

## ASSISTANT COACHES



**DUANE WILSON**  
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/  
DEFENSIVE  
COORDINATOR/  
LINEBACKERS  
(Western Michigan,  
1983)

Duane Wilson has become an integral part of Ferris State's success ever since his arrival in August 1990.

Wilson was promoted to defensive coordinator in the fall of 1995 and assumed responsibilities of assistant head coach 11 seasons ago. The 2008 campaign represents his 10th as FSU's linebackers coach.

Wilson, who also serves as the program's strength and conditioning coordinator, spent his first nine years at

Ferris coaching the defensive line. Under his guidance, the Bulldogs have ranked annually among the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's top defensive units while also being recognized on the national level.

Wilson has coached a number of standout defensive linemen at FSU, including eight All-Americans. Ed Phillion (1993), who's currently playing in the Canadian Football League (CFL) with the Montreal Alouettes following a four-year NFL career, is among the most notable Bulldog linemen. Under Wilson's tutelage, Ferris has averaged around 35 sacks a year since 1992.

Wilson played three years as a lineman in the U.S. Football League (USFL) with the Oklahoma-Arizona Outlaws and started the last seven games of his rookie season before suffering an injury. Prior to the USFL, Wilson had a both a productive playing and coaching career at Western Michigan University. The team captain was the Broncos' Most Improved Player and

attained first-team All-Mid-American Conference (MAC) honors at offensive tackle as a senior. Following his playing career, Wilson remained at WMU where he served as a graduate assistant coach for two years and coached the offensive tackles for WMU's MAC championship team and 1988 California Bowl participant. He was named to WMU's All-Century Top 100 Football Players list in November 2005.

Wilson received a bachelor's degree in physical education/coaching from WMU in 1983 and earned a Master's Degree in athletic administration at Western in 1990.

Wilson coached varsity football at his alma mater, Burton (Mich.) Bentley High School, for three years and guided the Bulldogs to a 9-1 season in 1987. He was an all-league performer in football, basketball, and baseball at Bentley High. An American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) member, Wilson has a daughter, Rachael (15).



**MATT MCCARTHY**  
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/  
QB'S & WR'S  
(Ferris State, 1999)

Matt McCarthy is back for his ninth year at Ferris State and seventh as the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator following a promotion in February 2001. He previously instructed the wide receiving corps for the 2000 season.

McCarthy, who also works with the quarterbacks and wide receivers, concluded a stellar playing career at Ferris State nine sea-

sons ago (1999). The 1999 All-American finished his career as the school's all-time passing leader with 8,669 career yards to go along with 68 career touchdowns on a 57.3 completion percentage (659-1,151). McCarthy, who holds or shares 12 Bulldog passing marks, threw for over 2,700 yards in a single season three times, including a school-record 3,143 yards in 1998.

During his tenure as FSU's starting signal-caller, McCarthy helped lead the Bulldogs to two GLIAC Championship titles and a NCAA Division II Playoff appearance in 1996. As a senior in 1999, he was a Northeast Region candidate for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which is presented annually to the nation's top NCAA-II football player. The 1999 GLIAC Player of the Year, McCarthy earned second-team All-America honors by *Don*

*Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette* and *Daktronics, Inc.* while attaining first-team all-conference accolades.

A three-time GLIAC All-Academic pick, McCarthy received all-league honorable mention kudos in 1998 and was a second-team all-conference honoree in 1996. He earned his bachelor's degree in english education from FSU in 1999.

A 1993 honorable mention all-stater at Alma (Mich.) High School, McCarthy holds all of the school's career passing records with 4,000 yards and 42 TD's. A three-year team captain, McCarthy was a three-time all-conference selection. McCarthy and his wife, Lesley, have been married for seven years. He's an American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) member.



**ERIC RAVELLETTE**  
OFFENSIVE LINE  
COACH/RECRUITING  
(Western Kentucky,  
2003)

Eric Ravellette embarks on his first season as a member of the Ferris State staff and will oversee the Bulldogs' offensive line along with being the recruiting coordinator.

Ravellette most recently spent the last two seasons as the tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at Southeast Missouri State University. Ravellette, a native of

Vincennes, Ind., is a 2003 graduate of Western Kentucky University and was a starter in the 2002 Division I-AA national championship game.

In addition to on-the-field coaching, Ravellette coordinated all of the Redhawks in-state and out-of-state recruiting efforts at Southeast Missouri State.

Ravellette joined the Southeast program after spending a second stint as the tight ends coach at WKU. Prior to the 2006 season, Ravellette worked with Western's tight ends where in 2003, the Hilltoppers advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA I-AA playoffs. In 2004, Ravellette left WKU to become a graduate assistant at New Mexico State only to return to his alma mater in 2005.

As a player, Ravellette was a key member of

the offensive line that helped WKU to the 2002 National Championship. He appeared in 11 contests his senior season and started in each of the final two playoff games. Through hard work and determination, Ravellette earned a scholarship after walking on his freshman year.

At Lincoln High School in Indiana, Ravellette earned All-Southwestern Indiana, All-Area and All-Big Eight honors. He led his team to sectional and regional titles in 1996 and another sectional title in 1997.

Coach Ravellette earned his undergraduate degree in Exercise Science from Western Kentucky.



## FERRIS STATE FOOTBALL FACILITIES



Muscular strength, power and endurance are important to the success of any athletics team. The FSU varsity weight room plays a key role in the acquisition of these important qualities.

Located in the Ewigleben Sports Complex's lower level, the weight room is approximately 2,200 square feet in size and is open for use to all 15 varsity athletics teams. The varsity weight room houses over 20 pieces of weight lifting benches, racks and machines.

The FSU athletics department is committed to providing a safe and modern environment for its student-athletes to weight train in. The varsity weight room is organized to meet the standards of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Over the last five years, nine pieces of equipment have been purchased along with a new set of quality dumbbells which top out at 140 pounds.