



2008 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE SOFTBALL

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On Deck

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University softball team will play eight games in a five-day period this week, beginning Wednesday (April 7) with a non-conference doubleheader against the Wayne State University Warriors at the FSU Softball Field in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs then travel to Ohio this weekend (April 11-13) for six contests. Ferris takes on the Tiffin University Dragons this Friday (April 11) in a non-league twinbill at Tiffin, Ohio. The Bulldogs then resume Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action on Saturday (April 12) going up against the Findlay Oilers in Findlay, Ohio. FSU wraps up the week's play this Sunday (April 13) facing the Ashland University Eagles in another GLIAC doubleheader at Ashland, Ohio.

ALL-TIME SERIES: The Bulldogs have compiled the following all-time records versus this week's opponents.

Wayne State – 38-82-0
Tiffin – 2-2-0
Findlay – 19-4-0
Ashland – 22-14-0

THE COACHES: **Ferris State** – Keri Becker (Saginaw Valley State, 1995), 11th season, 329-218-1 (.601); **Wayne State** – Gary Bryce, 27th season; **Tiffin** – Brian Campbell, 8th season; **Findlay** – Ron Ammons, 6th season; **Ashland** – Sheilah Gulas, 12th season.

BECKER VS. THE OPPOSITION: 22-23-0 vs. Wayne State, 2-2-0 vs. Tiffin, 19-4-0 vs. Findlay, 22-12-0 vs. Ashland.

A SEASON AGO: Ferris State compiled a 1-3 mark against Wayne State last season with the lone triumph coming in a 4-0 decision at the Wayne State Invitational (March 24). The Bulldogs were 4-0 versus Findlay, which included a home series sweep (April 15) as the Bulldogs prevailed 8-0 in six innings for the opener and 10-0 in five frames in game two. FSU also registered a pair of victories over Ashland (April 16) at home, winning 5-3 and 10-2 in six innings.

LIVE STATS ON THE WEB: Live in-game statistics via CSTV's GameTracker for all 2008 Ferris State home games is available and can be accessed at this website address:

http://www.ferris.edu/sports/softball/2008sked.htm.

☛ **36th Season** – The 2008 campaign represents the 36th season of varsity competition for the Ferris State Softball program. The Bulldogs

Games 26-33 ▲ 2008 SEASON

are 686-625-3 overall (.523) since the program's inception in 1973. During that period, FSU has compiled 15 20-plus win seasons, including three consecutive (1997-99) 40 or more victory campaigns.

☛ **Career Best** – Junior first baseman **Amanda Jager's** (Kalamazoo/Comstock) team-high 10 doubles in 24 games this spring represents a career season high, eclipsing her eight doubles in 41 contests a season ago.

☛ **Getting Offensive** – Ferris State has registered a .328 batting average (103-314) in its last 12 outings to date with a .481 slugging percentage as the Bulldogs are averaging 7.25 runs per game (87 total) during that span.

☛ **Quick Starters** – The Bulldogs have produced 61.8% (81-131) of their scoring output this season in the first three innings, which includes a 41-to-24 first-inning advantage.

☛ **Nine Is Fine** – Junior pitcher **Sarah Mueller** (Santa Clarita, Calif./Valencia) became the ninth hurler in Ferris State annals to notch at least 30 career victories and her 31 career wins to date is the sixth most total in the program's history. Mueller is two wins shy of moving into a tie for fourth place with Sharon Stickney (1979-81) and Amy Kilbourn (1992-95), who each chalked up 33 career decisions.

☛ **Her First** – Sophomore pitcher **Rhea Flores** (Dearborn Heights/Southgate Anderson) earned her first collegiate win in the Bulldogs 13-2 home win over Cornerstone (4/7). Flores, who made her third appearance of this season in the contest, fanned five batters and allowed six hits in the five-inning non-league encounter.

☛ **Upcoming Milestone** – Senior third baseman **Katie Kraai** (Zeeland) is only two more doubles away from tying Anne Bentley's (1997-00) school-record 43 career doubles. Kraai, who has nine second-base hits this spring, is presently tied with Jody Gifford (1996-99) for second place on the all-time charts. Kraai amassed a career season-high 14 doubles a season ago.

2008 GLIAC SOFTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL

SCHOOL (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)	PTS
1. Wayne State (4)	.94
2. Grand Valley State (4)	.89
3. Ferris State (1)	.79
Gannon (2)	.79
5. Ashland	.63
6. Saginaw Valley State	.54
7. Northwood	.49
8. Mercyhurst	.39
9. Hillsdale	.27
10. Findlay	.20
11. Lake Superior State	.12

