

TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM

Head Coach ♦ Tenth Season

Alma, 1990



In nine 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 190-96 overall record (.664 winning percentage) at FSU while guiding the Bulldogs to three NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances. FSU made its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1992 during the 1999 campaign.

Ferris posted its eighth winning campaign in the last nine years and claimed its ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship in 2004 after winning the league's annual postseason tournament for the first-time ever. FSU concluded the 2004 campaign with a 25-7 overall record and a second place 14-4 GLIAC North Division mark. The Bulldogs also advanced to the NCAA-II National Tournament for the 12th time in school history while recording their sixth 20-win campaign in seven years.

FSU also reached the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament under Brandel-Wilhelm 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 GLIAC Tournament for the third time in the Brandel-Wilhelm era during the 2001 season. She notched her 300th all-time victory in 2004 and enters the 2005 season ranked among the nation's top 20 active coaches on the Division II level with a 308-116 (.726) career mark in 12 seasons as a collegiate head coach.

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 six seasons, Brandel-Wilhelm has coached Ferris to an impressive 157-66 overall record (.704). 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 (2005 OPPONENTS IN BOLD>)

OPPONENT	W	L
Alderson-Broadus (W.Va.)	3	0
Angelo State (Tex.)	1	0
Aquinas	1	0
Ashland	9	1
Barry (Fla.)	0	1
Bellarmine (Ky.)	4	2
BYU-Hawaii	0	1
California (Pa.)	1	0
California St.-Bakersfield	0	1
Calvin	1	0
Cal-Poly Pomona	1	0
Cal-State Dominguez Hills	0	1
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.)	5	0
Findlay	5	3
Gannon	8	4
Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	1	1
Grand Valley State	7	12
Harding	0	1
Henderson State (Ark.)	2	0
Hillsdale	11	2
Hope	0	1
Humboldt State (Calif.)	1	0
IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	2	1
IUPUI-Indianapolis	1	0
Indianapolis	3	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	2	0
Lake Superior State	19	1
Lewis (Ill.)	3	0
Mercyhurst	10	1
Merrimack (Mass.)	1	0
Metropolitan State (Colo.)	0	1
Michigan Tech	15	4
Midwestern State (Texas)	1	0
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	7	14
Northwood	9	13
Oakland	0	1
Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	1	0
Quincy (Ill.)	1	1
Regis (Colo.)	0	1
Rochester (Mich.)	1	0
Saginaw Valley State	15	3
Seattle Pacific (Wash.)	0	1
Slippery Rock (Pa.)	1	0
St. Edward's (Tex.)	1	0
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	3	0
Sonoma State (Calif.)	0	1
SIU-Edwardsville	3	3
Southeastern Okla.	1	0
Southern Indiana	2	3
Southwest St. (Minn.)	1	0
Tampa (Fla.)	0	1
Texas Woman's Univ.	1	0
Wayne State	7	3
West Virginia State	1	0
West Virginia Wesleyan	1	0
Westminster (Pa.)	2	0
Western Washington	0	1
Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.)	2	2
Wisconsin-Parkside	2	0

TOTALS	190	96
vs. GLIAC (ALL MATCHES)	124	62
GLIAC TOURNAMENT	9	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	—
2004	Ferris State	32	25	7	.781	14	4	.778	2nd	NCAA First Round
Head Coaching Totals (12 Years)		424	308	116	.726	158	55	.742		
Ferris State Totals (9 Years)		286	190	96	.664	109	55	.665		