



# 2007 Weekly Game Notes

FERRIS STATE



VOLLEYBALL

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## 2007 Schedule

Record: 20-9      Home: 12-2      Road: 4-5      Neutral: 4-2  
GLIAC: 12-6      Home: 8-2      Road: 4-4

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>AUGUST</b>			
24	Fri.	Alaska Anchorage❖	W 3-0
24	Fri.	West Virginia State❖	W 3-0
25	Sat.	Glenville State (W.Va.)❖	W 3-0
25	Sat.	Colorado School of Mines❖	W 3-0
31	Fri.	vs. Adams State (Colo.)★	W 3-1
31	Fri.	vs. Western New Mexico★	W 3-0
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
1	Sat.	vs. Mesa State (Colo.)★	L 1-3
1	Sat.	vs. Western State (Colo.)★	W 3-0
7	Fri.	vs. North Dakota◆	W 3-2
7	Fri.	at Minnesota Duluth◆	L 0-3
8	Sat.	vs. West Texas A&M◆	L 1-3
14	Fri.	Lake Superior State*	W 3-1
15	Sat.	Michigan Tech*	W 3-2
16	Sun.	Northern Michigan*	L 2-3
21	Fri.	at Northwood*	L 0-3
22	Sat.	at Saginaw Valley State*	W 3-0
28	Fri.	at Ashland*	L 1-3
29	Sat.	at Findlay*	W 3-1
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
2	Tue.	at Grand Valley State*	L 2-3
5	Fri.	Gannon*	W 3-0
6	Sat.	Mercyhurst*	W 3-0
12	Fri.	Hillsdale*	W 3-2
13	Sat.	Wayne State*	W 3-0
19	Fri.	at Michigan Tech*	W 3-0
20	Sat.	at Northern Michigan*	L 1-3
21	Sun.	at Lake Superior State*	W 3-0
26	Fri.	Grand Valley State*	L 1-3
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
2	Fri.	Saginaw Valley State*	W 3-0
3	Sat.	Northwood*	W 3-0
7	Wed.	at Northern Michigan-GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals	7 p.m.
10	Sat.	GLIAC Tournament Semifinals (Campus Site)	TBA
11	Sun.	GLIAC Tournament Championship (Campus Site)	TBA
15-17	Thur.-Sat.	NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional (Campus Site)	TBA
29	Thur.-Sat.	27th Annual NCAA-II Elite Eight	TBA
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
1	Sat.	27th Annual NCAA-II Elite Eight	TBA

\*Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Match  
Home matches in **bold**  
All times are Eastern  
❖ – Ferris State Invitational (Big Rapids, Mich.)  
★ – Days Inn-Denver West Oredigger Classic (Golden, Colo.)  
◆ – Minnesota Duluth Classic (Duluth, Minn.)  
Dates and times are all subject to change

**THE 35TH SEASON:** The 2007 campaign represents Ferris State's 35th season of women's volleyball. The Bulldogs own an all-time mark of 755-425 (.639) to date. Since the program's inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made 14 NCAA-II Tournament appearances and registered 27 winning seasons.

**THE FSU ROSTER:** Ferris' 2007 active roster includes three seniors, three juniors, four sophomores and eight freshmen. Seven of the 18 players are outside hitters, four are middle hitters, and seven others fill the squad's setter, defensive specialist and libero roles. All 18 squad members are from the state of Michigan.

**ON THE ROAD:** The Bulldogs are 661-313 (.679) overall since 1981 and are 421-249 (.628) in road/neutral site matches during that span. Ferris State compiled a 6-3 road mark a season ago and was 3-2 in neutral site matches.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

### THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

#### GLIAC TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINAL MATCH

Wednesday, Nov. 7 \* 7 p.m. (EST)  
Ferris State at Northern Michigan  
Vandament Arena \* Marquette, Mich.

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE:** The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will be participating in the 2007 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Postseason Tournament, starting with this Wednesday's (Nov. 7) quarterfinal-round match against the Northern Michigan Wildcats in Marquette, Mich.

**LAST TIME OUT:** Ferris State finished up its 2007 regular-season campaign last weekend (Nov. 2-3) at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich., with a pair of 3-0 conference home victories. The Bulldogs swept Saginaw Valley State last Friday (Nov. 2) evening and then bested Northwood in three straight games last Saturday (Nov. 3) afternoon in the program's annual Senior Day contest. FSU has currently won eight of its last 10 matches to date, which includes three of the past four.