2008 Schedule/Results

16-9-0 OVERALL; 7-1-0 GLIAC		
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
3/8	vs. St. Joseph's (Ind.)*	W 4-3 (8)
	vs. Northern Kentucky*	W 10-2 (5)
3/9	vs. Shippensburg (Pa.)*	L 2-0
	vs. Minnesota State*	W 3-2
3/10	vs. Upper Iowa*	L 10-9 (9)
	vs. Pfeiffer (N.C.)*	W 4-3 (8)
3/12	vs. American International (Mass.)*	L 5-3 (8)
	vs. C.W. Post (N.Y.)*	L 9-0 (5)
	vs. Indianapolis*	L 7-1
3/13	vs. SIU-Edwardsville*	L 5-4 (8)
	vs. Southern Indiana*	W 4-1
3/14	vs. Wisconsin-Parkside*	L 5-2
	vs. Central Missouri*	L 3-0
3/15	vs. St. Xavier (Ill.)*	W 8-4
	vs. New Haven (Conn.)*	W 8-0
3/22	at Wayne State Invitational▲	Cancelled
3/26	Aquinas (DH)	Cancelled
3/29	Gannon* (DH)	W 4-2, W 5-0
3/30	Mercyhurst* (DH)	W 5-0, W 10-0 (5)
4/5	at Northwood* (DH)	W 14-6 (5), W 9-5
4/6	at Saginaw Valley State* (DH)	L 2-3, W 4-3 (8)
4/7	Cornerstone (DH)	W 5-0, W 13-2 (5)
4/9	Wayne State* (DH)	4 p.m.
4/11	at Tiffin (DH)	4 p.m.
4/12	at Findlay* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/13	at Ashland* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/16	Grand Valley State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/19	at Lake Superior State* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/22	at Northwood (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/25	Wayne State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/26	Hillsdale* (DH)	1 p.m.
5/2-4	at GLIAC Tournament♣	TBA
5/8-12	at NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional	TBA
5/15-19	at 27th Annual NCAA-II Championships♦	TBA

All starting times are Eastern and subject to change
Home games in **bold** and played at the
FSU Varsity Softball Field

NOTE – All dates are doubleheaders
except tournaments

* – Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) game

✳ – Florida Rebel Tournament - Kissimmee, Fla.

♣ – Currie Stadium - Midland, Mich.

♦ – Houston, Texas

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2008 GLIAC STANDINGS



THROUGH GAMES OF APRIL 7

TEAM	GLIAC		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Wayne State	8-0	1.000	20-9	.690
Ferris State	7-1	.875	16-9	.640
Grand Valley State #9	6-2	.750	21-8	.724
Saginaw Valley State	5-3	.625	19-9	.697
Ashland	4-4	.500	13-11	.542
Northwood	3-5	.375	13-16	.448
Hillsdale	3-5	.375	7-19	.269
Findlay	3-5	.375	5-18	.217
Gannon	2-6	.250	20-14	.588
Lake Superior State	2-6	.250	6-20	.231
Mercyhurst	1-7	.125	14-18	.438

➤ **National Rankings** – The Bulldogs are ranked 12th among the national leaders in doubles per game (1.79 avg.) thru games of April 6 and are listed 55th in earned run average (2.25). Individually, **Amanda Jager** ranks 14th in doubles (0.43), 18th in on-base percentage (.544), 39th in walks (0.61), and 42nd in slugging percentage (.721). **Katie Kraai** is 57th in doubles per contest (0.35).

➤ WHERE THEY PRESENTLY RANK AMONG FERRIS STATE'S CAREER LEADERS:

BATTING LEADERS		
PLACE	TOTAL	YEARS
GAMES PLAYED		
17T.	174	Katie Kraai 2005-
BATTING AVERAGE (MIN. 200 AT BATS)		
8	.321	Amanda Jager 2006-
9.	.314	Sarah Mueller 2006-
16T.	.296	Krystle Bailey 2006-
HITS		
13.	142	Katie Kraai 2005-
RUNS BATTED IN		
7.	88	Katie Kraai 2005-
20.	58	Krystle Bailey 2006-
21.	57	Sarah Mueller 2006-
22T.	56	McKenzie West 2006-
24.	53	Amanda Jager 2006-
DOUBLES		
2T.	41	Katie Kraai 2005-
14T.	26	Sarah Mueller 2006-
14T.	26	McKenzie West 2006-
17T.	22	Amanda Jager 2006-
22.	20	Krystle Bailey 2006-
HOME RUNS		
5T.	11	Amanda Jager 2006-
7T.	10	Katie Kraai 2005-
7T.	10	McKenzie West 2006-
12T.	7	Sarah Mueller 2006-
STOLEN BASES		
17.	19	Sarah Mueller 2006-
PITCHING LEADERS		
PLACE	TOTAL	YEARS
COMPLETE GAMES		
8.	41	Sarah Mueller 2006-
INNINGS PITCHED		
9.	335.0	Sarah Mueller 2006-
WINS		
6.	31	Sarah Mueller 2006-
14.	21	Holly Brunbjerg 2007-
SHUTOUTS		
4.	12	Sarah Mueller 2006-
14.	6	Holly Brunbjerg 2007-
STRIKEOUTS		
8.	189	Sarah Mueller 2006-
11T.	156	Holly Brunbjerg 2007-
18.	86	Amanda Jager 2006-
APPEARANCES		
10.	57	Sarah Mueller 2006-



