## Game Facts

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**Kickoff:** 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

**Stadium/Surface:** Top Taggart Field (6:200)/Artificial Turf (Astroturf 12).

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

**The Records:** Saginaw Valley State – Randy Awrey tests.

**The Coaches:** Ferris State – Jeff Pierce

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**Stadium/Surface:** SVSU’s Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium in University Center, Mich. Last season, SVSU compiled an 11-2 overall record and was 9-1 in the GLIAC (second place). The Bulldogs have won or shared the conference title six of the last 10 years, including five straight (1992-96).

**Saginaw Valley State**

- **Head Coach Jeff Pierce:** Jeff Pierce, who has a current 52-32-0 career coaching record, has made his mark among the school’s all-time coaches by presently having the second best winning percentage (.619) in the program’s history. The 1995 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year is nine wins from 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 has a 14-12-1 lead over Saginaw Valley State in a series which started in 1975 (10/4) with the Cardinals claiming a 31-28 victory in Big Rapids. SVSU has won three of the last four contests to date and is 5-5 in its last 10 appearances at FSU. Eleven of the last 24 meetings have been decided by four points or less, including seven of the last 12 outings.

**Last Meeting – 2001:** Saginaw Valley State intercepted three Ferris State passes and capitalized on the turnovers as the Cardinals tallied 20 unanswered second-half points en route to a 33-20 triumph in front of 6,813 fans at SVSU’s Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium. Ferris State, which compiled 287 yards in total offense to SVSU’s 274-yard total, held a 20-13 halftime lead after each team scored a TD in the opening quarter. SVSU Football Coach Dennis Bryan put the Cardinals up 6-0 with 11:16 remaining in the quarter after intercepting quarterback Kyle Park’s pass and returning the pigskin 99 yards to paydirt. Ferris countered seven minutes later when quarterback Tom Marsan threw a four-yard TD aerial to flanker Clarence Coleman in completing a 17-play, 83-yard scoring drive. The Bulldogs then proceeded to take a 13-2 second-quarter lead when Park connected with Coleman on a 17-yard TD pass with just under 10 minutes left before intermission. FSU struck again at 7:18 when Marsan scored his first collegiate TD on a quarterback keeper as the Bulldogs led 20-6. SVSU was able to cut into Ferris’ lead with 30 seconds to go before halftime on running back Keith Bartynski’s one-yard TD plunge. The second half belonged to the Cardinals, who reeled off 12 straight third-quarter points to claim a 25-20 advantage at the end of three quarters. A 47-yard TD pass from quarterback Matt LaFleur to wide receiver James Liang and a one-yard TD run by Bartynski accounted for the hosts’ third-quarter scoring. Running back Damien Bridges’ one-yard dash with 10:40 left to go in the contest concluded the game’s scoring after Bryan recorded a 92-yard interception return.

**The Game:** The Ferris State University football team, which has a current two-game winning streak, returns home this Saturday (October 26) to face the nationally-ranked Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tilt at Big Rapids, Mich.

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### Ferris State Schedule & Results

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**All times are Eastern**

**Ferris State**

- **2002 Ferris State Schedule & Results**
  - **Sept. 7:** Hillsdale – W 23-21
  - **Sept. 14:** Grand Valley State* – L 3-17
  - **Sept. 21:** at Northern Michigan* – L 19-13 OT
  - **Sept. 28:** Wayne State* (HF) – L 21-36
  - **Oct. 5:** at Northwood* – L 24-41
  - **Oct. 12:** Michigan Tech* (HC) – W 21-14 OT
  - **Oct. 19:** at Mercyhurst* – W 19-13 OT
  - **Oct. 26:** Saginaw Valley State* – 1:30 p.m.
  - **Nov. 2:** at Findlay* – 1 p.m.
  - **Nov. 9:** Ashland – 1:30 p.m.
  - **Nov. 16:** at Indianapolis* – 1 p.m.

**Home games in Bold**

**GLIAC Game**

**(HF) – Hall of Fame**

**(HC) – Homecoming**

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2002 GLIAC STANDINGS

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Last Week's Results:
- Grand Valley State 23, at Saginaw Valley State 18*
- Wayne State 34, at Michigan Tech 31 OT*
- Ferris State 19, at Mercyhurst 13 OT*
- Findlay 14, Indianapolis 10*

Saturday, Oct. 26
- Northern Michigan at Wayne State*, 1 p.m.
- Findlay at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
- Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m.
- Mercyhurst at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m.
- Michigan Tech at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m.
- Northwood at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.

