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**Head Coach Jeff Pierce:** Jeff Pierce is presently in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 45-27-0 coaching record to date. In that span, Pierce has already made a mark among the school’s all-time coaches by posting the best winning percentage (.625) in the program’s history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is two wins away from tying Sam Ketchman (1953-66) for second place in all-time victories and is 16 wins away from becoming the winnigest FSU coach and would surpass Keith Otterbein (60-39-0, 1986-94). Under Pierce’s tutelage, the Bulldogs have won or shared three GLIAC titles while earning back-to-back (1995-96) berths in the NCAA Division II National Championship Playoffs, including a semifinal-round appearance in ’95.

**Game Facts**

**Grand Valley State Lakers** (4-0; 3-0 GLIAC)

**At Ferris State Bulldogs** (3-2; 3-1 GLIAC)

**Kickoff:** 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

**Stadium/Surface:** Top Taggart Field (6,200)/Artificial Turf (Astroturf 12)

**Radio Coverage:** WBRN-AM (1460) — Jason Edwards (play-by-play), John Smith (color commentary).

**The Records:** Ferris State improved to 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the GLIAC with a 32-29 conference victory over Northwood last Saturday (Sept. 29) evening at FSU’s Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. Ferris is presently 2-0 at home this season. The Bulldogs were 5-6 overall a season ago, which includes a 5-5 GLIAC mark (5th-place tie). In 1999, FSU was 7-3 overall and conference co-champions (7-2). The Bulldogs have won or shared the conference championship six of the last nine years, including five straight (1992-96).

**Grand Valley State** is currently 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the GLIAC following a 64-14 conference triumph against Northern Michigan last Saturday (9/29). Coleman also had two kickoff returns for 99 yards (49.5 ypr.), including an 88-yard TD return in the third quarter vs. Northwood.

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**The Coaches:**

**Ferris State** — Jeff Pierce (Ferris State, 1979), 7th season, 45-27-0 (.625) — (2-4-0 vs. Grand Valley State).

**Grand Valley State** — Brian Kelly (Assumption, Mass., 1983), 11th season, 81-57-3 (.589) — (5-4-1 vs. Ferris State).

**Game Schedule & Results**

**3-2; 3-1 GLIAC**

- Sept. 1 at South Dakota State L 24-34
- Sept. 8 Findlay* W 33-10
- Sept. 15 at Saginaw Valley State L 20-33
- Sept. 22 at Wayne State W 38-14
- Sept. 29 Northwood* W 36-22
- Oct. 6 Grand Valley State* (HF) 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 at Mercyhurst* 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Michigan Tech* (HC) 2 p.m.
- Oct. 27 at Northern Michigan 7 p.m.
- Nov. 3 at Hillsdale 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Indianapolis* 1:30 p.m.

All times are Eastern

**GVSU leads 17-12-1**

- FSU Scoring Avg.: 20.8 (625 pts.)
- GVSU Scoring Avg.: 25.0 (750 pts.)
- Differential: +4.2 (GVSU)

- At Allendale: GVSU leads 8-7-0
- At Big Rapids: GVSU leads 9-5-1

- Most Points in a FSU Win:

  - 1980 GV 56, FSU 53 OT* (11/14/98)
  - 1987 GV 21-17 H

- Most Points in a GVSU Win:

  - 1981 GV 46-12 A
  - 1982 GV 38-35 H

- Most Decisive Score:

  - GVSU 56, FSU 53 OT* (11/14/98)
  - FSU 57, GVSU 0* (10/9/71)

- Longest Series Win Streak:

  - 7

- Differential:

  - GVSU: +4.2

- Last Meeting — 2000: Ferris State dropped a 21-20 road conference decision to Grand Valley State in front of 5,073 spectators as the host Lakers tied the game with 3:33 remaining in the contest when quarterback Curt Ane's 28-yard pass connected with wide receiver David Kircus in the corner of the end zone. GVSU kicker Kevin Sonntag's point after attempt was successful for the game-winning margin. The contest started out with Ferris taking a 7-0 lead after the opening quarter on quarterback Kyle Park's four-yard scoring strike to split end Clarence Coleman with 2:38 left in the first period. Coleman put the Bulldogs back in the game conference win streak. Ferris is 8-6-0 in contests decided by 10 points or less and 2-8-0 in games when the margin is between 11 and 30 points.

