



# Ferris State Women's Basketball



## MEET THE 2002-03 BULLDOG FRESHMEN



### ERIN MILLER

5-7 ♦ Freshman ♦ Guard  
Niles, Mich.



**Coach Fisk on Miller:** "Erin will see time at all of our perimeter spots. I think she'll really surprise a lot of people with her scoring ability and versatility. She's able to do a lot of little things, which is nice to have."

**High School:** A 2002 graduate of Niles High School ... Registered 17.8 points, 6.1 rebounds and 6.8 steals per contest as a senior ... Led Niles to a 22-2 overall record and the school's fifth consecutive regional championship game appearance in 2001 ... Was a fourth-team 2001 *Detroit Free Press* Class B All-State honoree ... Received 2001 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Academic All-State honors and the *Niles Daily Star* Player-of-the-Year Award ... Twice was named first-team All-Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference ... Scored 15.4 points and grabbed 5.6 rebounds per game as a junior ... Led the Vikings to three conference championships, four district titles and one regional crown ... Named the 2001 Fruitbelt Officials Association Sportsmanship Award winner ... Holds the school's single-game steals record (14) ... Also earned 2001-02 Class B Honorable Mention All-State volleyball accolades ... Was a two-time state track and field meet qualifier ... Holds Niles' school pole vault record (7-9) ... Attained all-district soccer recognition.

**Personal:** Daughter of Edward and Kim Miller of Niles, Mich. ... Born 7/29/83 in Niles, Mich. ... Her mother is a 1974 FSU graduate and previously worked as a Ferris Admissions Officer ... Was active in the National Honor Society and the Math Club ... Majoring in finance.

### MILLER FILE

**IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY**  
Grandma Cunningham  
**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS**  
Follow your heart  
**MY FAVORITE FOOD**  
Chicken burritos  
**DESIRED OCCUPATION**  
Financial analyst  
**MY FAVORITE MOVIE**  
Pink Panther Strikes Again  
**PREGAME RITUAL**  
Re-tie my shoes three times prior to game  
**BEST PART ABOUT FSU**  
All the free stuff  
**IF I HAD ONE WISH**  
Be six-feet tall  
**MOTTO I LIVE BY**  
To get to the top, you must first get off your bottom

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### DARCIE PHILP

6-1 ♦ Freshman ♦ Forward/Center  
Ubly, Mich.



**Coach Fisk on Philp:** "Darcie wants to learn everything and know it all yesterday. She's done a great job picking things up and is able to put the ball in the hole. Her shooting touch is good and her finesse allows her to be versatile."

**High School:** A 2002 graduate of Ubly High School ... Recorded 19 points and 10 rebounds per game while attaining second-team 2001 *Detroit Free Press* Class C All-State accolades ... Was a three-year (1999-01) team Most Valuable Player ... Earned first-team Greater Thumb Conference honors twice ... Finished her three-year varsity career as the school's career scoring leader (964 points) ... Prepped by Jeanne Gusa ... Garnered GTC Scholar Athlete Award honors three times ... Named a 2001 *Huron Daily Tribune* First-Team All-Area pick ... Averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds per game as a junior ... Totaled 19 20-plus point games during her prep career ... Attained third-team 2001 *Detroit News* Class C All-State honors ... Earned three varsity letters in basketball, volleyball and track and field ... Played for the Blue Water Volleyball Club ... Was a Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region selection.

**Personal:** Daughter of Jim and Tammy Philp of Ubly, Mich. ... Born 8/28/83 in Bad Axe, Mich. ... Has two younger sisters, Erica and Becky ... Involved in the student council and band ... Plans to major in social work at Ferris State ... Served as class treasurer and secretary ... Active in the prom, float and class hall decorating committees ... Was a youth essay winner.

### PHILP FILE

**FAVORITE WNBA PLAYER**  
Sheryl Swoopes  
**IF I HAD ONE WISH**  
I could play the piano  
**LEAST FAVORITE FOOD**  
Bratwurst  
**BEST PART ABOUT FSU**  
Being able to run under the Bulldog  
**MY WORST FEAR**  
Not finding someone to spend the rest of life with  
**MY DESIRED OCCUPATION**  
Social work  
**PREGAME RITUAL**  
Always put my left shoe on before my right  
**IF I COULD DO ANYTHING**  
See what Heaven is like  
**FAVORITE WNBA TEAM**  
Houston Comets

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### THE FERRIS STATE "BULLDOG"

The "Bulldogs" have been Ferris State University's official mascot since 1930, when the name was applied to the Ferris Institute basketball team.

At the time, an unknown sportswriter became impressed by the way coach Bill McElwain's chargers were winning close games with defense (even recording a shutout once). He described the stingy defense as "hanging on like a bulldog." During an eight-game winning streak for the 1930 squad, Ferris held the opposition to an average of 17.1 points per game. Then he began referring to the team as the "Bulldogs." The nickname stuck and has been used ever since.

The logo was re-designed in 1979 by former FSU graphic artist Terry Davenport, son of former Bulldog Athletics Director Dean Davenport.

