

FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

2007 BULLDOGS



WHITNEY RUPP

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm on Rupp: "Whitney has shown huge improvement after redshirting last season. She has grown a great deal in her consistency and aggressiveness of play. I expect her to compete for significant time in all of the backrow positions."

College: Was redshirted for the 2006 season . . . **High School:** A 2006 graduate of Mercy High School . . . Coached by Ed Moeller . . . An all-region selection . . . Attained both All-Southeast Michigan Catholic Conference and all-area accolades for third straight year as a senior in the 2005-06 campaign . . . Named to the All-Catholic League Central Division Team in 2005-06 . . . Third-team all-area honoree as a junior . . . Served as a team captain for the Marlins . . . Led MHS to its third consecutive district championship as a senior . . . Team advanced to regional play in 2005-06 . . . Was active in MHS' Science Club and S.A.D.D. programs . . . **Club Team:** Played USA Volleyball (USAV) for both the Michigan Elite and Oakland Juniors club-level teams . . . **Personal:** Daughter of John Rupp and Denise Osgood . . . Born 8/14/88 in Commerce, Mich. . . . Majoring in public relations.

What I Like About Ferris State Is: Small class sizes and the campus
My Favorite Thing About FSU Volleyball Is: The closeness of the team – one big family
My Best Non-Athletic Talent Is: Coloring and writing notes



DANA RUTTLE

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm on Ruttle: "Dana gained a great deal of confidence in her ability and understanding of the game this past year as a redshirt. She's an exceptional defensive player who will give us strength at both the setter and defensive spots."

College: Spent the 2006 season as a redshirt. . . **High School:** A 2006 graduate of Reed City High School . . . Garnered *Big Rapids Pioneer* Player of the Year honors following her junior season in 2004-05 . . . Three-time all-conference player . . . Served as team captain . . . Four-year letterwinner . . . Helped guide the Coyotes to a district championship during her volleyball career . . . Also participated in basketball and was a two-time honorable mention all-state player . . . Earned Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) Fifth-Team All-State honors . . . Competed in varsity softball at RCHS . . . Two-time all-conference and all-district softball pick . . . **Personal:** Daughter of Scott and Lisa Ruttle . . . Born 5/7/87 in Ludington, Mich. . . . Enjoys sports, shopping and spending time with friends . . . Has a younger sister . . . Majoring in elementary education.

What I Like About Ferris State Is: The campus and the professors
My Favorite Thing About FSU Volleyball Is: Road trips and traveling
My Best Non-Athletic Talent Is: Horseback riding



LESLIE SWANSON

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm on Swanson: "Leslie is a hard-working, spirited, and a Bulldog of a player. Her determined competitiveness will make the team better. She will play mostly back row positions."

High School: A two-time (2005-06 & 2006-07) honorable mention all-state performer at Lake City High under coach Ken Stull . . . Posted 513 assists, 300 digs, 218 kills and 48 services aces as a senior en route to garnering All-Highland Conference honors for the fourth consecutive year and was team MVP . . . An Academic All-State pick . . . Helped LCHS to a 55-10-2 overall mark for 2006-07 season . . . Holds school career records for highest serve reception percentage (82%), kills (957), assists (2,230) and services aces (307) along with single-season mark for services aces (99) . . . Named captain of the *Cadillac News* Dream Team while earning *Cadillac News* All-Area honors for the fourth year in a row and was honored by *Traverse City Record-Eagle* for the third time in her career . . . Tallied 603 assists and 317 kills as a junior . . . National Honor Society member . . . **Club Team:** Competed for the Highland and Asakum Club Teams under coach Jeff Deitrick . . . **Personal:** Daughter of Dave and Lisa Swanson . . . Born 2/23/89 in Jackson, Mich. . . . Has a younger sister . . . Interests include music and reading . . . Started attending FSU Volleyball Camp after the sixth grade (2001) . . . Elementary education major.

What I Like About Ferris State Is: The campus
My Favorite Thing About FSU Volleyball Is: Road trips and traveling
My Best Non-Athletic Talent Is: Playing the saxophone



LISA TOBICZYK

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm on Tobiczkyk: "Lisa is an exceptional passer and defensive player. She's a hard worker who will push all of our backrow players. She will improve our team every day with her competitive drive."

High School: Member of two (2005 & 2006) state championship teams at Marysville High School . . . Coached by John Knuth . . . A 2007 graduate . . . Earned all-region, second-team All-Macomb Area Conference and all-area second-team plaudits as a junior in 2005-06 season . . . A team co-captain as a junior and led squad in attack percentage (93%) . . . A three-time all-academic team pick . . . Selected as school's Homecoming Queen . . . National Honor Society member . . . **Club Team:** Played for Michigan Elite 17 National Select Team . . . Coached by Larry Wyatt . . . **Personal:** Born 8/5/89 in Port Huron, Mich. . . . Daughter of Dan and Joyce Tobiczkyk . . . Her father is a golf course director . . . Has two younger brothers . . . Enjoys sports, scrapbooking and spending time with family and friends . . . Member of the St. Clair County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council which awards community service project grants . . . Majoring in human resource management . . . Inked with FSU during January early-signing period.

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My Best Non-Athletic Talent Is: I'm good with kids