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2001 GLIAC STANDINGS

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LAST WEEK’S RESULTS

at Saginaw Valley State 20, Ashland 3*
Indianapolis 17, at Mercyhurst 14*
Hillsdale 52, Michigan Tech 95*
at Findlay 44, Wayne State 43*
at Ferris State 32, Northwood 29*
at Grand Valley State 64, Northern Michigan 14*

SATURDAY, OCT. 6
Mercyhurst at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Northwood*, 12 p.m.
Hillsdale at Ashland, 1 p.m.
Wayne State at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m.
Grand Valley State at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m.
Findlay at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Ferris State tallied 25 unanswered second-half points, including 19 straight in the third quarter, to claim a thrilling 32-29 victory over Northwood Saturday evening before a Top Taggart Field crowd of 2,683 fans. With the win, the Bulldogs have now won 13 of the last 15 meetings against Northwood and have a current three-game winning streak. FSU also won for the sixth straight time at home vs. the Timberwolves. NU built a 21-7 halftime advantage with a pair of TD’s on two Ferris State miscues. Fullback Bryant Lawrence’s two-yard TD plunge with 7:06 remaining in the opening quarter gave the Timberwolves an early lead before the Bulldogs answered in the second quarter at 13:59 when redshirt freshman quarterback Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.) connected with sophomore tight end Matt McCoy (Charlotte) on an 11-yard TD pass. NU broke the deadlock minutes later as Marsan’s pass went through the hands of Coleman right to freshman cornerback Martell Foster, who returned the ball 44 yards for a TD as the Timberwolves went ahead 14-7 with 11 minutes left before halftime. NU then caught another break when Coleman fielded the ensuing kickoff, but bumbled near midfield where Northwood recovered the ball. A play later, quarterback Jason Martin found wide receiver Ron Hunter wide open behind the FSU secondary as the pair connected on a 48-yard TD strike. Ferris rallied in the second half as the Bulldogs scored four times in a row to take a 32-21 lead with the final tally occurring with 12:40 remaining in the game on senior tailback Matt Otero’s (Independence, Ohio) two-yard TD rush. Trailing 21-7 at the half, Coleman picked up a rolling NU punt and broke loose for an 88-yard TD at the third quarter’s 12:15 mark. A few minutes later, junior cornerback DeRen Ellis (Detroit/Harper Woods Notre Dame) scooped up a blocked Timberwolves’ 39-yard field goal attempt and dashed 55 yards for the score to draw the Bulldogs within 21-19. FSU capitalized on another NU turnover as a Timberwolves’ center snap sailed over the punter into the end zone where sophomore free safety Rich Dosh (Burton/Flint Kearsley) recovered the ball. Dosh’s third-yard TD fumble recovery at 1:52 gave the Bulldogs their first lead of the game (26-21). Ferris’ offense was on the field for just three seconds in the third quarter. Following Otero’s TD early in the fourth quarter, the Timberwolves closed to within 32-29 with 5:15 left as Martin scored on a two-yard keeper and then was successful on a two-point conversion pass. Ferris, which held a 270-yard to 268-yard edge in total offense, was paced by Otero’s game-high 144 yards rushing on 27 carries while senior split end Lamar Patterson (Milan) had a game-best eight receptions for 95 yards. Marsan was 14-of-30 in passing for 135 yards. Senior outside linebacker Charlie Pierson (St. Ignace/LaSalle) posted a game-high 14 tackles (10 solos) while junior defensive end Bo Moore (Monroe) and sophomore middle linebacker Luke Piepkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi) had nine tackles apiece. Redshirt frosh outside linebacker Kevin Myers (Midland) totaled eight stops.

BULLDOGS OF-THE-WEEK: Following each Ferris State contest, individual players will be recognized by the FSU coaching staff for their outstanding performance. Individual(s) will be selected on offense, defense, specialty teams, and for extraordinary effort (every player, every play).

2001 HARLON HILL TROPHY CANDIDATE: Clarence Coleman, the GLIAC and FSU’s all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and all-purpose yards, is among several NCAA Division II standouts vying for the 2001 Harlon Hill Trophy as the nation’s top Division II football player. The All-America receiver has currently amassed 4,346 career receiving yards on 274 catches in 36 games at FSU while compiling 251 career receptions for 4,124 yards in conference games only. Coleman established school single-season marks for receptions (97), receiving yards (1,519) and TD’s (15) last fall. His 89 catches for 1,441 yards in GLIAC games last season both represented conference records. He has recorded 10 double-figure reception games in his career while registering 24 career 100-yard plus receiving single-game performances.

COLEMAN MAKES HISTORY: Clarence Coleman became the NCAA Division II’s all-time leader in pass receptions with 274 career catches as a result of an eight-yard reception vs. Northwood – his only catch of the game. Coleman surpassed Damien Hoffman of Minnesota-Morris (1997-00; 95 receiving yards on 274 catches represented a personal career high, eclipsing his previous best of 77 yards (nine catches) at Grand Valley State (10/7/00). . . Bo Moore’s nine tackles against Northwood equalled his personal career high, set earlier this season at Saginaw Valley State (9/15) . . . Charlie Pierson posted his 13th double-figure tackle single-game effort with 14 stops vs. Northwood last Saturday. He’s averaging 8.1 tackles (266 total) an outing in 33 career contests.

2001 GLIAC OFFENSIVE & DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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