



# Ferris State Men's Basketball

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## Ferris Advances To GLIAC Tournament Semifinals

### FERRIS AT A GLANCE:

The Ferris State University men's basketball team will square off against Wayne State Friday, March 4, in the semifinal round of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament at Findlay, Ohio. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. (EST). FSU, which is currently 22-5 overall this season, has won 11-straight contests to date this campaign.

### FSU WINS QUARTERFINAL:

Ferris State jumped out to a 22-point lead with seven minutes remaining and held on to post a 103-98 triumph over Northern Michigan in the quarterfinal round of the GLIAC Tournament held Tuesday (March 1) at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Senior guard **Carlton Epps (Benton Harbor)** netted a team-best 30 points along with seven steals. Junior guard **Dennis Springs (Toledo, Ohio/Scott)** chipped in 20 points and 12 assists while senior guard **Corey Epps (Benton Harbor)** totaled 18 points. Senior forward **Willie Burrell (Muskegon Heights)** scored 14 points as four players reached double-figure scoring. The win was FSU's third over the Wildcats this campaign.

**THE TOURNEY FIELD:** The first semifinal game at Croy Gymnasium between top-seeded host Findlay and fourth-seeded Michigan Tech is set to start at 5:30 p.m. (EST). Ferris State heads into the semifinal round as the tournament's number two seed while WSU is seeded third overall in the field. The winner of Friday's semifinals will move into the tournament championship game Saturday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. (EST) in Findlay.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:** Live coverage of Friday's contest and Saturday's final should the Bulldogs advance will be provided by local radio station WBRN (1460 AM) with Rob Bentley providing the play by play coverage. The contest is also tentatively slated to be accessible via the internet by clicking on the Bulldog Athletics Webcast icon at [www.ferris.edu/sports](http://www.ferris.edu/sports).

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Tickets for the tournament may be purchased at the door one hour prior to the start of both Friday's and Saturday's sessions. Ticket prices are \$8 for general admission seats and \$4 for students. More information can be obtained by calling the UF Athletics Ticket Office at (419) 434-4651.

**GLIAC CHAMPIONS:** Ferris State claimed its second-straight GLIAC North Division Regular-Season Championship with a 72-68 win over Michigan Tech in the regular-season finale last Saturday (Feb. 26) in Houghton, Mich. The Bulldogs also defeated Northern Michigan 74-65 in last Thursday's (Feb. 24) first contest of the trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula at Marquette, Mich. This season marks the first time the Bulldogs have swept both Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan on the road in the same season since the 1988-89 campaign. FSU was 13-5 in league play this year.

**ANOTHER LEAGUE TITLE:** Ferris won its 11th GLIAC title with last Saturday's win at Michigan Tech. The Bulldogs have presently won more league crowns than any other conference member. FSU had not won a GLIAC championship since 1994-95 prior to last season's (2003-04) initial title run under head coach **Bill Sall**.

**REGIONALLY-RANKED:** Ferris is ranked third in the latest (March 2) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional rankings. The Bulldogs are currently 16-5 versus regional teams this campaign. Findlay holds the top spot in the regional poll with Southern Indiana currently listed second. The Great Lakes Region consists of all GLIAC and Great Lakes Valley Conference schools.

**NATIONALLY-RANKED:** FSU entered the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC)/Division II Bulletin Top 25 Poll in the 24th spot last week (Feb. 23) and moved up to 19th in this week's (March 1) rankings. This season marks the school's first appearance in the national rankings since

### GLIAC TOURNAMENT GLIAC Semifinals/Finals

Held at Findlay, Ohio  
Croy Gymnasium  
Houdeshell Court (2,500)

#### Semifinals

Friday, March 4, 2005  
Michigan Tech at Findlay, 5:30 p.m.  
Ferris State vs. Wayne State, 7:30 p.m.

#### Championship

Saturday, March 5, 2005  
Semifinal Winners, 7:30 p.m.  
All Times are Eastern

the 1988-89 campaign. The Bulldogs are one of only two league schools ranked in the latest poll along with second-ranked Findlay. Ferris had not been ranked prior to the last two weeks since holding down the number one spot in the final poll of the 1988-89 season (March 6, 1989). The current national listing represents the 19th time the program has been ranked in the Division II poll. Bowie State (Md.) holds the top position in the latest rankings followed by Findlay, Metropolitan State (Colo.), Southern Indiana and Nebraska-Omaha in the top five. Ferris received 55 points in this week's poll.

