



# Ferris State Volleyball

## News & Notes

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#### 2003 VOLLEYBALL



**6-9 OVERALL, 3-2 GLIAC**

#### Upcoming Matches:

**Friday, Oct. 3**  
at Saginaw Valley State\*  
7 p.m. (EDT)  
Cardinal Gymnasium  
University Center, Mich.

**Saturday, Oct. 4**  
at Northwood\*  
4 p.m. (EDT)  
Bennett Sports Center  
Midland, Mich.

All times are Eastern and subject to change

#### Last Week's Results:

Thursday, Sept. 25  
at FSU 3, Michigan Tech 0\*

Friday, Sept. 26  
Northern Michigan 3, at FSU 2\*

Saturday, Sept. 27  
at FSU 3, Lake Superior State 1\*

#### 2003 QUICK FACTS

<b>Location:</b>	Big Rapids, Mich.
<b>Founded:</b>	1884
<b>Enrollment:</b>	11,822
<b>Nickname:</b>	Bulldogs
<b>Colors:</b>	Crimson & Gold
<b>Affiliation:</b>	NCAA Division II
<b>Conference:</b>	Great Lakes Intercollegiate
<b>President:</b>	Dr. David L. Eisler
<b>Athletics Director:</b>	Tom Kirinovic
<b>Asst. Athletics Director:</b>	Brian Kegler
<b>Head Trainer:</b>	Dave Lucey, ATC
<b>Assistant Trainer:</b>	Tim Glover, ATC
<b>Assistant Trainer:</b>	Mike Blackburn, ATC
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<b>Head Coach:</b>	Tia Brandel-Wilhelm
<b>Alma Mater/Year:</b>	Alma/1990
<b>Record at FSU/Year:</b>	156-84/8th
<b>Career Record/Years:</b>	271-102/11th
<b>Office Phone:</b>	(231) 591-2871
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Lee Anderson
<b>Office Phone:</b>	(231) 591-2745
<b>Home Court:</b>	Ewigleben Sports Arena
<b>Capacity:</b>	600
<b>2002 Overall Record:</b>	24-7
<b>2002 Conf. Record/Finish:</b>	15-3/T2nd
<b>All-Time Record:</b>	658-385 (.631)
<b>Letterwinners Ret./Lost:</b>	7/6
<b>Website:</b>	www.ferris.edu/sports

### Ferris To Hit Road For Two League Matches

**FSU VOLLEYBALL AT A GLANCE** – The Ferris State University women's volleyball team hits the road for two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) matches this weekend (Oct. 3-4). FSU will visit Saginaw Valley State this Friday (Oct. 3) for a 7 p.m. (EDT) conference encounter in SVSU's Cardinal Gymnasium at University Center, Mich. The Bulldogs will then square off against Northwood Saturday (Oct. 4) in a 4 p.m. (EDT) league tilt at NU's Bennett Sports Center in Midland, Mich.

**A LOOK BACK** – The Bulldogs, who are presently 6-9 overall and 3-2 in league play, claimed two of three GLIAC home matches last weekend (Sept. 25-27) at FSU's Ewigleben (*pronounced A-VAH-glave-in*) Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. FSU defeated Michigan Tech 3-0 last Thursday (Sept. 25) before dropping a 3-2 decision to Northern Michigan last Friday (Sept. 26). Ferris concluded the weekend with a 3-1 triumph against Lake Superior State last Saturday (Sept. 27). The Bulldogs have won three of their last four matches to date and are presently fourth 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 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 658-385 (.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.

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN** – Ferris State is 570-274 (.675) overall since 1981 and sports a 375-221 (.629) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. The Bulldogs are 84-56 (.600) overall in league road matches since 1987, including a 1-1 (.500) mark this 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 123-54 (.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.

**GREEN CONTINUES TO CLIMB** – **Ashley Green** has 2,948 career assists to date and is 54 away from tying Dawn Lowe (3,002; 1984-87) for fourth place on the school's all-time list. Green, who netted both her 500th career dig and 75th service ace versus Lake Superior State, totaled 140 assists and 19 digs in Ferris' three matches last weekend.

**FAIRBANKS REACHES TWO MARKS** – **Karla Fairbanks** tallied both her 850th career kill and 450th career dig versus LSSU. The 5-11 Fairbanks totaled 50 kills, 39 digs and 10 blocks in the three matches, including a match-high 21 kills and 15 digs against Northern Michigan. Fairbanks, who averaged 4.17 kills per game during the three-match stretch, needs 149 more kills to become the 13th player in school history to eclipse the 1,000 career kills mark.