FSU'S 2008 BREAKDOWN

Overall	16-9
Home	6-0
Away	3-1
Neutral	7-8
vs. Ranked Teams	0-2
Non-Conference Record	9-8
Tournament Games	0-0
Day Games	16-9
Night Games	0-0
Following wins	10-5
Following losses	5-4
One-Run Games	4-3
Two-Run Games	1-2
Three-Run+ Games	11-4
Extra Innings	3-3
In International Tiebreaker	3-3
Doubleheader Games	9-1
FSU scores first	9-4
Opponent scores first	7-5
FSU hits a home run	5-3
FSU doesn't hit a home run	11-6
Not committing an error	3-1
Committing 1 error	5-2
Committing 2+ errors	8-6
Scoring 0-2 runs	0-4
Scoring 3-5 runs	9-2
Scoring 6-9 runs	3-1
Scoring 10+ runs	4-0
More runners left on base	10-4
Runners left on base are equal	0-0
Leading after five innings	12-3
Tied after five innings	0-0
Trailing after five innings	4-5
Tied going into last inning	3-1
Outhitting the opposition	11-1
Same hits as the opposition	3-0
Outhit by the opposition	2-7
10+ hits	5-2
Monday	3-1
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	0-3
Thursday	1-1
Friday	0-2
Saturday	8-0
Sunday	4-2
March	11-8
April	5-1
May	0-0
Last five games	4-1
Last 10 games	9-1
Current streak	Won 3
vs Northern Sun Conf.	0-1
vs Great Lakes Valley Conf.	2-2
vs North Central Conf.	1-0
vs East Coast Conf.	1-1
vs Northeast 10 Conf.	0-1
vs Pennsylvania State Athletic Conf.	0-1
vs Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conf.	4-0
vs. Conference Carolinas	1-0
vs. Mid-America Intercollegiate	0-1
vs. Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conf.	1-0
vs. Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conf.	2-0



HEAD COACH KERI BECKER



The all-time winningest coach in Ferris State Softball program history, **Keri Becker** is presently midst her 11th season at FSU.

Entering the 2008 season, Becker ranked tied for 50th place among NCAA-II active coaches in winning percentage (.599).

Despite being unable to coach in the 2003 season, Becker was voted the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (GLIAC) Coach of the Year for the second time in her career after receiving the honor in her first season (1997) at Ferris. She missed the entire 2003 campaign due to active United States Army duty in late February 2003 in support of Operating Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

During her tenure at FSU, Becker has guided the Bulldogs to a GLIAC Championship title (2000), a GLIAC Co-Championship title (2005), two (2000 & 2005) GLIAC Tournament championships and a pair (1998-99) of NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional crowns. Ferris made consecutive appearances (1998-99) in the NCAA-II National Championship Tournament. She also directed the 1999 squad to a school single-season record 46 victories.

Under Becker, Ferris State has accumulated seven winning seasons while making four NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament appearances. The Bulldogs qualified for the 2007 regional tourney and prevailed in its opening two post-season contests en route to finishing the season with a 31-17 overall record.

A 1995 graduate of Saginaw Valley State, Becker enjoyed a stellar softball career at SVSU in which she earned all-conference first-team kudos four consecutive seasons and was a two-time academic all-league selection as a four-year starter. Prior to Ferris, she served two seasons (1995-96) as an assistant coach at SVSU.

BECKER YEAR-BY-YEAR

SEASON	GP	W	L	T	PCT.
1997	60	40	20	0	.667
1998	61	44	17	0	.721
1999	64	46	18	0	.719
2000	51	33	18	0	.647
2001	45	22	23	0	.489
2002	45	16	29	0	.356
2003	*Leave of absence due to military commitment				
2004	46	24	21	1	.533
2005	51	31	20	0	.608
2006	52	26	26	0	.500
2007	48	31	17	0	.646
2008	25	16	9	0	.640
TOTALS	548	329	218	1	.601

BECKER'S RECORD BREAKDOWN

YEAR	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
1997	0-0	17-8	21-10	2-2
1998	1-1	10-5	23-7	10-4
1999	0-0	19-7	16-6	11-5
2000	0-0	15-8	14-10	4-0
2001	0-0	6-12	16-9	0-2
2002	0-0	6-10	7-17	3-2
2003	*Leave of absence due to military commitment			
2004	0-0	4-13-1	20-8	0-0
2005	0-0	7-7	19-11	5-2
2006	0-4	12-8	14-12	0-2
2007	0-0	14-9	16-4	3-4
2008	0-0	11-8	5-1	0-0
TOTALS	1-5	118-95-1	171-95	38-23

CAREER TOTAL – 329-218-1

HOME – 94-36-0

AWAY – 73-58-1

NEUTRAL – 162-124-0