



Ferris State Volleyball

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2002 VOLLEYBALL



0-0 OVERALL, 0-0 GLIAC

This Week's Schedule:

Saturday, Aug. 31-Sunday, Sept. 1
at Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) Invitational
Wheeling, W.Va.

Saturday, Aug. 31
vs. Bellarmine (Ky.) - 11 a.m. (EDT)
at Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) - 7 p.m. (EDT)

Sunday, Sept. 1
vs. St. Joseph's (Ind.) - 9 a.m. (EDT)
vs. Alderson-Broaddus (W.Va.) - 3 p.m. (EDT)

Next Week's Schedule:

Friday, Sept. 6 - Saturday, Sept. 7
at Harding (Ark.) Invitational
Searcy, Ark.

Friday, Sept. 6
vs. Southeastern (Okla.) - 1 p.m. (EDT)
vs. Henderson State (Ark.) - 5 p.m. (EDT)

Saturday, Sept. 7
vs. Montevallo (Ala.) - 10 a.m. (EDT)
at Harding (Ark.) - 2 p.m. (EDT)

2002 QUICK FACTS

Location:	Big Rapids, Mich.
Founded:	1884
Enrollment:	10,930
Nickname:	Bulldogs
Colors:	Crimson & Gold
Affiliation:	NCAA Division II
Conference:	Great Lakes Intercollegiate
President:	Dr. William A. Sederburg
Athletics Director:	Tom Kirinovic
Head Trainer:	Dave Lucey, A.T.C.
Assistant Trainer:	Tim Glover, A.T.C.
Equip. Manager:	Ben Mumah, E.M.,C.
Asst. Equip. Mgr:	John Whitford, E.M.,C.
Athletic Dep. Office:	(231) 591-2860
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Head Coach:	Tia-Brandel-Wilhelm
Alma Mater/Year:	Alma/1990
Record at FSU/Year:	126-68/7th
Career Record/Years:	244-88/10th
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2871
Assistant Coach:	Jason Smith
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2745
Home Court:	Ewigleben Sports Arena
Capacity:	600
2001 Overall Record:	21-11
2001 Conf. Record/Finish:	12-6/T-2nd
All-Time Record:	628-369 (.630)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	Eight/Four
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Bulldogs Set To Open 30th Season

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE - The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will open its 30th anniversary campaign this Saturday-Sunday (Aug. 31-Sept. 1) at the Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) Invitational in Wheeling, W.Va. The Bulldogs will face Bellarmine (Ky.) this Saturday at 11 a.m. (EDT) and then Wheeling Jesuit at 7 p.m. (EDT). FSU will square off against St. Joseph's (Ind.) Sunday at 9 a.m. (EDT) and Alderson-Broaddus (W.Va.) at 3 p.m. (EDT). Sixteen schools are taking part in the invitational, which will hold matches on three different courts.

LAST SEASON - Ferris State concluded the 2001 campaign with a 21-11 overall record, which included a second-place tie 12-6 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) North Division finish. The Bulldogs advanced to the GLIAC Tournament championship match (11/10/01) for the third time in the last four seasons before dropping a 3-0 decision versus Northwood.

THE 30TH SEASON OF BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL - The 2002 campaign marks the 30th anniversary of the Ferris State women's volleyball program. Since the program's inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have compiled a 628-369 (.630) overall record. Ferris has won eight GLIAC titles, made 10 NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and registered 22 winning seasons in its previous 29 campaigns.

A LOOK AT THE 2002 CAMPAIGN - Seventh-year head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** is optimistic entering the 2002 campaign as eight letterwinners and five starters return from last season's GLIAC Tournament runner-up finish. Senior middle hitter **Alaina Olds (Kingsley)**, a 2001 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Great Lakes Region First-Team selection, leads a talented and experienced unit. Olds led the Bulldogs in both kills (405) and total blocks (148) last season. Fellow senior **Stephanie Speed (Bothell, Wash.)** tallied a team-high 360 digs last year and earned honorable mention all-conference accolades. Seven returning players gained valuable starting experience last season while eight newcomers are expected to challenge for playing time.

OLDS LEADING THE CHARGE - **Alaina Olds** enters her final season 281 kills shy of becoming the 12th player in school history to record 1,000 career kills. A 5-10 middle hitter, Olds registered two triple-double (kills, digs and blocks) performances in 2001 while garnering second-team Daktronics All-Great Lakes Region honors. Olds recorded the school's best single-match attack percentage (.778) in last season's opener against Wisconsin-Parkside (8/25/01) at the Ferris State Invitational. The 2001 FSU Bulldog Award recipient posted 10 kills or more in 25 outings last year.

FSU PICKED THIRD IN POLL - Ferris State was picked to finish third in the GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll, which was released last Wednesday (Aug. 21). The Bulldogs tallied one first place vote and 26 total points. Grand Valley State, the defending league champion and NCAA-II National Semifinalist, was the North Division favorite as the Lakes registered 36 points and had six first-place votes. Northwood finished second with 30 points. The league's 13 head coaches participated in the balloting, but were not allowed to vote for their teams. The first-place team on each ballot received six points while the second received five points, etc. Findlay was selected to repeat in the South Division with four first-place votes and 24 points.

HEAD COACH TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM - Now in her seventh season at the helm, head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** has a current career coaching record of 244-88 (.735). A 1990 Alma graduate, Brandel-Wilhelm guided the Bulldogs to an NCAA-II Tournament appearance in 1999. She previously spent three seasons as head coach at West Virginia Wesleyan (1993-1995) in Buckhannon, W.Va., where she led the Bobcats to a fifth place finish at the 1995 NCAA-II Championships.





BULLDOG BITES

Four of Ferris' 15 20-win campaigns have come under head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm...

The Bulldogs are 93-38 (.710) over the past four seasons. Senior Kate Pickvet (Pinconning) presently has 772 career kills...

AGAINST THE COMPETITION - Ferris State has had success against all four of its weekend opponents. FSU and Bellarmine (Ky.) will square off for the eighth time this Saturday...

A NEW STARTING POINT - The 2002 campaign marks the first time since 1997 the Bulldogs have not hosted their own Ferris State Invitational to open the season.

FSU SPORTS LUNCHEON - The first FSU Sports Luncheon of the 2002-03 athletics season will be held next Wednesday (Sept. 4) from 12-1 p.m. (EDT) at Falcon Head Golf Course...

LOOKING AHEAD - Ferris State will travel to Searcy, Ark., next weekend (Friday, Sept. 6-Saturday, Sept. 7) to take part in the Harding (Ark.) Invitational.

2001 BULLDOG RECORDS

Record: 21-11 overall
GLIAC: 12-6 in league play
Home: 11-3 at Jim Wink Arena
Road: 5-4 away from home
Neutral: 5-4 away on neutral floors

2001 Season Trends

Table with 2 columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists various match statistics such as Three-game match, Four-game match, etc., with corresponding records.

2002 FSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Roster table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists players like Stephanie Speed, Lauren Heine, etc.

Head Coach: Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, seventh year (Alma, 1990)

Assistant Coach: Jason Smith, second year (Graceland, 1992)

Student Assistant Coach: Sarah Dehring, first year

OH - Outside Hitter S - Setter MH - Middle Hitter LIB - Libero RS - Right-Side Hitter
HS - High School R - Redshirt INJ - Injured last year * - Denotes letters earned

