

TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM

Head Coach ♦ Ninth Season

Alma, 1990



In eight seasons at the helm, Ferris State University women's volleyball head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm has returned the Bulldogs to the brink of national contention and conference supremacy.

Since becoming the program's fifth head coach in June 1996, Brandel-Wilhelm has resurrected the Ferris State program, compiling a 165-89 overall record (.650 winning percentage) at FSU while guiding the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1992 during the 1999 campaign.

Ferris posted its seventh winning campaign in the last eight years a season ago with a 15-14 overall mark and previously reached the NCAA-III Great Lakes Regional Tournament in 2002. During the 1999 campaign (Nov. 5), Brandel-Wilhelm registered her 200th career coaching victory in the Bulldogs' 3-1 home league win over Grand Valley State. Ferris also finished runner-up at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament for the third time in the Brandel-Wilhelm era during the 2001 season. She enters the 2004 campaign 17 wins shy of notching her 300th all-time victory.

Through her hard work and dedication, Brandel-Wilhelm continues to earn her place among the nation's most respected collegiate coaches. Faced with the task of rebuilding the Bulldogs' tradition-rich program in her first season, Brandel-Wilhelm proceeded to direct the Bulldogs to a 19-12 overall record and a top 25 national ranking. In the last five seasons, Brandel-Wilhelm has coached Ferris to an impressive 132-59 overall record (.691). She was voted as the GLIAC's Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 2002 by her peers after leading Ferris to a second-place finish in the league's North Division.

Brandel-Wilhelm's resume demonstrates a penchant for winning. Prior to joining FSU, she served as head coach for three seasons (1993-95) at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W. Va. Under Brandel-Wilhelm's tutelage, the Bobcats racked up a 118-20 overall record, captured three West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and regional titles, made two NAIA national tournament appearances, and placed fifth at the 1995 NCAA Division II Championships.

Brandel-Wilhelm left WVWC with an active streak of 80 conference victories. In 1993, Brandel-Wilhelm was selected WVIAC and NAIA Mid-South Region Coach-of-the-Year after guiding her team to an impressive 40-11 overall mark in her initial campaign.

Prior to being named head coach at WVWC, Brandel-Wilhelm served as an assistant coach for one season and a graduate assistant for two. She also assisted with West Virginia Wesleyan's track and softball teams.

She earned a master's in business administration from WVWC after receiving her undergraduate degree in business administration and psychology from Alma (Mich.) College in 1990.

Brandel-Wilhelm, who competed in both volleyball and track at Alma, was an all-conference first-team scholar athlete. While attending Alma, she coached volleyball for two years at Alma (Mich.) High School.

A native of Whitehall, Mich., Brandel-Wilhelm presently serves as Ferris State's senior women's administrator and is accredited as a level II coach by the United States Volleyball Association. Brandel-Wilhelm, who is a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), also holds positions on the NCAA National Volleyball and AVCA Division II Volleyball Coaches Committees.

Brandel-Wilhelm is married to Dale Wilhelm and resides in Big Rapids along with her daughter, Ivie, and stepson, Allen.



BY OPPONENT (2004 OPPONENTS IN BOLD>)

OPPONENT	W	L
Alderson-Broadbent (W.Va.)	3	0
Angelo State (Tex.)	1	0
Aquinas	1	0
Ashland	7	1
Barry (Fla.)	0	1
Bellarmine (Ky.)	4	2
BYU-Hawaii	0	1
California St.-Bakersfield	0	1
Calvin	1	0
Cal-Poly Pomona	1	0
Central Arkansas	1	0
Central Missouri State	0	1
Charleston (W.Va.)	1	0
Cornerstone	1	0
Dallas Baptist (Tex.)	1	0
Dowling (N.Y.)	1	0
Fairmont State (W.Va.)	4	0
Findlay	4	3
Gannon	7	4
Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	1	1
Grand Valley State	5	11
Harding	0	1
Henderson State (Ark.)	2	0
Hillsdale	10	2
Hope	0	1
IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	2	1
IUPUI-Indianapolis	1	0
Indianapolis	2	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	2	0
Lake Superior State	17	1
Lewis (Ill.)	3	0
Mercyhurst	9	1
Metropolitan State (Colo.)	0	1
Michigan Tech	13	4
Minnesota-Morris	1	0
Missouri-St. Louis	1	0
Montana State-Billings	1	0
Montevallo (Ala.)	2	0
North Alabama	0	1
North Dakota State	0	1
North Florida	0	1
Northern Colorado	0	1
Northern Kentucky	0	4
Northern Michigan	6	12
Northwood	8	12
Oakland	0	1
Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	1	0
Quincy (Ill.)	1	1
Regis (Colo.)	0	1
Rochester (Mich.)	1	0
Saginaw Valley State	13	3
Seattle Pacific (Wash.)	0	1
Slippery Rock (Pa.)	1	0
St. Edward's (Tex.)	1	0
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	2	0
Sonoma State (Calif.)	0	1
SIU-Edwardsville	3	2
Southeastern Okla.	1	0
Southern Indiana	2	2
Southwest St. (Minn.)	1	0
Tampa (Fla.)	0	1
Texas Woman's Univ.	1	0
Wayne State	6	3
West Virginia Wesleyan	1	0
Westminster (Pa.)	2	0
Western Washington	0	1
Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.)	2	2
Wisconsin-Parkside	2	0

TOTALS	165	89
vs. GLIAC (ALL MATCHES)	107	58
GLIAC TOURNAMENT	6	6

BRANDEL-WILHELM YEAR-BY-YEAR

YEAR	SCHOOL	MATCHES	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			GLIAC FINISH	POSTSEASON
			WON	LOST	PCT.	WON	LOST	PCT.		
1993	West Virginia Wesleyan	51	40	11	.784	16	0	1.000	1st	NAIA - 13th Place
1994	West Virginia Wesleyan	45	39	6	.867	16	0	1.000	1st	NAIA - 9th Place
1995	West Virginia Wesleyan	42	39	3	.929	17	0	1.000	1st	NCAA - 5th Place
1996	Ferris State	31	19	12	.612	12	6	.667	4th	—
1997	Ferris State	32	14	18	.438	6	12	.333	6th	—
1998	Ferris State	35	25	10	.714	13	6	.684	2nd	—
1999	Ferris State	34	26	8	.765	14	5	.736	4th	NCAA First Round
2000	Ferris State	30	21	9	.700	11	7	.611	4th	—
2001	Ferris State	32	21	11	.656	12	6	.667	T2nd	—
2002	Ferris State	31	24	7	.774	15	3	.833	T2nd	NCAA First Round
2003	Ferris State	29	15	14	.517	12	6	.667	3rd	—
Head Coaching Totals (11 Years)		392	283	109	.722	144	51	.738		
Ferris State Totals (8 Years)		254	165	89	.650	95	51	.651		



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