



Ferris State Men's Basketball

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FSU Hosts Rival Grand Valley State In GLIAC Showdown

FERRIS AT A GLANCE:

The Ferris State University men's basketball team will host archrival Grand Valley State Monday, Feb. 7, in an 8 p.m. (EST) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) encounter at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs are presently midst a six-game homestand.

SHOWDOWN SET: FSU is currently 15-5 overall and 7-5 in league action, which ranks second in the GLIAC North Division standings to date. Grand Valley State (8-4) leads the division by one game over FSU entering Monday's night's contest. Ferris is ranked ninth in the latest (Feb. 2) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional rankings while GVSU is sixth.

MEDIA COVERAGE: FSU's 2004-05 league games will be carried live by local radio station WBRN-1460 AM. Selected contests can also be accessed live via the internet by clicking on the Bulldog Athletics Webcasts icon at www.ferris.edu/sports. Live internet statistics will also be available for all remaining FSU home games.

TICKET INFORMATION: Individual game tickets to FSU regular-season 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.

FERRIS TOPPLES NMU: Ferris State sank 19-of-22 (86.4) free throw attempts, including four in the final 11 seconds, to edge Northern Michigan 80-75 Saturday (Feb. 5) in conference action at Wink Arena. FSU sprinted out to a 38-24 halftime lead but was outscored 51-42 in the final half. NMU trailed 78-75 following FSU senior guard **Carlton Epps' (Benton Harbor)** two made free throws with 11 seconds left, but Matt LaPage could not connect on a three-point attempt with four seconds to go. Epps led Ferris State with a game-high 27 points. Junior guard **Dennis Springs (Toledo, Ohio/Scott)** tallied 14 points along with 10 assists while senior forward **Willie Burrel (Muskegon Heights)** added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Bulldogs. The victory was FSU's fourth-straight to date.

FSU BEATS MICHIGAN TECH: Ferris State moved into second place in the GLIAC North Division standings with a 65-62 league win over Michigan Tech Thursday (Feb. 3) at Wink Arena. FSU jumped out to a 33-27 half-time advantage, but MTU held a 35-32 edge in the final half to draw within three points. The Huskies had the ball in the closing seconds with a chance to tie the game, but turned the ball over for the 24th time on the evening. Ferris was limited to a 41.1% (23-56) performance from the field and made only two-of-13 (15.4%) three-point tries. However, FSU converted 17-of-20 (85.0%) free throw attempts and recorded 13 steals. **Carlton Epps** paced Ferris with 17 points while **Willie Burrel** added 15 points and **Dennis Springs** chipped in 10 points.

GLANCING AT THE BULLDOGS: Ferris State, which claimed the 2003-04 GLIAC North Division Regular-Season Championship, finished the 2003-04 campaign with a 14-14 overall record and a 14-4 league mark. FSU, which has won more GLIAC championships (10) than any other league member, posted its best overall record in 2003-04 since compiling a 21-12 ledger during the 1997-98 season. Three starters and eight letterwinners return.

HEAD COACH BILL SALL: A 1994 Calvin graduate, third-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 1995-96 campaign and led the

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

vs. Grand Valley State*

Monday, Feb. 7, 2005
8 p.m. (EST)
Jim Wink Arena (2,400)
Big Rapids, Mich.

vs. Lake Superior State*

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005
8 p.m. (EST)
Jim Wink Arena (2,400)
Big Rapids, Mich.

*Denotes GLIAC Game

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 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAA) championships, four NCAA-III Tournament bids and the 1990 NCAA-III Final Four. Sall has a current 45-42 (.517) career mark.

THE BULLDOG TRADITION: The 2004-05 campaign marks the 77th 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 907-841 (.519) all-time mark. The Bulldogs have won 10 GLIAC titles, made six NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and reached the 1988 NCAA-II Elite Eight. Ferris, which captured a league-record four consecutive GLIAC titles from 1986-90, notched its 900th all-time win this season with a 110-104 overtime triumph over Indianapolis (Dec. 21) in the Lions Club Holiday Classic at FSU.

JIM WINK ARENA: Ferris has recorded a 30-37 (.448) overall record to date in home contests at Jim Wink Arena, including a 19-31 (.380) mark in league play. The 2,400-seat facility replaced Old Jim Wink Arena, which was converted into the current Student Recreation Center after the 1997-98 season. FSU is 10-1 (.909) at home this year.

ON THE ROAD: Ferris is 364-310 (.540) overall since 1980-81 and sports a 169-212 (.444) record in road/neutral site contests during that span. The Bulldogs are 5-4 (.556) on the road this season.

FERRIS PICKED SECOND: Defending champion Ferris State was picked to finish second in the 2004-05 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll. The Bulldogs totaled 32 points along with two first-place votes in the balloting conducted by the conference's head coaches. Michigan Tech was selected as the North Division favorite as the Huskies recorded 35 points along with five first-place votes. Findlay took the top spot in the South Division with 25 points and five first-place votes. 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.

