



2009 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE SOFTBALL

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On Deck

THIS WEEK: The nationally-ranked Ferris State University softball team will play six Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) outings at home this week, starting with this Wednesday's (April 8) doubleheader versus the Northwood Timberwolves at the FSU Softball Field in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs then entertain the Findlay Oilers this Friday (April 10) in a conference twinbill before hosting the Hillsdale Chargers in a tw-game set this Saturday (April 11) to conclude the week's action on the diamond.

• **National Ranking** – Ferris State were ranked seventh in the latest 2009 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) NCAA Division II Top 25 Poll, which was released last 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.

Northwood – 50-39-1; **Findlay** – 20-5-0; **Hillsdale** – 46-30-0

The Coaches: **Ferris State** – Keri Becker (Saginaw Valley State, 1995), 12th season, 369-230-1 (.616); **Northwood** – Meaggan Pettipiece, 3rd season; **Findlay** – Ron Ammons, 7th season; **Hillsdale** – Jamie Meyers, 2nd season.

Becker vs. The Opposition: Northwood – 29-18-0; Findlay – 20-5-0; Hillsdale – 17-10-0

Against This Week's Opposition: Ferris State is 2-0 against Northwood this season following a pair of road wins last Sunday (4/5) at Midland, Mich. Ferris State registered a 3-1 mark a season ago against the Timberwolves. FSU compiled a 1-1 record against Findlay last season (4/12), winning 8-2 in the opener before suffering a 7-6 game-two setback at Findlay, Ohio. The Bulldogs posted a 2-0 mark against Hillsdale last season (4/26) after notching 5-0 and 8-6 home victories over the Chargers.

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 726-637-3 overall (.533) since the program's inception in 1973. During that period, FSU

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has compiled 16 20-plus win seasons, including three consecutive (1997-99) 40 or more victory campaigns.

• **Perfect Start** – Junior pitcher **Kayle Stevenson (Holland/West Ottawa)** is 6-0 in the circle this season with a team-leading 0.35 earned run average (two earned runs allowed) in 40.1 innings. Stevenson has fanned a squad second-most 34 batters and limited the opposition to a .173 team batting average in eight outings. Last season, she posted a 3-1 mark with a 1.78 earned run average (10 earned runs allowed) in 39.1 innings during her 16 appearances.

• **No Place Like Home** – Freshman third baseman **Makenzi Peterson (Big Rapids)** is batting a team-high .636 average in the Bulldogs' four home contests this season with seven hits in 11 at bats. Peterson also leads FSU in slugging percentage (.818) and on-base percentage (.692) to go with a team-high tying three multiple-hit games.

• **Just Two More** – Senior first baseman **Amanda Jager (Kalamazoo/Comstock)** is two home runs away from tying Emily McLean (2003-06; 19 home runs) for second place among Ferris State's all-time home runs leaders. Jager has currently smacked 17 career roundtrippers in 157 games, which includes a pair of four-base hits this spring.

• **Six Straight** – Ferris State has already reached the 20-win plateau this season with a 6-1 triumph at Northwood (April 5). The Bulldogs, who are currently 21-3 overall this campaign, have now generated at least 20 single-season victories the last six consecutive seasons (2004-09).

• **Multiple-Hits Leader** – Junior designated player **Rhea Flores (Dearborn Heights/Southgate Anderson)** has amassed a team-leading seven multiple-hit games in 21 contests this season, which includes six two-hit game performances. Flores produced four multi-hit game efforts in 32 outings a season ago. Flores' 24 hits in 72 at bats to date this spring marks a career season best, eclipsing her 21 hits in 73 official plate appearances for the 2008 campaign.

