



2008 WEEKLY MATCH NOTES

FERRIS STATE		WEEKLY RELEASE #10 - OCTOBER 28, 2008	
		VOLLEYBALL	

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2008 Schedule

RECORD: 15-9 HOME: 6-4 ROAD: 5-3 NEUTRAL: 4-2
GLIAC: 7-5 HOME: 2-3 ROAD: 5-2

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
AUGUST			
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
SEPTEMBER			
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
OCTOBER			
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*	12 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
1	Sat.	Saginaw Valley State*	1 p.m.
7	Fri.	at Northern Michigan*	7 p.m.
8	Sat.	at Michigan Tech*	4 p.m.
12	Wed.	GLIAC Tournament Quarterfinals (Campus Site)	TBA
15	Sat.	GLIAC Tournament Semifinals (Campus Site)	TBA
16	Sun.	GLIAC Tournament Championship (Campus Site)	TBA
20-22	Thur.-Sat.	NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional (Campus Site)	TBA
DECEMBER			
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.)
Dates and times are all subject to change

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for all 2008 Ferris State home matches will be available at the door. For more information, please contact the Ferris State Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888.

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 235-104 (.693) 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.

REGULAR-SEASON HOME FINALES: Ferris State has produced a 4-1 record (.800) in its last five regular-season home finale appearances to date, which includes a current three-match winning streak. The Bulldogs sport a 9-1 mark (.900) in their final two regular-season home encounters and have midst a present seven-match winning string in those outings. Last season, FSU posted 3-0 victories over Saginaw Valley State (11/2) and Northwood (11/3) in its final two home matches.



FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

THIS WEEK IN BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Oct. 31 * 12 p.m. (EDT)
Lake Superior State at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Nov. 1 * 1 p.m. (EDT)
Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State
Ewigleben Sports Arena * Big Rapids, Mich.

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE: The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will conclude the home portion of its 2008 regular-season schedule this weekend (Oct. 31-Nov. 1) with matches against a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) North Division opponents at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs square off against the Lake Superior State Lakers this Friday (Oct. 31) in a 12 p.m. (EDT) contest before taking on the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals this Saturday (Nov. 1) at 1 p.m. (EDT) in the home finale.

FERRIS VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI: The Bulldog volleyball program extends an invitation for its alumni to attend this Saturday's (Nov. 1) regular-season home finale match against Saginaw Valley State.

LAST TIME OUT: Ferris State dropped a 3-2 conference home decision to then nationally fifth-ranked and West Michigan archrival Grand Valley State last Friday (Oct. 24) evening before a crowd of 645 fans at FSU's Ewigleben Sports Arena in its lone action of the week.

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.

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.

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.

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 2000 ASSISTS CLUB: **Candice Marut** become the eighth player in FSU volleyball history to reach the 2,000 career assists plateau as a result of her team-leading 19 assists against Grand Valley State last Friday (10/24). Marut presently has accumulated 2,010 assists in 103 career matches and is now 124 helpers away from tying Tricia Metz's (1995-96) seventh-place 2,134 career total. Marut's teammate, **Andrea Rich** is 53 assists shy of generating her 2,000 career helper and presently has totaled 1,947 assists in 78 contests.

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 770-435 (.639) to date. Since 1972, the Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made 14 NCAA-II Tournament appearances, and registered 28 winning seasons.



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MORE BULLDOG BITES

BULLDOG BITES: Andrea Rich's match-high 20 digs versus Grand Valley State last Friday (10/24) marked a season best, eclipsing her 17 digs set earlier this season in road matches versus Tampa (9/6) and Ashland (10/10). Rich, who claimed a career match-high 23 digs against Hillsdale in the 2007 season (10/12), has currently registered 11 double-digit dig single-match performances 11 times this campaign . . . The Bulldogs' 82 digs against Grand Valley State (10/24) tied a 2008 team season high. FSU chalked up an 82-digs match total versus Drury (10/17) at the 2008 Asics GLVC/GLIAC Crossover Tournament in Indianapolis, Ind. . . Junior outside hitter Sarah Lark's (Alma) 129 kills in 24 matches this season represents a career single-season best, surpassing her 117 kills in 29 encounters a season ago . . . Junior middle hitter Kristy Gilchrist (Macomb/Anchor Bay) is three kills shy of moving into a 24th-place tie with Lauren Heine (2002-05) on FSU's career kills leaders list. Gilchrist has compiled 745 career kills in 84 matches while Heine totaled 748 in 107 outings. Gilchrist is 27 more kills from moving into a tie for 19th place on the all-time charts and would tie Kate Pickvet (1999-01; 722 career kills) for that particular placing.

OCTOBER MATCHES: Ferris State is a 60-24 overall (.714) in October matches since the 2000 season. The Bulldogs are 28-10 at home and are 32-14 in road/neutral site outings in that span. Ferris State won six of its nine matches in October a season ago, which included a 4-1 home ledger.

