FSU SPLIT TWO LEAGUE OUTINGS: Ferris split two league matches last weekend. The Bulldogs dropped a 3-2 decision to Ashland last Friday (Sept. 23) in a 4 p.m. (EDT) GLIAC home encounter. FSU has won six of its last eight outings to date this campaign.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for all 2005 Ferris home matches will be available at the door. For more information, please contact the FSU Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888.

LAST SEASON: Ferris State claimed its ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship in 2004 after winning the league’s annual postseason tournament for the first time ever. FSU concluded the 2004 campaign with a 25-7 overall record and a second place 14-4 GLIAC North Division mark. The Bulldogs also advanced to the NCAA-II National Tournament for the 12th time in school history.

The 2005 campaign marks the 33rd season of FSU women’s volleyball. Since the program’s inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have compiled a 704-401 (.637) overall record.

GLIAC PRESEASON POLL: FSU was picked to finish fourth in the 2005 GLIAC Volleyball Coaches Preseason North Division Poll as announced by the league office. The Bulldogs totaled 26 points in the balloting, which was conducted by the conference’s head coaches. A year ago, Ferris also took fourth place in the preseason coaches poll with 26 points.

FSU RANKED 19TH: The Bulldogs are currently ranked 19th overall in the latest (Sept. 26) 2005 CSTV/AVCA Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll announced by the AVCA. FSU registered 237 total points in the balloting process after being ranked 16th with 310 points last week. Ferris concluded the 2004 campaign ranked 20th in the AVCA’s final regular-season poll. In addition to FSU, the only other GLIAC school featured in the current poll is 15th-ranked Grand Valley State. Ashland is included in the teams receiving votes category. Ferris was ranked 17th in the organization’s 2005 preseason national poll and ranked as high as 13th earlier this season (Sept. 6).

THE HEAD COACH: FSU head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm presently ranks second among Ferris’ all-time coaching victory leaders. Brandel-Wilhelm, who has a current 320-120 (.727) career mark, is 202-100 (.669) in her 10th season at Ferris. A 1990 Alma graduate, Brandel-Wilhelm guided the Bulldogs to NCAA-II Tournament appearances in 1999, 2002 and 2004. Brandel-Wilhelm was voted the GLIAC’s Coach of the Year in 2002. She registered her 200th win at the Bulldog helm with a victory Sept. 10 over Edinboro (Pa.) at the Findlay (Ohio) TownPlace Suites Classic.

ON THE INTERNET: Ferris State University Athletics’ official web site can be found at www.ferris.edu/sports. The site features information on all of FSU’s varsity athletics programs including rosters, statistics, yearbooks and more. The squad’s 2005 yearbook can also be found at the site.

LIVE STATS: “Live Stats” of all remaining 2005 Ferris home matches will be provided in progress via the Internet. Visit www.ferris.edu/sports and click on the “Live Stats” icon to access the “Live Stats” feature.

GREAT STRETCH: Ferris has won 20 or more matches six times under 10th-year head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm. The Bulldogs are 169-63 (.728) over the past seven years and have reached the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament three times in that span. FSU has advanced to the GLIAC Tournament seven consecutive years to date.

TOUGH AT HOME: The Bulldogs have compiled a 235-61-1 (794) record to date in 24 seasons of competition at Ewigleben Sports Arena since moving from the Health and Physical Education (HPE) Building in 1981. Ferris, which has compiled six undefeated home seasons in the facility, registered a 12-3 mark at home in 2004. Overall, Ferris is 88-21 (.807) in its 10th season under head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm.

HITTING THE ROAD: Ferris State is 616-290 (.680) overall since 1981 and sports a 399-232 (.632) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. The Bulldogs are currently 5-2 in neutral site matches this season after posting a 5-2 neutral site mark last campaign.

FERRIS STATE TRENDS: Ten of Ferris State’s 16 matches this season have been decided in only three games. Three matches have went the entirety of five games while three have went four frames. FSU is 12-0 when registering more kills than its opponent this season. Ferris is 4-3 in Friday matches and 7-1 in Saturday encounters to date this campaign.

The Bulldogs have had more blocks than their opponent in 12 of 16 matches this year. Five of Ferris’ last seven matches this season have been decided in only three games.

