



Ferris State Volleyball

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2003 VOLLEYBALL



4-8 OVERALL, 1-1 GLIAC

Upcoming Matches:

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

Friday, Sept. 26
vs. Northern Michigan*
7 p.m. (EDT)
Ewingleben Sports Arena - Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, Sept. 27
vs. Lake Superior State*
4 p.m. (EDT)
Ewingleben Sports Arena - Big Rapids, Mich.

All times are Eastern and subject to change

Last Week's Results:

Friday, Sept. 19
at Findlay 3, FSU 1*

Saturday, Sept. 20
FSU 3, at Ashland 1*

Ferris To Play First Home Matches This Week

FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE – The Ferris State University women's volleyball team will host three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) opponents this week (Sept. 25-27) at FSU's Ewingleben (pronounced A-VAH-glave-in) Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs will face Michigan Tech in their 2003 home opener this Thursday (Sept. 25) at 7 p.m. (EDT). FSU then squares off against Northern Michigan this Friday (Sept. 26) in a 7 p.m. (EDT) encounter. Ferris concludes its three-match homestand versus Lake Superior State Saturday (Sept. 27) at 4 p.m. (EDT).

A LOOK BACK – The Bulldogs, who are presently 4-8 overall and 1-1 in league play, dropped a 3-1 conference-opening decision at Findlay last Friday (Sept. 19). FSU registered its first GLIAC win this campaign last Saturday (Sept. 20) with a 3-1 triumph at Ashland.

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 656-384 (.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 State is 211-55 (.793) at Ewingleben Sports Arena since 1981 and sports a 125-39 (.762) conference home mark during that span. The Bulldogs are 112-39 (.742) overall at home since 1990, which includes a 78-35 (.690) conference mark. FSU is 53-8 (.869) 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 121-53 (.695) 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.

FIRST HOME MATCH – Ferris State is 22-8 (.733) in home openers dating back to 1973, which includes a 10-3 mark since 1990. The Bulldogs are 7-3 in their last 10 outings and have won seven consecutive home openers.

FAIRBANKS REGISTERS 800TH KILL – **Karla Fairbanks** tallied 24 kills and a personal career-high 20 digs at Ashland while notching her 800th career kill. Fairbanks, who needs 199 kills to become the 13th player in school history to eclipse the 1,000 career kills mark, added 11 kills and nine digs at Findlay. The 2002 GLIAC All-Academic Team pick totaled 35 kills, 29 digs and four service aces in the two road outings. Fairbanks currently has registered 206 kills, 105 digs and 22 service aces in 12 matches to date this campaign. She also recorded her 400th career dig versus Ashland.

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 272-103 (.725) career mark, is 154-83 (.650) 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.

LOOKING AHEAD – Ferris State visits Saginaw Valley State Friday, Oct. 3, for a 7 p.m. (EDT) league tilt at University Center, Mich. FSU will then face Northwood Saturday, Oct. 4, in a 4 p.m. (EDT) conference encounter at Midland, Mich.

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.
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Head Coach:	Tia Brandel-Wilhelm
Alma Mater/Year:	Alma/1990
Record at FSU/Year:	154-83/8th
Career Record/Years:	271-102/11th
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:	656-384 (.631)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	7/6
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

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BULLDOG BITES

Six of FSU's eight losses this season have come against teams either ranked or receiving votes in the latest (Sept. 16) AVCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll

Ashley Green has 2,808 career assists to date and moved past Lisa Chard (2,780; 1998-99) into fifth place on the school's career assists leaders list versus Ashland. She is 194 away from tying Dawn Lowe (3,002; 1984-87) for fourth place

2003 BULLDOG RECORDS

Record: 4-8 overall
GLIAC: 1-1 in league play
Home: 0-0 at Ewigleben Sports Arena
Road: 1-3 away from home
Neutral: 3-5 on neutral floors

A Look At The Opponents

Michigan Tech: Ferris and Michigan Tech will square off for the 49th time this Thursday with FSU holding a 37-11 series advantage. In the last meeting (10/25/02), the Bulldogs recorded a 3-1 win at Big Rapids, Mich.

Northern Michigan: FSU maintains a 35-31 series edge heading into this Friday's 67th series meeting against Northern Michigan. The Bulldogs have won 17 of 28 meetings in Big Rapids. Brandel-Wilhelm, who has a current 6-10 career coaching mark against the Wildcats, led Ferris to a 3-1 victory in the last series meeting (10/27/02) at Big Rapids.

Lake Superior State: FSU holds a 49-17 advantage entering this Saturday's 67th series meeting with Lake Superior State. Brandel-Wilhelm has a current 15-1 career coaching mark against LSSU and guided the Bulldogs to a 3-0 win in the last meeting (10/26/02) at Big Rapids, 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, Becky Thurau, etc.

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
HS - High School

S - Setter
C - Captains

MH - Middle Hitter

LIB - Libero

RS - Right-Side Hitter

* - Denotes letters earned

2003 Season Trends

Table with columns: SITUATION, FSU RECORD. Lists trends such as Three-game match (3-3), Four-game match (1-2), etc.

