



2009 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE SOFTBALL

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On Deck

THIS WEEK: The nationally-ranked Ferris State University softball team continues Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action this week with six conference contests. The Bulldogs visit the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals this Wednesday (April 1) at University Center, Mich. Ferris State then hosts the Lake Superior State Lakers this Saturday (April 4) at the FSU Softball Field in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs wrap up this week's action on Sunday (April 5) versus the Northwood Timberwolves in Midland, Mich.

☛ **National Ranking** – Ferris State ranks seventh in the latest 2009 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) NCAA Division II Top 25 Poll, which was released Wednesday (April 1). The Bulldogs earned 274 points in the poll after garnering a sixth-place 283 points in the prior poll (3/25). Ferris had been listed seventh in the previous two polls (3/11 & 18).

All-Time Series: The Bulldogs have compiled the following all-time records versus this week's opponents.

Saginaw Valley State – 36-45-0; **Lake Superior State** – 67-18-0; **Northwood** – 50-39-1

The Coaches: **Ferris State** – Keri Becker (Saginaw Valley State, 1995), 12th season, 364-229-1 (.614); **Saginaw Valley State** – Everett Roper, 2nd season; **Lake Superior State** – Don Myers, 20th season; **Northwood** – Meaggan Pettipiece, 3rd season.

Becker vs. The Opposition: Saginaw Valley State – 20-13-0; Lake Superior State – 25-1-0; Northwood – 27-18-0

A Season Ago Against This Week's Foes: Ferris State went 2-2 against Saginaw Valley State. The Bulldogs split a regular-season doubleheader at SVSU (April 6), losing 3-2 in game one before registering a 4-3 triumph in the eight-inning second game. The Cardinals then bested the Bulldogs at the 2008 GLIAC Tournament (May 7) in Midland, Mich., with a 10-4 win. However, Ferris avenged the loss at the 2008 NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional (May 7) in Edwardsville, Ill., by notching a 1-0 victory. FSU compiled a 2-0 record versus Lake Superior State as the Bulldogs swept the Lakers in a regular-season league doubleheader at Big Rapids. Ferris posted a 13-0 win in a five-inning tilt and racked up a 15-2 five-inning decision over the LSSU in the nightcap. Ferris State produced a 3-1 mark against Northwood, which featured a regular-season conference sweep at Midland (April 5) as the

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Bulldogs prevailed 14-6 in five innings and 9-5 in the second game. The two teams met again later in the month (April 22) and split a non-league twinbill at Midland. FSU claimed a 9-2 win in the opener before being dealt a 4-3 loss by the Timberwolves in game two.

Live Stats On The Web: Live in-game statistics via CSTV's GameTracker for all 2009 Ferris State home games is available and can be accessed at this website address:

<http://www.ferris.edu/sports/softball/2009sked.htm>

☛ **37th Season** – The 2009 campaign represents the 37th season of varsity competition for the Ferris State Softball program. The Bulldogs are presently 721-636-3 overall (.531) since the program's inception in 1973. During that period, FSU has compiled 16 20-plus win seasons, including three consecutive (1997-99) 40 or more victory campaigns.

☛ **Swinging A Hot Stick** – Sophomore outfielder **Rachel Wade (Canton)** is batting a .571 average (8-14) in her last four games to date. Wade went 3-of-3 at the plate with two RBIs in game one at Cornerstone (3/26) and then turned in a 4-for-5 hitting effort which featured the game-winning RBI in the Bulldogs' 3-2 league-opening 11-inning win against Grand Valley State on Monday (3/30) in FSU's home opener.

☛ **Third Frame** – FSU has scored a team-leading 23 runs in the third inning alone this spring and has outscored its opponent 23-2 to date this season. Ferris holds a 19-6 advantage in the fourth frame as the Bulldogs have generated 85 runs this campaign for a 4.7 runs average per encounter. A season ago following its initial 18 appearances, FSU totaled 74 runs for a 4.1 average a game.

☛ **Did You Know?** – Ferris State is 11-2 this season when not registering a home run in a contest. However, the Bulldogs are 3-0 when posting one roundtripper and 2-0 when notching at least two homers in an outing.