**LAST SEASON:** Ferris State advanced to the NCAA Division II National Tournament for the 14th time in school history in the 2006 campaign after previously claiming its ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship in 2004 by winning the league's annual postseason tournament for the first time ever. FSU registered a 21-9 overall record a season ago and finished second place in the GLIAC's North Division with a 12-6 mark. Ferris, which compiled the program's ninth consecutive winning campaign in 2006, also made its ninth straight conference tourney appearance a year ago.

**GLIAC PRESEASON POLL:** For the second consecutive season, FSU was selected to place third in the 2007 GLIAC Volleyball Coaches Preseason North Division Poll as released by the league office. The Bulldogs totaled 24 points in the balloting, which was conducted by the conference's head coaches. The Bulldogs accumulated a third-place 26 points in the 2006 season's conference preseason poll and were fourth in the 2005 poll with 26 points. Grand Valley State was voted as the favorite to repeat as regular-season divisional champions for the third consecutive year as the Lakers garnered 36 points along with six of the seven first-place votes.

**2007 CAPTAINS:** A trio of seniors – outside hitter **Lindsay Johnson (Cadillac)**, outside hitter **Lindsay Tye (Gregory/Chelsea)**, and **Jamie Palazzolo (Emmett/Yale)** along with junior setter-outside hitter **Candice Marut (Pinconning)** will serve as the 2007 captains.

**NCAA-II REGIONAL INFORMATION:** Three automatic bids and five at-large bids will be awarded in the region, which consists of the GLIAC, Great Lakes Valley (GLVC) and West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conferences (WVIAC), for the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament set to be held Nov. 15-17 at a campus site to be determined. The official tournament pairings and site are slated to be released this Sunday (Nov. 11). Ferris was ranked ninth in the most recent (Oct. 24) regional rankings. Indianapolis is listed number one while Grand Valley State and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville are second and third, respectively.

**GREAT STRETCH:** Ferris has presently won 20 or more matches nine times under **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs currently sport a 220-94 (.701) record in the last 10 years and have reached the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regionals five times in that span. This season marks FSU's 10th consecutive GLIAC Tournament appearance.

**ANOTHER WINNING SEASON:** Ferris State swept a pair of home conference matches last weekend (11/2-3) in Big Rapids to give the Bulldogs their ninth 20-win campaign in the last 10 seasons. FSU, which registered the program's 10th winning season earlier this fall, has now posted at least 20 victories in a single-season 20 times to date.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State completed this regular season by winning eight of its final 10 matches with seven of the eight victories resulting in 3-0 decisions. The Bulldogs posted a .220 attack percentage with 542 kills (15.9 avg.) during the 10 matches while the opposition hit .158 and chalked up 440 kills (12.9 avg.)...

DOUBLE DIGS STREAK: Jamie Palazzolo notched double-digit digs in both of the Bulldogs' matches this past weekend (11/2-3) with 19 against Saginaw Valley State (11/2) and 14 versus Northwood (11/3). Palazzolo, a 2006 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention selection, extended her current double-figure digs streak to 27 consecutive matches with the double-digit digs effort against Northwood.

2007 GLIAC TOURNEY INFORMATION: Ferris State will be making its 10th consecutive GLIAC Tournament appearance this Wednesday (Nov. 7). The top four teams are hosting a quarterfinal-round match in the 13th annual postseason tourney with the top remaining seed selected to host the semifinals/finals this Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 10-11).

2007 GLIAC TOURNEY FIELD: The other quarterfinal round matches include Michigan Tech (Wild Card #2) at Grand Valley State (#1 North), Findlay (#3 South) at Ashland (#2 South), Saginaw Valley State (Wild Card #1) at Hillsdale (#1 South). The top three teams in each division plus the next two best overall teams advanced to the tournament.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Senior outside hitter Lindsay Tye and Kristy Gilchrist, the team's top two kills leaders this season, have combined for 49.3% (798-1,619) of the Bulldogs' kills output this season.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT

NORTHERN MICHIGAN: Ferris State and Northern Michigan will meet for the 78th time this Wednesday with NMU having a 39-38 edge in the all-time series. The Wildcats won both 2007 regular-season meetings as the Wildcats claimed a 3-2 victory in Big Rapids (9/16) and then registered a 3-1 decision in Marquette (10/20).