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) W 5-2, L 4-5	
4/4	Lake Superior State* (DH) W 6-3, W 7-2	
4/5	at Northwood* (DH) W 6-1, W 4-0	
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 APRIL 6

TEAM	GLIAC		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Saginaw Valley State	11-1	.917	24-6	.800
Ferris State #7	7-1	.875	21-3	.875
Wayne State	7-1	.875	20-8	.714
Ashland	8-2	.800	20-8	.714
Grand Valley State	7-3	.700	27-8	.771
Tiffin	4-6	.400	13-11	.542
Hillsdale	4-8	.333	10-14	.417
Northwood	3-9	.250	9-17	.346
Findlay	1-9	.100	14-11	.560
Lake Superior State	0-12	.000	6-29	.171

• **National Statistical Rankings** – The Bulldogs are listed fifth nationally in both earned run average (1.01) and winning percentage (.875) among the NCAA-II national statistical leaders thru games of April 5. FSU is listed 49th in doubles (1.5), 81st in home runs (0.58), 84th in triples (0.21), 88th in scoring (4.88), and 91st in slugging percentage (.421). **Shannon Roney** ranks 23rd in saves (2.0) while **Holly Bruntjens** is 25th in sacrifice flies (3.0).

• **FERRIS STATE'S CAREER LEADERS:**

PLACE	TOTAL	YEARS	
BATTING LEADERS			
GAMES PLAYED			
20.	171	Krystle Bailey	2006-
25T.	157	Amanda Jager	2006-
27.	154	Sarah Mueller	2006-
BATTING AVERAGE (MIN. 200 AT BATS)			
8.	.317	Sarah Mueller	2006-
9T.	.313	Amanda Jager	2006-
15.	.300	Amanda Harrington	2007-
HITS			
11.	157	Sarah Mueller	2006-
13.	152	Krystle Bailey	2006-
23T.	125	Amanda Jager	2006-
RUNS BATTED IN			
9.	84	Amanda Jager	2006-
10T.	83	Krystle Bailey	2006-
14.	79	Sarah Mueller	2006-
DOUBLES			
4.	40	Sarah Mueller	2006-
9T.	30	Krystle Bailey	2006-
11T.	29	Amanda Jager	2006-
21T.	21	Amanda Harrington	2007-
HOME RUNS			
3.	17	Amanda Jager	2006-
9.	9	Sarah Mueller	2006-
13T.	7	Krystle Bailey	2006-
13T.	7	Amanda Harrington	2006-
17T.	6	Rhea Flores	2007-
17T.	6	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
PITCHING LEADERS			
PLACE	TOTAL	YEARS	
COMPLETE GAMES			
2T.	53	Sarah Mueller	2006-
10.	33	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
INNINGS PITCHED			
4.	451.0	Sarah Mueller	2006-
9.	340.1	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
WINS			
3.	44	Sarah Mueller	2006-
5.	36	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
SHUTOUTS			
2T.	16	Sarah Mueller	2006-
5T.	11	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
STRIKEOUTS			
3.	255	Sarah Mueller	2006-
4T.	252	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
18.	86	Amanda Jager	2006-



2009 STATS BREAKDOWN

Overall	21-3
Home	4-0
Away	5-1
Neutral	12-2
vs. Ranked Teams	0-0
Non-Conference Record	14-2
Tournament Games	0-0
Day Games	21-3
Night Games	0-0
Following wins	17-3
Following losses	3-0
One-Run Games	5-2
Two-Run Games	3-0
Three-Run+ Games	13-1
Extra Innings	1-0
In International Tiebreaker	1-0
Doubleheader Games	11-0
FSU scores first	18-0
Opponent scores first	3-2
FSU hits a home run	8-0
FSU doesn't hit a home run	13-2
Not committing an error	6-0
Committing 1 error	8-0
Committing 2+ errors	7-2
Scoring 0-2 runs	10-0
Scoring 3-5 runs	5-3
Scoring 6-9 runs	4-0
Scoring 10+ runs	2-0
More runners left on base	11-1
Runners left on base are equal	5-1
Leading after five innings	16-1
Tied after five innings	4-0
Trailing after five innings	1-2
Tied going into last inning	4-0
Outhitting the opposition	16-1
Same hits as the opposition	3-1
Outhit by the opposition	2-1
10+ hits	7-0
Monday	4-0
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	3-1
Friday	2-0
Saturday	5-1
Sunday	4-0
March	16-2
April	5-1
May	0-0
Last five games	4-1
Last 10 games	9-1
Current streak	Won 4
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.	7-1
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	24	21	3	0	.875
TOTALS	600	369	230	1	.616

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	5-1	0-0
TOTALS	1-5	134-97-1	187-101	46-27

CAREER TOTAL – 369-230-1

HOME – 105-37-0; AWAY – 82-63-1;

NEUTRAL – 182-130-0

