



Ferris State Volleyball

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2003 VOLLEYBALL



1-5 OVERALL, 0-0 GLIAC

Upcoming Matches:

Friday, Sept. 12 – Saturday, Sept. 13
at Great Lakes Region Crossover
Highland Heights, Ky.

Friday, Sept. 12
FSU vs. Southern Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
FSU vs. West Virginia Wesleyan, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13
FSU at Northern Kentucky, 12:30 p.m.
FSU vs. Fairmont State (W.Va.), 5:30 p.m.

Last Week's Results:

Friday, Sept. 5 – Saturday, Sept. 6
at Grand Valley State Days Inn Classic
Allendale, Mich.

FSU 3, Alderson-Broaddus (W.Va.) 0 (9/5)
North Alabama 3, FSU 2 (9/5)
Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) 3, FSU 2 (9/6)

All times are Eastern and subject to change

Bulldogs Head To Great Lakes Region Crossover

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE – The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will take part in the Great Lakes Region Crossover this Friday and Saturday (Sept. 12-13) at Highland Heights, Ky. The Bulldogs are slated to face Southern Indiana and West Virginia Wesleyan in non-conference action Friday at 2:30 p.m. (EDT) and 5 p.m. (EDT), respectively. FSU will then square off against tournament host Northern Kentucky and Fairmont State (W.Va) Saturday in 12:30 p.m. (EDT) and 5:30 p.m. (EDT) non-league matches, respectively. Six schools each from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) and the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) are taking part in the two-day event.

A LOOK BACK – FSU compiled a 1-2 mark in the Grand Valley State Days Inn Classic last weekend (Sept. 5-6) at Allendale, Mich. The Bulldogs claimed their first victory of the 2003 campaign last Friday (Sept. 5) by defeating Alderson-Broaddus (W.Va.), 3-0. Ferris then lost consecutive 3-2 matches versus North Alabama and Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) last Friday and Saturday (Sept. 6), respectively. North Alabama (No. 13) and Wheeling Jesuit (No. 24) were both ranked in the latest (Sept. 2) American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Top 25 Coaches Poll.

LAST SEASON – Ferris State concluded its 30th anniversary campaign (2002) with a 24-7 overall record, which included a second-place tying 15-3 GLIAC North Division finish. The Bulldogs advanced to the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament (11/22) before dropping a 3-2 decision to Wheeling Jesuit in Allendale, Mich.

THE 31ST SEASON – The 2003 campaign marks the 31st season of Ferris State women's volleyball. Since the program's inception in 1972, the Bulldogs have compiled a 653-381 (.632) overall record. Ferris has won eight GLIAC titles, made 11 NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and registered 23 winning seasons in its previous 30 campaigns.

LEADING THE WAY – Junior setter **Ashley Green (Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin)**, junior outside hitter **Karla Fairbanks (Rogers City)** and sophomore libero/outside hitter **Brittany Godlewski (St. Clair Township/Marysville)** have been voted tri-captains for the 2003 campaign. Green was both a first-team All-GLIAC and AVCA All-Great Lakes Region selection last season while Godlewski attained honorable mention All-GLIAC kudos. Fairbanks ranked second (3.73 kgp) among Ferris' kills leaders in 2002.

ON THE ROAD – Ferris State is 565-270 (.677) overall since 1981 and sports a 372-218 (.631) record in road/neutral site matches during that span.

THE BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL TRADITION – Ferris State posted its fifth consecutive 20-win campaign last season. The Bulldogs, who have recorded at least 20 victories in a season 16 times, are presently 118-50 (.702) 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.

GLIAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK – **Karla Fairbanks** has been named this week's (Sept. 8) GLIAC North Division Player of the Week after registering 62 kills, 24 digs and eight total blocks in three matches at the GVSU Days Inn Classic. Fairbanks, who was named to the GVSU Days Inn Classic All-Tournament Team, notched a personal career-high 35 kills versus North Alabama, which presently ranks as the second-best single-match output in school history. She also recorded 14 digs and a .625 attack percentage against the Lions. Fairbanks added 16 kills and 17 digs versus Wheeling Jesuit while totaling 11 kills and seven digs against Alderson-Broaddus. She is seven kills shy of registering her 700th career kill. Fairbanks became the first FSU player to notch 30 or more kills in a single match since Morgan Buckner (1997-00) tallied 30 against Minnesota State-Mankato (10/30/98).

