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**Game Facts**

**Ferris State Bulldogs**

(5-4; 5-3 GLIAC)

At

**Hillsdale Chargers**

(3-6; 3-5 GLIAC)

**Kickoff:** 2:30 p.m. (EST)

**Stadium/Surface:** Frank "Muddy" Waters Stadium (5,800)/Prescription Athletic Turf

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

**The Records:** Ferris State improved to 5-4 overall and 5-3 in the GLIAC with a 7-6 conference road triumph over Northern Michigan last Saturday (Oct. 27) evening at NMU's Superior Dome in Marquette, Mich. The Bulldogs were 5-6 overall a season ago, which included a 5-5 conference decision to Mercyhurst last Saturday.

**FSU Scoring Avg.:** 14.2 (454 pts.)

**HC Scoring Avg.:** 20.5 (565 pts.)

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**Most Points in a HC Win:** 52

**Longest Series Win Streak:** 9

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**Last Meeting in Big Rapids:** House 1995

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**Head Coach Jeff Pierce:** Jeff Pierce is presently in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 47-29-0 coaching record to date. Pierce has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by posting the second-best winning percentage (.618) in the program's history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is presently tied with Sam Ketchman (1953-66) for second place in all-time victories and is 14 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.

**Head Coaches:**

Ferris State – Jeff Pierce


2001 Ferris State Schedule & Results

(5-4, 5-3 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 32-29

**Oct. 6** Grand Valley State* (HF) L 17-63

**Oct. 13** at Mercyhurst* L 14-25

**Oct. 20** Michigan Tech* (HC) W 35-0

**Oct. 27** at Northern Michigan* W 7-6

**Nov. 3** at Hillsdale* 2:30 p.m.

**Nov. 10** Indianapolis* 1:30 p.m.

All times are Eastern

* – Denotes FSU home game

**At Hillsdale:**

Hillsdale leads 19-12-1

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**At Big Rapids:**

HC leads 10-7-0

Most Decisive Score: FSU 19

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**At Hillsdale:**

HC leads 9-5-1

Most Points in a HC Win: 44

First Game: HC 44, FSU 0

(HC 10/6/82)

(Small fsu, 9/24/94 – 10/31/98)

797 FSU 14-3 H

797 FSU 19-0 H

810 HC 7-0 A

810 HC 20-17 H

812 HC 52-0 A

812 HC 27-14 H

814 HC 20-3 A

815 HC 24-15 A

816 HC 23-20 H

817 HC 34-15 A

819 FSU 24-11 A

819 FSU 14-10 H

819 FSU 23-16 A

824 HC 23-13 H

825 FSU 19-20 A

826 HC 25-15 H

827 FSU 27-17 H

827 HC 11-2 A

828 HC 35-21 A

828 HC 24-11 H

829 FSU 26-0 A

2000 HC 23-14 H

**Last Meeting – 2000:** Hillsdale snapped its five-game losing streak due in part to a 17-point second-quarter outburst as the Chargers went on to register a 23-14 victory over Ferris State at Top Taggart Field in the Bulldogs' home finale. Hillsdale led 17-14 with 5:55 remaining in the contest after Ferris State scored its only points of the second half on a 62-yard TD pass from quarterback Kyle Park to split end Clarence Coleman. But, the Bulldogs won't get no closer as Hillsdale corner-back Tim Mustapha intercepted a Park aerial and returned the pigskin 39 yards for the TD with 1:19 left in the game to seal the win. Mustapha, who had two interceptions for 39 yards in the contest, set a school single-season and GLIAC record with his 11th interception of the season. FSU led 7-0 after the opening 15 minutes of the game when free safety Alvin Grier returned a HC fumble 62 yards for the score. However, the lead was short-lived as Hillsdale dominated the second quarter by reeling off 17 consecutive points to claim a 17-7 halftime advantage. Running back Shawn Kerjies tied things up for the Chargers with a two-yard run with just over 12 minutes to go in the second quarter and then fullback Brian Gephart bulled into the end zone from a yard out at the 6:59 mark to give the visitors a never they would never relinquish. HC kicker Blake Barisich accounted for the Chargers' final points on the quarter on a 23-yard field goal with 1:28 remaining before halftime. Hillside chalked up 309 yards of total offense, including 206 on the ground, while the Charger defense allowed just 10 yards rushing. Coleman led Ferris State, which totaled 239 total offensive yards, with a game-high nine receptions for 105 yards. Park was 11-of-20 passing for 137 yards, but threw two interceptions while his backup freshman Dan Richard passed for 92 yards along with an interception. Outside linebacker Rob Ridling led the Bulldog defense with 17 tackles (13 solos) while middle linebacker Rudy Lopez had 15 stops. Grier and outside linebacker Charlie Pierson notched 11 tackles apiece to support the effort.

