



TIA BRANDEL HEAD COACH (ALMA, 1990)

In just five seasons at the helm of Ferris State University's volleyball program, Tia Brandel has brought the Bulldogs to the brink of national con-

ten-tion once again.

Since becoming the program's fifth head coach in June 1996, Brandel has resurrected the Ferris State program, compiling a 105-57 overall record (.648 winning percentage) at FSU while guiding the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1992 during the 1999 campaign. Ferris posted its fourth winning campaign in the last five years a season ago with a 21-9 overall mark. During the 1999 campaign (Nov. 5), Brandel registered her 200th career coaching victory in the Bulldogs' 3-1 home league win over Grand Valley State. Ferris also finished runner-up at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament for the second consecutive year in 1999.

Through her hard work and dedication, Brandel is starting to earn her place among the nation's most respected collegiate coaches. Faced with the task of rebuilding the Bulldogs' tradition-rich program in her first season, Brandel proceeded to direct the Bulldogs to a 19-12 overall record and a top 25 national ranking. In the last three seasons, Brandel has coached Ferris to an impressive 72-27 overall record (.730). She was voted as the GLIAC's Coach-of-the-Year in 1998 by her peers after leading Ferris to a 25-10 overall mark, including a second-place finish in the GLIAC's North Division.

Brandel's resume demonstrates a penchant for winning. Prior to joining FSU, she served as head coach for three seasons (1993-95) at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W. Va. Under Brandel's tutelage, the Bobcats racked up a 118-20 overall record, captured three West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

(WVIAC) and regional titles, made two NAIA national tournament appearances, and placed fifth at the 1995 NCAA Division II Championships.

Brandel left WVWC with an active streak of 80 conference victories. In 1993, Brandel was selected WVIAC and NAIA Mid-South Region Coach-of-the-Year after guiding her team to an impressive 40-11 overall mark in her initial campaign.

Prior to being named head coach at WVWC, Brandel served as an assistant coach for one season and a graduate assistant for two. She also assisted with West Virginia Wesleyan's track and softball teams.

She earned a master's in business administration from WVWC after receiving her undergraduate degree in business administration and psychology from Alma (Mich.) College in 1990.

Brandel, who competed in both volleyball and track at Alma, was an all-conference first-team scholar athlete. While attending Alma, she coached volleyball for two years at Alma (Mich.) High School.

A native of Whitehall, Mich., Brandel presently serves as Ferris State's senior women's administrator. She is also accredited as a level II coach by the United States Volleyball Association and a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Brandel and her husband, Dale Wilhelm, the varsity girls' volleyball head coach at Reed City (Mich.) High School, reside in Big Rapids along with her stepson, Allen.



BRANDEL BY OPPONENT (2001 OPPONENTS IN BOLD)

OPPONENT	W	L
Angelo State (Tex.)	1	0
Aquinas	1	0
Ashland	4	1
Bellarmine (Ky.)	3	2
BYU-Hawaii	0	1
California St.-Bakersfield	0	1
Calvin	1	0
Central Arkansas	1	0
Central Missouri State	0	1
Charleston (W.Va.)	1	0
Cornerstone	1	0
Dallas Baptist (Tex.)	1	0
Dowling (N.Y.)	1	0
Fairmont State (W.Va.)	2	0
Findlay	3	1
Gannon	5	1
Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	0	1
Grand Valley State	3	7
Henderson State (Ark.)	1	0
Hillsdale	8	1
Hope	0	1
IUPU-Ft. Wayne	2	1
IUPU-Indianapolis	1	0
Indianapolis	1	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	2	0
Lake Superior State	11	1
Lewis (Ill.)	2	0
Mercyhurst	6	0
Metropolitan State (Colo.)	0	1
Michigan Tech	6	4
Minnesota-Morris	1	0
Missouri-St. Louis	1	0
Montana State-Billings	1	0
Montevallo (Ala.)	1	0
North Dakota State	0	1
Northern Colorado	0	1
Northern Kentucky	0	3
Northern Michigan	3	9
Northwood	5	8
Oakland	0	1
Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	1	0
Quincy (Ill.)	1	0
Regis (Colo.)	0	1
Rochester (Mich.)	1	0
Saginaw Valley State	7	3
Slippery Rock (Pa.)	1	0
St. Edward's (Tex.)	1	0
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	1	0
Sonoma State (Calif.)	0	1
SIU-Edwardsville	3	1
Southern Indiana	1	0
Southwest St. (Minn.)	1	0
Texas Woman's Univ.	1	0
Wayne State	3	3
Westminster (Pa.)	2	0
Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.)	1	0

