



2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE SOFTBALL

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#6 FERRIS STATE:

29-15 Overall;

14-6 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic
Conference (GLIAC)

#8 SHEPHERD (W.VA.): 31-17

#7 MISSOURI-ROLLA: 28-16

#5 WAYNE STATE: 39-15

#4 GRAND VALLEY STATE: 32-16

#3 GANNON: 37-13

#2 LEWIS: 34-12

#1 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS-EDWARDSVILLE: 41-8

◀ **IN THE NCAA REGIONALS:** Ferris State will be making its fifth NCAA Division II Regional appearance in the program's history and its second in the last three seasons this Thursday (May 10) after receiving an at-large bid. The Bulldogs' most recent regional appearance was in 2005 at the Great Lakes Regional (May 12-13) in Highland Heights, Ky. Ferris registered a 1-2 tourney mark as the Bulldogs posted a 2-0 victory over Northwood (May 12) before suffering a 9-1 six-inning loss to host Northern Kentucky (May 12). FSU concluded play at the double-elimination as a result of an 8-5 setback to West Virginia Wesleyan (May 13).

◀ **NCAA REGIONALS PERFORMANCE:** Ferris State is 9-5 all-time in regional competition, which includes a 4-3 mark in its last seven post-season appearances. The Bulldogs won back-to-back Great Lakes Regional Championship titles in 1998 and 1999 both under current head coach **Keri Becker**. FSU has outscored its opponents in those four regionals by a combined total of 63-37.

FSU IN NCAA REGIONALS

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD & SITE

1982	2-2	Stratford, Conn.
1998	3-0	Ashland, Ohio
1999	3-1	Allendale, Mich.
2005	1-2	Highland Heights, Ky.

◀ **AGAINST REGIONAL OPPONENTS:** The Bulldogs have compiled the following all-time records versus the 2007 NCAA-II Great Lakes Region field.
Gannon – 20-9; **Wayne State** – 38-82; **Grand Valley State** – 29-71; **Lewis** – 4-11-0; **Southern**

Illinois-Edwardsville – 4-9; **Missouri-Rolla** – 0-1; **Shepherd** – 0-0.

◀ **35th Season** – The 2007 campaign represents the 35th season of varsity competition for the Ferris State Softball program. The Bulldogs are 668-614-3 overall (.521) 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.

◀ **Five Named To All-GLIAC Teams** – Ferris State landed five players on the 2007 All-GLIAC teams, which were announced last Friday (May 4) at the GLIAC Tournament in Midland, Mich. Sophomore utility player **Sarah Mueller** was the Bulldogs' lone first-team representative. A pair of sophomores, outfielder **Amanda Jager** and catcher **Krystle Bailey** were named to the second team. Garnering honorable mention kudos were senior first baseman **Laura Crower** and sophomore pitcher **Holly Bruntjens**.

◀ **Hitting Leaders** – Ferris State's top four hits leaders this season – **Sarah Mueller** (49), **Krystle Bailey** (45), sophomore shortstop **McKenzie West** (39), and freshman second baseman **Amanda Harrington** (38) have combined to produce 50.9% (171-336) of the squad's total hits production to date.

◀ **Winning Ways** – Ferris State has won 17 of its last 23 games to date while outscoring the opposition by a 103-30 margin. The Bulldogs have outscored their opponent, 33-1, in the third inning alone and are also 16-0 when scoring the contest's initial run in that 23-game span.

◀ **Double Trouble** – The Bulldogs' 81 doubles in their 44 games this campaign represents the second highest single-season total in the program's history. The 1998 team, which posted a 44-17 overall record, racked up a school-record 92 second-base hits.

◀ **Did You Know?** – FSU's .366 on base percentage this season presently ranks third on the school's all-time season leaders list.

2007 GLIAC SOFTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL

SCHOOL (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)	PTS
1. Wayne State (8)	.97
2. Ashland (2)	.80
Gannon (1)	.80
4. Grand Valley State	.78
5. Ferris State	.67
6. Northwood	.55
7. Saginaw Valley State	.47
8. Hillsdale	.43
9. Mercyhurst	.23
Findlay	.23
11. Lake Superior State	.11

