



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

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THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Oct. 7 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Mercyhurst
Mercyhurst Athletics Center * Erie, Pa.

Saturday, Oct. 8 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Gannon
Hammermill Center * Erie, Pa.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Ferris State at Grand Valley State
GVSU Fieldhouse Arena * Allendale, Mich.

**Overall Ferris State Record: 14-5, 4-3 GLIAC
National Ranking: #20**

BULLDOG BITES

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team opens up a five-match road stretch Friday, Oct. 7, with a 7 p.m. (EDT) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tilt at Mercyhurst in Erie, Pa. FSU will then battle Gannon Saturday, Oct. 8, in a 4 p.m. (EDT) conference match in downtown Erie. The Bulldogs also visit archival Grand Valley State Tuesday, Oct. 11, for a 7 p.m. (EDT) GLIAC showdown in Allendale, Mich.

FSU WINS TWO OF THREE: Ferris won two of three conference home encounters this past weekend (Sept. 30-Oct. 2) in FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena at Big Rapids, Mich. FSU dealt Michigan Tech a 3-0 setback Friday (Sept. 30) and then posted a 3-2 triumph over Lake Superior State Sunday (Oct. 2) after dropping a 3-1 decision to Northern Michigan in Saturday's (Oct. 1) match. FSU has won eight of its last 11 outings to date this campaign.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for all 2005 Ferris home matches will be available at the door. For more information, please contact the FSU Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888.

LAST SEASON: Ferris State claimed its ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship in 2004 after winning the league's annual postseason tournament for the first time ever. FSU concluded the 2004 campaign with a 25-7 overall record and a second place 14-4 GLIAC North Division mark. The Bulldogs also advanced to the NCAA-II National Tournament for the 12th time in school history.

THE 33RD SEASON: The 2004 campaign marks the 33rd season of FSU women's volleyball. Since the program's inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have compiled a 706-402 (.637) overall record. Ferris has won nine GLIAC titles, made 12 NCAA-II Tournament appearances and registered 25 winning seasons in its previous 31 campaigns. The Bulldogs notched the program's 700th all-time victory this year with a win over Bellarmine (Sept. 9).

GLIAC PRESEASON POLL: FSU was picked to finish fourth in the 2005 GLIAC Volleyball Coaches Preseason North Division Poll as announced by the league office. The Bulldogs totaled 26 points in the balloting, which was conducted by the conference's head coaches. A year ago, Ferris also took fourth place in the preseason coaches poll with 26 points. Grand Valley State was the favorite to repeat as regular-season divisional champion as the Lakers recorded 31 points along with three first-place votes. Findlay, which tied for second place in the South Division last campaign, received 23 points and three first-place votes in being selected this year's favorite. Northwood and Northern Michigan were chosen second and third, respectively, in the North Division poll.

FSU RANKED 20TH: The Bulldogs are currently ranked 20th overall in the latest (Oct. 3) 2005 CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll announced by the AVCA. FSU registered 149 total points in the balloting process after being ranked 19th with 237

points last week. Ferris concluded the 2004 campaign ranked 20th in the AVCA's final regular-season poll. In addition to FSU, the only other GLIAC school featured in the current poll is 15th-ranked Grand Valley State. Ashland and Northern Michigan are included in the teams receiving votes category. Ferris was ranked 17th in the organization's 2005 preseason national poll and ranked as high as 13th earlier this season (Sept. 6).

THE HEAD COACH: FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** presently ranks second among Ferris' all-time coaching victory leaders. Brandel-Wilhelm, who has a current 322-121 (.727) career mark, is 204-101 (.669) in her 10th season at Ferris. A 1990 Alma graduate, Brandel-Wilhelm guided the Bulldogs to NCAA-II Tournament appearances in 1999, 2002 and 2004. Brandel-Wilhelm was voted the GLIAC's Coach of the Year in 2002. She registered her 200th win at the Bulldog helm with a victory Sept. 10 over Edinboro (Pa.) at the Findlay (Ohio) TownPlace Suites Classic.

ON THE INTERNET: Ferris State University Athletics' official web site can be found at www.ferris.edu/sports. The site features information on all of FSU's varsity athletics programs including rosters, statistics, yearbooks and more. The squad's 2005 yearbook can also be found at the site.

LIVE STATS: "Live Stats" of all remaining 2005 Ferris home matches will be provided in progress via the internet. Visit www.ferris.edu/sports and click on the "Live Stats" icon to access the "Live Stats" feature.

GREAT STRETCH: Ferris has won 20 or more matches six times under 10th-year head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs are 171-64 (.728) over the past seven years and have reached the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament three times in that span. FSU has advanced to the GLIAC Tournament seven consecutive years to date.

TOUGH AT HOME: The Bulldogs have compiled a 237-62 (.793) record to date in 24 seasons of competition at Ewigleben Sports Arena since moving from the Health and Physical Education (HPE) Building in 1981. Ferris, which has compiled six undefeated home seasons in the facility, registered a 12-3 mark at home in 2004. Overall, Ferris is 90-22 (.804) in home matches under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**.

