

HEAD COACH PETE WATKINS



Pete Watkins enters his third year at the helm of the Ferris State University women's soccer program in 2001 and has already put forth his stamp on molding the Bulldogs into a respected and competitive team on an annual basis.

Watkins, who was named Ferris State's first women's soccer head coach on April 29, 1999, has demonstrated hard work and an unwavering commitment to success can pay dividends as Ferris completed its most successful season in its two-year existence a season ago with an 8-7-1 overall record. FSU was recognized nationally for their performance as the Bulldogs ranked third among the NCAA Division II most improved teams in 2000.

Under Watkins' leadership, Ferris State continues to shine in the classroom too. The 2000 team recorded the second highest grade point average among the school's varsity athletic programs. This season's squad features seven individuals in the university's honors program, which comprises one-quarter of the roster.

Watkins, who had served as head coach of the Big Rapids (Mich.) High School girl's soccer team for three seasons (1996, 1999 and 2000), was head women's soccer coach at NCAA Division I Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La. in 1998. Under his guidance, the Demons finished the 1998 season at 9-9-2 overall and 4-3-1 (third place) in the Southland Conference. Moreover, NSU made a semifinal appearance in the conference's post-season tournament while Watkins was honored as the Southland Conference's Coach of the Year. The season also represented the best in the program's history.

Prior to Northwestern State, Watkins spent the 1997 season as head women's soccer coach and assistant intramural director at his alma mater, MacMurray College, in Jacksonville, Ill.

Following his one-year stint at MacMurray, Watkins then coached in an assistant capacity at NCAA Division I Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas from 1994 through 1996. He served primarily as the Ladyjacks' recruiting coordinator.

As a student-athlete at MacMurray, Watkins was a two-time (1993-94) All-St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection and was a honorable mention Adidas Scholar-Athlete All-American in 1994. That year, he served as team captain and was the recipient of the college's Bill Wall Award for Athletic Leadership. Watkins was a starting midfielder for the 1992 Highlanders' squad, which played in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. He's a 1994 summa cum laude graduate of MacMurray in psychology.

At the prep level, Watkins was an all-state honorable mention selection in soccer and an all-conference placekicker in football at Big Rapids High School.

A member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), Watkins also is currently serving as assistant athletics director at Ferris in an interim basis after being appointed to the position in May 2001.

A native of Big Rapids, Watkins and his wife, Laura, have two bulldogs, Butch and Zack. The couple are expecting their first child in December 2001.

WATKINS AT FERRIS STATE

Year	Overall				Conference				
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.	Place
1999	0	11	0	.000	0	10	0	.000	11th
2000	8	7	1	.531	3	5	1	.583	7th
TOTAL	8	18	1	.315	3	15	1	.184	

ASSISTANT COACH JOY DUCEY



Joy Ducey begins her first year as an assistant at Ferris State after playing for the Bulldogs for one season. Ducey is the older sister of current Bulldog midfielder Holly Alexander.

Ducey transferred to Ferris State after beginning her collegiate career at Tri-State (Ind.) University, where she was a three-year starter. A 1999 NAIA Academic All-American, Ducey is the daughter of Robert and Vicki Alexander of Belmont, Mich.