BULLDOG CAPTAINS: Senior setter Emily Clouse (Tiffin, Ohio/Bascom Hopewell-Loudon), senior libero Brittany Godlewski (St. Clair Township/Marysville) and junior outside hitter Danielle Baucher (Kalamazoo/Mattawan) were named tri-captains for the 2005 campaign. Baucher had 416 digs and added 340 kills last season. Clouse totaled 572 assists and 220 digs while Godlewski chipped in 396 digs.

THE FSU ROSTER: Ferris’ 2005 active roster includes five seniors, five juniors, two sophomores and seven freshmen. Eight of the 19 players are outside hitters, seven are middle hitters, and four others fill the squad’s setter, defensive specialist and libero roles. Emily Clouse (Ohio) is the only squad member not from the state of Michigan. The Bulldogs’ current roster is the program’s second-largest in school history behind last season’s roster of 20 players.
FSU Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm

2005 Season Trends

SITUATION .......................... FSU RECORD
Three-game match .................. 7-3
Four-game match .................. 3-0
Five-game match .................. 2-1
Win game one ..................... 10-0
Lose game one ..................... 2-4
Win first two games ............. 8-0
Split first two games .......... 4-0
Lose first two games .......... 0-4
In game three ............... 12-4
In game four .................. 4-2
In the deciding fifth game ..... 2-1
More kills than opponent .... 12-0
Fewer kills than opponent .... 0-4
Kills are equal ................. 0-0
Hit under .100 ................. 0-2
Hit .100-.300 ......... 9-2
Hit over .300 ............. 3-0
Opponent hits under .100 .. 6-0
Opponent hits .100-.300 .. 6-4
Opponent hits over .300 ... 0-0
Has higher hitting pct. ....... 12-0
Opponent has higher pct. .... 0-4
Has more assists ............ 12-0
Opponent has more assists .. 0-4
Assists are equal .......... 0-0
Has more aces ............. 12-0
Opponent has more aces ... 0-3
Aces are equal ............ 0-1
Has more digs ............. 8-2
Opponent has more digs ... 3-2
Digs are equal ............ 1-0
Has more blocks ............ 10-2
Opponent has more blocks 2-2
Blocks are equal ............ 0-0
In August ..................... 5-0
In September ................. 7-4
In October ..................... 0-0
In November ................. 0-0
On Monday .................. 0-0
On Tuesday .................. 0-0
On Wednesday .............. 0-0
On Thursday .............. 1-0
On Friday .................. 4-3
On Saturday ................ 7-1
On Sunday ................ 0-0
In Morning matches ...... 1-0
In afternoon matches .... 8-2
In evening matches ....... 3-2
Against nationally-ranked teams 1-2
In non-conference matches 10-2
In conference matches .... 2-2
In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams 0-0
Attendance under 100 ... 5-2
Attendance of 100-200 .... 2-0
Attendance over 200 ....... 5-2
Match time under one hour 0-0
Match time one-two hours 10-3
Match time over two hours 2-1
In invitational matches 9-2
Against in-state foes 1-1
Against out of state teams 11-3
Against winning teams 5-4
Against losing teams 4-0
Against even teams .. 3-0
In Home Matches 6-1
**2005 VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS**