HEAD COACH TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM – FSU head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm** presently ranks second among Ferris' all-time coaching victory leaders. Brandel-Wilhelm, who has a current 269-100 (.730) career mark, is 151-80 (.654) in eight seasons at Ferris and recorded her 150th Bulldog victory last season at Saginaw Valley State (11/8). A 1990 Alma graduate, Brandel-Wilhelm guided the Bulldogs to NCAA-II Tournament appearances in 1999 and 2002. Brandel-Wilhelm, who was voted the GLIAC's Coach of the Year in 2002, entered the 2003 season ranked 13th among NCAA-II's winningest active coaches.

FSU ON THE INTERNET – Ferris State University Athletics' official web site can be found at www.ferris.edu/sports. The site features information on all of FSU's varsity athletics programs.



2003 QUICK FACTS

Location:	Big Rapids, Mich.
Founded:	1884
Enrollment:	11,822
Nickname:	Bulldogs
Colors:	Crimson & Gold
Affiliation:	NCAA Division II
Conference:	Great Lakes Intercollegiate
President:	Dr. David L. Eisler
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.
Athletic Dep. Office:	(231) 591-2860
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Head Coach:	Tia Brandel-Wilhelm
Alma Mater/Year:	Alma/1990
Record at FSU/Year:	151-80/8th
Career Record/Years:	269-100/11th
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2871
Assistant Coach:	Lee Anderson
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2745
Home Court:	Ewigleben Sports Arena
Capacity:	600
2002 Overall Record:	24-7
2002 Conf. Record/Finish:	15-3/T2nd
All-Time Record:	653-381 (.632)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	7/6
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

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BULLDOG BITES

Brittney Godlewski registered her 300th career dig against North Alabama

Sophomore middle hitter Lauren Heine (Ypsilanti) totaled a personal career-high 11 kills while freshman outside hitter Danielle Baucher (Kalamazoo/Mattawan) recorded a personal-best 15 kills against North Alabama

AGAINST THE FIELD - Ferris will take part in the Great Lakes Region Crossover this Friday and Saturday in Highland Heights, Ky.

Southern Indiana: Ferris State holds a 5-1 series edge entering this Friday's meeting with Southern Indiana and defeated the Screaming Eagles 3-2 at the GLIAC/GLVC Challenge (9/13/02) in Allendale, Mich.

West Virginia Wesleyan: The Bulldogs will square off against West Virginia Wesleyan for the first time this Friday. WVWC tallied a 12-16 overall record and a fifth-place 9-4 WVIAC mark in 2002.

Northern Kentucky: The Bulldogs hold a 5-3 series advantage despite dropping a 3-2 decision to the Norse in the 2000 Fairview Inn Classic (9/9) at Midland, Mich.

Fairmont State: Ferris State holds a 3-0 series edge entering this Saturday's meeting with Fairmont State and defeated the Falcons 3-0 at the Ferris State Invitational (8/24/01). The Falcons are currently 1-3 overall going into this Monday's (Sept. 8) league road match at Salem International (W.Va.) as a result of last Thursday's (Sept. 4) 3-2 non-conference home loss to Waynesburg (Pa.).

BULLDOG ATHLETICS LUNCHEON - The initial Bulldog Athletics Luncheon of the 2003-04 athletics season will be held this Wednesday (Sept. 10) from 12-1 p.m. (EDT) at FSU's Wheeler Pavilion located at Top Taggart Field.

LOOKING AHEAD - Ferris State will square off against Findlay in its 2003 GLIAC opener Friday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. (EDT) in Findlay, Ohio. The Bulldogs will then face Ashland Saturday, Sept. 20, in a 5 p.m. (EDT) conference tilt at Ashland, Ohio.

2003 BULLDOG RECORDS

Record: 1-5 overall
GLIAC: 0-0 in league play
Home: 0-0 at Ewigleben Sports Arena
Road: 0-1 away from home
Neutral: 1-4 on neutral floors

2003 Season Trends

Table with 2 columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists various match scenarios and their corresponding records, such as 'Three-game match' (1-3) and 'Total match time under one hour' (0-0).

2003 FSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Roster table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists players like Lauren Heine, Karla Fairbanks, and Danielle Baucher.

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

Assistant Coach: Lee Anderson, first year

Second Assistant Coach: Sarah Dehring, second year

OH - Outside Hitter S - Setter MH - Middle Hitter LIB - Libero RS - Right-Side Hitter
HS - High School C - Captains * - Denotes letters earned

