**Ferris State at Northern Michigan**

**October 22, 2001**

**Football News Release**

**GAME FACTS**

**Ferris State Bulldogs** (4-4; 4-3 GLIAC)

At

**Northern Michigan Wildcats** (3-5; 2-5 GLIAC)

**KICKOFF:** 7 p.m. (EDT)

**STADIUM/SURFACE:** Superior Dome (8,000)/Artificial Turf

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

**THE RECORDS:** Ferris State is presently 4-4 overall and 4-3 in the GLIAC following its 35-0 conference win over Michigan Tech last Saturday (Oct. 20) in FSU's 75th Homecoming Game at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs were 5-6 overall a season ago, which included a 5-5 GLIAC mark (5th-place tie). Ferris was 2-3 at home and 3-3 on the road last season. In 1999, FSU was 7-3 over-, and would surpass Keith Otterbein (60-39-0, 1986-94). Under Pierce's tutelage, the Bulldogs have won or shared the conference championship six of the last nine years, including five straight (1992-96).

**Northern Michigan** is currently 3-5 overall and 2-5 in the GLIAC after suffering a 26-14 conference setback to Ashland last Saturday (Oct. 20) at AU's Community Stadium in Ashland, Ohio. The Wildcats, who are 1-4 in their last five outings to date, are 3-1 at home and 0-4 on the road this season. NMU finished their last five outings to date. The Bulldogs are averaging 34.8 points (313 pts.) a contest in that nine-game span while the Wildcats have scored at an 18.8 points (169 pts.) per game clip. FSU, which has won three of its last four contests at Marquette, is averaging 38.5 points (154 pts.) in comparison to NMU's 19.3 points an outing (77 pts.) for a +19.2-point differential in that four-game period.

**The Game:** The Ferris State University football team is on the road the next two weeks in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) play, beginning this Saturday (Oct. 27) as the Bulldogs travel to Michigan's Upper Peninsula to square off against the Northern Michigan University Wildcats in Marquette, Mich.

**Head Coach Jeff Pierce:** Jeff Pierce is presently in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 46-29-0 coaching record to date. Pierce has already made a mark among the school's all-time coaches by posting the second-best winning percentage (.613) in the program's history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is one win away from tying Sam Ketchman (1953-66) for second place in all-time victories and is 15 wins away from becoming the winningest 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.

**All-Time Series:** This Saturday's contest represents the 28th meeting between the two teams in a series which originated in 1946. Ferris State has won eight of the last nine contests, including the last three outings to date. The Bulldogs are averaging 34.8 points (313 pts.) a contest in that nine-game span while the Wildcats have scored at an 18.8 points (169 pts.) per game clip. FSU, which has won three of its last four contests at Marquette, is averaging 38.5 points (154 pts.) in comparison to NMU's 19.3 points an outing (77 pts.) for a +19.2-point differential in that four-game period.

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**At Big Rapids:** FSU leads 7-4-3

**At Marquette: NMU leads 7-3-3**

**First Game: FSU 7, NMU 7**

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**Last NMU Win:** 23-21 (9/27/97)

**Last FSU Win:** 28-7* (10/28/00)

**Last FSU Win:** 47-0 (47-0 - 10/293; NMU 66 (80-14)

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**Most Points in a FSU Win:** 47

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**Most Decisive Score:** FSU 47

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**Longest Series Win Streak:** 8 seasons (Oct. 1992)

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**LAST MEETING – 2000:** A total team effort by Ferris State on both sides of the football resulted in a 28-7 victory over Northern Michigan at FSU's Top Taggart Field. Both teams were unable to register a point until 9:09 of the first quarter when Ferris found the end zone on fullback Mike Collins’ one-yard plunge to put the hosts up 6-0 after 15 minutes of action. The Bulldogs then proceeded to increase their lead to 14 points, all in the third quarter, while holding the NMU’s offense to 19 yards rushing in the half. Quarterback Kyle Park scored on the keeper from a yard out at the 11:57 mark as Ferris State was able to retain its 14-point advantage at 21-7. Collins tallied his second TD with 2:10 left before the end of quarter on a one-yard run to conclude the scoring. FSU rolled up 539 yards in total offense while limiting Northern Michigan to a 157-yard total, including 49 yards on the ground. Park threw 141 yards, including three quarterback sacks (-14 yards).

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### 2001 GLIAC STANDINGS

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### LAST WEEK’S RESULTS

- at Saginaw Valley State 45, Wayne State 12*
- at Ashland 26, Northern Michigan 14*
- at Ferris State 35, Michigan Tech 6*
- Indianapolis 20, at Hillsdale 17 OT*
- at Findlay 31, Northwood 19*
- at Grand Valley State 59, Mercyhurst 3*

### SATURDAY, OCT. 27

**Ashland at Northwood**, 12 p.m.
**Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech**, 12 p.m.
**Indianapolis at Wayne State**, 12 p.m.
**Hillsdale at Mercyhurst**, 1:30 p.m.
**Saginaw Valley State at Findlay**, 4 p.m.
**Ferris State at Northern Michigan**, 7 p.m.

