**Football News Release**

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**FERRIS STATE AT INDIANAPOLIS**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2002**

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**GAME FACTS**

**FERRIS STATE BULLDOGS**

**5-4; 4-4 GLIAC**

At Indianapolis Greyhounds

**4-6; 3-6 GLIAC**

**KICKOFF:** 1 p.m. (EST)

**STADIUM/SURFACE:** Key Stadium (5,500)/Natural Grass.

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

**THE RECORDS:** Ferris State improved to 5-4 overall and 4-4 in the GLIAC with a 30-8 conference win over Ashland last Saturday (Nov. 9) in the Bulldogs’ regular-season home finale at Top Taggart Field in Big Rapids, Mich. FSU, which has won four of its last five games, is on the road this campaign. Last fall, Ferris finished 7-4 overall, which included a 7-3 mark in the GLIAC (third place). The Bulldogs have won or shared the conference title six of the last 11 years, including five straight (1992-96).

**Indianapolis** is 4-6 overall and 3-6 in GLIAC action as a result of having its two-game winning string snapped following a 50-13 league setback to number-one ranked Grand Valley State last Saturday (Nov. 9) evening at GVSU’s Arend D. Lubbers Stadium in Allendale, Mich. The Greyhounds sport a 3-2-0 home mark this season. UI registered a 7-4 overall record in its last 12 games while Indianapolis has averaged 16.8 points (201 total) an outing for a +17.8 points differential.

**THE COACHES:** Ferris State – Jeff Pierce, who has a 54-33-0 career coaching record, has made his mark among the school’s all-time coaches by presently having the second best winning percentage (.621) in the program’s history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is eight wins shy of becoming FSU’s winningest coach, surpassing 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 ’95 semifinal-round appearance.

**ALL-TIME SERIES:** Ferris State and Indianapolis will square off for the 24th time with Ferris State owning a 14-8-1 series lead. Ferris has won 11 of the last 12 meetings between the two teams and has posted victories in five of its last six outings at Indianapolis. The Bulldogs are averaging 34.6 points (415 total) in its last 12 games while Indianapolis has averaged 16.8 points (201 total) an outing for a +17.8 points differential.

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**Ferris State leads 14-8-1**

FSU Scoring Avg.: 23.0 (992 pts.)

UI Scoring Avg.: 18.5 (443 pts.)

Differential: +4.5 (FSU)

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**At Big Rapids:**

FSU leads 8-3-0

**At Indianapolis:**

FSU leads 6-5-1

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**First Game:**

UI 19, FSU 7

(9/27/46)

**Longest Series Win Streak:** 9

**Most Points in a FSU Win:** 54

(54-13 – 10/31/92)

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Bulldog Bites: DeRen Ellis moved into third place on the Bulldogs’ career interception leaders list after picking off an Ashland pass in Saturday’s contest. With the pass theft, Ellis has 13 career interceptions for 227 yards in 37 outings to date and is three away from tying Monty Brown (1989-92) for second place. Brown totaled 16 career pass thefts for 62 yards.

Tom Marsan currently ranks fifth among FSU’s all-time passing yardage leaders with 3,757 career passing yards and is averaging 208.7 yards per game on a 53.0 (305-576) career completion percentage in 18 contests. Marsan trails Doug Arnold (1989-92; 6,805 yds.) by 3,048 yards for fourth place on the career chart.

Derek Fudge is 56 rushing yards shy from tying Chris Pulliams (1993-96; 2,743 yds.) for fourth place among Ferris’ career rushing leaders. Fudge has rushed for 2,687 career rushing yards in 29 games for an average of 92.7 yards on the ground per game. Fudge is also 89 rushing yards away from attaining the 1,000-yard mark for the second time in his career and has compiled 13 100-yard plus single-game efforts in his career. He presently ranks 15th on Ferris’ single-season rushing leaders list and is 33 yards away from tying Dave Gagnon (1973; 944 yds.) for 14th place. Fudge’s 190-yard output versus Ashland marked his third straight 100-yard plus single-game rush performance of this season.

Jesse Porter’s eight-yard TD reception vs. Ashland was the first of his collegiate career. He has 10 catches for 98 yards in 27 career games. Alvin Grier surpassed the 300th career tackle mark last Saturday versus Ashland and presently has 303 total stops (182 solo) in 41 career games. He’s averaging 7.3 tackles an outing for his FSU career.

Tom Perez eclipsed the 100-point mark in his career against Ashland with six points in the game. To date, Perez has compiled 46 points in nine outings this campaign after recording 58 points in 11 contests a season ago and has accumulated 104 current career points in 23 games.

Tom Marsan’s current 2,220 yards passing this season marks FSU’s ninth highest single-season passing performance in the program’s history. Marsan, who’s 1,537 passing yards a season ago previously ranked 15th best, is within 24 yards of tying Dave DenBraber’s eighth-place 2,244-passing-yard total set in 1985.

Kevin Myers has notched double figures in tackles six times this campaign, including his last two contests – 16 at Findlay (11/2) and 15 against Ashland (11/9). Myers, who has seven career double-digit game tackle efforts, garnered a career-high 17 stops at Northwood earlier this season (10/5).

Bulldogs-Of-The-Week: Following each Ferris State contest, individual play 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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<td>Northern Michigan</td>
<td>Offense-Austin Malloy, Defense-Whitney Bell, Specialty-Dennis Cartwright, EPEP-Matt McCoy</td>
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<td>Sept. 28</td>
<td>Wayne State</td>
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