



# 2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

FERRIS STATE		WEEKLY RELEASE #12 - NOVEMBER 11, 2008	
		VOLLEYBALL	

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## 2008 Schedule

RECORD: 16-12 HOME: 7-5 ROAD: 5-5 NEUTRAL: 4-2  
GLIAC: 8-8 HOME: 3-4 ROAD: 5-4

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>AUGUST</b>			
28	Thu.	Aquinas	W 3-0
29	Fri.	Indiana (Pa.)♦	W 3-1
29	Fri.	Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.)♦	W 3-0
30	Sat.	Minnesota Duluth♦	L 1-3
30	Sat.	Urbana (Ohio)♦	W 3-0
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
5	Fri.	vs. Eckerd (Fla.)★	W 3-2
5	Fri.	vs. Colorado State-Pueblo★	W 3-0
6	Sat.	vs. Minnesota State★	L 1-3
6	Sat.	at Tampa★	L 1-3
12	Fri.	at Northwood*	L 1-3
13	Sat.	at Wayne State*	W 3-2
16	Tue.	at Grand Valley State*	L 0-3
19	Fri.	Northern Michigan*	L 2-3
20	Sat.	Michigan Tech*	L 2-3
26	Fri.	at Lake Superior State*	W 3-0
27	Sat.	at Saginaw Valley State*	W 3-2
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
3	Fri.	Hillsdale*	W 3-1
4	Sat.	Findlay*	W 3-0
10	Fri.	at Ashland*	W 3-2
11	Sat.	at Tiffin*	W 3-1
17	Fri.	at Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover♦ vs. Missouri-St. Louis	W 3-1
		vs. Drury	W 3-2
18	Sat.	at Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover♦ vs. Lewis	L 1-3
24	Fri.	Grand Valley State*	L 2-3
31	Fri.	Lake Superior State*	W 3-1
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
1	Sat.	Saginaw Valley State*	L 0-3
7	Fri.	at Northern Michigan*	L 0-3
8	Sat.	at Michigan Tech*	L 0-3
12	Wed.	at Grand Valley State♦	7 p.m.
15	Sat.	GLIAC Tournament Semifinals (Campus Site)	TBA
16	Sun.	GLIAC Tournament Championship (Campus Site)	4 p.m.
20-22	Thur.-Sat.	NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional (Campus Site)	TBA
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
4-6	Thu.-Sat.	28th Annual NCAA-II Elite Eight (Campus Site)	TBA

\*Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Match  
Home matches in **bold** All times are Eastern  
♦ - Ferris State Invitational (Big Rapids, Mich.)  
★ - Tampa Labor Day Classic (Tampa, Fla.)  
◆ - Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover (Indianapolis, Ind.)  
◆ - GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinal-Round  
Dates and times are all subject to change

**GREAT STRETCH:** Ferris State has won 20 or more matches nine times under 13th-year head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs have registered a current 236-107 (.688) record over the past 10 years and have reached the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament five times in that span. FSU has advanced to the GLIAC Tournament 10 consecutive years to date.

**ON THE ROAD:** The Bulldogs have compiled a 677-326 (.675) overall record since 1981 and are 430-257 (.626) in road/neutral site matches during that span. Ferris State has produced a 5-5 road mark this season and is 4-2 in neutral site outings. A season ago, the Bulldogs were 4-6 on the road and notched a 4-2 mark in neutral site encounters.

**2008 BULLDOG CAPTAINS:** A pair of senior setter-outside hitters, **Candice Marut (Pinconning)** and **Andrea Rich (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay)** will serve as the team captains for the 2008 season.



### FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

### THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

#### GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinal Match

Wednesday, Nov. 12 \* 7 p.m. (EST)  
**Ferris State at #4 Grand Valley State**  
GVSU Fieldhouse \* Allendale, Mich.

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE:** The Ferris State University women's volleyball team starts its postseason action this Wednesday (Nov. 12) as the Bulldogs will be competing in the 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Women's Volleyball Tournament. FSU takes on the nationally-ranked Grand Valley State Lakers a quarterfinal-round match in Allendale, Mich. GVSU is currently listed fourth in this week's (Nov. 10) Bison/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll with 761 total points.

**LAST TIME OUT:** Ferris State closed out the regular-season portion of its 2008 schedule last weekend (Nov. 7-8) with road losses to two GLIAC North Division foes. The Bulldogs suffered a 3-0 setback to Northern Michigan last Friday (Nov. 7) at NMU's Vandament Arena in Marquette, Mich., and then dropped a 3-0 decision to Michigan Tech last Saturday (Nov. 8) afternoon at MTU's SDC Gymnasium in Houghton, Mich.

**LAST SEASON:** Ferris State concluded the 2007 season at 20-10 overall with a third-place 12-6 mark in the GLIAC's North Division. The Bulldogs, which produced the program's 10th consecutive winning campaign in 2007, made its 10th straight conference tourney appearance a year ago.

**NCAA REGIONAL TOURNEY INFORMATION:** Three automatic bids and five at-large bids will be awarded in the region, which consists of teams from the GLIAC and Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC). The NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tourney will be held Nov. 20-22 at a campus site yet to be determined. The official tournament pairings and site are slated to be released this Sunday (Nov. 16).