### LAST WEEK:

Ferris State snapped its two-game losing streak in convincing fashion last Saturday (Oct. 20) as the Bulldogs celebrated their 75th Homecoming with a 35-0 conference victory over Michigan Tech in front of 4,606 spectators at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. FSU, which has now won 13 of the last 16 meetings with MTU, posted 444 yards in total offense with 291 of those yards via the pass. Meanwhile, the Bulldogs’ defense limited the Huskies to 148 total offense yards, including 50 yards on the ground. A pair of first-quarter TD passes from redshirt freshman quarterback **Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.)**, to junior flanker **Robert Giles (Mt. Clemens/L’Anse Creuse North)** gave Ferris a 14-0 advantage after the opening 15 minutes of play. FSU struck at the first quarter’s 5:12 mark as Marsan hooked up with Giles on an 82-yard TD pass to complete a three-play, 94-yard scoring drive. On its next possession, the Marsan-Giles combination hit paydirt again when a center snap sailed over Marsan’s head at the MTU 12-yard line. However, Marsan field the ball off the turf and then spotted Giles in the corner of the end zone for a 12-yard TD with 1:10 left as the hosts took a 14-0 halftime lead. Ferris continued to increase the margin in the second half with a 21-point third-quarter output. Marsan, who was 19-of-27 in passing for 281 yards and three TDs, threw a 31-yard slant pass to junior flanker **Doug Searles (Marshall)** for FSU’s third TD of the contest with 13:20 remaining in the quarter. The Bulldogs then went up 28-0 at 8:05 on the clock when senior flanker **Derek Fudge (Gibbonston, Fla./East Bay)** tied Marsan’s head at the MTU 12-yard line. However, Fudge’s final points opportunity came with 1:22 left to go in the third quarter as sophomore backfield **Derek Fudge (Gibbonston, Fla./East Bay)** took a Marsan pitch and dodged his way 58 yards to the end zone to conclude a two-play, 70-yard scoring drive. For FSU, Giles totaled 107 yards on three receptions while Coleman had six catches for 68 yards. Fudge rushed for 76 yards on 11 carries while his counterpart, MTU’s sophomore backfield **Joe Johnson** ran for a game-high 84 yards on 27 attempts. MTU junior **Kyle Park** punted 13 times for 448 yards, an average of 34.5 yards per attempt. Junior defensive tackle **Jason Feasel (Ceresco/Battle Creek)** paved the way for the Bulldogs with nine tackles, including 3.5 sacks for minus 20 yards. Sophomore middle backfielder **Luke Piepkkow (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi)** had eight tackles while senior outside linebacker **Charlie Pierson (St. Ignace/LaSalle)** and sophomore strong safety **Vito Ciarameccano (Rochester Hills/Rochester)** chipped in with seven stops apiece. Senior cornerback **Ryan Hodges (Montrose)** had a 12-yard pass interception return.

### Home Games Listed in Bold

- Ferris State
- Grand Valley State
- Saginaw Valley State
- Wayne State
- Michigan Tech
- Northern Michigan
- Hillsdale
- Indianapolis

### 36 conference outings and is now within eight points of tying Saginaw Valley State’s Brian Dolph (264 pts.; 1997-00) for third place. He surpassed both Saginaw Valley State’s Leo Loiacano (251 pts.; 1994-97) and FSU’s Mo Harris (252 pts.; 1996-99) with his conference-record fifth career TD punt return vs. Michigan Tech. **Clarence Coleman**, who has 280 career points, presently ranks third among FSU’s all-time scoring leaders and needs 20 points to move into a second-place tie with Jason Lipke (300 pts., 1992-95). **FSU’s 35-0 triumph over Michigan Tech represented the Bulldogs’ first shutout since the 1996 season opener (26-0 win at Grand Rapids)**. The last time Ferris recorded a home shutout was in 1990 (11/10) when the Bulldogs tallied a 30-0 season-finale victory over St. Joseph’s (Ind.).

**Robert Giles** is averaging 29.2 yards per catch in his last two games. He totaled a personal-career-high 107 yards versus Michigan Tech and notched 68 receiving yards on three catches at Mercyhurst (10/13).

### HARLON HILL TROPHY CANDIDATE:

Senior flanker **Clarence Coleman** is among several NCAA-II standalone vying for the 2001 Harlon Hill Trophy as the nation’s top Division II player. The All-America receiver has currently amassed 4,629 career receiving yards on a NCAA-II record 297 catches in 39 games at FSU while compiling 265 career receptions for 4,240 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 25 career 100-yard plus receiving single-game performances.

### COLEMAN MAKES HISTORY:

**Clarence Coleman**, the NCAA Division II’s all-time leader in pass receptions with 297 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 4,629-career-yard total and surpassed the national mark held by James Roe of Norfolk State (4,468 yds. on 239 receptions, 1992-95). Coleman is averaging 15.6 yards per catch and 118.7 per game in 39 career outings.

**Clarence Coleman** is also listed among the national career leaders in all four NCAA Divisions (I-A, I-AA, II and III), presently ranking fifth in receiving yards (4,629), seventh in receptions (297), ninth in both receiving yards per game (118.7) and both receptions per game (7.6), 15th in all-purpose yards (7,331) and tied for 25th in touchdowns receptions (39). Coleman is one catch away from moving into a sixth-place tie with Nevada’s Trevor Insley (298; 1996-99) on the all-time receptions list and is six all-purpose yards shy of tying Wagner’s Rick Sarille (7,337; 1997-99) for 14th place on the career charts. Coleman is also 64 receiving yards away from tying Mississippi Valley’s Jerry Rice (4,693; 1981-84) for fourth place in career receiving yardage.

### UP NEXT:

Ferris State closes out the road portion of its 2001 regular-season schedule Saturday, Nov. 3, as the Bulldogs go up against the Hillsdale College Chargers. Opening kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m. (EST) at H.C.’s Frank ‘Muddy’ Waters Stadium in Hillsdale, Mich.

### 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).

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