



Ferris State Women's Basketball

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Bulldogs Return From Holiday Break With Trip To Arkansas

FERRIS AT A GLANCE:

The Ferris State University women's basketball team will open the new year in Arkansas Jan. 2-3, with two non-league contests. FSU will battle Henderson State Friday, Jan. 2, in a 7 p.m. (EST) tilt at HSU's Duke Wells Center in Arkadelphia, Ark. Ferris will then square off against Central Arkansas Saturday, Jan. 3, at UCA's Farris Center in Conway, Ark. Tipoff is also set for 7 p.m. (EST).

LAST WEEKEND: The Bulldogs split two non-league games last weekend (Dec. 19-20) in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)/Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Sleep Inn Invitational held at Northwood University's Bennett Sports Center in Midland, Mich. FSU dropped an 85-77 decision to Indianapolis last Friday before posting an 86-71 win over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Saturday. The Bulldogs are presently 8-3 overall and 3-1 in the GLIAC this season.

TWO WEEKS AGO: The Bulldogs dropped an 88-70 GLIAC decision to Lake Superior State in their 2003-04 home opener Thursday, Dec. 11, at Big Rapids (Mich.) High School. Ferris then registered a 90-88 league win Saturday, Dec. 13, at Saginaw Valley State in University Center, Mich.

LEADING THE WAY: Sophomore guard **Erin Miller (Niles)** led the Bulldogs with 22 points versus Indianapolis and 20 points against SIUE. Senior guard **Lucy DeMartin (Mason)** totaled 20 points in FSU's win over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and added 13 points against UI. Senior forward/center **Molly Potvin (Lansing/Catholic Central)** also recorded two double-figure scoring performances with 11 points and 10 points versus the Greyhounds and Cougars, respectively.

LAST SEASON: Ferris State concluded the 2002-03 campaign with a 15-11 overall mark, which included a fourth-place (tie) 10-8 GLIAC North Division finish. FSU reached the GLIAC Tournament for the fourth consecutive year and posted its seventh straight 10-win campaign a year ago.

THE BULLDOG TRADITION: The Ferris State women's basketball program, which is midst its 30th anniversary campaign, has compiled a 346-379 (.477) all-time mark. The Bulldogs won the GLIAC North Division crown, advanced to the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament and recorded the nation's highest grade point average in 1999-2000. FSU, which also claimed GLIAC Tournament runner-up honors in 1999-00, has ranked among the nation's top 25 academic teams four consecutive seasons.

HEAD COACH TRACEY FISK: Sixth-year FSU head coach **Tracey Fisk** presently ranks as Ferris' all-time winningest coach with a current 93-54 (.633) career record at Ferris State. A 1996 graduate of Western Michigan, Fisk guided Ferris State to a 22-7 mark and the school's first NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament appearance during the 1999-00 campaign. Prior to FSU, Fisk spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Lake Michigan College (1994-97) and one season at the University of Indianapolis (1997-98). She is seven victories shy of notching her 100th career coaching victory.

ON THE ROAD: Ferris State is 130-95 (.578) overall since 1995-96 and sports a 78-62 (.557) record in road/neutral site contests during that

UPCOMING GAMES	
at Henderson State (Ark.)	
Friday, Jan. 2	7 p.m. (EST)
Duke Wells Center (3,000)	
Arkadelphia, Ark.	
at Central Arkansas	
Saturday, Jan. 3	7 p.m. (EST)
Farris Center (6,000)	
Conway, Ark.	

span. The Bulldogs are 42-26 (.618) overall in road games under head coach **Tracey Fisk**, including a 28-20 (.583) record in conference play. **FSU PICKED THIRD:** Ferris State was picked to finish third in the 2003-04 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll. The Bulldogs totaled 26 points and one first-place vote in the balloting by the GLIAC's head coaches. Grand Valley State was selected as the GLIAC North Division favorite while Wayne State took the top spot in the South Division.

FERRIS ROSTER: Ferris' 2003-04 roster includes four seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen. Eleven players hail from Michigan with one each from Indiana and the Czech Republic.

FSU ON THE INTERNET: Ferris State 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.

GLANCING AT THE BULLDOGS: Ferris returns eight letterwinners and five starters from last season, including senior captains **Lucy DeMartin, Stephanie Benear (Howell), Bridget Horwitz (Auburn, Ind./DeKalb)** and **Molly Potvin**. A 2002-03 All-GLIAC Second-Teamer, Horwitz is not expected to play this season due to a broken thumb suffered in a preseason scrimmage.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA: Ferris' **Lucy DeMartin** was named to the 2003-04 *Women's Division II Bulletin* Preseason Super 16 All-America Team. DeMartin, a 2002-03 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-Great Lakes Region First-Team selection, was also chosen as the publication's preseason GLIAC Player of the Year. Her team-leading 20.2 points per game scoring average last season ranked first among the school's all-time leaders and placed second in the GLIAC's overall statistical rankings.

SOLID LEAGUE START: Ferris' current 3-1 league start this campaign marks the fifth time in head coach **Tracey Fisk's** six seasons at the helm the Bulldogs have won three of their initial four GLIAC outings. FSU posted a school-best 4-0 league start in 2000-01. Last season (2002-03), Ferris opened league action with a 2-2 record.

