

2003 FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL

City/Zip: Big Rapids, Michigan 49307-2741
Founded: 1884
Enrollment: 11,074
Nickname: Bulldogs
School Colors: Crimson and Gold
Stadium: Top Taggart Field
Capacity/Year Built: 6,200/1957
Surface: Artificial Turf (AstroTurf 12)
Affiliation/Conference: NCAA II/Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic (GLIAC)
President: Dr. David L. Eisler
Alma Mater, Year: Michigan, 1972
Athletics Director: Tom Kirinovic (Ferris State, 1977)
Assistant Athletics Director: Brian Kegler (Northern Iowa, 1998)
Coordinator of Records and NCAA: Carma Burcham
Athletics Faculty Representative: Terry Nerbonne
Athletics Department Phone/FAX: (231) 591-2860/591-2869

HISTORY

First Year Of Football: 1900
All-Time Playoff Record: 5-5
Years In Post-Season Play/Last Post-Season Appearance: 5/1996
Result: Lost, 23-21 to Clarion (Pa.) in NCAA II Quarterfinals
All-Time Record: 330-373-40 (.471 winning pct.)

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

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Big Rapids, MI. 49307-2741
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jeff Pierce
Alma Mater/Year Graduated: Ferris State/1979
Year Entering/Record (FSU/Career): 9th/54-35-0 (54-35-0)
Office Phone/E-Mail: (231) 591-2864/piercej@ferris.edu
Day to Reach Coach Best Time/: Mon.-Thur./9-11 a.m. (ET)
Assistant Coaches:
Duane Wilson (Western Michigan 1983), Assistant Head Coach,
Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers)
Matt McCarthy (Ferris State 1999), Offensive Coordinator,
Quarterbacks & Wide Receivers
Ken Conlin (South Dakota 1997), Offensive Line, Tight Ends,
Recruiting Coordinator
Darrell Perkins (Wyoming 1990), Defensive Backs & Special Teams
Joe Curry (St. Francis, Ill. 2001), Defensive Line
Rick Williams (Michigan State 1977), Kickers & Punters
Head Athletics Trainer: Dave Lucey, ATC
Assistant Athletics Trainers: Tim Glover, ATC; Michael Blackburn, ATC
Equipment Manager: Ben Mumah, E.M.,C.

TEAM INFORMATION

2002 Overall Record: 5-5 (4-1 home, 1-4 road)
2002 GLIAC Record/Place: 4-5/6th
Final Ranking: None
Basic Offensive System: Pro-I
Basic Defensive System: 4-3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 39/16
Offense: 19/7
Defense: 18/9
Specialty: 2/0
Starters Returning/Lost: 16/9
Offense: 8/3
Defense: 5/6
Specialty: 3/0
RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARTERS:

Tom Marsan, QB, 6-3, 183, Jr.
Derek Fudge, TB, 5-9, 191, Sr.
Andy Thwaites, FL, 6-2, 191, Jr.
Carlton Brewster, SE, 5-11, 192, So.
Matt McCoy, RT, 6-8, 267, Sr.
Jeff Williams, RG, 6-2, 293, Jr.
Andy Szatkowski, LG, 6-2, 284, Jr.
Jamie Bretl, C, 6-3, 276, So.

RETURNING DEFENSIVE STARTERS:

Whitney Bell, DT, 6-2, 265, Jr.
Luke Piepkow, MLB, 6-3, 226, Sr.
Rob Mida, OLB, 6-2, 235, Jr.
Kevin Myers, OLB, 5-11, 210, Jr.
Vito Ciaramellano, SS, 6-1, 214, Sr.

RETURNING SPECIALIST STARTERS:

Tom Perez, K, 5-9, 151, Sr.
Tim Gill, P, 5-9, 159, Sr.
Matt Desmarais, LS, 6-1, 277, Jr.

ALL-STAR CANDIDATES:

Derek Fudge – 2002 & 2000 All-GLIAC Second Team, 2000 GLIAC Freshman of the Year
Luke Piepkow – 2002 All-GLIAC Second Team, 2001 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention
Kevin Myers – 2002 All-GLIAC Second Team
Jeff Williams – 2002 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention
Vito Ciaramellano – 2002 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention
Matt McCoy – 2002 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention

KEY LOSSES:

