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All-Time Series: Ferris State and Wayne State will meet for the 40th time with the Bulldogs having won 13 of the last 16 contests between the two teams, which includes a current three-game series winning streak. The Bulldogs have won their last four contests at Wayne State to date and have outsouref the Warriors 143-44 in that period. Ferris has totaled a 35.8 points per game average while Wayne State is averaging 11.0 points an outing in the four-game span. In the last nine meetings, FSU is averaging 36.9 points per game (332 total points) while WSU has averaged 17.0 points a contest (153 total points) for a +19.9 point differential.

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Wayne State leads 9-8-0

At Detroit: FSU leads 12-2-0

First Game: WSU 48, FSU 0 (1921)

Last FSU Win: WSU 48, FSU 0 (1921)

Most Points in a WSU Win: FSU 54

Most Decisive Score: FSU 54

(54-0 - 1923) WSU 48 (48-0 - 1920)

Last Meeting in Detroit: FSU 20, WSU 10 (10/99)

Longest Series Win Streak: 3

Current Series Win Streak: 5

Most Points in a FSU Win: 62

(62-20 - 10/99)

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First place votes in parentheses. Voting was conducted among the GLIAC football

FSU struck again at 7:18 when

lead in the second quarter when

threw a four-yard TD aerial to senior

countered seven minutes later when redshirt freshman quarterback

remaining in the quarter after intercepting senior quarterback

senior cornerback Demons Bryan put the Cardinals up 6-0 with 11:16

time lead after each team scored a TD in the opening quarter. SVSU

Wickes Memorial Stadium. Ferris State, which compiled 287 yards in

second-half points en route to a 33-20 conference triumph over the

execption return yardage in a game and for a season with 191 yards on two

ed a 92-yard interception return. Bryan set conference records for inter-

left to go in the contest concluded the game's scoring after Bryan record-

Junior running back Damion Bridges' one-yard dash with 10:40

25-20 advantage at the end of three quarters. A 47-yard TD pass from

23 seconds remaining in the second quarter connected with

Wendell Coleman (Miami, Fla./Miramar) in completing a 17-

play, 83-yard scoring drive. The Bulldogs then proceeded to take a 13-6

lead in the second quarter when Park connected with Coleman on a

17-yard TD pass play with just under 10 minutes left before intermission.

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