TOUGH ROAD: Twelve of Ferris' first 13 games this campaign are away from home. The Bulldogs, who played their initial seven outings this season away from home, are slated to play their next two outings on the road. FSU's first home game at Jim Wink Arena in slated for Saturday, Jan. 10, versus league rival Grand Valley State with tipoff set for 1 p.m. (EST).

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 via the internet by clicking on the Bulldog Athletics Webcasts icon at www.ferris.edu/sports.

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:	Tracey Fisk
Alma Mater/Year:	Western Michigan/1996
Record at FSU/Year:	93-54/Sixth
Career Record/Years:	Same
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2878
Assistant Coach:	Justin Rees
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2867
Home Court:	Jim Wink Arena
Capacity:	2,400
2002-03 Overall Record:	15-11
2002-03 Conf. Record/Finish:	10-8/4th
All-Time Record:	346-379 (.477)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	Eight/Four
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

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BULLDOG BITES

The Bulldogs have registered six of their eight victories this campaign by five points or less. Ferris has won nine of its last 10 such games dating back to last season Lucy DeMartin currently has 1,332 career points and needs 241 more to match Monta Ware's (1979-83) school-record output of 1,573 points. DeMartin, who presently has an active 42-game double-figure scoring streak, has 315 career made free throws to date and needs 30 more to tie Jodi Raab's (1989-93) school-record total of 345 Molly Potvin presently has totaled nine rebounds or more in three of her last eight outings this campaign. She has scored 10 points or more in five consecutive outings to date and needs 25 points to register her 400th career point Freshman guard Kristin Reinhart (East Lansing) has scored 10 points or more in four of her last eight games to date this season Erin Miller currently has reached double-figure scoring in nine of 11 contests this campaign. She is seven points away from notching her 500th career point Stephanie Benear attained her 250th career rebound against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Junior forward Sarah Duesing (Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Area) recorded her 200th career point against SIUE. Duesing has totaled 10 points or more in three of her last six outings this season The Bulldogs are 4-1 (.800) on the road to date this campaign.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS: The 2002-03 Bulldog squad was honored for having the nation's second-highest (tie) cumulative grade point average in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division II Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll list. The Bulldogs, who placed among the top 25 teams for the fourth consecutive season, compiled a 3.604 gpa.

LOOKING AHEAD: Ferris returns home to host West Michigan rival Grand Valley State in league action Saturday, Jan. 10, at Big Rapids, Mich. Opening tipoff is set for 1 p.m. (EST). The contest marks FSU's initial appearance at Jim Wink Arena this campaign.

A Look At The Opponents

HENDERSON STATE: The Bulldogs will square off against Henderson State for the first time. HSU, which was ranked 21st in the 2003-04 USA Today/ESPN/WBCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll, is presently 1-5 overall and 0-0 in the Gulf South Conference (GSC) following a 59-56 non-league loss to West Florida (Dec. 5) in Memphis, Tenn. The Lady Reddies are slated to host North Alabama and California (Pa.) in non-league action Dec. 30 and Dec. 31, respectively. Henderson State, which was 20-10 overall in 2002-03 and placed tied for second (12-4) in the GSC's West Division, is led in scoring by junior forward Aesha Carter (15.3 ppg). The Lady Reddies, who are guided by second-year head coach Jeff Caldwell, were picked to finish second in the 2003-04 GSC West Division Preseason Coaches Poll. HSU has dropped four consecutive outings to date this campaign.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS: Ferris will face Central Arkansas for the first time in school history. UCA is currently 6-5 overall and 0-0 in the GSC heading into the West Florida Classic Dec. 29-30 at Pensacola, Fla., where they will battle Lenoir-Rhyne (Dec. 29) and host UWF (Dec. 30). The Sugar Bears recorded an 81-30 non-conference home win over Central Baptist (Ark.) in their last outing (Dec. 6). Central Arkansas, which is led in scoring by junior guard Carone Harris (13.4 ppg), was 28-6 overall in 2002-03 and posted a second-place tying 12-4 mark in the GSC's West Division. The Sugar Bears, who are coached by 22nd-year head coach Ron Marvel, were picked to finish first in the 2003-04 GSC West Division Preseason Coaches Poll. UCA, which has won its last two outings to date this season, advanced to the NCAA-II Elite Eight a year ago after claiming the NCAA-II South Regional championship. They were picked sixth in the 2003-04 USA Today/ESPN/WBCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll.

2003-04 FSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Yr., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists 15 players including Hailey Potter, Erin Miller, Lucie Cenkova, Sharon Smith, Sarah Duesing, Audrey Thwing, Lucy DeMartin, Stephanie Benear, Kristin Reinhart, Molly Potvin, Bridget Horwitz, Kelly McLaughlin, and Darcie Philp.

Head Coach: Tracey Fisk, sixth year (Western Michigan, 1996)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Mike Peterson

Assistant Coach: Justin Rees (Barry, 1997)
Student Manager: Nicole Bridges

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

2003-04 Season Trends

Table with columns: SITUATION, FSU RECORD. Lists various performance metrics such as 'At home', 'On the road', 'Shoot over 50% from floor', etc., with corresponding records.

