**Football News Release**

**S-08**

**MICHIGAN TECH AT FERRIS STATE**

**OCTOBER 15, 2001**

**GAME FACTS**

**MICHIGAN TECH HUSKIES**

**(4-2; 4-2 GLIAC)**

**At FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS**

**(3-4; 3-3 GLIAC)**

**Kickoff:** 2 p.m. (EDT)

**STADIUM/SURFACE:** Top Taggart Field

**(6,200)/Artificial Turf (AstroTurf)**

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The Game: The Ferris State University football team will celebrate its 75th Homecoming this Saturday (Oct. 20) as the Bulldogs play host to the Michigan Tech University Huskies in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action at Big Rapids, Mich.

**Head Coach Jeff Pierce:** Jeff Pierce is presently in his seventh year at Ferris State and has registered a career 45-29-0 coaching record to date. Pierce has already made a mark among the school’s all-time coaches by currently posting the second best winning percentage (.608) 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 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:** The teams will meet for the 51st time with MTU holding a 25-21-4 lead in a series that dates back to 1947. FSU has won 12 of the last 15 meetings and the Bulldogs are 6-3 in their last nine home outings versus the Huskies. FSU is averaging 34.2 points (513 total) in the last 15 games and MTU has scored at a 21.0 (315 total) points per game clip. Ferris is 18-5 when scoring at least 20 points in a contest and 3-19-4 when scoring below the 20-point total in a game.

**MTU leads 25-21-4**

**FSU Scoring Avg.: 18.8 (939 pts.)**

**MTU Scoring Avg.: 19.9 (988 pts.)**

**Differential: +1.1 (MTU)**

**Last MTU Win:**

**Most Decisive Score:**

**Most Points in a MTU Win:**

**Most Points in a FSU Win:**

**Longest Series Win Streak:**

**FSU 66, MTU 7* (10/23/99)**

**Last FSU Win:**

**First Game:**

**MTU leads 14-10-1**

**At Houghton:**

**At Big Rapids:**

**At Neutral Sites:**

**First Game:**

**Last FSU Win:**

**Most Points in a FSU Win:**

**Longest Series Win Streak:**

**FSU 21-14 H**

**MTU 34-27 (10/21/00)**

**2001 FERRIS STATE SCHEDULE & RESULTS**

**(3-4, 3-3 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**

L 38-14

**Sept. 29 Northwood**

W 32-29

**Oct. 6 Grand Valley State**

H 17-63

**Oct. 13 at Mercyhurst**

L 14-25

**Oct. 20 Michigan Tech**

2 p.m.

**Oct. 27 at Northern Michigan**

F 7 A

**Nov. 3 at Hillsdale**

F 25-0

**Nov. 10 Indianapolis**

1:30 p.m.

All times are Eastern

Home games in Bold

GLIAC Game

*HF – Hall of Fame

(HC) – Homecoming

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LAST WEEK: Jason Lipke (300 pts., 1992-95). Leaders and needs: 26 points to move into a second-place tie with kicker Nick Swanson (279 pts. 1994-97) by one point for fifth place. Redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Otero (Independence, Ohio) hooked up with senior flanker Clarence Coleman (Miami, Fla./Miramar) on a 44-yard TD pass play. MC got on the scoreboard three minutes later on the first of three field goals by junior kicker Vinny Repucci. The Lakers went up 13-7 at the half on a two-yard TD run at 3:30 and Repucci’s 47-yard field goal with two seconds left in the second quarter. However, Ferris regained the lead (14-13) in the third quarter with 2:35 remaining in the stanza as Marsan threw a 44-yard scoring strike to junior split end Robert Giles (Mt. Clemens/L’Anse Creuse North). Mercyhurst then reeled off 12 straight fourth-quarter points as Repucci connected on a 20-yarder to put the hosts ahead to stay at 16-14 with under eight minutes left to be played. Junior quarterback Mac McArddie, who passed for 224 yards, scored on a four-yard bootleg at the 1:37 mark and the Lakers tacked on a safety during the Bulldogs’ next possession when the snap sailed over Marsan’s head and was swatted out of the FSU end zone. Individually, Coleman notched a game-best eight catches for 134 yards and the Bulldogs have won nine of their last 12 encounters despite losing their last two to date – 26-22 to Ashland (10/16/99) and 21-10 to Mercyhurst (10/14/00). Ferris’ last homecoming triumph was in 1998 (10/10) with a 37-13 win over Wayne State. The Bulldogs’ longest homecoming win streak is seven games (1990-96) and the longest losing string is nine games (1981-89). FSU posted a 19-6 win over Albion in its first homecoming contest (10/17/31).

Matt Otero recorded his third straight 100-yard plus single-game rushing performance with a 114-yard output at Mercyhurst. He’s averaging 135.7 yards per game (407 total) in the Bulldogs’ last three outings. He ran for 144 yards (27 att.) against Northwood (9/29) and then posted a game-leading 149 yards (21 att.) versus Grand Valley State (10/6).

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 4,561 career receiving yards on a NCAA-II record 291 catches in 38 games at FSU while compiling 259 career receptions for 4,172 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 both were 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 291 career catches to date, became the NCAA-II’s career leader in receiving yards with his 44-yard TD reception at Mercyhurst. Coleman has registered a current 4,561-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 15.7 yards per catch and 120.0 per game in 38 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 fifth in receiving yards (4,561), eighth in both receiving yards per game (120.0) and receptions (291), tied for 13th in receptions per game (7.7), 18th in all-purpose yards (7,133) and tied for 25th in touchdown receptions (39). Coleman is four catches shy of moving into a seventh-place tie with Nebraska’s Geff Noisy (253; 1995-98) on the all-time receptions list and is 39 all-purpose yards away from tying Napoleon McCallum of Navy (7,172; 1981-85) for 17th place on the career charts. Coleman needs 32 more receiving yards to tie Mississippi Valley’s Jerry Rice (4,693; 1981-84) for fourth place in career receiving yardage.

UP NEXT: Ferris State is on the road in its next two GLIAC outings, beginning Saturday, Oct. 27, as the Bulldogs tangle with the Northern Michigan University Wildcats. A 7 p.m. (EDT) start time is scheduled at NMU’s Superior Dome in Marquette, 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).

2001 GLIAC STANDINGS

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LAST WEEK’S RESULTS:

at Michigan Tech 45, Ashland 40*: 12 p.m.
Saginaw Valley State 24, at Northwood 21*: 2 p.m.
at Northern Michigan 26, Findlay 7*: 2 p.m.
Wayne State 19, Hillsdale 17*: 6 p.m.
at Mercyhurst 25, Ferris State 14*: 2 p.m.
Grand Valley State 63, at Indianapolis 27*: 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20
Wayne State at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Ashtabula, 1 p.m.
Michigan Tech at Ferris State*, 2 p.m.
Indiana at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m.
Northwood at Findlay*, 6 p.m.
Mercyhurst at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.

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DATE OPPONENT BULLDOGS-OF-THE-WEEK
Sept. 1 South Dakota State
Offense-Kyle Park, Defense-DeRen Ellis, Specialty-Tom Perez, EPEP-William Foster

Sept. 8 Findlay
Offense-Clarence Coleman, Defense-J.J. Moreland, Specialty-Devin Sokolowski, EPEP-Derek Fudge, Defense-Bo Moore, Specialty-Tim Gill, EPEP-Lamar Patterson

Sept. 15 Saginaw Valley State

Sept. 22 Wayne State
Offense-Lamar Patterson, Defense-DeRen Ellis, Specialty-Tom Perez, EPEP-William Foster

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