BETWEEN THE LINES: FSU's Bill Sall will make periodic appearances throughout the season on "Between The Lines," a weekly half-hour television show devoted to Ferris Athletics. The program, which is hosted by Shannon Vesper and produced by FSU Media Productions, airs each Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. (ET) and 8 p.m. (ET), respectively, on Ferris Cable Channel 7.

THE FSU ROSTER: Ferris' 2004-05 active roster includes three seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen. Eight of the 14 players are guards while the remaining six are frontcourt players. Thirteen players hail from Michigan with one from Ohio.

FSU ON THE INTERNET: Ferris Athletics' official web site can be found at www.ferris.edu/sports. The Bulldogs' 2004-05 yearbook is also available online.

UP NEXT: Ferris State will host Lake Superior State Thursday, Feb. 10, for an 8 p.m. (EST) GLIAC game before taking on Saginaw Valley State Saturday, Feb. 12, in a 3 p.m. (EST) league home game.

2004-05 QUICK FACTS

Location:	Big Rapids, Mich.
Founded:	1884
Enrollment:	11,803
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:	45-42/Third
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
2004-05 Overall Record:	14-14
2004-05 Conf. Record/Finish:	14-4/1st-N
All-Time Record:	907-841 (.519)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	Eight/Five
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

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BULLDOG BITES

Carlton Epps passed former Bulldog player Ty Miller (1990-94) to become the school's all-time career steals leader at Northwood (Jan. 26). Epps, who has presently reached double-figure scoring in all 20 contests this season and 26 of his last 28 outings dating back to last campaign, has tallied 233 career thefts to date while Miller registered 227 steals **Dennis Springs** moved past Tim Herman (1975-79) into third place on the school's all-time assists chart against Michigan Tech (Feb. 3) and currently has 457 career assists. He is six assists shy of tying Ty Miller (1990-94) for second place. Springs also registered his 800th career point versus MTU **Willie Burrel** tallied his 400th career point against Northern Michigan (Feb. 5).

GREAT TURNAROUND: Prior to third-year head coach **Bill Sall's** arrival, the Bulldogs had posted only a 21-82 (.204) mark in the four previous seasons (1998-2002) combined. Since his debut, Ferris is currently 40-34 (.541) overall. Ferris surpassed last season's victory total (14-14) by winning its 15th contest this season against Northern Michigan. The 15 victories represents FSU's most wins since posting a 21-12 mark during the 1997-98 campaign and only the second time in the last 10 seasons Ferris has won 15 or more games.

HOME COURT EDGE: The Bulldogs' current 10-1 mark at Jim Wink Arena this campaign ranks as the program's best performance in the six-year history of the facility to date. This season also represents the first time Ferris has won 10 or more home games in a season since the 1995-96 campaign (13-1). It is only the third time in the last 17 years FSU has achieved 10 or more home wins. FSU could eclipse the school record of 13 home victories set on three different occasions by winning its last four home outings this season.

MORE BULLDOG BITES: Ferris has won its last eight games held in the month of February dating back to last season. The Bulldogs were 6-2 during the month a year ago Ferris State tied the school's single-game steals record with 22 thefts against Northwood (Jan. 26). FSU also registered 22 steals versus Aquinas on Jan. 4, 1988 Thursday's victory over Michigan Tech was FSU's second consecutive series' triumph. MTU had won 11-straight meetings prior to the current stretch. The game was a rematch of last season's regular-season finale (2/28/04) held at Wink Arena in which FSU defeated the three-time defending champs 70-61 to claim the division crown.

KEY FSU NOTES: FSU's last seven losses dating back to last season have all been by seven points or less Ferris concluded non-conference play this campaign with an 8-0 mark after previously posting a 0-10 non-league ledger last season Ferris State was listed among other teams receiving votes with three points in last week's (Feb. 1) National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II Top 25 poll Ferris is currently 10-5 overall in games versus Great Lakes Regional opponents this campaign Ferris has totaled more turnovers than its opponent only once this season, which came in an 84-56 non-league road win at Alma (12/28/04).

A Look At The Opponent

GRAND VALLEY STATE: Ferris, which has won three of the last four series' contests, holds a 44-36 advantage heading into this Monday's 81st encounter although GVSU recorded a 62-59 victory in the most recent meeting (1/8/05) at Allendale, Mich. GVSU is currently 15-6 overall and 8-4 in GLIAC action after posting a 60-55 conference home victory over Michigan Tech Saturday (Feb. 5). Grand Valley State, which was picked to finish third in the 2004-05 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll, is led in scoring by freshman center Callistus Eziukwu (13.2ppg). Senior guard Marcus Wallace, who previously played for Ferris from 2000-02 before transferring to GVSU, is the squad's second-leading scorer (11.8 ppg) to date. The Lakers have split their last four games to date under first-year head coach Ric Wesley. GVSU was 14-13 overall during the 2003-04 campaign and placed fifth in the GLIAC's North Division with a 6-12 league mark. FSU head coach Bill Sall currently holds a 3-3 career coaching mark versus the Lakers. Ferris recorded an 88-82 home win over GVSU last campaign (1/10/04) at Big Rapids and also beat the Lakers 91-78 in last year's meeting (2/16/04) at Allendale.

