



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

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THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Oct. 21 * 7 p.m. (EDT)
Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Oct. 22 * 4 p.m. (EDT)
Northwood at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Overall Ferris State Record: 17-7, 7-5 GLIAC
National Ranking: Tied for #24

BULLDOG BITES

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team returns home to host Saginaw Valley State Friday, Oct. 21, in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Match time is set for 7 p.m. (EDT). Ferris will then square off against Northwood Saturday, Oct. 22, in a 4 p.m. (EDT) league home encounter.

FSU DROPS TWO OF THREE: Ferris dropped two of three conference road matches last week. The Bulldogs suffered a 3-2 setback Tuesday (Oct. 11) at nationally-ranked Grand Valley State and then dropped a 3-0 decision Friday (Oct. 14) at Hillsdale. Ferris responded with a 3-1 triumph Saturday (Oct. 15) over Wayne State in Detroit, Mich. FSU has won 11 of its last 15 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 709-404 (.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 REMAINS RANKED: The Bulldogs are ranked tied for 24th place overall in the latest (Oct. 17) 2005 CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll announced by the AVCA. FSU registered 80 total points in the balloting process after being ranked 20th with 183 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 17th-ranked Grand Valley State. Northwood is included in the other's 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 325-123 (.725) career mark, is 207-103 (.668) 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 174-66 (.725) 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 621-293 (.679) overall since 1981 and sports a 402-234 (.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.

BULLDOG CAPTAINS: Senior setter **Emily Clouse (Tiffin, Ohio/Bascom Hopewell-Loudon)**, senior libero **Brittney Godlewski (St. Clair Township/Marysville)** and junior outside hitter **Danielle Baucher (Kalamazoo/Mattawan)** 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.

FSU NOTES: Ferris is currently 34-10 (.773) in October matches dating back to 2001 FSU is 17-1 when registering more kills than its opponent this season Ferris is 6-4 in Friday matches and 9-2 in Saturday encounters to date this campaign The Bulldogs have compiled a 70-13 (.843) overall record in three-game matches since the start of the 2000 campaign Ferris has posted a lower hitting percentage than its opponent in each of its seven losses this season FSU holds a 17-0 mark when compiling a higher attack percentage than its opponent this year. The Bulldogs are 10-0 overall to date when their opponent hits less than .100 for the match Ferris is ranked 13th nationally in blocks (2.81 bpg) according to the latest (Oct. 10) NCAA-II National Statistical Rankings.

TRIP NORTH NEXT: Following this weekend's homestand, the Bulldogs will venture to Michigan's Upper Peninsula for three league matches. FSU will visit Lake Superior State Friday, Oct. 28, and the head to Michigan Tech Saturday, Oct. 29. Ferris concludes the trip Sunday, Oct. 30, at Northern Michigan.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG QUICK NOTES: Ferris' **Brittney Godlewski** currently has 1,330 career digs and now ranks fourth all-time in school history. She is 38 digs away from tying Kathy O'Connor (1,368; 1990-93) for third place in Bulldog history and only 139 shy of Janna Biggs' (1985-88) school-record total of 1,469 digs. Godlewski has posted 20 digs or more in four of her last seven appearances this season **Danielle Baucher** has registered at least 10 kills and 10 digs in 12 of her last 13 outings this campaign. Baucher compiled her 900th career kill at Wayne State Sophomore outside hitter **Lindsay Tye (Gregory/Chelsea)** netted a personal career-high 25 digs at Wayne State. Tye has compiled 10 kills or more six times in her last 10 outings this season after having done so only twice in the initial 14 matches this year Junior middle hitter **Karla White (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay)** notched her 500th career kill at GVSU.

MORE BULLDOG TRENDS: Ferris suffered its first loss when recording more aces than its opponent at GVSU. The Bulldogs, who also tallied more aces at Hillsdale, are currently 16-2 overall this campaign when registering more ace serves Ferris lost for the first time against Grand Valley State after winning the initial frame. The Bulldogs are presently 15-1 overall when winning the opening game this season.

THE STARTING POINT: Ferris' current 7-5 league mark this campaign represents only the third time the Bulldogs have failed to win at least eight of their first 12 conference matches in 10 seasons under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs had won at least eight of their first 12 conference tilts in six of the last seven seasons to date. Last season (2004), Ferris registered a 9-3 mark through 12 league matches.

ANOTHER WINNING YEAR: The Bulldogs' current 17-7 mark with six regular-season matches remaining assures themselves of recording the program's eighth consecutive winning campaign. This season marks the 25th-straight year the Bulldogs have registered double-figure wins. The last time FSU failed to record at least 10 victories was in 1980 (5-21).