2007 FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: No., NAME, POS., Yr., Ht., Exp., HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL. Lists 20 players including Katie Edwards, Amanda Kettlewell, Candice Marut, Dana Ruttle, Arielle Goodson, Leslie Swanson, Lindsay Johnson, Jamie Palazzolo, Sarah Lark, Dana Fairbanks, Lisa Tobiczky, Whitney Rupp, Ashley Nugent, Danielle Hamilton, Lindsay Tye, Andrea Rich, Emily Nemmers, and Kristy Gilchrist.

HEAD COACH: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, 12th Year (Alma, 1990)
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH: Dale Wilhelm, 4th Year
\* - Denotes letters earned (C) - Denotes captain

ASSISTANT COACH: Theresa Beeckman, 3rd Year

2007 SEASON TRENDS

Table with columns: SITUATION, FERRIS STATE RECORD. Lists trends such as Three-game match (14-2), Four-game match (3-5), Five-game match (3-1), Win game one (17-1), Lose game one (4-7), Win first two games (15-0), Split first two games (4-4), Lose first two games (1-4), Winning game three (19-4), Winning game four (5-3), The deciding fifth game (3-1), More kills than opponent (21-2), Fewer kills than opponent (0-5), Kills are equal (0-0), Hit under .100 (0-1), Hit .100-.300 (18-7), Hit over .300 (2-0), Opponent hits under .100 (7-0), Opponent hits .100-.300 (13-5), Opponent hits over .300 (0-3), Has higher hitting pct. (19-1), Opponent has higher pct. (0-7), Has more assists (19-3), Opponent has more assists (0-5), Assists are equal (1-0), Has more aces (19-2), Opponent has more aces (0-4), Aces are equal (1-2), Has more digs (17-3), Opponent has more digs (3-5), Digs are equal (0-0), Has more blocks (13-5), Opponent has more blocks (7-3), Blocks are equal (0-0), In August (6-0), In September (6-6), In October (6-2), In November (2-0), On Monday (0-0), On Tuesday (0-0), On Wednesday (0-0), On Thursday (0-0), On Friday (10-4), On Saturday (9-3), On Sunday (1-1), In morning matches (0-0), In afternoon matches (11-5), In evening matches (9-3), Against nationally-ranked teams (1-5), In non-conference matches (8-3), In conference matches (12-6), In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams (0-0), Attendance under 100 (2-1), Attendance of 100-200 (4-2), Attendance over 200 (13-5), Match time under one hour (0-0), Match time one-two hours (17-7), Match time over two hours (3-1), In invitational matches (8-3), Against in-state foes (9-4), Against out of state teams (11-4), Against winning record teams (7-6), Against losing record teams (11-0), Against even record teams (2-2), In home matches (12-2).

FERRIS STATE'S DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

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HEAD COACH TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM

Tia Brandel-Wilhelm and the Ferris State University women's volleyball program are deeply intertwined as the Bulldog head coach embarks on her 12th year at FSU for the 2007 season.

Since becoming the program's fifth head coach in June 1996, Brandel-Wilhelm has resurrected the program by guiding the Bulldogs to five NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances, which includes four of the last five years.

Success and Brandel-Wilhelm have become synonymous as Ferris State recorded the program's ninth consecutive winning campaign in 2006 as Bulldogs attained double-digits in victories for the 26th straight year with a 21-9 overall record. FSU also was able to make its 14th all-time appearance in the NCAA-II Tournament.

In 2004, Ferris State claimed its ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship after winning the league's annual postseason tournament for the first-time ever.

FSU also reached the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament under Brandel-Wilhelm in 2002. During the 1999 campaign (11/5), Brandel-Wilhelm registered her 200th career coaching victory in the Bulldogs' 3-1 home league win over Grand Valley State. Ferris also finished runner-up at the GLIAC Tournament for the third time in the Brandel-Wilhelm era during the 2001 season. She notched her 300th all-time victory in 2004 and entered the 2007 season ranked 19th in career best winning percentage among the nation's Division II active coaches with a 351-135 (.722) career mark in 14 seasons as a collegiate head coach. Her 351 career wins is 22nd best on the Division II active coaches total victories list.

In the last seven seasons prior to 2007, Brandel-Wilhelm has coached Ferris to an impressive 179-76 overall record (.702). She was voted as the GLIAC's Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 2002 by her peers after leading Ferris to a second-place finish in the league's North Division.

Brandel-Wilhelm's resume demonstrates a penchant for winning. Prior to joining FSU, she served as head coach for three seasons (1993-95) at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W. Va. Under Brandel-Wilhelm's tutelage, the Bobcats racked up a 118-20 overall record, captured three West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and regional titles, made two NAIA national tournament appearances, and placed fifth at the 1995 NCAA Division II Championships.

