



Ferris State Women's Basketball

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FSU Advances To GLIAC Semifinals With Home Victory

FERRIS AT A GLANCE:

The Ferris State University women's basketball team will face Ashland in the semifinal round of the 2003-04 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament this Friday (March 5) in LSSU's Bud Cooper Gymnasium at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. (EST). The Bulldogs are the second overall seed while AU is seeded third.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for the tournament can be obtained by contacting the LSSU Athletics Ticket Office at (906) 635-2602.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Live coverage of Ferris State's GLIAC Tournament games will be carried live by local radio station WBRN-1460 AM. Rob Bentley of the FSU Athletics Communications Office will handle the play-by-play coverage.

A LOOK AT THE BULLDOGS: FSU, which is the tournament's second seed, currently is 20-8 overall and compiled a second-place 14-4 mark in the GLIAC's North Division during the regular season. The Bulldogs have won 12 of their last 15 games to date this season and are currently ranked third in the latest NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Rankings.

BULLDOGS ADVANCE: Ferris advanced to the semifinals with a 72-70 quarterfinal round home win over Michigan Tech Tuesday (March 2) at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Senior guard **Lucy DeMartin (Mason)** nailed a three-point basket with 21 seconds left to lift the Bulldogs. DeMartin and freshman guard **Kristin Reinhart (East Lansing)** both tallied 18 points in Tuesday's contest. The game was the second contest played between the two teams in three days as MTU previously beat Ferris 67-64 in overtime last Saturday (Feb. 28) at Wink Arena to conclude the regular-season campaign.

THE TOURNEY FIELD: The other semifinal round game Friday pits host Lake Superior State versus Gannon with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m. (EST). The championship game is slated for Saturday (March 6) at 5 p.m. (EST). LSSU earned the home court advantage throughout the tournament by finishing with the league's best (16-2) regular-season mark.

THE BULLDOG TRADITION: The Ferris State women's basketball program, which is midst its 30th anniversary campaign, has compiled a 358-384 (.482) 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.

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 dropped a 98-65 decision (3/1/03) at Lake Superior State in the quarterfinal round of the GLIAC Tournament.

HEAD COACH TRACEY FISK: Sixth-year FSU head coach **Tracey Fisk** presently ranks as Ferris' all-time winningest coach with a current 105-59 (.640) 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 assis-

GLIAC TOURNAMENT

GLIAC Semifinals Ashland vs. Ferris State

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7:30 p.m. (EST)
Bud Cooper Gymnasium (2,800)
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

GLIAC Tourney Finals

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tant coach at Lake Michigan College (1994-97) and one season at the University of Indianapolis (1997-98). Fisk recorded her 100th career coaching victory at Michigan Tech (Feb. 5).

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Ferris State is 142-100 (.587) overall since 1995-96 and sports a 82-66 (.554) record in road/neutral site contests during that span. The Bulldogs are 46-30 (.605) overall in road games under head coach **Tracey Fisk**, including a 32-22 (.593) record in conference play.

BETWEEN THE LINES: "Between The Lines", a weekly television program profiling Ferris State University Athletics, airs across northern Michigan on WFOX-Fox 33 every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. (ET). The 30-minute program is hosted by **Phill Mooney** and produced in the studios of the University's cable Channel 7. FSU head coach **Tracey Fisk** will make appearances throughout the season. The show is also aired locally on the University's cable Channel 7 every Tuesday (7 p.m.) and Wednesday (8 p.m.).

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.

GLIAC TOURNEY HISTORY: FSU, which is making its fifth consecutive tournament appearance, previously claimed runner-up honors in 1999-00. Last season, the Bulldogs fell to eventual champion Lake Superior State 98-65 in a quarterfinal-round contest at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The Bulldogs, who have compiled a 4-5 (.444) overall GLIAC Tournament record to date following Tuesday's victory, are making their sixth all-time tournament appearance. Ferris reached the tourney semifinal round for the third time this year. This season also marks Ferris' sixth tourney appearance in the last seven seasons. Tuesday's game was the Bulldogs' first-ever GLIAC tournament home game.