THE 2005 GLIAC TOURNEY: The 2005 GLIAC Tournament remains on campus sites this season for the second-straight year. The top three teams in each division plus the next two best overall teams will qualify for the postseason tournament. The top four teams will host quarterfinal-round action Wednesday, Nov. 9, with the top remaining seed selected to host the semifinals/finals Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12-13. Ferris has six league matches remaining this season.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENTS

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE: Ferris and Saginaw Valley State will square off for the 52nd time Friday with FSU holding a 43-8 series advantage. In the last meeting (9/17/05), the Bulldogs recorded a 3-0 road win at University Center, Mich. Ferris head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** currently has a 16-3 career coaching record against the Cardinals. FSU, which has won 10 of the last 11 series' contests, holds a 23-2 all-time record versus SVSU in home encounters. SVSU compiled a 2-29 overall record in 2004, including a seventh-place 0-18 GLIAC North Division finish. The Cardinals, who are coached by third-year head coach Will Stanton, improved to 7-18 overall and 1-11 in league play as a result of a 3-0 conference home win over Gannon last Saturday (Oct. 15). SVSU has dropped 13 of its last 14 outings this campaign to date. SVSU was picked to finish seventh in the 2005 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll.

NORTHWOOD: FSU maintains a 24-18 series edge heading into this Saturday's 43rd series meeting against Northwood. The Timberwolves have won 10 of the last 14 series outings, including a 3-0 victory in the last meeting (9/16/05) at Midland, Mich. FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** has a current 8-15 career coaching mark against the Timberwolves. NU is presently 16-7 overall and 10-2 in the GLIAC this season heading into this Friday's (Oct. 21) GLIAC road match at Grand Valley State after posting a 3-0 conference home win over Mercyhurst last Saturday (Oct. 15). Last season, Northwood posted a 21-10 overall record and a fourth-place 11-7 mark in the GLIAC's North Division. The Timberwolves, who have presently won eight of their last nine outings this season, are directed by second-year head coach Tim Koth. Ferris is currently 12-7 versus NU all-time in home tilts. The two teams split two matches in 2004 as NU recorded a 3-1 triumph at Big Rapids (10/2).

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

2005 SEASON TRENDS

| SITUATION | FSU RECORD |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Three-game match | 10-4 |
| Four-game match | 4-1 |
| Five-game match | 3-2 |
| Win game one | 15-1 |
| Lose game one | 2-6 |
| Win first two games | 12-0 |
| Split first two games | 5-1 |
| Lose first two games | 0-6 |
| In game three | 16-8 |
| In game four | 7-3 |
| In the deciding fifth game | 3-2 |
| More kills than opponent | 17-1 |
| Fewer kills than opponent | 0-6 |
| Kills are equal | 0-0 |
| Hit under .100 | 0-3 |
| Hit .100-.300 | 13-4 |
| Hit over .300 | 4-0 |
| Opponent hits under .100 | 10-0 |
| Opponent hits .100-.300 | 7-7 |
| Opponent hits over .300 | 0-0 |
| Has higher hitting pct. | 17-0 |
| Opponent has higher pct. | 0-7 |
| Has more assists | 16-1 |
| Opponent has more assists | 1-6 |
| Assists are equal | 0-0 |
| Has more aces | 16-2 |
| Opponent has more aces | 0-5 |
| Aces are equal | 0-1 |
| Has more digs | 11-2 |
| Opponent has more digs | 5-5 |
| Digs are equal | 1-0 |
| Has more blocks | 12-3 |
| Opponent has more blocks | 2-5 |
| Blocks are equal | 2-0 |
| In August | 5-0 |
| In September | 8-4 |
| In October | 3-4 |
| In November | 0-0 |
| On Monday | 0-0 |
| On Tuesday | 0-1 |
| On Wednesday | 0-0 |
| On Thursday | 1-0 |
| On Friday | 6-4 |
| On Saturday | 9-2 |
| On Sunday | 1-0 |
| In Morning matches | 1-0 |
| In afternoon matches | 11-3 |
| In evening matches | 5-4 |
| Against nationally-ranked teams | 1-3 |
| In non-conference matches | 10-2 |
| In conference matches | 7-5 |
| In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams | 0-0 |
| Attendance under 100 | 7-2 |
| Attendance of 100-200 | 2-0 |
| Attendance over 200 | 8-5 |
| Match time under one hour | 0-0 |
| Match time one-two hours | 14-5 |
| Match time over two hours | 3-2 |
| In invitational matches | 9-2 |
| Against in-state foes | 4-4 |
| Against out of state teams | 13-3 |
| Against winning teams | 7-7 |
| Against losing teams | 6-0 |
| Against even teams | 4-0 |
| In Home Matches | 8-2 |



