



Ferris State Men's Basketball

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Bulldogs To Host Two League Opponents This Weekend

FERRIS AT A GLANCE:

The Ferris State University men's basketball team will host Gannon this Thursday (Jan. 22) in an 8 p.m. (EST) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tilt at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs will then square off against Mercyhurst Saturday (Jan. 24) in a 3 p.m. (EST) home league contest.

TICKET INFORMATION:

Individual game tickets to all FSU home basketball games can be obtained at the door or by calling the Bulldog Athletics Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888. Adult tickets are \$7 and student tickets are \$5. A family pass can be purchased for \$15. Ferris State faculty/staff ticket prices are \$5. FSU students are admitted free of charge by showing their student identification card.

HERITAGE DAY: Ferris State will celebrate its 76-year history by holding Heritage Day this Saturday against Mercyhurst. Selected representatives from the school's six NCAA Division II National Tournament qualifying teams (1983, '87-90, '98) and nine GLIAC Championship squads (1973-74, '82-83, '87-90, '95) have been invited to the game and will be recognized at halftime. Fans attending the game will also receive an opportunity to win Heritage Day t-shirts throughout the contest.

FERRIS AT THE TOP: FSU is presently 5-11 overall and holds a first-place 5-2 mark in the GLIAC's North Division. Six of Ferris' final 11 outings this campaign are at home.

FSU SPLITS TWO OUTINGS: Ferris posted a 73-69 league triumph over Hillsdale last Thursday (Jan. 15) in HC's Jessie Phillips Arena at Hillsdale, Mich. The Bulldogs then dropped a 75-71 conference decision to Wayne State Saturday (Jan. 17) at Wink Arena. Senior guard **Willie Thomas (Columbus, Ohio/Eastmoor Academy)** and sophomore guard **Dennis Springs (Toledo, Ohio/Scott)** both sank a pair of free throws in the game's final 10 seconds to secure Thursday's victory. Thomas scored 14 points, freshman forward **Michael Daniels (Detroit/Murray-Wright)** totaled 13 points and Springs had 10 points against Hillsdale. The 6-4 Thomas tallied 17 points, Daniels registered 15 points and senior forward/center **Nathan Wruble (Harbor Beach)** netted a personal career-high 14 points versus WSU.

LAST SEASON: Ferris State concluded the 2002-03 campaign with an 11-15 overall mark and a fourth-place 7-11 GLIAC North Division finish. Both Ferris' overall record and league finish represented the program's best marks since the Bulldogs finished 21-12 overall and claimed the 1997-98 GLIAC Tournament championship.

THE BULLDOG TRADITION: The 2003-04 campaign marks the 76th season of Bulldog men's basketball. The program began in 1925 although Ferris did not field a team from 1942-45 due to World War II. FSU has compiled a 883-833 (.515) all-time mark. The Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made six NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and reached the 1988 NCAA-II Elite Eight. Ferris captured a league-record four consecutive GLIAC titles from 1986-90.

HEAD COACH BILL SALL: A 1994 Calvin graduate, second-year FSU head coach **Bill Sall** previously held assistant coaching positions at Calvin (1992-95), Ferris State (1995-98) and Hillsdale (1998-02) prior to being named Ferris State's 11th head coach. The Zeeland, Mich., native served as Ferris' interim head coach for a portion of the 1995-

THIS WEEK

vs. Gannon

Thursday, Jan. 22
8 p.m. (EST)

Jim Wink Arena (2,400)
Big Rapids, Mich.

vs. Mercyhurst

Saturday, Jan. 24
3 p.m. (EST)

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All times are Eastern

96 campaign and led the Bulldogs to a 5-8 mark. Before joining the coaching ranks, Sall was a standout player at Calvin from 1985-90. He twice (1989-90) received second-team National Association of Basketball Coaches Division III All-America honors and led Calvin to three MIAA championships, four NCAA-III Tournament bids and the 1990 NCAA-III Final Four. Sall has a current 21-34 (.382) career coaching mark.

AT WINK ARENA: Ferris has recorded a 14-35 (.286) overall record to date in home contests at Jim Wink Arena, including a 9-30 (.231) mark in league play. The 2,400-seat facility replaced the Old Jim Wink Arena, which was converted into the current Student Recreation Center after the 1997-98 campaign.