- **Location:** Big Rapids, Mich. 49307-2741
- **Founded/Enrollment:** 1884/12,547
- **Nickname/Colors:** Bulldogs/Crimson and Gold
- **Affiliation:** NCAA Division II
- **Conference:** Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)
- **President:** Dr. David L. Eisler (Michigan, 1972)
- **Athletics Director:** Tom Kirinovic (Ferris State, 1977)
- **Associate Athletics Director for Advancement:** Brian Kegler
- **Events, Facilities & Marketing Manager:** Michael Haggerty
- **Faculty Athletics Representative:** Dr. Terry Nerbonne
- **Coordinator of Records & NCAA:** Carma Burcham
- **Senior Women's Administrator:** Tia Brandel-Wilhelm
- **Assistant Trainer (Volleyball):** Michael Blackburn, ATC
- **Equipment Manager:** Ben Mumah, M.E.C.
- **Athletic Department Office/Fax:** (231) 591-2860/2869
- **Head Coach:** Tia Brandel-Wilhelm (Alma, 1990)
- **Record at FSU/Year:** 2004-100/10th
- **Career Record/Year:** 320-120/13th
- **Office Phone/E-Mail:** (231) 591-2771; brandel@ferris.edu
- **Assistant Coach:** Theresa Beeckman
- **Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Dale Wilhelm
- **Student Assistant Coach:** Karla Fairbanks
- **Home Court (Capacity):** Robert L. Ewigleben Sports Arena (600)
- **2004 Overall Record:** 25-7
- **2004 North Division Conference Record/Finish:** 14-4/2nd-North
- **All-Time Volleyball Record:** 704-401 (637)
- **Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 12/4
- **Asst. Athletics Communications Director/Volleyball:** Rob Bentley
- **Office/Phone:** (231) 591-3821/796-1178
- **E-Mail:** bentleyr@ferris.edu
- **Athletics Communications FAX:** (231) 591-2375
- **Internet Address:** www.ferris.edu/sports

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**GLIAC STANDINGS**

| Sept. 2 | Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) | W, 3-0 |
| Sept. 3 | Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) | W, 3-0 |
| Nov. 1 | Northern Michigan | 4 P.M. |
| Oct. 21 | Northern Michigan | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 22 | Lansing | 4 P.M. |
| Oct. 23 | Lake Superior State | 3 P.M. |
| Oct. 24 | Lake Superior State | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 25 | Lake Superior State | 3 P.M. |
| Oct. 26 | Lake Superior State | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 27 | Lake Superior State | 3 P.M. |
| Oct. 28 | Lake Superior State | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 29 | Lake Superior State | 3 P.M. |
| Oct. 30 | Lake Superior State | 7 p.m. |

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**THIS WEEK'S GLIAC SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, Sept. 29**

- Michigan Tech at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.
- Gannon at Ashland*, 7 p.m.
- Mercyhurst at Ferris State*, 1 p.m.
- Lake Superior State at Grand Valley State*, 4 p.m.
- Northern Michigan at Ferris State*, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 30**

- Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m.
- Michigan Tech at Ferris State*, 7 p.m.
- Northern Michigan at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m.
- Saginaw Valley State at Wayne State*, 7 p.m.
- Gannon at Findlay*, 2 p.m.
- Mercyhurst at Findlay*, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 1**

- Saginaw Valley State at Hillsdale*, 12 p.m.
- Mercyhurst at Ashland*, 1 p.m.
- Northern Michigan at Wayne State*, 1 p.m.
- Gannon at Findlay*, 2 p.m.
- Lake Superior State at Grand Valley State*, 4 p.m.
- Northern Michigan at Ferris State*, 4 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 2**

- Lake Superior State at Ferris State*, 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 4**

- Findlay at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
- Michigan-Duluth at Michigan Tech, 7 p.m.

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**BULLDOG ATHLETICS LUNCHEON**

The next Bulldog Athletics Luncheon of the 2005-06 athletics season will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 12-1 p.m. (EDT) at FSU’s Wheeler Pavilion located at Top Taggart Field. Featured speakers include FSU football head coach Jeff Pierce, women’s volleyball head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, men’s and women’s golf head coach Brad Bedorotha and Keri Becker, softball head coach. For more information, please contact the FSU Alumni Office at (231) 591-2345.

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**MORE BULLDOG BITES**

** unpredictability:** Several of FSU’s 2005 opponents are included in the latest CSTV/AVCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll, which was released Monday (Sept. 26). Minnesota-Duluth is presently ranked fourth, Central Washington is 11th and Grand Valley State is listed 15th. Seattle Pacific (16th) and Lock Haven (24th) are also included.

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**Ranking:** Following its current homestand, the Bulldogs will open up a five-match road stretch Friday, Oct. 7, at Mercyhurst in Erie, Pa. The league contest is set to start at 7 p.m. (EDT). FSU’s next home encounter after this weekend won’t be until Friday, Oct. 21, when Saginaw Valley State comes to Big Rapids for a 7 p.m. (EDT) GLIAC battle.