2009 GLIAC SOFTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL

SCHOOL (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)	PTS
1. Ferris State (6)	.78
2. Wayne State (2)	.72
3. Saginaw Valley State (2)	.67
4. Grand Valley State	.55
5. Ashland	.53
6. Northwood	.37
7. Tiffin	.29
8. Hillsdale	.25
9. Findlay	.20
10. Lake Superior State	.14

2009 Schedule/Results

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
2/28-3/1	at Kentucky Wesleyan Great Lakes Challenge▲	Cancelled
3/7	vs. Northern Kentucky*	W, 5-2
	vs. Quincy*	W, 4-2
3/8	vs. Northern State (S.D.)*	W, 7-0
	vs. Stonehill (Mass.)*	W, 5-4
3/9	vs. Southern Indiana*	W, 6-1
	vs. Indianapolis*	W, 2-1
3/10	vs. St. Cloud State*	W, 5-1
	vs. Fayetteville State (N.C.)*	W, 5-3
3/12	vs. Upper Iowa*	W, 3-1
	vs. Northern Kentucky*	L, 0-5
3/13	vs. Minnesota Duluth*	W, 3-0
	vs. Minnesota Duluth*	W, 2-1
3/14	vs. Concordia (Minn.)*	L, 2-3
	vs. Dowling (N.Y.)*	W, 8-0
3/26	at Cornerstone (DH) W 10-1 (5)/W 16-3 (5)	
3/29	Grand Valley State* (DH) W 3-2 (11)/ W 6-1	
4/1	at Saginaw Valley State* (DH) 3:30 p.m.	
4/4	Lake Superior State* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/5	at Northwood* (DH)	12 p.m.
4/8	Northwood* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/10	Findlay* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/11	Hillsdale* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/14	at Grand Valley State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/18	at Tiffin* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/19	at Ashland* (DH)	12 p.m.
4/22	Lake Superior State* (DH)	3:30 p.m.
4/25	Saginaw Valley State* (DH)	1 p.m.
4/26	Wayne State* (DH)	12 p.m.
5/1-3	at GLIAC Tournament♣	TBA
5/8-10	at NCAA-II Regional	TBA
5/15-16	at NCAA-II Super Regional	TBA
5/21-25	at 28th 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.

♦ – Salem, Va.



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2009 GLIAC STANDINGS



THROUGH GAMES OF MARCH 31

TEAM	GLIAC		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Saginaw Valley State	6-0	1.000	19-5	.792
Ashland	6-0	1.000	18-6	.750
Ferris State #7	2-0	1.000	16-2	.889
Wayne State	2-0	1.000	15-7	.682
Grand Valley State	2-2	.500	22-7	.759
Tiffin	3-3	.500	12-8	.600
Hillsdale	2-4	.333	8-10	.444
Findlay	1-5	.167	12-7	.632
Lake Superior State	0-4	.000	6-21	.222
Northwood	0-6	.000	6-14	.300

➤ **National Statistical Rankings** – The Bulldogs rank sixth nationally in both earned run average (1.05) and winning percentage (.875) among the NCAA-II national statistical leaders thru games of March 29. FSU is listed 61st in stolen bases (1.25), 93rd in scoring (4.75), and 98th in home runs per game (0.5). **Sarah Mueller** ranks seventh in doubles per game (0.5) while **Amanda Jager** is listed 41st in walks (0.63).

