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2001 FERRIS STATE WOMEN'S SOCCER AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Big Rapids, Mich. – The Ferris State University women's soccer program held its awards banquet for the 2001 season Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Wheeler Pavilion in Big Rapids, Mich.

Ferris State concluded the 2001 season with an 8-8-3 overall record under head coach **Pete Watkins**, which included a sixth-place 4-4-1 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) mark.

The eight wins this season tied the school's single-season record for most victories. The 2000 team established the mark as a result of compiling an 8-7-1 overall mark (3-5-1 GLIAC, seventh place). This season also represented the Bulldogs' highest conference finish in the program's three-year history.

Sophomore forward **Emily Rogers (Traverse City/Central)** was named the 2001 Most Valuable Offensive Player after leading the team in goals (10), assists (eight) and points (28) for the second straight year. She finished this season tied for 10th among the conference's top scoring leaders in points with nine (2-5-9) while placing third in assists (five) for conference games only. Rogers, who averaged 1.75 points per game in 16 matches this fall, recorded just the second three-goal game in the program's three-year history against Concordia (Mich.) (9/26). Her lone game-winning goal of this season was against Gannon (10/20). Rogers, the 2000 FSU Most Valuable Offensive Player, is presently the Bulldogs' career scoring leader with 54 points (21-12-54) in 32 career matches.

Sophomore defender **Julia Hitchingham (Owosso)** was the recipient of the Most Valuable Defensive Player Award. Hitchingham tallied her first career points this fall and started 15 of 16 matches played in. She finished with an average of 0.31 points per game and played an integral role in helping the Bulldogs register five team shutouts. She finished with a goal apiece against Indianapolis (8/26) and Gannon (10/20) while recording an assist versus Concordia (9/26). Her five points for the season ranked sixth highest among the team's overall scoring leaders. Hitchingham was recognized as the team's Most Improved Player a season ago.

The Coaches Award for team leadership was presented to sophomore midfielder **Mandy Cafmeyer (Greenville)** and sophomore defender **Amanda Kirkwood (Westfield, Ind.)**. Cafmeyer, who started 17 of the team's 19 matches, tallied her lone goal of the season against St. Xavier (Ill.) (9/2) and added two assists for four points to finish tied for seventh place in overall team scoring this season. She currently has compiled six career points (1-4-6) in 34 games. Kirkwood tallied one goal against Olivet Nazarene (9/15) and added an assist for three total points. Kirkwood's three-point season total this fall tied her for 10th in team scoring.

Freshman forward **Frances Kilbride (Shelby Township/Lutheran North)** received the team's Most Improved Player Award as a result of finishing tied for seventh place among the team's leading points leaders with four points in 16 games. Both of Kilbride's two goals (unassisted) this season occurred against Concordia (9/26).

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