2004-05 FSU MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Hometown/High School (College)
#3	Dennis Springs (C)	G	Jr.	5-6	135	2L	Toledo, Ohio/Scott (Bowling Green State)
#4	Jesse York	G	Fr.	6-1	145	HS	Muskegon Heights, Mich.
#10	Antwan Holt	G	Jr.	6-3	165	T	Okemos, Mich. (Northern Michigan)
#12	Terrance Shaw	F	So.	6-5	210	1L	Saginaw, Mich./Bridgeport
#20	Corey Epps (C)	G	Sr.	6-2	175	3L	Benton Harbor, Mich.
#21	Tyler Wolfe	G	Fr.	6-3	155	HS	Cedar Springs, Mich.
#22	Carlton Epps (C)	G	Sr.	6-2	170	3L	Benton Harbor, Mich.
#23	Michael Daniels	F	So.	6-6	210	1L	Detroit, Mich./Murray-Wright
#30	Jeffery Shanahan	F	Jr.	6-6	205	2L	Flint, Mich./Kearsley
#32	Willie Burrel	F	Sr.	6-6	185	1L	Muskegon Heights, Mich. (Muskegon CC)
#33	C.J. Van Wieren	G/F	So.	6-4	215	1L	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa
#34	Michael Anderson	G/F	Jr.	6-3	170	2L	Farmington Hills, Mich./Royal Oak Shrine
#42	Mike Runstrom	F	Fr.	6-6	205	HS	Traverse City, Mich./Central
#54	Adam Veltkamp	F/C	Fr.	6-8	200	RS	Cedar Springs, Mich.
	Chris Northcross	F/C	Sr.	6-7	250	DNP	Ann Arbor, Mich./Pioneer (Hillsdale)

Head Coach: Bill Sall, third year (Calvin, 1994)

Assistant Coach: Cory Anderson (Ferris State, 1999)

Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Bill Killian, Jim Lake, Dave Schlump

HS - High School T - Transfer (C) - Captain DNP - Did Not Play Last Season

◆ - Will Redshirt This Season RS - Redshirted Last Season

2004-05 Season Trends

SITUATION	FSU RECORD
At home	10-1
On the road	5-4
At neutral sites	0-0
Shoot over 50% from floor	5-1
Shoot less than 50% from floor	10-4
Opponent shoots over 50% from floor	6-2
Opponent shoots less than 50%	9-3
Has higher shooting percentage	10-0
Shoot over 70% from free throw line	9-5
Shoot less than 70% from line	6-0
Opponent shoots over 70% from line	10-1
Opponent less than 70% from line	5-4
Has higher free throw percentage	8-4
Shoot over 30% from three-point line	12-2
Shoot less than 30% from 3-pt. line	3-3
Opponent over 30% from 3-pt. line	12-5
Opponent less than 30% from 3-pt. line	3-0
Has higher 3-pt. percentage	8-0
Has more assists	10-3
Opponent has more assists	5-2
Assists are equal	0-0
Has more turnovers	1-0
Opponent has more turnovers	14-5
Turnovers are equal	0-0
Has more steals	12-5
Opponent has more steals	2-0
Steals are equal	1-0
Has more blocks	7-3
Opponent has more blocks	7-2
Blocks are equal	1-0
In November	4-0
In December	6-2
In January	3-3
In February	2-0
In March	0-0
On Monday	1-0
On Tuesday	5-0
On Wednesday	1-0
On Thursday	3-2
On Friday	0-0
On Saturday	5-3
On Sunday	0-0
In afternoon games	5-2
In evening games	10-3
Against ranked teams	1-1
In non-conference games	8-0
In conference games	7-5
In non-conf. games vs. conf. teams	0-0
Attendance under 500	8-0
Attendance over 500	7-5
Has over 25 personal fouls	2-1
Opponent has over 25 personal fouls	0-0
In tournament games	0-0
Against in-state foes	9-3
Against out of state teams	6-2
Against teams with winning records	8-4
Against teams with losing records	4-1
Against teams with even records	3-0
When leading at halftime	13-2
When trailing at halftime	1-2
Three or more reach double-figures	13-4
In overtime game	1-1
Game margin is 1-5 points	7-4
Game margin 5-10 points	1-1
Game margin over 10 points	7-0