**LAST SEASON:** Ferris State, which also 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 was 0-10 in non-conference games last season.

**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 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 52-42 (.553) career mark and picked up his 50th career win this season at Northern Michigan (Feb. 24).

**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 914-841 (.521) all-time mark. The Bulldogs have won 11 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.

**FSU PICKED SECOND:** Ferris was picked to finish second in the 2004-05 GLIAC North Division Preseason Poll. The Bulldogs totaled 32 points along with two first-place votes in the balloting conducted by the GLIAC's head coaches. Michigan Tech was selected as the North Division favorite while Findlay took the top spot in the South Division. WSU was picked third in the South.

**JIM WINK ARENA:** Ferris has recorded a 35-37 (.486) overall record to date in home contests at Jim Wink Arena, including a 23-31 (.426) 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 15-1 (.938) at home this year.

**ON THE ROAD:** Ferris is 371-310 (.545) overall since 1980-81 and sports a 171-212 (.446) record in road/neutral site contests during that span. The Bulldogs are 7-4 (.636) on the road this season.

### 2004-05 QUICK FACTS

<b>Location:</b>	Big Rapids, Mich.
<b>Founded:</b>	1884
<b>Enrollment:</b>	11,803
<b>Nickname:</b>	Bulldogs
<b>Colors:</b>	Crimson & Gold
<b>Affiliation:</b>	NCAA Division II
<b>Conference:</b>	Great Lakes Intercollegiate
<b>President:</b>	Dr. David L. Eisler
<b>Athletics Director:</b>	Tom Kirinovic
<b>Asst. Athletics Director:</b>	Brian Kegler
<b>Head Trainer:</b>	Dave Lucey, ATC
<b>Assistant Trainer:</b>	Tim Glover, ATC
<b>Assistant Trainer:</b>	Mike Blackburn, ATC
<b>Equip. Manager:</b>	Ben Mumah, E.M.,C.
<b>Athletic Dep. Office:</b>	(231) 591-2860
<b>Athletic Dep. Fax:</b>	(231) 591-2869
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Bill Sall
<b>Alma Mater/Year:</b>	Calvin, 1994
<b>Record at FSU/Year:</b>	52-42/Third
<b>Career Record/Years:</b>	Same
<b>Office Phone:</b>	(231) 591-2877
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Cory Anderson
<b>Office Phone:</b>	(231) 591-3820
<b>Home Court:</b>	Jim Wink Arena
<b>Capacity:</b>	2,400
<b>2004-05 Overall Record:</b>	14-14
<b>2004-05 Conf. Record/Finish:</b>	14-4/1st-N
<b>All-Time Record:</b>	914-841 (.521)
<b>Letterwinners Ret./Lost:</b>	Eight/Five
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ferris.edu/sports">www.ferris.edu/sports</a>

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## BULLDOG BITES

FSU's current 337 steals this campaign ranks as the program's best-ever single-season performance to date..... Junior guard **Dennis Springs (Toledo, Ohio/Scott)** surpassed Tim Herman's school single-season assists record set in 1977-78 in Tuesday's quarterfinal win. Springs has posted 189 assists to date this season while Herman netted 186. Springs also registered his 500th career assist versus NMU and is only 21 away from tying Jarvis Walker's (1985-89) school-record career mark of 532 assists..... Senior guard **Carlton Epps (Benton Harbor)** is three three-pointers shy of matching Willie Thomas' single-season best of 91 treys a year ago..... **Dennis Springs**, who has scored 10 points or more in nine consecutive outings this season, notched his 900th career point at Northern Michigan (2/24)..... **Carlton Epps** presently has 89 steals to date this season and has passed Day Smith's single-season record of 69 thefts recorded back in 1997-98. He has reached double-figure scoring in 27 of his last 28 contests dating back to last season..... **Corey Epps** needs three rebounds to garner his 300th career board. He has scored 10 points or more in five of his last seven outings to date, including each of the last three contests.

**GLIAC TOURNEY HISTORY:** The Bulldogs made their first league tourney appearance since 1997-98 a year ago and dropped a 72-71 quarterfinal round home decision to Northwood (3/2/04) in Wink Arena..... FSU is presently 5-8 all-time in seven tournament appearances after Tuesday's win over Northern Michigan..... This season represents the second consecutive year FSU has hosted a GLIAC Tourney quarterfinal round game. The 1994-95 season marks Ferris' only other previous league tourney home games as FSU lost to Hillsdale (semifinals) and Michigan Tech (consolation) at Old Jim Wink Arena during that campaign..... Ferris captured its only tourney title in 1997-98..... Ferris dropped a 72-67 semifinal round decision to Wayne State in the only previous tournament meeting between the two schools back in the 1992-93 season at Marquette, Mich.

