Bulldogs Set To Open GLIAC Play

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE - The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will open Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action this weekend (Sept. 20-Sept. 21) in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The Bulldogs will face Northern Michigan this Friday (Sept. 20) at 7 p.m. (EDT) in NMU's Vandament Arena at Marquette, Mich. FSU then squares off against Michigan Tech Saturday (Sept. 21) in a 4 p.m. (EDT) encounter at MTU's Student Development Complex Gymnasium in Houghton, Mich.

BULLDogs Win Two Of Three MATCHes - Ferris State posted a 2-1 record at the GLIAC/Great Lakes Valley Conference Challenge last weekend (Friday, Sept. 13-Saturday, Sept. 14) at Grand Valley State's Fieldhouse Arena in Allendale, Mich. The Bulldogs, presently 9-2 overall, defeated Wisconsin-Parkside in last Friday's first match 3-0. FSU, which was among 10 competing teams, then dealt Southern Indiana a 3-2 setback. The Bulldogs lost a 3-1 decision last Saturday to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. The five GLIAC schools competing in the tournament won 12 of 15 matches.

LAST Season - Ferris State concluded the 2001 campaign with a 21-11 overall record, which included a second-place (tie) 12-6 GLIAC North Division finish. The Bulldogs advanced to the GLIAC Tournament championship match (11/10/01) for the third time in the last four seasons and dropped a 3-0 decision versus Northwood.

THE 30Th SEASON Of BULLDOG VOLLeyball - The 2002 campaign marks the 30th anniversary of the Ferris State women's volleyball program. Since the program's inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have compiled a 637-371 (.632) overall record. Ferris has won eight GLIAC titles, made 10 NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and registered 22 winning seasons in its previous 29 campaigns.

OLDS SolID IN WEEKEND PLAY - Senior middle hitter Alaina Olds (Kingsley) compiled 52 kills, 41 digs and 21 total blocks last weekend. A second-team 2001 Daktronics All-Great Lakes Region honoree, Olds posted double-double (kills and digs) performances in all three matches and presently has seven double-doubles in 11 outings this campaign. The 5-11 Olds, who has registered at least one kill in 59 consecutive appearances, currently has 880 career kills and needs 120 more to become the 12th player in school history to record 1,000 career kills. The 2001 FSU Bulldog Award recipient has garnered 10 or more kills in six consecutive matches and has recorded a double-double in five of her last six contests. Olds, a 2001 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II All-Great Lakes Region First-Team selection, is Ferris' digs (3.29 dpg) and blocks (1.50 bpg) leader this season.

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2002 VOLLEYBALL
Bulldogs

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at Northern Michigan* - 7 p.m. (EDT)
Vandament Arena
Marquette, Mich.

Saturday, Sept. 21
at Michigan Tech* - 4 p.m. (EDT)
Student Development Complex Gymnasium
Houghton, Mich.

Last Week's Results:
Friday, Sept. 13 - Saturday, Sept. 14
at GLIAC/GLVC Challenge
Allendale, Mich.

9/13 FSU def. Wisconsin-Parkside
31-29, 30-22, 28-30
9/13 FSU def. Southern Indiana
29-31, 30-25, 30-27, 30-23
9/14 FSU lost to
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
34-32, 23-30, 28-30, 28-30

* Denotes GLIAC Match

2002 QUICK FACTS
Location: Big Rapids, Mich.
Founded: 1884
Enrollment: 11,074
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Crimson & Gold
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: Great Lakes Intercollegiate
President: Dr. William A. Sederburg
Athletics Director: Tom Krinovic
Asst. Athletics Director: Brian Kegler
Head Trainer: Dave Luccy, A.T.C.
Assistant Trainer: Tim Glover, A.T.C.
Assistant Trainer: Mike Blackburn, A.T.C.
Asst. Equip. Mgr: John Whitford, E.M.C.
Athletic Dept. Office: (231) 591-2860
Athletic Dept. Fax: (231) 591-2869
Head Coach: Tia-Brandel-Wilhelm
Alma Mater/Year: Alma/1990
Record at FSU/Year: 179-70/7th
Career Record/Years: 253-90/10th
Office Phone: (231) 591-2871
Assistant Coach: Jason Smith
Office Phone: (231) 591-2745
Home Court: Ewigleben Sports Arena
Capacity: 600
2001 Overall Record: 21-11
2001 Conf. Record/Finish: 12-6/T-2nd
All-Time Record: 637-371 (.632)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: Eight/Four

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**BULLDOG BITES**

Senior outside hitter Erin Rind (Carol Stream, Ill./Streamwood) recorded her 250th career dig versus Wisconsin-Parkside. Senior outside hitter Stephanie Speed (Bothell, Wash.) recorded her 700th career dig and 100th career service ace against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Speed currently has 382 career kills and is 18 shy of attaining her 100th career kill. Freshman outside hitter Brittny Godlewski (St. Clair Township/Marysville) has 77 career digs to date and needs 23 more to compile her 100th career dig.

**AGAINST THE COMPETITION** - Ferris State will travel to the Upper Peninsula this weekend to face GLIAC North Division rivals Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech.

**Northern Michigan:** FSU holds a 33-31 advantage entering this Friday’s 65th series meeting with Northern Michigan. However, the Bulldogs are 17-20 all-time versus NMU in Marquette. Ferris head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm has a current 4-10 career coaching mark against the Wildcats and is 5-4 in last seven matches. Ferris has won eight of the past nine contests, holds a 19-6 all-time record versus MTU in Houghton. Michigan Tech registered an 18-12 overall record during the 2001 campaign. The Huskies fell to 4-6 overall this season and posts a 1-3 record at the Upper Peninsula this weekend.

**Michigan Tech:** Ferris and Michigan Tech will square off for the 47th time this Saturday with FSU holding a 35-11 series advantage. In the last meeting (11/9/01), the Bulldogs recorded a 3-2 GLIAC Tournament semifinal-round win at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich. Brandel-Wilhelm is 0-1 versus the Huskies and has an 0-0 career coaching record against the Huskies. FSU, which has won eight of the past nine contests, holds a 19-6 all-time record versus MTU in Houghton. Michigan Tech registered an 18-12 overall record during the 2001 campaign. The Huskies fell to 4-6 overall this season and posts a 1-3 record at the Upper Peninsula this weekend.

**BETWEEN THE LINES** - FSU head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm will make regular appearances throughout the season on “Between The Lines,” a weekly hour-long television show. Show is scheduled on WFXR News at 4 p.m. (EDT) on WFXR-Box 33.

**FSU 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, schedules and the latest results.

**LOOKING AHEAD** - Ferris State will open its home portion of the schedule next weekend (Sept. 27-28) in FSU’s Ewigleben (pronounced A-VAH-lee-ben) Sports Arena at Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs will face the Northwood Timberwolves in league action Friday, Sept. 27, at 5 p.m. (EDT). FSU will then battle the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals in a 3 p.m. (EDT) conference encounter Saturday, Sept. 28.

**2002 BULLDOG RECORDS**

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**2002 FSU WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER**

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**Head Coach:** Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, seventh year (Alma, 1990)

**Assistant Coaches:**

- Jason Smith, second year (Graceland, 1992)
- Sarah Dehring, first year

**Student Assistant Coach:** Sarah Dehring, first year

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