



Ferris State Men's Basketball

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2002-03 BASKETBALL



8-12 OVERALL, 4-8 GLIAC

This Week's Games:

Thursday, Feb. 6
vs. Lake Superior State*
8 p.m. (EST)
Jim Wink Arena - Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Feb. 8
at Northwood*
3 p.m. (EST)
Bennett Sports Center
Midland, Mich.

All times are Eastern and subject to change
* Denotes GLIAC game

Last Week's Results:

Thursday, Jan. 30
Michigan Tech 98, at FSU 82*

Saturday, Feb. 1
at FSU 74, Northern Michigan 63*

2002-03 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 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.
Asst. Equip. Mgr:	John Whitford, E.M.,C.
Athletic Dep. Office:	(231) 591-2860
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Head Coach:	Bill Sall
Alma Mater/Year:	Calvin/1994
Record at FSU/Year:	12-20/1st
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
2001-02 Overall Record:	4-22
2001-02 Conf. Record/Finish:	1-17/7th
All-Time Record:	875-819 (.517)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	Eight/Four

Bulldogs Register Victory; Two Games This Week

FSU MEN'S BASKETBALL AT A GLANCE - The Ferris State University men's basketball team will battle the Lake Superior State Lakers in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action this Thursday (Feb. 6) with tipoff slated for 8 p.m. (EST) in FSU's Jim Wink Arena at Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs will then visit the Northwood Timberwolves this Saturday (Feb. 8) for a 3 p.m. (EST) league contest at NU's Bennett Sports Center in Midland, Mich. FSU, which is presently 8-12 overall and 4-8 in conference action, ranks tied for fourth place in the GLIAC North Division standings. Ferris needs one victory to match its best league mark (5-13; 2000-01) and surpass its best overall record (8-18; 2000-01) in the last four seasons.

BULLDOGS SNAP SKID - Ferris snapped a three-game losing skid with a 74-63 league home win over the Northern Michigan Wildcats last Saturday (Feb. 1). The Bulldogs previously dropped a 98-82 home conference decision to the nationally-ranked Michigan Tech Huskies last Thursday (Jan. 30). Senior center **Adam Anderson (Kent City)** totaled a game-high 18 points while junior guard **Willie Thomas (Columbus, Ohio/Eastmoor Academy)** added 15 points in the win over NMU. Sophomore guard **Corey Epps (Benton Harbor)** scored 12 points, sophomore guard **Carlton Epps (Benton Harbor)** had 10 points and freshman guard **Dennis Springs (Toledo, Ohio/Scott)** dished out 11 assists. MTU, which is ranked fourth in the latest (Jan. 28) National Association of Basketball Coaches/Division II Bulletin Top 25 poll, shot 62.7 percent from the floor en route to Thursday's victory. Anderson registered 22 points for FSU. Thomas and Carlton Epps both added 18 points while Springs chipped in 10 points.

LAST SEASON - Ferris State concluded the 2001-02 campaign with a 4-22 overall mark, which included a seventh-place 1-17 GLIAC North Division finish.

THE BULLDOG TRADITION - The 2002-03 campaign marks the 75th 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 875-819 (.517) 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, which last won the GLIAC Tournament championship in 1997-98, captured a league-record four consecutive GLIAC titles from 1986-90.

HOME COURT - Ferris State is presently 3-4 (.429) this campaign at Jim Wink Arena. 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. FSU holds a 12-33 (.267) overall mark in its fourth season at the new Jim Wink Arena.

HEAD COACH BILL SALL - A 1994 Calvin graduate, first-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 MIAA championships, four NCAA-III Tournament bids and the 1990 NCAA-III Final Four.