ON THE ROAD: FSU is 341-302 (.530) overall since 1980-81 and sports a 162-206 (.440) record in road/neutral site contests during that span. Ferris has posted a 3-6 (.333) road mark to date this season.

FSU PICKED FOURTH: Ferris was picked to finish fourth in the 2003-04 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll. The Bulldogs totaled 17 points in the balloting by the GLIAC's head coaches. Each of the league's 13 head coaches ranked the teams in their respective divisions, but were not allowed to vote for their own team. Northern Michigan was selected as the GLIAC North Division favorite with five first-place votes and 35 total points while Findlay took the top spot in the South Division with 25 points and five first-place votes.

A LOOK AT THE ROSTER: Ferris' 2003-04 roster includes two seniors, four juniors, two sophomores and six freshmen. Seven of the 14 players are guards while the remaining seven are frontcourt players. Twelve players hail from Michigan while two are from Ohio.

GLIAC GAMES ON THE AIR: Ferris' 2003-04 league games will be carried live by local radio station WBRN-1460 AM. Selected league contests can also be accessed live this season via the internet by clicking the Bulldog Athletics Webcasts icon at www.ferris.edu/sports.

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, statistics and more. The Bulldogs' 2003-04 yearbook is also available online.

A LOOK AT FSU: Ferris returns seven letterwinners and four starters from last season, including senior co-captains **Willie Thomas** and **Nathan Wruble**. The Bulldogs' biggest loss was 6-10 center Adam Anderson, who is presently playing in Egypt. The two-time team MVP was also a three-time All-GLIAC pick.

LOOKING AHEAD: Ferris concludes its four-game home stand by hosting Northwood Thursday, Jan. 29, with conference tipoff set for 8 p.m. (EST) at Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich.

2003-04 QUICK FACTS

Location:	Big Rapids, Mich.
Founded:	1884
Enrollment:	11,822
Nickname:	Bulldogs
Colors:	Crimson & Gold
Affiliation:	NCAA Division II
Conference:	Great Lakes Intercollegiate
President:	Dr. David L. Eisler
Athletics Director:	Tom Kirinovic
Asst. Athletics Director:	Brian Kegler
Head Trainer:	Dave Lucey, ATC
Assistant Trainer:	Tim Glover, ATC
Assistant Trainer:	Mike Blackburn, ATC
Equip. Manager:	Ben Mumah, E.M.,C.
Athletic Dep. Office:	(231) 591-2860
Athletic Dep. Fax:	(231) 591-2869
Head Coach:	Bill Sall
Alma Mater/Year:	Calvin/1994
Record at FSU/Year:	21-34/2nd
Career Record/Years:	Same
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2877
Assistant Coach:	Cory Anderson
Office Phone:	(231) 591-3820
Home Court:	Jim Wink Arena
Capacity:	2,400
2002-03 Overall Record:	11-15
2002-03 Conf. Record/Finish:	7-11/T-4th
All-Time Record:	883-833 (.515)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	Seven/Six
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

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BULLDOG BITES

Junior forward **Willie Burrel (Muskegon Heights)** has scored 10 points or more in two of his last three outings to date

Ferris has led at halftime in 11 of its 16 games this season. Six of the Bulldogs' outings this campaign have been against nationally-ranked opponents

MOVING UP THE LIST: Dennis Springs presently has 245 career assists and needs three more to tie Ted Bee (248; 1973-77) for ninth place among the school's all-time leaders.

STARTING WELL: Ferris State's 5-1 league start this campaign marked only the second time in school history and first since 1988-89 the Bulldogs won five of their initial six conference games.

A Look At The Opponents

GANNON: The Knights maintain a 6-2 series edge heading into this Thursday's contest and defeated Ferris 73-62 in the last meeting (12/5/02) at Erie, Pa. GU, which has won five consecutive series' contests, is presently 14-3 overall and 5-2 in GLIAC action after recording a 70-63 league home win over Northern Michigan last Saturday (Dec. 17) at Erie.