➤ **FERRIS STATE'S CAREER LEADERS:**

PLACE	TOTAL	GAMES PLAYED		YEARS
BATTING LEADERS				
20.	165	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
26.	154	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
28.	151	Amanda Jager	2006-	
BATTING AVERAGE (MIN. 200 AT BATS)				
8.	.317	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
10T.	.312	Amanda Jager	2006-	
15.	.301	Amanda Harrington	2007-	
HITS				
11.	157	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
14.	146	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
25.	120	Amanda Jager	2006-	
RUNS BATTED IN				
12.	81	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
13.	79	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
14.	78	Amanda Jager	2006-	
DOUBLES				
4.	40	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
16T.	27	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
18.	26	Amanda Jager	2006-	
24.	19	Amanda Harrington	2007-	
HOME RUNS				
3.	16	Amanda Jager	2006-	
9.	9	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
14T.	7	Krystle Bailey	2006-	
16T.	6	Amanda Harrington	2006-	
16T.	6	Rhea Flores	2006-	
STOLEN BASES				
11.	28	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
PITCHING LEADERS				
COMPLETE GAMES				
2T.	53	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
11.	32	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
INNINGS PITCHED				
4.	451.0	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
10.	323.2	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
WINS				
3.	44	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
5T.	33	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
SHUTOUTS				
2T.	16	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
5T.	11	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
STRIKEOUTS				
3.	255	Sarah Mueller	2006-	
6.	237	Holly Bruntjens	2007-	
18.	86	Amanda Jager	2006-	



2009 STATS BREAKDOWN

Overall	16-2
Home	2-0
Away	2-0
Neutral	12-2
vs. Ranked Teams	0-0
Non-Conference Record	14-2
Tournament Games	0-0
Day Games	16-2
Night Games	0-0
Following wins	13-2
Following losses	2-0
One-Run Games	5-1
Two-Run Games	3-0
Three-Run+ Games	8-1
Extra Innings	1-0
In International Tiebreaker	1-0
Doubleheader Games	6-0
FSU scores first	13-0
Opponent scores first	3-2
FSU hits a home run	5-0
FSU doesn't hit a home run	9-2
Not committing an error	5-0
Committing 1 error	5-0
Committing 2+ errors	6-2
Scoring 0-2 runs	10-0
Scoring 3-5 runs	3-2
Scoring 6-9 runs	1-0
Scoring 10+ runs	2-0
More runners left on base	8-1
Runners left on base are equal	4-1
Leading after five innings	12-0
Tied after five innings	3-0
Trailing after five innings	1-2
Tied going into last inning	4-0
Outhitting the opposition	12-1
Same hits as the opposition	3-0
Outhit by the opposition	1-1
10+ hits	4-0
Monday	4-0
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	0-0
Thursday	3-1
Friday	2-0
Saturday	3-1
Sunday	2-0
March	16-2
April	0-0
May	0-0
Last five games	5-0
Last 10 games	8-2
Current streak	Won 5
vs Northern Sun Conf.	5-1
vs Great Lakes Valley Conf.	4-1
vs East Coast Conf.	1-0
vs Northeast 10 Conf.	1-0
vs Pennsylvania State Athletic Conf.	0-0
vs Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conf.	2-0
vs. Conference Carolinas	0-0
vs. Mid-America Intercollegiate	0-0
vs. Central Intercollegiate Athletic Assoc	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 12th season at FSU.

Entering the 2009 season, Becker ranked 50th place among NCAA-II active coaches in both winning percentage (.605) and victories (348). Becker was tabbed as the 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (GLIAC) Coach of the Year and also was honored as the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's (NFCA)/NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region Coaching Staff of the Year.

Despite being unable to coach in the 2003 season, Becker was voted the GLIAC Coach of the Year 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), two GLIAC Co-Championship titles (2005 & 2008), two (2000 & 2005) GLIAC Tournament championships, and three (1998-99, 2008) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional crowns. Ferris State made consecutive appearances (1998-99) in the NCAA-II National Softball Tournament. She also directed the 1999 squad to a school single-season record 46 victories.

Under Becker, Ferris State has accumulated eight winning seasons while making five NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament appearances. The Bulldogs won the 2008 Great Lakes Regional and went on to finish tied for fifth place at the NCAA-II National Softball Championships.

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				
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	53	35	18	0	.660
2009	18	16	2	0	.889
TOTALS	594	364	229	1	.614

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			
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	16-6	8-4
2009	0-0	16-2	0-0	0-0
TOTALS	1-5	134-97-1	182-100	46-27

CAREER TOTAL – 364-229-1

HOME – 103-37-0; AWAY – 79-62-1;

NEUTRAL – 182-130-0