NOVEMBER MATCHES: The Bulldogs have compiled a 16-17 overall record (.485) in November encounters dating back to 2000. FSU is 9-3 at home and 7-14 in road/neutral site matches during that period. Ferris State registered a 2-1 record a season ago in November contests.

DID YOU KNOW?: In the 2003 season, Ferris State's final two regular-season home matches were held on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The Bulldogs shutout Saginaw Valley State, 3-0, on Halloween and then tallied a 3-2 decision over Northwood on the first day of November.

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. The Bulldogs, who were ranked sixth in the first regional rankings (10/15), have compiled a 10-8 in-region record to date. FSU is one of six GLIAC teams to be listed in the Midwest Region rankings. Grand Valley State continues to remain first followed by Lewis and Northern Kentucky. Ferris State is one place in back of seventh-place Michigan Tech and one in front of ninth-place Missouri-St. Louis among the 10 teams to be ranked. The next rankings will be released Wednesday, Nov. 12.

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE: Ferris State owns a 60-17 lead in its all-time series against Lake Superior State and has won 40 of the last 41 meetings between the two teams. The Bulldogs are presently 31-4 at home and 29-13 versus the Lakers in road/neutral site contests. FSU registered a 3-0 victory over LSSU earlier this season (9/27) in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Last season, Ferris State claimed a 3-1 home win (9/14) in Big Rapids and then recorded a 3-0 decision (10/21) at LSSU. Lake Superior State is currently 6-15 overall and 2-11 in the GLIAC's North Division after suffering a 3-1 conference home loss to Michigan Tech last Saturday (10/25). The Lakers, under 14th-year head coach Mark Engle, are 3-9 in their last 12 matches. LSSU sports a 2-11 mark in away/neutral site contests this campaign. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. LSSU - 26-1.

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE: Ferris State has a commanding 48-9 advantage over Saginaw Valley State to date in the all-time series. The Bulldogs recorded a 3-2 victory against SVSU earlier this season (9/27) at University Center, Mich. FSU is 25-3 at home and 23-6 in road/neutral matches versus the Cardinals. A season ago, the Bulldogs swept the regular-season series with a 3-0 triumph at SVSU (9/22) and a 3-0 home decision over the Cardinals (11/2) at Big Rapids. Saginaw Valley State improved to 19-5 overall and 9-4 in the GLIAC's North Division after winning its second consecutive match with a 3-1 league home victory versus Northern Michigan last Saturday (10/25). The Cardinals, who currently sport a 14-3 ledger in away/neutral site outings this fall, visit nationally-ranked Grand Valley State this Friday (10/31) prior to its encounter at Ferris State. SVSU is coached by sixth-year head coach Will Stanton, the 2007 GLIAC Coach of the Year Award recipient. Tia Brandel-Wilhelm vs. SVSU - 21-4.

2008 FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

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

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.

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. Columns include School, Conference (W, L, Pct.), and Overall (W, L, Pct.).

UPCOMING GLIAC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Oct. 28

at Tiffin 3, Notre Dame (Ohio) 0

Friday, Oct. 31

- Lake Superior State at Ferris State*, 12 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Northern Michigan*, 6 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.
Ashland at Northwood*, 7 p.m.
Findlay at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.
Tiffin at Wayne State*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1

- Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State*, 1 p.m.
Lake Erie (Ohio) at Findlay, 1 p.m.
Lake Superior State at Grand Valley State*, 4 p.m.
Tiffin at Northwood*, 4 p.m.
Urbana (Ohio) at Northern Michigan, 5 p.m.
Bluffton (Ohio) at Findlay, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2

Urbana (Ohio) at Michigan Tech, 10 a.m.

* - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Match
All times are Eastern and subject to change

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.

LIVE STATS: "Live Stats" for all 2008 Ferris State home volleyball matches will be provided in progress via the internet. Visit www.ferris.edu/sports and click on the "Live Stats" icon to access the CSTV GameTracker "Live Stats" feature.

ALL-CONFERENCE RETURNEES: The Bulldogs return a pair of All-GLIAC performers from the 2007 season in Kristy Gilchrist and Andrea Rich. Gilchrist received all-conference second-team accolades in 2007 while Rich garnered honorable mention all-league kudos.

SENIOR DAY MATCH: This Saturday's (11/1) final regular-season home match versus Saginaw Valley State represents the program's annual Senior Day contest as the Bulldogs will honor the 2008 squad's two senior student-athletes, Candice Marut and Andrea Rich, in a pre-match ceremony.

NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS: Ferris State is listed 69th in blocks per set (1.92 avg.) among the national statistical leaders through matches of Oct. 26. The Bulldogs are 78th in aces per set (1.73 avg.), 85th in winning percentage (.625), 123rd in assists per set (10.36 avg.), and 125th in kills per set (11.48 avg.).