



Ferris State Volleyball

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2002 VOLLEYBALL



20-3 OVERALL, 11-1 GLIAC

This Week's Schedule:

Friday, Oct. 25
vs. Michigan Tech* - 7 p.m. (EDT)
Ewingleben Sports Arena - Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Oct. 26
vs. Lake Superior State* - 4 p.m. (EDT)
Ewingleben Sports Arena - Big Rapids, Mich.

Sunday, Oct. 27
vs. Northern Michigan* - 1 p.m. (EST)
Ewingleben Sports Arena - Big Rapids, Mich.

Last Week's Results:

10/18 FSU def. Hillsdale*, 3-1
30-24, 30-24, 25-30, 30-22

10/19 FSU def. Wayne State*, 3-1
31-29, 30-28, 20-30, 30-25

* Denotes GLIAC Match

2002 QUICK FACTS

Location: Big Rapids, Mich.
Founded: 1884
Enrollment: 11,074
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Crimson & Gold
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: Great Lakes Intercollegiate
President: Dr. William A. Sederburg
Athletics Director: Tom Kirinovic
Asst. Athletics Director: Brian Kegler
Head Trainer: Dave Lucey, ATC
Assistant Trainer: Tim Glover, ATC
Assistant Trainer: Mike Blackburn, ATC
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: 146-71/7th
Career Record/Years: 264-91/10th
Office Phone: (231) 591-2871
Assistant Coach: Jason Smith
Office Phone: (231) 591-2745
Home Court: Ewingleben Sports Arena
Capacity: 600
2001 Overall Record: 21-11
2001 Conf. Record/Finish: 12-6/T-2nd
All-Time Record: 648-372 (.635)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: Eight/Four

Ferris Posts Fifth-Straight 20-Win Season

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE - The Ferris State University women's volleyball team returns home to host three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) opponents this weekend (Friday, Oct. 25-Sunday, Oct. 27) in its final regular-season homestand of the 2002 campaign. The Bulldogs will battle Michigan Tech this Friday at 7 p.m. (EDT) in FSU's Ewingleben (*pronounced A-VAH-glave-in*) Sports Arena at Big Rapids. Ferris will then square off against Lake Superior State this Saturday in a 4 p.m. (EDT) encounter and take on Northern Michigan this Sunday at 1 p.m. (EST).

BULLDOGS SWEEP LEAGUE MATCHES - Ferris State, which is ranked tied for 22nd overall in the latest (Oct. 15) American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II national poll, swept two league road matches last weekend (Oct. 18-19). The Bulldogs defeated Hillsdale by a score of 3-1 last Friday (Oct. 18) at HC's Jessie Phillips Arena in Hillsdale, Mich. FSU then handed Wayne State a 3-1 setback last Saturday (Oct. 19) in WSU's Matthaehi Complex at Detroit, Mich. Ferris, presently 20-3 overall and 11-1 in league action, is ranked second in the latest (Oct. 16) NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional rankings. The next national rankings are slated to be released this Tuesday (Oct. 22).

LAST SEASON - Ferris State concluded the 2001 campaign with a 21-11 overall record, which included a second-place tying 12-6 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 and dropped 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 648-372 (.635) 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. FSU needs two wins to garner its 650th all-time victory.

ANOTHER 20-WIN SEASON - Ferris State registered its fifth consecutive 20-win campaign with two victories last weekend. The Bulldogs, who have recorded at least 20 victories in a season 16 times, are presently 113-41 (.734) overall since the start of the 1998 campaign. The 1984 FSU squad won a NCAA-II record 46 consecutive matches en route to a school-best 48-3 overall mark. Ferris' current 11-1 GLIAC mark represents its best league start since posting a 16-0 conference record in 1990.

HOME COURT ADVANTAGE - Ferris State is 208-55 (.791) at Ewingleben Sports Arena since 1981 and sports a 122-39 (.758) conference home mark during that span. The Bulldogs are 109-39 (.736) overall at home since 1990, which includes a 75-35 (.682) conference mark.

OLDS CLIMBS UP THE CHARTS - Senior middle hitter **Alaina Olds (Kingsley)** tallied 44 kills, 20 digs and six total blocks while registering a .535 attack percentage (44-6-71) in two outings last week. The 2001 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II All-Great Lakes Region First-Team selection presently has 1,094 career kills and moved past former Bulldog standout Erin Minnis (1998-01) into 11th place on the school's career kills chart last weekend. Olds currently has 420 career blocks and needs 23 more to move into a tie for fifth place with Laura Lee (443; 1986-89) on Ferris' career blocks leaders list. The 5-11 Olds has registered at least one kill in 71 consecutive appearances and has garnered 10 or more kills in 18 consecutive matches to date. A second-team 2001 Daktronics All-Great Lakes Region pick, Olds is both Ferris' kills (4.46 kpg) and blocks (1.15 bpg) leader this season. She currently ranks third among FSU's career leaders in attack percentage (.288) and has compiled 12 double-double (kills & digs) performances this campaign.

HEAD COACH TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM - FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** presently ranks second among Ferris' all-time coaching victory leaders with a current 264-91 (.744) career mark. 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. Brandel-Wilhelm entered the 2002 season ranked 11th among NCAA-II's winningest active coaches.



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BULLDOG BITES

Sophomore outside hitter Karla Fairbanks (Rogers City) presently has registered at least 10 kills in 20 of her last 22 appearances.

Ferris has presently won 17 of its last 19 GLIAC regular season matches dating back to last season. Sophomore setter Ashley Green (Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin) recorded her 350th career dig at Hillsdale.

WEEKEND PREVIEW - Ferris State will host GLIAC North Division opponents Michigan Tech, Lake Superior State and Northern Michigan this weekend.

Michigan Tech: Ferris and Michigan Tech will square off for the 48th time this Friday with FSU holding a 36-11 series advantage. In the last meeting (9/21/02), the Bulldogs recorded a 3-0 win at Houghton, Mich.

Lake Superior State: FSU holds a 48-17 advantage entering this Saturday's 66th series meeting with Lake Superior State. Brandel-Wilhelm has a current 14-1 career coaching mark against LSSU and guided the Bulldogs to a 3-1 win in the last meeting (10/1/02) at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Northern Michigan: FSU maintains a 34-31 series edge heading into this Sunday's 66th series meeting against Northern Michigan. The Bulldogs have won 16 of 27 meetings in Big Rapids. Brandel-Wilhelm, who has a current 5-10 career coaching mark against the Wildcats, led Ferris to a 3-2 victory in the last series meeting (9/20/02) at Marquette.

LOOKING AHEAD - The Bulldogs will battle nationally-ranked Grand Valley State Friday, Nov. 1, in a 7 p.m. (EST) league encounter at GVSU's Fieldhouse Arena in Allendale, Mich.

2002 BULLDOG RECORDS
Record: 20-3 overall
GLIAC: 11-1 in league play
Home: 5-0 at Ewigleben Sports Arena
Road: 7-2 away from home
Neutral: 8-1 on neutral floors

2002 Season Trends

Table with 2 columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists various match and performance statistics such as 'Three-game match .9-0', 'Opponent hits under .100 5-0', and 'Attendance under 100 5-0'.

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, and Ashley Green.

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