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Offensively, senior flanker William Foster (St. Ignace/LaSalle) managed 207 yards. The FSU defense, which limited the hosts to 24 zone. The Bulldogs posted 337 yards in total offense while the Wildcats' 12-yard situation at the NMU 34-yard line and returned the ball to the end zone.

The FSU defense, which limited the hosts to 24 yards rushing, was paced by sophomore middle linebacker Luke Piepokw's (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi) game-high 15 tackles. Senior defensive tackle Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

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DeRen Ellis' pass interception at Northern Michigan marked his first of this season and the ninth of his career. The pass theft moved him into a four-way tie for sixth place among the school's all-time interception leaders. Ellis, who has totaled 126 yards on nine interceptions in 26 career outings, is presently tied with Gary Warner (1966-69), Willie Bouyer (1969-72) and Bob Alger (1976-78-80).

Ferris State's defense has allowed 3.0 points (six total) in its last two games after giving up an average of 29.7 points (208 total) in its first seven contests this season. The Bulldogs haven't allowed a TD in those two games. The last time FSU didn't give up a TD in a game was in 1996 (8/29) with a season-opening 26-0 victory at Ashland.

Tom Marsan is averaging 256.3 passing yards (769 total) per game in his last three outings to date. In his previous three appearances, he averaged 200.7 passing yards (602 total) a contest.

HARLON HILL TROPHY CANDIDATE: Senior flanker Clarence Coleman is among several NCAA-II standouts vying for the 2001 Harlon Hill Trophy as the nation's top Division II player. The All-America receiver has currently amassed 4,759 career receiving yards on a NCAA-II record 305 catches in 40 games at FSU while compiling 273 career receptions for 4,470 yards in conference games only. Coleman established school single-season marks for receptions (97), receiving yards (1,519) and TD's (15) in 2000. His 89 catches for 1,441 yards in GLIAC games last fall were both conference records. Coleman, who's the GLIAC and FSU's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards and all-purpose yards, has presently recorded 10 double-figure reception games in his career while registering 26 career 100-yard plus receiving single-game performances.

COLEMAN AMONG NCAA ALL-TIME LEADERS: Clarence Coleman, the NCAA Division II's all-time leader in pass receptions with 305 career catches to date, became the NCAA-II's career leader in receiving yards with his 44-yard TD reception at Mercyhurst (Oct. 13). Coleman has registered a current 4,759-career yard total and surpassed the national mark held by James Roe of Norfolk State (4,468 yrs on 239 receptions). 1992-95.

Coleman is averaging 15.6 yards per catch and 119.0 per game in 40 career outings.

Coleman is also listed among the national career leaders in all four NCAA Divisions (I-A, I-AA, II and III), presently ranking third in receiving yards (4,759), tied for third in receptions (97), ninth in receiving yards per game (119.0), 12th in all-purpose yards (7,505), tied for 14th in receptions per game (7.6) and tied for 25th in touchdown receptions (39).

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Up Next: Ferris State concludes its 2001 season Saturday, Nov. 10, as the Bulldogs host the Indianapolis Greyhounds in GLIAC action. Opening kickoff for the season finale is slated for 1:30 p.m. (EST) at FSU's Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich.

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