HITTING THE ROAD: Ferris State is 618-291 (.680) overall since 1981 and sports a 399-232 (.632) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. The Bulldogs are currently 5-2 in neutral site matches this season after posting a 5-2 neutral site mark last campaign.

THE UPPER HAND: FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** improved her head coaching record versus Lake Superior State to 20-1 overall with Sunday's win. The Bulldogs have currently won 34 of the last 35 series' meetings against the Lakers following the triumph.

BAUCHER NEARING MARK: FSU junior outside hitter **Danielle Baucher (Kalamazoo/Mattawan)** needs four more digs to become the 11th player in school history to join the 1,000 career digs club. Baucher had a personal career-high 33 kills against LSSU. Her 33 kills ranked tied for third place on the school's single-match kills chart. She has posted at least 10 kills and 10 digs in seven of her last eight matches.

BULLDOG CAPTAINS: Senior setter **Emily Clouse (Tiffin, Ohio/Bascom Hopewell-Loudon)**, senior libero **Brittany Godlewski (St. Clair Township/Marysville)** and **Danielle Baucher** were named tri-captains for the 2005 campaign. Baucher had 416 digs and added 340 kills last season. Clouse totaled 572 assists and 220 digs while Godlewski chipped in 396 digs.

THE FSU ROSTER: Ferris' 2005 active roster includes five seniors, five juniors, two sophomores and seven freshmen. Eight of the 19 players are outside hitters, seven are middle hitters, and four others fill the squad's setter, defensive specialist and libero roles. **Emily Clouse** (Ohio) is the only squad member not from the state of Michigan. The Bulldogs' current roster is the program's second-largest in school history behind last season's roster of 20 players.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG QUICK NOTES: Ferris has won 26 of its last 33 outings dating back to last campaign **Brittney Godlewski** currently has 1,252 career digs and is 52digs away from tying Stephanie Chaffin (1,304; 1989-92) for fourth place in Bulldog history Senior middle hitter **Becky Thurau (Troy/Birmingham Groves)** notched her 600th career kill against NMU. Senior middle hitter **Lauren Heine (Ypsilanti)** also tallied her 600th career kill in the same match. Heine has netted 10 or more kills in eight of her last nine appearances this season **Emily Clouse** registered her 1,000th career assist versus Michigan Tech and totaled a personal career-best 64 assists against LSSU Junior middle hitter **Karla White (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay)** currently needs eight kills to record her 500th career kill Freshman middle hitter **Jacque Edwards (Cedar Springs)** netted a personal career-high 11 kills in her first collegiate start versus LSSU This season marks the 25th-straight year FSU has registered double-figure wins. The last time Ferris failed to record at least 10 victories was in 1980 (5-21) The Bulldogs have compiled a 68-12 (.850) overall record in three-game matches since the start of the 2000 campaign FSU has currently won 11 of its last 13 regular-season outings versus GLIAC South Division opponents dating back to 2003. Ferris posted a 6-0 record against South Division foes last year Sophomore outside hitter **Lindsay Tye (Gregory/Chelsea)** had a personal career-best 24 digs versus LSSU.

NATIONAL & LEAGUE RANKINGS: The Bulldogs were ranked 12th in blocks (2.86 bpg) among the latest (Sept. 25) NCAA-II National Statistical Rankings leaders. **Danielle Baucher** ranks eighth in the GLIAC's overall rankings in kills (3.53 kpg) while **Lauren Heine** is presently sixth in service aces (0.45 apg). **Karla White** is ranked fifth in total blocks (1.31 bpg). Baucher's 33 kills against LSSU is tied for the conference lead for most kills in a single match this season.

FERRIS STATE TRENDS: Eleven of Ferris State's 19 matches this season have been decided in only three games. Four matches have went the entire five games while four have went four frames FSU is 14-1 when registering more kills than its opponent this season Ferris is 5-3 in Friday matches and 7-2 in Saturday encounters to date this campaign The Bulldogs have had more blocks than their opponent in 15 of 19 matches this year Six of Ferris' last 10 matches this season have been decided in only three games.

MORE NOTES: Ferris has posted a lower hitting percentage than its opponent in each of its five losses this season. FSU has dropped both of the first two games in all five losses, but is 14-0 when either splitting or sweeping the initial two frames Saturday's loss to NMU marked the first time this season the Bulldogs had lost a match when totaling more kills than the opponent.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

MERCYHURST: FSU holds an 11-1 advantage entering this Friday's contest with Mercyhurst and posted a 3-1 triumph in the last meeting (10/9/04) at Erie, Pa. Ferris head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** has a current 10-1 career coaching mark against MC. Mercyhurst is presently 11-8 overall and 1-7 in conference play this campaign as a result of Saturday's (Oct. 1) 3-1 GLIAC loss at Ashland. Last season, the Lakers compiled a 6-23 overall record and placed sixth (2-15) in the league's South Division. The Bulldogs are 6-1 all-time versus Mercyhurst in road/neutral site contests. MC, which is coached by first-year head coach Ryan Patton, has lost seven consecutive matches to date. Mercyhurst was picked to finish sixth in the GLIAC's 2005 South Division Preseason Coaches Poll.