Brandel-Wilhelm left WVWC with an active streak of 80 conference victories. In 1993, she was selected WVIAC and NAIA Mid-South Region Coach-of-the-Year after guiding her team to an impressive 40-11 overall mark in her initial campaign.

She earned a master's in business administration from WVWC after receiving her undergraduate degree in business administration and psychology from Alma (Mich.) College in 1990. Brandel-Wilhelm, who competed in both volleyball and track at Alma, was an all-conference first-team scholar athlete. While attending Alma, she coached volleyball for two years at Alma (Mich.) High School.

A native of Whitehall, Mich., Brandel-Wilhelm presently serves as Ferris State's senior women's administrator and is accredited as a level I coach by the United States Volleyball Association. Brandel-Wilhelm, who is a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), also holds positions on the NCAA National Volleyball and AVCA Division II Volleyball Coaches Committees.

Brandel-Wilhelm is married to Dale Wilhelm and resides in Big Rapids along with her daughter, Ivie, and stepson, Allen. The newest addition to the family is a son, Isaac, who was born on July 16, 2007.

BRANDEL-WILHELM YEAR-BY-YEAR

Table with columns: YEAR, SCHOOL, MATCHES, WON, LOST, PCT., CONFERENCE, OVERALL, GLIAC FINISH. Rows include years 1993-2007 and career totals.



2007 GLIAC STANDINGS

Table showing 2007 GLIAC Standings for North and South Divisions, including columns for School, Conference, Overall, W, L, Pct.

NOTE: GLIAC Tourney Seeded In Parenthesis

GLIAC TOURNEY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 7

GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals

- (WC2) Michigan Tech at (1N) Grand Valley State, 7 p.m.
(3N) Ferris State at (2N) Northern Michigan, 7 p.m.
(WC1) Saginaw Valley State at (1S) Hillsdale, 7 p.m.
(3S) Findlay at (2S) Ashland, 7 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday, Nov. 10-11

GLIAC Tournament Semifinals/Finals (Campus Site)
Held at the site of top remaining seed (Times TBA)

All times are Eastern and subject to change

FSU's GLIAC TOURNEY HISTORY

Overall Record: 10-8, Nine Appearances

- 2006 - Oct. 31 & Nov. 3
Jesse Philips Arena (Hillsdale, Mich.)
Lost to Grand Valley State (Quarterfinals) 0-3
Ewingleben Sports Arena (Big Rapids, Mich.)
Def. Michigan Tech (Quarterfinals) 3-0
2005 - Nov. 9
GVSU Fieldhouse Arena (Allendale, Mich.)
Lost to Grand Valley State (Quarterfinals) 0-3
2004 - Nov. 10, 13-14
GVSU Fieldhouse Arena (Allendale, Mich.)
Def. Grand Valley State (Finals) 3-0
Def. Ashland (Semifinals) 3-1
Ewingleben Sports Arena (Big Rapids, Mich.)
Def. Northern Michigan (Quarterfinals) 3-1
2003 - Nov. 13-15
Kellogg Arena (Battle Creek, Mich.)
Lost to Gannon (Quarterfinals) 2-3
2002 - Nov. 14-16
GVSU Fieldhouse Arena (Allendale, Mich.)
Lost to Gannon (Quarterfinals) 2-3
2001 - Nov. 8-10
Kellogg Arena (Battle Creek, Mich.)
Def. Mercyhurst (Quarterfinals) 3-1
Def. Michigan Tech (Semifinals) 3-2
Lost to Northwood (Finals) 0-3
2000 - Nov. 9
Kellogg Arena (Battle Creek, Mich.)
Lost to Hillsdale (Quarterfinals) 2-3
1999 - Nov. 11-13
Kellogg Arena (Battle Creek, Mich.)
Def. Hillsdale (Quarterfinals) 3-0
Def. Northern Michigan (Semifinals) 3-2
Lost to Northwood (Finals) 0-3
1998 - Nov. 12-14
Kellogg Arena (Battle Creek, Mich.)
Def. Gannon (Quarterfinals) 3-0
Def. Northwood (Semifinals) 3-0
Lost to Northern Michigan (Finals)

PRODUCTIVE SEASON: Ferris State's 1,619 kills this season currently ranks as the 20th highest single-season total in school history while the team's 239 service aces marks the 15th most on the all-time season leaders chart. The Bulldogs' 1,732 digs total is the 16th-best output while the 1,447 assists represents the 17th highest production in a campaign.