VERIZON ACADEMIC HONORS: **Lucy DeMartin** was named to the first-team 2003-04 Verizon Academic All-District IV College Division Women's Basketball Team. DeMartin, who is now eligible to receive Academic All-America consideration, previously attained first-team honors last season and was a second-team pick in 2001-02. Sophomore guard **Erin Miller (Niles)** received third-team all-district recognition this year.

STAYING ON CAMPUS: The GLIAC Tournament remains on campus sites this season for the second year in a row. Prior to last season, the four previous men's and women's tourneys were held at a neutral site, with the final three taking place at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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:	105-59/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:	358-384 (.482)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	Eight/Four
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

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BULLDOG BITES

The Bulldogs have won nine of their 11 games decided by five points or less this campaign. FSU has won 12 of its last 15 such games dating back to last season..... The 2003-04 campaign

marks the eighth consecutive campaign the Bulldogs have won 10 or more games. FSU's win over MTU gave the school only its second-ever 20 win campaign Ferris' 14 league victories this campaign were its most since the 1999-00 squad claimed the school's only league championship with a 16-3 record FSU's Lucy DeMartin became the school's all-time scoring leader by surpassing Monta Ware (1,573; 1979-83) for first place on the Bulldogs' all-time scoring list at Grand Valley State (2/16). DeMartin has presently compiled 1,651 career points and has an active 59-game double-figure scoring streak.

NCAA REGIONAL INFORMATION: 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 will participate in the regional with the official announcement set to be released Sunday, March 7, at 10:30 p.m. (EST) on College Sports Television. CSTV is available on DirecTV channel 610. Ferris could potentially earn an at-large bid even with a tournament loss.

BULLDOGS ON THE NET: 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.

A Look At The Tourney Field

ASHLAND: The Bulldogs hold a 7-5 series advantage and defeated Ashland 85-81 in the last meeting (12/6/03) at Ashland, Ohio. AU enters the semifinal round with a 22-6 overall record after finishing first in the league's South Division with a 12-5 mark. FSU head coach Tracey Fisk presently has a 5-1 career coaching record against the Eagles, who have won seven consecutive games to date. Ashland, which is led in scoring by freshman guard Amber Rall (13.9 ppg), was 11-16 overall in 2002-03 and posted a fifth-place 5-12 mark in the GLIAC's South Division. The Eagles, who are coached by ninth-year head coach Sue Ramsey, were picked third in the 2003-04 GLIAC South Division Preseason Coaches Poll.

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE: LSSU holds a 41-26 series' advantage and has won the last seven meetings against FSU. Fisk currently has a 4-9 career coaching mark against Lake Superior State and dropped a 98-93 decision in the last meeting (2/14/04) between the two teams at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. LSSU, which is directed by sixth-year head coach Kris Dunbar, presently is 24-3 overall and placed first in the GLIAC's North Division with a 16-2 record this campaign. The Lakers, who have won their last 10 games to date, compiled a 23-6 overall record in 2002-03 and placed first (15-3) in the GLIAC's North Division. LSSU, which was picked to finish second in the 2003-04 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll, reached the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament a year ago. Junior guard Randi Johnson presently ranks as LSSU's leading scorer (15.5 ppg). LSSU is ranked 16th nationally.

GANNON: Ferris holds a 7-3 edge and has won six of the last eight series' contests. FSU posted a 87-70 win in the most recent meeting (1/22/04) at Big Rapids, Mich. Fisk currently has a 5-2 career coaching record against the Knights. Gannon, which is coached by second-year head coach Cleve Wright, is presently 18-10 overall and was second in the GLIAC's South Division with a 10-7 mark. The Knights, who compiled a 12-14 overall record in 2002-03, were picked to finish second in the 2003-04 GLIAC South Division Preseason Coaches Poll following a third-place 8-9 GLIAC mark a season ago. Junior guard Jen Gwin presently ranks as GU's leading scorer (12.2 ppg). Gannon has won three of its last four outings to date.

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 (C), Stephanie Benear (C), Kristin Reinhart, Molly Potvin (C), Bridget Horwitz (C), 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 trends such as At home (8-2), On the road (8-5), Shoot over 50% from floor (4-0), Opponent shoots over 50% from floor (2-5), etc.

