



Ferris State Volleyball

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2003 VOLLEYBALL



10-10 OVERALL, 7-3 GLIAC

Upcoming Matches:

Friday, Oct. 17
at Wayne State*
7 p.m. (EDT)
Matthaei Complex
Detroit, Mich.

Saturday, Oct. 18
at Hillsdale*
1 p.m. (EDT)
Jesse Philips Arena
Hillsdale, Mich.

All times are Eastern and subject to change

Last Week's Results:

Tuesday, Oct. 7
at Grand Valley State 3, FSU 2*

Friday, Oct. 10
at FSU 3, Gannon 2*

Saturday, Oct. 11
at FSU 3, Mercyhurst 0*

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:	160-85/8th
Career Record/Years:	278-105/11th
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:	662-386 (.632)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	7/6
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

Bulldogs Visit Wayne State, Hillsdale This Week

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. 17-18). FSU will visit Wayne State this Friday (Oct. 17) for a 7 p.m. (EDT) contest at WSU's Matthaei Complex in Detroit, Mich. Ferris then squares off against Hillsdale Saturday (Oct. 18) in HC's Jesse Philips Arena at Hillsdale, Mich. The match is slated to start at 1 p.m. (EDT).

A LOOK BACK – The Bulldogs, who are presently 10-10 overall and 7-3 in league play, won two of three matches last week. FSU dropped a 3-2 GLIAC decision to nationally-ranked Grand Valley State last Tuesday (Oct. 7) in GVSU's Fieldhouse Arena at Allendale, Mich. Ferris then recorded a 3-2 league triumph Friday (Oct. 10) over Gannon at FSU's Ewigleben (*pronounced A-VAH-glave-in*) Sports Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs concluded the weekend Saturday (Oct. 11) by beating Mercyhurst 3-0 in a home conference match. FSU has won seven of its last nine matches to date and is 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 662-386 (.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 **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 574-275 (.676) overall since 1981 and sports a 377-222 (.629) record in road/neutral site matches during that span. The Bulldogs are 86-57 (.601) overall in league road matches since 1987, including a 3-2 (.600) 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 127-55 (.698) 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 10-10 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 20 matches of a campaign.

GREEN CONTINUING CLIMB – **Ashley Green** presently has 3,155 career assists to date and is 288 away from tying Melissa Petty (3,443; 1991-94) for third place on the school's all-time list. Green needs five kills to attain her 200th career kill.

FAIRBANKS 59 KILLS SHY – **Karla Fairbanks** led the Bulldogs with 60 kills, 58 digs, seven blocks and seven service aces last week. The 5-11 Fairbanks registered a match-high 24 kills and 20 digs at Grand Valley State. She added a match-high 28 kills and 25 digs versus Gannon. Fairbanks, who is FSU's leader in both kills (4.49 kpg) and digs (2.28 dpg) this season, needs 59 kills to become the 13th player in school history to eclipse the 1,000 career kills mark. She is also three aces shy of garnering her 100th career ace.

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 278-105 (.726) career mark, is 160-85 (.653) 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 hosts rival Grand Valley State Friday, Oct. 24, in a home league match at the Ewigleben Sports Arena. The match is scheduled for a 7 p.m. (EDT) start.



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BULLDOG BITES

Nine of FSU's 10 losses this season have occurred against teams either ranked or receiving votes in the latest (Oct. 7) AVCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll

Since the 2001 campaign, Ferris State has compiled a 21-3 (.875) overall record to date during October. FSU, which is currently 4-1 in October this campaign, posted a 10-1 (.909) October mark last season

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 Opponents

Wayne State: Ferris and Wayne State will square off for the 65th time this Friday with FSU holding a 37-27 series advantage. In the last meeting (10/19/02), the Bulldogs recorded a 3-1 win at Detroit, Mich.

Hillsdale: FSU maintains a 44-8 series edge heading into this Saturday's 53rd series meeting against Hillsdale. The Bulldogs have won three of the last four series outings including a 3-1 win in the last meeting (10/18/02) at Hillsdale, 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 Thurau.

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 (3-2), and more.