**2008 GLIAC PRESEASON POLL:** Ferris State has been chosen to finish in a tie for third place in the 2008 GLIAC Volleyball Coaches Preseason North Division Poll as released by the league office. The Bulldogs totaled 16 points in the balloting, which was conducted by the conference's head coaches. A season ago, Ferris State racked up a third-place 24 points after posting 26 points good for third place in the 2006 league poll. Ferris State was tabbed fourth in the 2005 poll with 26 points. Grand Valley State was voted as the favorite to repeat as the North Division regular-season champions for the fourth consecutive year as the Lakers recorded 24 points along with four of the six first-place votes. Northern Michigan received the other two first-place votes while totaling 18 points.

**THE 2008 FSU ROSTER:** Ferris State's 2008 active roster includes two seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and eight freshmen. Five of the 18 players are outside hitters, six are middle hitters, and seven others fill the squad's setter, defensive specialist and libero roles. All 18 student-athletes on the team hail from the state of Michigan.

**THE 36TH SEASON:** The 2008 season represents Ferris State's 36th season of intercollegiate women's volleyball. The Bulldogs have accumulated an all-time mark of 771-438 (.638) to date. Since 1972, the Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made 14 NCAA-II Tournament appearances, and registered 28 winning seasons.

**WINNING SEASON:** For the 11th consecutive season to date, Ferris State will post a winning record. The last time FSU didn't have a winning campaign was in 1997 when the Bulldogs went 14-18 overall with a sixth-place 6-12 conference mark in head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm's** second season at Ferris State.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

NEWEST 2,000 ASSISTS CLUB MEMBER: Andrea Rich became the ninth individual in FSU volleyball history to register 2,000 career assists after she dished out a team-high 13 helpers at Michigan Tech last Saturday (11/8) in the Bulldogs' regular-season finale match.

BULLDOG BITES: Redshirt freshman libero Lisa Tobiczkyk (Marysville) has generated double digits in digs on 21 occasions this season to date, which includes her last three outings. Tobiczkyk's squad-high 365 digs in 28 matches this campaign currently ranks 23rd highest among the Bulldogs' all-time single-season leaders.

2008 GLIAC TOURNEY INFORMATION: Ferris State is making its 11th straight GLIAC Tournament appearance this Wednesday (11/12). The top four teams are hosting a quarterfinal-round match in the 14th annual postseason tourney with the top remaining seed to host the semifinals/finals this weekend (11/15-16).

NOVEMBER MATCHES: The Bulldogs have currently registered a 17-20 overall record (.459) in November encounters dating back to 2000. FSU sports a 10-4 home ledger and is 7-16 in road/neutral site matches during that period.

REGIONAL RANKINGS: Ferris State is listed eighth place in the most recent NCAA Division II Midwest Region rankings, which were released Wednesday (10/29) by the NCAA-II Women's Volleyball Committee.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

GRAND VALLEY STATE: Ferris State and Grand Valley State will meet for the 94th time in a series which the Lakers hold a 53-40 advantage. GVSU registered a 3-0 home victory earlier this season (9/16) in Allendale, Mich., and then notched a 3-2 come-from-behind decision over the Bulldogs (10/24) at Big Rapids, Mich.

2008 FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists 20 players including Katie Edwards, Amanda Kettlewell, Candice Marut, Dana Ruttie, Arielle Goodson, Leslie Swanson, Anne Sutton, Ashley Huntey, Sarah Lark, Samantha Fordyce, Lisa Tobiczkyk, Whitney Rupp, Danielle Hamilton, Mallory Kopa, Aly Brecht, Andrea Rich, Karen Thompson, and Kristy Gilchrist.

Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, 13th Year (Alma, 1990) Assistant Coach: Theresa Beeckman, 4th Year
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Dale Wilhelm, 5th Year \* - Letters earned C - Captain

2008 SEASON TRENDS

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

FERRIS STATE'S TRIPLE DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS

Andrea Rich . . . . . 2



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 13th year at FSU for the 2008 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 six years.

Success and Brandel-Wilhelm have become synonymous as Ferris State recorded the program's 10th consecutive winning campaign in 2007 as Bulldogs attained double-digits in victories for the 27th straight year with a 20-10 overall record.

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 enters the 2008 season ranked 22nd in career best winning percentage among the nation's Division II active coaches with a 371-145 (.719) career mark in 15 seasons as a collegiate head coach. Her 371 career wins also represents a tie for 22nd place on the Division II active coaches total victories list.

In the last eight seasons, Brandel-Wilhelm has coached Ferris State to an impressive 199-86 overall record (.698). She was voted as the GLIAC's Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 2002 by her coaching 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 II coach by the United States Volleyball Association. She also serves as the advisor for Ferris State's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). 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, OVERALL (WON, LOST, PCT.), CONFERENCE (WON, LOST, PCT.), GLIAC FINISH. Rows include years 1993-2008 and Career/FSU Totals.

2008 GLIAC STANDINGS

Table showing 2008 GLIAC Standings for North and South Divisions, including columns for School, Conference (W, L, Pct.), and Overall (W, L, Pct.).

GLIAC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Nov. 12

GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals

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

Saturday - Sunday, Nov. 15-16

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

All times are Eastern Standard and subject to change

FERRIS STATE'S GLIAC TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Overall Record: 10-9, 10 Appearances

- 2007 - Nov. 7: Vandament Arena (Marquette, Mich.) Lost to Northern Michigan (Quarterfinals) 0-3
2006 - Oct. 31 & Nov. 3: Jesse Philips Arena (Hillsdale, Mich.) Lost to Grand Valley State (Semifinals) 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) 0-3