TOTALS	105	57
VS. GLIAC (ALL MATCHES)	66	40
GLIAC TOURNAMENT	4	3



BRANDEL YEAR-BY-YEAR

SEASON	SCHOOL	MATCHES	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			GLIAC FINISH	POSTSEASON
			WON	LOST	PCT.	WON	LOST	PCT.		
1993	West Virginia Wesleyan	51	40	11	.784	16	0	1.000	1st	NAIA - 13th Place
1994	West Virginia Wesleyan	45	39	6	.867	16	0	1.000	1st	NAIA - 9th Place
1995	West Virginia Wesleyan	42	39	3	.929	17	0	1.000	1st	NCAA - 5th Place
1996	Ferris State	31	19	12	.612	12	6	.667	4th	
1997	Ferris State	32	14	18	.438	6	12	.333	6th	
1998	Ferris State	35	25	10	.714	13	6	.684	2nd	
1999	Ferris State	34	26	8	.765	14	5	.736	4th	NCAA First Round
2000	Ferris State	30	21	9	.700	11	7	.611	4th	
Head Coaching Totals (8 Years)		300	223	77	.743	105	36	.745		
Ferris State Totals (5 Years)		162	105	57	.648	56	36	.609		





BULLDOG COACHING STAFF/NCAA HISTORY



JASON SMITH ASSISTANT COACH (GRACELAND, 1992)

Former Avila College (Mo.) head coach Jason Smith begins his first season as an assistant coach at Ferris State University.

Smith was appointed to his current position in May 2001 and is the 12th assistant coach in the 28-year history of the FSU women's volleyball program. He replaces Dominic Yoder, who spent one season at Ferris State. As the assistant coach, Smith will assist Brandel in all phases of the program including on-floor coaching and administrative functions.

During the 2000 season, Smith helped guide Iowa Western Community College to a 41-7 mark and a 10th place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I National Tournament as an assistant coach. He spent one season with the Revivers after returning to coaching following a three-year stint as the director of telecommunications at Transamerica Life Insurance Company in Kansas City, Mo.

Prior to his corporate position, Smith spent three

seasons as the head coach at Avila in Kansas City. During his three-year stint, each of his teams were nationally ranked in both passing and defensive statistics. In 1994, he directed the Eagles to a conference championship and a berth in the regional playoffs as a first-year head coach. That squad compiled a 13-1 regular-season conference record and was the nation's top-ranked passing team.

The 31-year old Smith got his collegiate coaching start as an assistant at Avila during the 1993 campaign when the Eagles advanced to the district playoffs. He has also served as a volunteer statistician for the United States men's national volleyball team.

Smith played collegiate volleyball for four years at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, where he was a member of three regional championship teams and was a three-time all-region pick. During his final season in 1992, he was selected as the Most Valuable Player and served as a team captain. Graceland claimed the 1991 national championship during his junior campaign.

A 1988 graduate of Truman High School in Independence, Mo., Smith earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Graceland in 1992.