2002 GLIAC Preseason Coaches' Poll

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Last week's results:
- Ferris State junior tailback Derek Fudge's (Gibsonston, Fla./East Bay) 12-yard TD run in overtime propelled the Bulldogs to a 19-13 victory over Mercyhurst before 500 spectators at Tulio Field in Erie, Pa. The Bulldogs' win snapped a two-game series losing skid to the Lakers. The hosts jumped out to a 7-0 first-quarter lead as sophomore quarterback Jim Schuler, who threw for 240 yards on 19-of-40 passing, connected with senior wide receiver Tim Siemon on a 24-yard scoring strike. However, Ferris countered with 6:05 left in the quarter as senior corner back Justin Sherrod (Detroit/Harper Woods Notre Dame) scored a TD on a 68-yard interception return to tie the game after 15 minutes of action. The Bulldogs proceeded to go ahead 10-7 at the second quarter's 1:29 mark when junior kicker Tom Perez's (Lewiston/Johannesburg-Lewiston) 22-yard field goal split the uprights. FSU then claimed a 13-0 halftime advantage when Perez booted a 33-yarder as time expired, which was preceded by a 27-yard field goal from senior kicker Vinny Repucci with 19 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Repucci accounted for only second-half scoring on a 30-yard field goal with 7:16 left in the third quarter as the Lakers knotted the game at 13-all after regulation. MC had the ball first in overtime but Schuler was sacked for a seven-yard loss by senior defensive end Bo Moore (Montrose) on first down and Repucci eventually missed a field goal attempt from 48 yards out. The Bulldogs quickly went on the offensive in their extra-session possession as the Lakers were penalized for pass interference on the first play which gave Ferris possession at the host's 12-yard line. Fudge, who led all rushers with 65 yards on 21 carries, then scored his game-winning TD. FSU sophomore quarterback Tom Marsan (Evergreen Park, Ill.) completed 20-of-36 passes for 148 yards while frosh split end Brandis Bowie (Lansing/Seaton) had seven receptions for 54 yards as the Bulldogs notched 232 total offensive yards to MC's 311-yard total. Simeon's nine catches for 82 yards led all receivers in the contest.

Defensively, sophomore outside linebacker Rob Mida (Chelsea) garnered a game-high 13 tackles, junior middle linebacker Luke Piepko (Clark Lake/Jackson Lumen Christi) had 11 while sophomore defensive tackle Whitney Bell (Sault Ste. Marie) and sophomore outside linebacker Kevin Myers (Midland) chipped in with 10 stops apiece. DeRen Ellis posted a pair of pass interceptions in the game.

Bulldog Bites:
- Ferris State competed in its second straight overtime game this season at Mercyhurst, which represented the fourth extra-session encounter in the program's history. The Bulldogs are 3-1 in all such in-timings with three of the games occurring at home. FSU's initial overtime contest resulted in a 56-53 loss to Grand Valley State in the 1998 season finale (11/14), but the Bulldogs then tallied a 16-13 double overtime home decision against Indianapolis in the 2001 finale (11/10). Ferris captured a 21-14 win against Michigan Tech a week ago (10/12).
- Derek Fudge has accounted for both game-winning scores in FSU's last two overtime outings to date with a one-yard TD run versus Michigan Tech (10/12) and a 12-yard TD rush at Mercyhurst (10/19).
- Tom Marsan, who has currently accumulated 2,930 career passing yards in 15 appearances, moved ahead of Steve Piotrack (1981-84; 2,830 yards) into sixth place on Ferris' all-time passing leaders list. Marsan now trails Kyle Park (1998-01; 3,474 yards) by 544 yards for fifth place on the career leader charts.
- Derek Fudge needs 46 men's rushing yards to tie Tom Hamlett (1966-71; 2,313 yards) for fifth place among the school's career rushing leaders. Fudge has presently recorded 2,267 career yards on the ground with 16 TD's in 26 contests for a 4.3 yards per carry average.
- Whitney Bell's 10 tackles at Mercyhurst matched his career high, which was set earlier this season (10/5) at Northwood. Bell is currently averaging 8.7 tackles per game (26 total) in his last three contests.
- With his two pass thefts at Mercyhurst, DeRen Ellis has now totaled 11 career interceptions for 194 yards and also moved into a tie with senior free safety Alvin Grier (Benton Harbor) for fifth place on Ferris' all-time interception leaders list. Ellis has four career pass thefts for 83 yards (20.8 yards per return average) in three games against Mercyhurst. He notched his first career TD last season (10-27) at Northern Michigan on a 55-yard interception return.
- Freshman cornerback Justin Sherrod (Wyoming/Park) has combined for 13 tackles in his first two collegiate games, which included a season-high eight stops (six solos) at Mercyhurst.
- FSU is averaging 11.8 points per game in the first half (37 total) this season compared to 6.2 points (37 total) in the second half.
- In its first six games this season, Ferris' top six receivers have combined for 93.8% (122-130) of the squad's total receptions in comparison to a season ago when the team's top three receivers accounted for 75.0% (90-120) of the Bulldogs' catches in the initial six outings.
- Kevin Myers has chalked up double-digit single-game tackle performances in four of FSU's six games this season, which includes four of the last five contests. Myers is averaging 11.4 stops (57 total) during that time frame and garnered a career-best 17 hits at Northwood (10/5).
- The Bulldogs are averaging 370.7 total offensive yards in three home games this season -- 122.3 yards rushing and 248.3 yards in passing.

Up Next: The Bulldogs battle the Findlay Oilers Saturday, Nov. 2, in a 1 p.m. (EST) GLIAC contest at UF's Donnell Stadium in Findlay, Ohio.

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).
- Date: Opponent
- Sept. 7 Hillsdale
- Sept. 21 Northern Michigan
- Sept. 28 Wayne State
- Oct. 5 Northwood
- Oct. 12 Michigan Tech
- Oct. 19 Mercyhurst
- Oct. 26 Saginaw Valley State
- Nov. 2 Findlay
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