Bo Moore, DE – 2002 GLIAC Co-Defensive Linemen of the Year, 2002 & 2001 All-GLIAC First Team, 2002 D2Football.com Second Team, 2002 Daktronics Northeast Region First Team, 2002 *Football Gazette* Northeast Region First Team, 2001 *Football Gazette* All-America Honorable Mention, 2001 Daktronics Northeast Region Second Team
Justin Giordano, LT – 2002 All-GLIAC Second Team, 2001 All-GLIAC First Team
DeRen Ellis, CB – 2002 & 2000 All-GLIAC First Team, 2001 All-GLIAC Second Team
Jason Feasel, DT – 2002 All-GLIAC Second Team
Alvin Grier, FS – 2002, 2001 & 2000 All-GLIAC Honorable Team, 1999 All-GLIAC Second Team, 1999 USA Football Sophomore All-America Honorable Mention
Brad Newell, FB – 2002 All-GLIAC Honorable Team

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS (2002 STATISTICS):

RUSHING – **Derek Fudge**, 10 GP, 233 attempts, 1,016 yds., 4.4 ypa., 10 TD, long 62 yds., 101.6 ypg; **Andrew Terry**, 8 GP, 24 attempts, 106 yds., 4.4 ypa., 2 TD, long 15 yds., 13.2 ypg.

PASSING – **Tom Marsan**, 10 GP, 199 cmp., 387 att., 51.4 comp%, 16 int, 2,350 yds., 10 TD, long 68 yds., 102.69 efficiency rating, 11.8 ypa., 235.0 ypg.

RECEIVING – **Derek Fudge**, 10 GP, 44 rec., 386 yds., 8.8 ypc., 0 TD, long 31 yds., 38.6 ypg.; **Andy Thwaites**, 10 GP, 32 rec., 411 yds., 12.8 ypc., 3 TD, long 35 yds., 41.1 ypg.; **Brandis Bowie**, 9 GP, 31 rec., 306 yds., 9.9 ypc., 2 TD, long 28 yds., 34.0 ypg.; **Carlton Brewster**, 10 GP, 27 rec., 288 yds., 10.7 ypc., 2 TD, long 30 yds., 28.8 ypg.

TACKLES – **Kevin Myers**, 10 GP, 66 solo, 46 assists, 112 total, 0.0 TFL for 0 yds., 0.0 sacks for 0 yds., 2 int for 25 yds., 6 PBU; **Luke Piepkow**, 10 GP, 52 solo, 48 assists, 100 total, 4.0 TFL for 25 yds., 3.0 sacks for 19 yds., 2 PBU, 3 FF; **Rob Mida**, 10 GP, 43 solo, 49 assists, 92 total, 3.0 TFL for 18 yds., 3.0 sacks for 18 yds., 2 int for 11 yds., 2 PBU, 1 FF, 2 FR for 0 yds.; **Whitney Bell**, 10 GP, 31 solo, 31 assists, 62 total, 10.0 TFL for 35 yds., 2.0 sacks for 12 yds., 1 FF, 2 FR for 0 yds.; **Vito Ciaramellano**, 10 GP, 29 solo, 12 assists, 41 total, 2.0 TFL for 5 yds., 3 int for 18 yds., 7 PBU, 1 FR for 0 yds.

PUNTING – **Tim Gill**, 10 GP, 34.6 punting avg., 60 att., 2,076 yds., long 65 yds., 14 Inside 20

KICKING – **Tom Perez**, 10 GP, 8-15 FG, long 47 yds., 24-25 extra pts., 48 pts.
PUNT RETURNS – **Carlton Brewster**, 10 GP, 28 returns, 253 yds., 1 TD, long 89 yds., 9.0 ypr.

KICKOFF RETURNS – **Carlton Brewster**, 10 GP, 18 returns, 299 yds., 0 TD, long 71 yds., 16.6 ypr.

2003 FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, Sept. 6 | at Hillsdale | Hillsdale, Mich. | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 13 | at Grand Valley State* | Allendale, Mich. | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 20 | Northern Michigan* (Hall of Fame) | Big Rapids, Mich. | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 27 | at Wayne State* | Detroit, Mich. | 12 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 4 | Northwood* (Community Night) | Big Rapids, Mich. | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 11 | at Michigan Tech* | Houghton, Mich. | 1 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 18 | Mercyhurst*(Homecoming) | Big Rapids, Mich. | 2 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 25 | at Saginaw Valley State* | University Center, Mich. | 12 p.m. |
| Saturday, Nov. 1 | Findlay* (Youth Day) | Big Rapids, Mich. | 1:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, Nov. 8 | at Ashland* | Ashland, Ohio | 1:25 p.m. |
| Saturday, Nov. 15 | Indianapolis* (Senior Day) | Big Rapids, Mich. | 1:30 p.m. |

Home games listed in **Bold**

All times are Eastern and subject to change

* – Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Game