**NCAA REGIONAL INFO:** The winner of this season's GLIAC Tournament will receive the league's automatic berth into the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament slated for March 12-15 at a site to be determined. Eight teams, including six at-large teams, will participate in the regional with the official announcement set to be released Sunday, March 6. The announcement can be seen live on Altitude Sports and Entertainment found on DirecTV Channel 644 or Dish Network 410 beginning at 10:30 p.m. (EST). It is also available on at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).

**MORE BULLDOG BITES:** Ferris has totaled more turnovers than its opponent only twice this season..... Ferris has won its last 14 games held in the month of February dating back to last season. The Bulldogs were 8-0 during the month this year..... Prior to **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 47-34 (.580)..... Ferris' 22 victories to date this season represents FSU's most wins since advancing to the NCAA-II Elite Eight win a 24-6 overall record in 1988-89 and only the second time in the last 10 seasons Ferris has won 20 or more games..... FSU's last seven losses dating back to last season have all been by seven points or less..... Ferris' current 11-game winning streak is the program's longest since winning 18-straight contests in 1988-89..... The Bulldogs' only loss at home this year was against Findlay 87-85 (12/2/04) on a tip-in at the buzzer.

### A Look At The Opponent

**WAYNE STATE:** Wayne State enters Friday's meeting with an 18-10 overall record following Tuesday's (March 1) 75-70 victory over Gannon in the tournament quarterfinals at Detroit, Mich. WSU concluded the regular season tied for second place (11-6) in the GLIAC South Division and previously defeated FSU 76-69 during the regular-season (Jan. 15) in Detroit. The Bulldogs maintain a 33-31 edge heading into Friday's 65th series' encounter, but have lost eight-straight series' contests and have not defeated WSU since the 1996-97 season. The Warriors, who are coached by fourth-year head coach David Greer, are led in scoring by senior guard Morris Hall (17.7 ppg) and have won six of their last eight dates to date this campaign. FSU head coach **Bill Sall** currently holds an 0-5 career coaching mark versus Wayne State.

## 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	15-1
On the road	7-4
At neutral sites	0-0
Shoot over 50% from floor	8-1
Shoot less than 50% from floor	14-4
Opponent shoots over 50% from floor	8-2
Opponent shoots less than 50%	14-3
Has higher shooting percentage	12-0
Shoot over 70% from free throw line	16-5
Shoot less than 70% from line	6-0
Opponent shoots over 70% from line	14-1
Opponent less than 70% from line	8-4
Has higher free throw percentage	13-4
Shoot over 30% from three-point line	19-2
Shoot less than 30% from 3-pt. line	3-3
Opponent over 30% from 3-pt. line	18-5
Opponent less than 30% from 3-pt. line	4-0
Has higher 3-pt. percentage	13-0
Has more assists	15-3
Opponent has more assists	7-2
Assists are equal	0-0
Has more turnovers	2-0
Opponent has more turnovers	20-5
Turnovers are equal	0-0
Has more steals	18-5
Opponent has more steals	3-0
Steals are equal	1-0
Has more blocks	10-3
Opponent has more blocks	10-2
Blocks are equal	2-0
In November	4-0
In December	6-2
In January	3-3
In February	8-0
In March	1-0
On Monday	2-0
On Tuesday	6-0
On Wednesday	1-0
On Thursday	5-2
On Friday	0-0
On Saturday	8-3
On Sunday	0-0
In afternoon games	8-2
In evening games	14-3
Against ranked teams	1-1
In non-conference games	8-0
In conference games	13-5
In non-conf. games vs. conf. teams	1-0
Attendance under 500	8-0
Attendance over 500	14-5
Has over 25 personal fouls	2-1
Opponent has over 25 personal fouls	0-0
In tournament games	0-0
Against in-state foes	16-3
Against out of state teams	6-2
Against teams with winning records	10-4
Against teams with losing records	9-1
Against teams with even records	3-0
When leading at halftime	18-2
When trailing at halftime	2-2
Three or more reach double-figures	20-4
In overtime game	2-1
Game margin is 1-5 points	11-4
Game margin 5-10 points	2-1
Game margin over 10 points	9-0