MERCYHURST: Mercyhurst holds a 6-3 series advantage and has won four of the last five meetings entering this Saturday's contest. However, the Bulldogs recorded a 70-62 GLIAC triumph in the last meeting (12/7/02) at Erie, Pa. MC is currently 12-5 overall and 6-1 in league play under first-year head coach Gary Manchel heading into this Thursday's (Jan. 22) league road contest at Grand Valley State as a result of recording a 79-55 conference home win over nationally-ranked Michigan Tech last Saturday (Jan. 17) in Erie.

2003-04 FSU MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Hometown/High School (College)
#3	Dennis Springs	G	So.	5-6	135	1L	Toledo, Ohio/Scott (Bowling Green State)
#4	Joe DeMartin	G	Fr.	6-1	160	HS	Mason, Mich.
#10	David Clarke	G	Jr.	5-11	177	1L	Harbor Springs, Mich. (Siena Heights)
#12	Terrance Shaw	F	Fr.	6-5	210	HS	Saginaw, Mich./Bridgeport
#20	Corey Epps	G	Jr.	6-2	175	2L	Benton Harbor, Mich.
#22	Carlton Epps	G	Jr.	6-2	170	2L	Benton Harbor, Mich.
#23	Michael Daniels	F	Fr.	6-6	210	HS	Detroit, Mich./Murray-Wright
#30	Jeffery Shanahan	F	So.	6-6	205	1L	Flint, Mich./Kearsley
#32	Willie Burrel	F	Jr.	6-6	185	T	Muskegon Heights, Mich. (Muskegon CC)
#33	C.J. Van Wieren	G/F	Fr.	6-4	215	HS	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa
#34	Willie Thomas (C)	G	Sr.	6-4	170	1L	Columbus, Ohio/Eastmoor Academy (Muskegon CC)
#42	Nathan Wruble (C)	F/C	Sr.	6-7	225	3L	Harbor Beach, Mich.
#44	John Terrell	F/C	Fr.	6-7	210	R	Muskegon, Mich.
#54	Adam Veltkamp	F/C	Fr.	6-8	200	HS	Cedar Springs, Mich.

Head Coach: Bill Sall, second year (Calvin, 1994)
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Bill Killian, Jim Lake
HS - High School T - Transfer (C) - Captain

Assistant Coach: Cory Anderson
Basketball Consultant: Dean Davenport

2003-04 Season Trends

SITUATION	FSU RECORD
At home	2-1
On the road	3-6
At neutral sites	0-4
Shoot over 50% from floor	1-1
Shoot less than 50% from floor	4-10
Opponent shoots over 50% from floor	1-8
Opponent shoots less than 50%	4-3
Has higher shooting percentage	3-0
Shoot over 70% from free throw line	3-3
Shoot less than 70% from line	2-8
Opponent shoots over 70% from line	3-6
Opponent less than 70% from line	2-5
Has higher free throw percentage	2-2
Shoot over 30% from three-point line	4-10
Shoot less than 30% from 3-pt. line	1-1
Opponent over 30% from 3-pt. line	3-9
Opponent less than 30% from 3-pt. line	2-2
Has higher 3-pt. percentage	4-6
Has more assists	4-3
Opponent has more assists	1-8
Assists are equal	0-0
Has more turnovers	0-5
Opponent has more turnovers	5-6
Turnovers are equal	0-0
Has more steals	5-8
Opponent has more steals	0-3
Steals are equal	0-0
Has more blocks	3-3
Opponent has more blocks	0-3
Blocks are equal	2-5
In November	0-4
In December	3-5
In January	2-2
In February	0-0
On Monday	0-2
On Tuesday	0-1
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	2-1
On Friday	0-2
On Saturday	3-5
On Sunday	0-0
In afternoon games	3-2
In evening games	2-9
Against ranked teams	0-6
In non-conference games	0-9
In conference games	5-2
In non-conf. games vs. conf. teams	0-0
Attendance under 500	1-4
Attendance over 500	4-7
Has over 25 personal fouls	1-1
Opponent has over 25 personal fouls	0-0
In tournament games	0-4
Against in-state foes	4-4
Against out of state teams	1-7
Against teams with winning records	3-7
Against teams with losing records	0-1
Against teams with even records	2-3
When leading at halftime	4-7
When trailing at halftime	1-3
Three or more reach double-figures	5-10
In overtime game	0-1
Game margin is 1-5 points	1-4
Game margin 5-10 points	1-1
Game margin over 10 points	3-6