GANNON: FSU maintains a 9-6 series edge heading into this Saturday's 16th series meeting against Gannon. GU has won four of the last eight series' outings. FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** has a current 8-4 career coaching mark against the Knights and led Ferris to a 3-0 triumph in the most recent meeting (10/8/04) at Erie, Pa. GU is presently 5-13 overall and 0-8 in the GLIAC after its 3-0 league road loss at Findlay last Saturday (Oct. 1). Last season, Gannon posted a 14-18 overall record and a fifth-place 4-13 mark in the GLIAC's South Division. The Knights, who have currently dropped their last 10 outings this campaign, are coached by seventh-year head coach Michele Mason. Ferris is presently 4-2 versus GU all-time in home contests and 5-4 in road/neutral site encounters. GU, which was chosen fifth in the 2005 GLIAC South Division Preseason Coaches Poll, will host Grand Valley State Friday (Oct. 7) prior to facing FSU.

2005 FSU VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Exp.	Hometown/High School (College)
#1	Katie Edwards	OH	Fr.	5-11	HS	Cedar Springs, Mich.
#2	Lauren Heine***	MH	Sr.	6-1	3L	Ypsilanti, Mich.
#3	Candice Marut	S/OH	Fr.	5-10	RS	Pinconning, Mich.
#5	Becky Thurau***	MH	Sr.	6-4	3L	Troy, Mich./Birmingham Groves
#6	Danielle Baucher** (C)	OH	Jr.	5-10	2L	Kalamazoo, Mich./Mattawan
#7	Lindsay Johnson*	OH	So.	5-10	1L	Cadillac, Mich.
#8	Jamie Palazzolo*	OH	Jr.	5-7	1L	Emmett, Mich./Yale
#9	Keagan Krauss**	OH	Jr.	5-10	2L	Lake Odessa, Mich./Lakewood
#10	Andrea Zylstra	MH	Fr.	6-2	RS	Muskegon, Mich./Mona Shores
#11	Emily Clouse*** (C)	S/DS	Sr.	5-9	3L	Tiffin, Ohio/Bascom Hopewell-Loudon
#12	Jacque Edwards	MH	Fr.	6-0	HS	Cedar Springs, Mich.
#13	Brittney Godlewski*** (C)	LIB	Sr.	5-7	3L	St. Clair Township, Mich./Marysville
#14	Molly Pickvet**	OH	Jr.	6-0	2L	Pinconning, Mich.
#15	Karla White**	MH	Jr.	6-0	2L	New Baltimore, Mich./Anchor Bay
#16	Sarah Miller***	OH	Sr.	6-3	3L	Bay City, Mich./John Glenn
#17	Lindsay Tye*	OH	So.	5-10	1L	Gregory, Mich./Chelsea
#18	Andrea Rich	S	Fr.	5-10	HS	New Baltimore, Mich./Anchor Bay
#19	Emily Nemmers	OH/MH	Fr.	6-0	RS	Caledonia, Mich./East Kentwood
#20	Kristy Gilchrist	MH	Fr.	6-0	HS	Macomb, Mich./Anchor Bay

Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, 10th year (Alma, 1990)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Dale Wilhelm, second year

Assistant Coach: Theresa Beckman, first year
Student Assistant Coach: Karla Fairbanks (1st year)

2005 SEASON TRENDS

SITUATION	FSU RECORD
Three-game match	8-3
Four-game match	3-1
Five-game match	3-1
Win game one	12-0
Lose game one	2-5
Win first two games	9-0
Split first two games	5-0
Lose first two games	0-5
In game three	14-5
In game four	5-3
In the deciding fifth game	3-1
More kills than opponent	14-1
Fewer kills than opponent	0-4
Kills are equal	0-0
Hit under .100	0-2
Hit .100-.300	11-3
Hit over .300	3-0
Opponent hits under .100	7-0
Opponent hits .100-.300	7-5
Opponent hits over .300	0-0
Has higher hitting pct.	14-0
Opponent has higher pct.	0-5
Has more assists	13-1
Opponent has more assists	1-4
Assists are equal	0-0
Has more aces	14-0
Opponent has more aces	0-4
Aces are equal	0-1
Has more digs	9-2
Opponent has more digs	4-3
Digs are equal	1-0
Has more blocks	11-3
Opponent has more blocks	2-2
Blocks are equal	1-0
In August	5-0
In September	8-4
In October	1-1
In November	0-0
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	1-0
On Friday	5-3
On Saturday	7-2
On Sunday	1-0
In Morning matches	1-0
In afternoon matches	9-3
In evening matches	4-2
Against nationally-ranked teams	1-2
In non-conference matches	10-2
In conference matches	4-3
In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams	0-0
Attendance under 100	5-2
Attendance of 100-200	2-0
Attendance over 200	7-3
Match time under one hour	0-0
Match time one-two hours	11-4
Match time over two hours	3-1
In invitational matches	9-2
Against in-state foes	3-2
Against out of state teams	11-3
Against winning teams	5-5
Against losing teams	5-0
Against even teams	4-0
In Home Matches	8-2



