

JIM WINK ARENA

In eight seasons at the new Jim Wink Arena in the FSU Sports and Convocation Complex, the Ferris State women's basketball program has been extremely successful.

Since the arena opened during the 1999-2000 season, the Bulldogs have compiled a 64-25 mark in the facility. FSU won its first 14 games at the new Wink Arena and was 9-0 at home during the inaugural campaign.



The 2,400-seat arena replaced Old Wink Arena, which had housed the women's basketball team since the program began in 1974.

The need for a new court became necessary after plans were revealed to remodel Old Wink Arena and the remainder of the Health and Physical Education (HPE) Building. The project, which resulted in the state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center, began immediately following the completion of the 1997-98 basketball season.

Ferris State was without a home basketball court in 1998-99 as construction continued on its new arena, forcing the Bulldogs to play their home games at Big Rapids High School.

ALL-TIME SERIES RECORDS AT THE NEW JIM WINK ARENA

Aquinas	1-0
Ashland	2-2
Bellarmine (Ky.)	0-1
Drury (Mo.)	1-0
Findlay	4-0
Gannon	4-0
Grand Valley State	6-2
Hillsdale	1-3
Lake Superior State	3-5
Lewis (Ill.)	1-2
Marygrove	2-0
Mercyhurst	4-0
Michigan Tech	4-5
Missouri-St. Louis	1-0
Northern Michigan	5-3
Northern Kentucky	1-0
Northwood	8-0
Saginaw Valley State	8-0
Saint Francis (Ind.)	2-0
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	1-0
Southern Indiana	0-1
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	1-0
Wayne State	3-1
Westminster	1-0
Totals	64-25

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD AT OLD JIM WINK ARENA (1974-98)

1974-75	5-2	1987-88	7-6
1975-76	5-2	1988-89	4-8
1976-77	4-3	1989-90	4-9
1977-78	3-6	1990-91	7-7
1978-79	3-6	1991-92	8-4
1979-80	4-5	1992-93	6-5
1980-81	6-6	1993-94	9-4
1981-82	3-8	1994-95	4-7
1982-83	5-3	1995-96	4-7
1983-84	6-5	1996-97	3-6
1984-85	7-4	1997-98	6-2
1985-86	9-4	Totals	127-125
1986-87	5-6		

YEAR-BY-YEAR AT NEW JIM WINK ARENA (1999-2007)

1999-00	9-0	2004-05	4-6
2000-01	10-2	2005-06	9-3
2001-02	7-6	2006-07	11-3
2002-03	6-4	Totals	64-25
2003-04	8-1		

Construction on the new facility began in July 1998 when Granger Construction broke ground on the project, and was completed in September 1999.

The women's basketball program moved into an arena that includes locker rooms, athletic training facilities and equipment rooms. In addition to standard bleachers, 350 luxury chair-back seats were installed on the North side of the court. The expanded lobby between Wink Arena and Ewigleben Ice Arena includes restrooms, concession stands, a ticket office and pro shop.

The arena is named after legendary men's basketball coach Jim Wink, a Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame member. Wink won a team-record 326 games while coaching the men's program from 1959-81.