2007 Schedule/Results

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
29-15 OVERALL; 14-6 GLIAC		
3/3	vs. Lewis*	L, 1-0
	vs. Dowling (N.Y.)*	L, 7-2
3/4	vs. Georgian Court (N.J.)*	W, 12-3 (6)
	vs. Bellarmine (Ky.)*	W, 5-4 (9)
3/5	vs. SIU-Edwardsville*	L, 7-3
	vs. Kentucky Wesleyan*	L, 4-3
3/7	vs. West Virginia Wesleyan*	W, 3-1
	vs. Northern Kentucky*	L, 10-9
3/8	vs. St. Joseph's (Ind.)*	L, 1-0
	vs. St. Joseph's (Ind.)*	W, 8-5
3/9	vs. Northern State (S.D.)*	W, 7-0
	vs. South Dakota*	W, 3-0
3/10	vs. Minnesota St.-Moorhead*	W, 7-3
	vs. Indianapolis*	W, 1-0
3/17-18	at Great Lakes Region Mini-Showdown	Cancelled
3/24	at Wayne State Invitational▲	
	vs. Hillsdale▲	W, 8-3
	vs. Findlay▲	W, 12-5
	vs. Wayne State▲	W, 4-0
3/25	vs. Findlay▲	W, 15-0 (5)
	at Wayne State▲	L, 5-4 (8)
3/28	at Grand Valley State* L, 5-0 & W, 2-1 (8)	
4/1	Lake Superior State* W, 5-0 & W, 14-0 (5)	
4/15	Findlay* W, 8-0 (6) & W, 10-0 (5)	
4/16	Ashland* W, 5-3 & W, 10-2 (6)	
4/17	at Hillsdale*	L, 2-1 & W, 2-1
4/18	at Aquinas	W, 4-0 & W, 8-0 (6)
4/21	Saginaw Valley State* W, 4-3 & W, 4-0	
4/22	Northwood*	L, 6-5 & W, 3-0
4/27	at Mercyhurst*	W, 2-0 & W, 10-1 (5)
4/28	at Gannon*	W, 3-0 & W, 3-1
4/29	at Wayne State*	L, 1-0 (10) & L, 7-0
5/4	vs. Mercyhurst*	W, 1-0
5/4	vs. Gannon*	L, 1-0
5/5	vs. Saginaw Valley State*	L, 2-1
5/10	vs. Gannon●	2 p.m.
5/17-21	at 26th 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.

♦ – GLIAC Tournament - Midland, Mich.

● – NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament -
Romeoville, Ill.

♦ – Firestone Stadium - Akron, Ohio

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THROUGH GAMES OF MAY 6

TEAM	GLIAC		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Wayne State #20	15-5	.750	39-15	.722
Ferris State	14-6	.700	29-15	.659
Gannon	13-7	.650	37-13	.740
Grand Valley State	12-6	.667	32-16	.667
Northwood	11-9	.550	20-23	.465
Ashland	11-9	.550	29-20	.592
Mercyhurst	11-9	.500	23-23	.500
Saginaw Valley State	9-11	.450	25-20	.556
Hillsdale	7-11	.389	18-24	.429
Findlay	3-17	.150	11-40	.216
Lake Superior State	2-18	.100	7-33	.175

➤ **Scoring Machine** – The Bulldogs have accumulated 185 RBIs in 44 outings this season and have eight batters with double-digit RBI totals this spring. Junior third baseman **Katie Kraai's** 34 RBI leads the team while **Sarah Mueller** has driven in 27 runs. The two have combined for 32.9% (61-185) of the squad's RBI output this season.

➤ **KERI BECKER VS. THE OPPOSITION:** 17-6 vs. Gannon, 22-23 vs. Wayne State, 9-15 vs. Grand Valley State, 4-8 vs. Lewis, 1-5 vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 0-0 vs. Missouri-Rolla, 0-0 vs. Shepherd.

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

BATTING LEADERS			
PLACE	TOTAL		YEARS
GAMES PLAYED			
18th	172	Laura Crower	2004-
24th	145	Katie Kraai	2005-
BATTING AVERAGE (MIN. 200 AT BATS)			
12thT	.305	Krystle Bailey	2006-
15thT	.296	McKenzie West	2006-
HITS			
17th	131	Laura Crower	2004-
26th	111	Katie Kraai	2005-
RUNS BATTED IN			
10th	77	Laura Crower	2004-
16th	67	Katie Kraai	2005-
DOUBLES			
6thT	31	Laura Crower	2004-
6thT	31	Katie Kraai	2005-
15th	23	McKenzie West	2006-
18thT	21	Sarah Mueller	2006-
24thT	16	Krystle Bailey	2006-
HOME RUNS			
5th	10	Laura Crower	2004-
6thT	8	McKenzie West	2006-
6thT	8	Katie Kraai	2005-
11thT	7	Amanda Jager	2006-
PITCHING LEADERS			
PLACE	TOTAL		YEARS
COMPLETE GAMES			
10thT	31	Sarah Mueller	2006-
EARNED RUN AVERAGE (MIN. 100 INNINGS)			
2nd	1.09	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
9th	1.79	Sarah Mueller	2006-
WINS			
10thT	23	Sarah Mueller	2006-
20thT	13	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
INNINGS PITCHED			
13th	258.2	Sarah Mueller	2006-
SHUTOUTS			
5th	10	Sarah Mueller	2006-
14thT	5	Holly Bruntjens	2007-
STRIKEOUTS			
14th	153	Sarah Mueller	2006-
16th	112	Holly Bruntjens	200-
18th	83	Amanda Jager	2006-



