hosts at Top Taggart Field and for all Ferris State University Athletics events are **Joe Gorby**, athletics communications director, and **Rob Bentley**, assistant athletics communications director. Depth charts, rosters, souvenir programs and game notes will be available prior to each game with a complete statistical package provided upon the contest's conclusion. Complimentary beverages and food will be served.



JOE GORBY



ROB BENTLEY

#### PRESS BOX

Ferris State's working facilities are located on the third level of the Wheeler Pavilion, which is on west side of Top Taggart Field. **A reminder that no cheering**

*will be tolerated in the press box area.*

#### CREDENTIALS

Scouting and media credentials must be reserved in advance by contacting the FSU Athletics Communications Office. Upon acceptance, appropriate credentials will be held for pick-up at the ticket booth located on the west side of the Wheeler Pavilion. No one will be admitted to the press box who isn't in an official capacity.

#### INTERVIEWS

Ferris State student-athletes and coaches will be available for interviews no earlier than 10-15 minutes following the game's conclusion. Interviews will be conducted on the third level of the Wheeler Pavilion. Interviews with student-athletes during the week, whether in person or by telephone, should be arranged through the FSU Athletics Communications Office as far in advance as possible, to fit around practice and class schedules. Head coach Jeff Pierce may be reached at (231) 591-2864 between 9-11 a.m. (ET), Monday through Thursday.