BULLDOG ASSISTANT COACHES

AIVARS APSITE	1979
JILL BEHRNS	2000-01
STEVE BELCHER	1989
BOB BOND	1991-93
MONICA FOLSKE	1983-84
TOM HANNA	1994-95
BETH LAUNIERE	1985-87
ANDREA LEONARD	1996-97
DIANE LUBBERTS	1988
J.J. O'CONNELL	1998-99
KIM REEFER	1990
JASON SMITH	2001
DOMINIC YODER	2000

VOLLEYBALL SUPPORT STAFF



TIM GLOVER
Asst. Trainer, A.T.C.



JOHN WHITFORD
Asst. Equip. Mgr., E.M.C.



JILL BEHRNS SECOND ASSISTANT COACH

After roaming the court for Ferris State from 1998-99, former Bulldog player Jill Behrns now occupies a spot on the Bulldog sidelines as she begins her second season as an assistant under head coach Tia Brandel.

In 1999, Behrns was the recipient of the team's Heart Award as a result of playing despite reoccur-

ring knee problems. She totaled 13 digs and nine service aces in 18 matches (1999) after playing in only six matches during the 1998 campaign.

Prior to Ferris, Behrns played at NCAA Division I Northeastern Illinois during the 1997 season. She ranked seventh on the team in kills, service aces and total blocks.

A 1997 graduate of Dieterich (Ill.) High School, Behrns earned All-Midland Trail Conference, all-area and team MVP honors as a senior. She helped guide DHS to a conference championship while attaining all-conference honors during her junior season.



YEAR-BY-YEAR NCAA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

YEAR	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	GAME RESULTS	NCAA ROUND	SITE
1999	Northern Kentucky	L	1-3	15-13, 3-15, 9-15, 11-15	Regional Semifinal	Highland Heights, Ky.
1992	Northern Michigan	L	0-3	10-15, 6-15, 6-15	Regional Final	Marquette, Mich.
	New Haven	W	3-1	13-15, 16-14, 15-9, 15-7	Regional Semifinal	Marquette, Mich.
1990	Mankato State	L	2-3	8-15, 15-10, 15-12, 17-19, 12-15	Regional Final	Fargo, N.D.
1989	Sacramento State	L	0-3	7-15, 17-19, 8-15	National Quarterfinal	Bakersfield, Calif.
	Gannon	W	3-0	15-12, 16-14, 15-7	Regional Final	Big Rapids, Mich.
1987	California St.-Northridge	L	1-3	4-15, 15-11, 4-15, 3-15	Third-Place Match	Omaha, Neb.
	Nebraska-Omaha	L	2-3	15-11, 15-11, 6-15, 4-15, 14-16	National Semifinal	Omaha, Neb.
	North Dakota State	W	3-2	11-15, 16-14, 8-15, 15-12, 15-10	Regional Final	Big Rapids, Mich.
	Wayne State	W	3-1	17-15, 9-15, 15-9, 15-5	Regional Semifinal	Big Rapids, Mich.
1986	Grand Valley State	L	1-3	12-15, 15-8, 10-15, 7-15	Regional Semifinal	Allendale, Mich.
1985	New Haven	L	0-3	13-15, 12-15, 10-15	Regional Semifinal	Omaha, Neb.
1984	Sam Houston State	L	1-3	12-15, 15-6, 3-15, 6-15	Regional Final	Lakeland, Fla.
	Tampa	W	3-2	15-9, 11-15, 15-13, 8-15, 15-5	Regional Semifinal	Lakeland, Fla.
1983	Nebraska-Omaha	L	1-3	9-15, 16-14, 17-19, 2-15	Regional Final	Omaha, Neb.
	Wright State	W	3-0	15-11, 15-2, 15-5	Regional Semifinal	Omaha, Neb.
1982	California-St.-Sacramento	L	0-3	11-15, 6-15, 13-15	Regional Final	Big Rapids, Mich.
	Nebraska-Omaha	W	3-1	4-15, 15-13, 15-9, 15-11	Regional Semifinal	Big Rapids, Mich.