➤ **Impressive Debut** – Pitcher **Holly Bruntjens** has compiled a team-best 13-5 record in the circle this spring. She leads the Bulldogs in innings pitched (122.1), earned run average (1.09), strikeouts (112), complete games (13), games started (19), and appearances (23). A Saginaw Valley State transfer, Bruntjens went 8-1 with a squad-leading 0.85 earned run average in 57.1 innings for the month of April as Ferris posted a 16-4 record. Bruntjens' 13 victories this spring is tied for 10th best single-season win total in FSU annals while her 1.09 ERA currently ranks fifth-best ever.

➤ **Bailey's Bat** – **Krystle Bailey** has hit safely in 13 of her last 14 games and has recorded a team-leading .364 batting average (16-44) during that period. She also has five doubles, one homer, three RBI, eight runs scored, and a .545 slugging percentage.

➤ **Digging The Long Ball** – The Bulldogs' 25 home runs this season is four shy of tying a FSU single-season record, which is held by the 2005 team (31 roundtrippers). Eight different batters have cleared the fence this campaign with **Katie Kraai's** career-high five homers leading the way. Kraai belted a combined three home runs in 101 contests during her first two seasons (2005-06).

➤ **Coaching Milestone** – Head coach **Keri Becker** reached a milestone on April 16 as she registered her 300th career coaching win in the Bulldogs' 10-2 six-inning home victory over Ashland in game two of a conference doubleheader.

➤ **Katie At The Plate** – **Katie Kraai** was Ferris' top offensive performer at the 2005 NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional as she batted a team-best .500 (4-8) with one home run and three RBI. Kraai was named to the 2005 Regional All-Tournament Team.

➤ **A Comparison** – The 2007 team is hitting .286 (336-1174) with 210 runs scored and 118 total bases in 44 games entering the NCAA-II Regionals. In comparison, the 2005 squad hit for a .292 average (393-1346) and posted 218 runs while registering 109 total bases in 48 contests prior to NCAA post-season action. This season, FSU has totaled 81 doubles, 12 triples, 25 home runs, and 185 RBI while the 2005 team produced 67 doubles, 13 triples, 29 home runs, and 196 RBI.

➤ **One More** – **Sarah Mueller** is one victory shy of matching her last season's wins total (12-12). The sophomore hurler sports a current 11-7 pitching mark this spring. She compiled an 8-3 record in 12 April appearances to go with a 0.94 earned run average in 67.1 innings.

➤ **Among The National Leaders** – Ferris State ranks ninth among the NCAA-II statistical leaders in earned run average (1.34), 15th in doubles per game (1.82) and 44th in triples per game (0.27). Individually, **Holly Bruntjens** is 20th in earned run average (1.09) and 79th in strikeouts per seven innings (6.4). **Sarah Mueller** is 34th in earned run average (1.39), 47th in doubles per game (0.34), and 90th in walks (0.5). Laura Crower is listed 41st in walks (0.59).

HEAD COACH KERI BECKER

The all-time winningest coach in Ferris State Softball program history, **Keri Becker** is presently midst her 10th season at FSU.



Entering the 2007 season, Becker ranked 51st among NCAA-II active coaches in winning percentage (.595) and was tied for 57th in career victories (282).

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 has made consecutive appearances (1998-99) at the NCAA-II National Championship Tournament. She also directed the 1999 squad to a school single-season record 46 victories.

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	44	29	15	0	.659
TOTALS	519	311	207	1	.600

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	1-2
TOTALS	1-5	107-87-1	166-94	36-21

CAREER TOTAL – 311-207-1
HOME – 88-36
AWAY – 70-57-1
NEUTRAL – 153-114