



Ferris State Volleyball

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2003 VOLLEYBALL



11-11 OVERALL, 8-4 GLIAC

Upcoming Matches:

Friday, Oct. 24
vs. Grand Valley State*
7 p.m. (EDT)
Ewingleben Sports Arena
Big Rapids, Mich.

Friday, Oct. 31
vs. Saginaw Valley State*
5 p.m. (EST) - Ewingleben Sports Arena

Saturday, Nov. 1
vs. Northwood*
4 p.m. (EST) - Ewingleben Sports Arena

All times are Eastern and subject to change

Last Week's Results:

Friday, Oct. 17
FSU 3, at Wayne State 2*

Saturday, Oct. 18
at Hillsdale 3, FSU 1*

Bulldogs Set To Host Grand Valley State This Friday

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE – The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will host rival Grand Valley State this Friday (Oct. 24) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) encounter at FSU's Ewingleben (*pronounced A-VAH-glave-in*) Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich.

A LOOK BACK – The Bulldogs, who are presently 11-11 overall and 8-4 in league play, split two GLIAC road matches last weekend (Oct. 17-18). FSU claimed a 3-2 victory over Wayne State last Friday (Oct. 17) in WSU's Matthaei Complex at Detroit, Mich. Ferris then dropped a 3-1 decision Saturday (Oct. 18) to Hillsdale in HC's Jessie Philips Arena at Hillsdale, Mich. The Bulldogs have won eight of their last 11 matches to date and are presently tied for third place in the GLIAC's North Division standings.

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 also advanced to the 2002 NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

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 663-387 (.631) 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 **Brittney Godlewski (St. Clair Township/Marysville)** have been voted tri-captains for the 2003 campaign. Green was both a first-team All-GLIAC and American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Great Lakes Region selection last season while Godlewski attained honorable mention All-GLIAC kudos. Fairbanks ranked second (3.73 kpg) among Ferris' kills leaders in 2002.

HOME COURT ADVANTAGE – Ferris is 215-56 (.793) at Ewingleben Sports Arena since 1981 and sports a 129-40 (.763) conference home mark during that span. The Bulldogs are 116-40 (.744) overall at home since 1990, which includes a 82-36 (.695) conference mark. FSU is 57-9 (.864) in home matches since 1998 and posted its sixth undefeated home campaign (8-0) in the 600-seat facility last season.

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 128-56 (.696) 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.

STREAK REMAINS ALIVE – Ferris' current 11-11 overall record this campaign marks the eighth consecutive season and the 12th time in the last 14 years the Bulldogs have compiled a .500 record or better in their initial 22 matches of a campaign.

GREEN APPROACHING ANOTHER MARK – **Ashley Green** presently has 3,225 career assists to date and is 218 away from tying **Melissa Petty (3,443; 1991-94)** for third place on the school's all-time list. Green needs two kills to attain her 200th career kill.

FAIRBANKS 33 KILLS SHY – **Karla Fairbanks**, who is FSU's leader in both kills (4.33 kpg) and digs (2.88 dpg) this season, needs 33 kills to become the 13th player in school history to eclipse the 1,000 career kills mark. She garnered her 100th career ace at Wayne State.

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 279-106 (.725) career mark, is 161-86 (.652) 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.

SOLID LEAGUE START – Ferris' current 8-4 league mark this campaign represents the sixth time the Bulldogs have won eight of their initial 12 GLIAC outings in eight seasons under head coach **Tia Brandel-Wilhelm**. The Bulldogs have won at least eight of their first 12 conference tilts in five of the last six seasons to date. Last season (2002), Ferris registered a 11-1 mark through 12 league matches.

LOOKING AHEAD – Ferris State hosts Saginaw Valley State Friday, Oct. 31, in a 5 p.m. (EST) tilt at the Ewingleben Sports Arena. FSU will then square off against Northwood Saturday, Nov. 1, at 4 p.m. (EST). Both are league matches.



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:	161-86/8th
Career Record/Years:	279-106/11th
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2871
Assistant Coach:	Lee Anderson
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2745
Home Court:	Ewingleben Sports Arena
Capacity:	600
2002 Overall Record:	24-7
2002 Conf. Record/Finish:	15-3/T2nd
All-Time Record:	663-387 (.631)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	7/6
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

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BULLDOG BITES

Nine of FSU's 11 losses this season have occurred against teams either ranked or receiving votes in the latest (Oct. 14) AVCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll

Since the 2001 campaign, Ferris State has compiled a 22-4 (.846) overall record to date during the month of October. FSU, which is currently 5-2 in October this campaign, posted a 10-1 (.909) October mark last season

MAKING A COMPARISON - Becky Thureau has totaled 202 kills and 90 total blocks in 22 matches this campaign compared to her 88 kills and 46 blocks in the same number of outings last season.

THE 2003 GLIAC TOURNAMENT - The 2003 GLIAC Tournament returns to the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek, Mich., this season following a one-year hiatus.

BETWEEN THE LINES - FSU head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm will make periodic appearances throughout the season on "Between The Lines," a weekly half-hour television show devoted to Ferris State Athletics.

FSU ON THE INTERNET - Ferris State University Athletics' official web site can be found at www.ferris.edu/sports.

A Look At The Opponent

Grand Valley State: Ferris and Grand Valley State will square off for the 80th time this Friday with GVSU holding a 42-37 series advantage. In the last meeting (10/7/03), the Lakers recorded a 3-2 win at Allendale, Mich.

2003 FSU WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Yr., Ht., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists 16 players including Lauren Heine, Karla Fairbanks, and Becky Thureau.

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

2003 Season Trends

Table with columns: SITUATION and FSU RECORD. Lists trends such as Three-game match (6-3), Four-game match (3-3), and more.