ANDERSON MOVES UP - **Adam Anderson**, a 2000-01 All-GLIAC North Division First-Team honoree, moved past Marcus Kennedy (1,450; 1986-89) into seventh place on FSU's career scoring leaders list against Michigan Tech. Anderson, who has scored 10 points or more in 54 of his last 57 games, currently has 1,486 career points and needs 227 more to tie Jarvis Walker (1,713; 1985-89) for sixth place on Ferris' career scoring leaders list. The 6-10 Anderson, who currently ranks as Ferris' career blocks leader (130), is fifth on the school's career made free throw chart (444-671) and needs one more to tie Dannie Hayes (445; 1991-95) for fourth place. He established FSU single-season records in made free throws (179) and blocks (50) during the 2000-01 season. Anderson, who has led FSU in scoring 10 of the last 13 games to date, presently has 575 career rebounds and is 12 short of tying Ray Waits (587; 1996-99) for 11th place on Ferris' career list.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA HONOREE - **Adam Anderson** has been named to the 2002-03 *Street & Smith's* Division II Preseason Honorable Mention All-America Team for the second consecutive season. Anderson, a 2000-01 Daktronics NCAA-II All-Great Lakes Region First-Team selection, was among 31 individuals receiving preseason accolades and joined Michigan Tech's Matt Cameron, Hillsdale's Matt Mlynarchek and Josh Morgan of Gannon as GLIAC-member representatives. He has reached double-figure scoring 74 times in 99 career games.

BRING BACK THE BULLDOGS - The FSU men's basketball team will honor former player Dennis Smolinski (1999-01) prior to Thursday's game as part of its "Bring Back The Bulldogs" alumni program. The 2000-01 FSU Coaches Award recipient currently serves on Ferris' teaching staff within the information systems management program. He compiled 155 points and 116 rebounds while attaining GLIAC All-Academic Team laurels.

ON THE ROAD - FSU is 333-288 (.536) overall since 1980-81 and sports a 158-194 (.449) record in road/neutral site contests during that span. Ferris is 4-7 (.364) on the road this season.





BULLDOG BITES

Willie Thomas has scored 10 points or more in eight of his last nine contests to date.

Carlton Epps, who has posted double-digit scoring performances in 10 of his last 14 outings, needs four steals to notch his 100th career steal.

AGAINST THE OPPONENTS - FSU will battle Lake Superior State and Northwood this week.

Lake Superior State: The Bulldogs maintain a 64-42 lead entering this Thursday's 107th series meeting. However, LSSU has won five consecutive games and defeated Ferris 85-79 in the last meeting between the teams (1/25/03) at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Northwood: Ferris holds a 39-18 advantage heading into this Saturday's 58th meeting. The Timberwolves have a four-game series win streak and beat Ferris 79-73 in the last meeting (1/16/03) at Big Rapids, Mich.

BETWEEN THE LINES - Between The Lines, a weekly television program profiling Ferris State University Athletics, continues to be aired across northern Michigan on WFQX-Fox 33 every Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. (ET).

FSU SPORTS LUNCHEON - The next FSU Sports Luncheon of the 2002-03 athletics season will be held this Wednesday (Feb. 5) from 12-1 p.m. (EST) at Ferris' Center Ice in Big Rapids, Mich.

TICKET PRICES - Individual game tickets to all FSU home basketball games can be obtained at the door or by calling the Bulldog ticket office at (231) 591-2888.

LOOKING AHEAD - Ferris will battle the Grand Valley State Lakers in league action Monday, Feb. 10, with tipoff slated for 8 p.m. (EST) at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich.

2002-03 BULLDOG RECORDS

Record: 8-12 overall
GLIAC: 4-8 in league play
Home: 3-4 at Jim Wink Arena
Road: 4-7 away from home
Neutral: 1-1 on neutral floors

2002-03 Season Trends

Table with 2 columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists various performance metrics such as 'At home', 'Shoot over 50% from floor', and 'Attendance under 500' with corresponding records.

2002-03 FSU MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

Roster table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Wt., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists players like Michael Anderson, Dennis Springs, and Willie Thomas.

Head Coach: Bill Sall, first year (Calvin, 1994)
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Bill Killian, Brian Wood
Student Assistant Coach: Matt Miller

Assistant Coach: Cory Anderson (Ferris State, 1999)
Basketball Consultant: Dean Davenport
Student Managers: Brian Hanson, Nate Meadows

HS - High School T - Transfer (C) - Captain (RS) - Redshirt