**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 274-104 (.725) career mark, is 156-84 (.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 Grand Valley State Tuesday, Oct. 7, for a 7 p.m. (EDT) league tilt at Allendale, Mich. FSU will then host Gannon Friday, Oct. 10, and Mercyhurst Saturday, Oct. 11, at 5 p.m. (EDT) and 4 p.m. (EDT), respectively, at the Ewigleben Sports Arena. Both are GLIAC matches.



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BULLDOG BITES

Seven of FSU's nine losses this season have come against teams either ranked or receiving votes in the latest (Sept. 23) AVCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll .....

Ferris improved to 23-8 (.742) all-time in home openers by virtue of its 3-0 win over Michigan Tech. The Bulldogs have won eight consecutive home openers to date .....

IN THE RANKINGS - Karla Fairbanks' 35-kill output against North Alabama (Sept. 5) currently ranks as the nation's fifth-best performance this campaign. She is listed 18th in kills (4.62 kpg) in the latest (Sept. 14) NCAA Division II national statistical rankings while Ferris ranked 27th in team service aces (2.81 apg).

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. The program, which is hosted by Phill Mooney and produced by FSU's media productions department, airs each Saturday at 3:30 p.m. (EDT) on WFQX-Fox 33.

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.

A Look At The Opponents

Saginaw Valley State: Ferris and Saginaw Valley State will square off for the 47th time this Friday with FSU holding a 38-8 series advantage. In the last meeting (11/8/02), the Bulldogs recorded a 3-1 win at University Center, Mich. Ferris head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm currently has a 11-3 career coaching record against the Cardinals. FSU, which has won five of the last six series contests, holds a 17-6 all-time record versus SVSU in away/neutral site encounters.

Northwood: FSU maintains a 21-16 series edge heading into this Saturday's 38th series meeting against Northwood. However, the Timberwolves have won eight of the last nine series outings including a 3-0 win in the last meeting (11/9/02) at Midland, Mich. Brandel-Wilhelm has a current 6-12 career coaching mark against the Timberwolves. NU is presently 11-6 overall and 4-1 in league action this season heading into this Friday's (Oct. 3) league home match versus Grand Valley State after registering a 3-0 conference home win over Hillsdale last Saturday (Sept. 27).

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, Danielle Baucher, Jamie Palazzolo, Keagan Krauss, Emily Clouse, Ashley Green, Brittany Godlewski, Molly Pickvet, Karla White, and Sarah Miller.

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 various match and game statistics such as Three-game match (4-3), Four-game match (2-2), Five-game match (0-4), Win game one (5-2), Lose game one (1-7), Win first two games (5-0), Split first two games (1-4), Lose first two games (0-5), In game three (7-8), In game four (6-2), In the deciding fifth game (0-4), More kills than opponent (6-2), Fewer kills than opponent (0-7), Kills are equal (0-0), Hit under .100 (0-1), Hit .100-.300 (3-8), Hit over .300 (3-0), Opponent hits under .100 (4-0), Opponent hits .100-.300 (2-5), Opponent hits over .300 (0-4), Has higher hitting pct. (6-2), Opponent has higher pct. (0-7), Has more assists (6-4), Opponent has more assists (0-5), Assists are equal (0-0), Has more aces (6-6), Opponent has more aces (0-2), Aces are equal (0-1), Has more digs (2-3), Opponent has more digs (4-6), Digs are equal (0-0), Has more blocks (4-7), Opponent has more blocks (2-2), Blocks are equal (0-0), In August (0-3), In September (6-6), In October (0-0), In November (0-0), On Tuesday (0-0), On Thursday (1-0), On Friday (2-5), On Saturday (3-4), On Sunday (0-0), In morning matches (1-2), In afternoon matches (0-2), In evening matches (5-5), Against ranked teams (0-5), In non-conference matches (3-7), In conference matches (3-2), In non-conf. matches vs. conf. teams (0-0), Attendance under 100 (3-6), Attendance of 100-200 (1-2), Attendance over 200 (2-1), Total match time under one hour (0-0), Total match time one-two hours (6-5), Total match time over two hours (0-4), In invitational matches (3-7), Against in-state foes (2-1), Against out of state teams (4-8), Against teams with winning records (1-7), Against teams with losing records (5-0), Against teams with even records (0-2)

