



Ferris State Men's Basketball

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Bulldogs Clinch GLIAC Tourney Berth; Two Games This Week

FERRIS AT A GLANCE:

The Ferris State University men's basketball team will visit rival Grand Valley State this Monday (Feb. 16) for an 8 p.m. (EST) Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) encounter in GVSU's Fieldhouse Arena at Allendale, Mich. FSU will then face Northwood Saturday (Feb. 21) in a 7:30 p.m. (EST) league tilt at NU's Bennett Sports Center in Midland, Mich.

FERRIS IN SECOND: FSU is presently 10-13 overall and holds a second-place 10-4 mark behind Michigan Tech (10-3) in the GLIAC's North Division. Two of Ferris' final four outings this campaign are at home. The Bulldogs have won seven of their last 10 outings to date this season.

FSU WINS AT HOME: Ferris tallied 53 second-half points in an 88-69 conference win over Saginaw Valley State last Thursday (Feb. 12) at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Senior guard **Willie Thomas (Columbus, Ohio/Eastmoor Academy)** notched his first career double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard **Dennis Springs (Toledo, Ohio/Scott)** totaled 17 points, junior forward **Willie Burrell (Muskegon Heights)** notched a personal career-high 16 points and junior guard **Carlton Epps (Benton Harbor)** scored 14 points.

BULLDOGS CLINCH BERTH: The Bulldogs clinched their first GLIAC Tournament berth in six seasons with Saturday's (Feb. 14) 88-79 GLIAC victory over Lake Superior State in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. **Carlton Epps** tallied a personal career-high 34 points while **Dennis Springs** chipped in 14 points. Epps was 12-of-15 (.800) from the floor, including a six-of-six (100.0%) performance from three-point range.

LAST SEASON: Ferris State concluded the 2002-03 campaign with an 11-15 overall mark and a fourth-place 7-11 GLIAC North Division finish. Both Ferris' overall record and league finish represented the program's best marks since the Bulldogs finished 21-12 overall and claimed the 1997-98 GLIAC Tournament championship.

THE BULLDOG TRADITION: The 2003-04 campaign marks the 76th season of Bulldog men's basketball. The program began in 1925 although Ferris did not field a team from 1942-45 due to World War II. FSU has compiled a 888-835 (.515) all-time mark. The Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made six NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and reached the 1988 NCAA-II Elite Eight. Ferris captured a league-record four consecutive GLIAC titles from 1986-90.

HEAD COACH BILL SALL: A 1994 Calvin graduate, second-year FSU head coach **Bill Sall** previously held assistant coaching positions at Calvin (1992-95), Ferris State (1995-98) and Hillsdale (1998-02) prior to being named Ferris State's 11th head coach. The Zeeland, Mich., native served as Ferris' interim head coach for a portion of the 1995-96 campaign and led the Bulldogs to a 5-8 mark. Before joining the coaching ranks, Sall was a standout player at Calvin from 1985-90. He twice (1989-90) received second-team National Association of Basketball Coaches Division III All-America honors and led Calvin to three MIAA championships, four NCAA-III Tournament bids and the 1990 NCAA-III Final Four. Sall has a current 26-36 (.419) career mark.

ON THE ROAD: FSU is 346-304 (.532) overall since 1980-81 and sports a 163-208 (.439) record in road/neutral site contests during that

UPCOMING GAMES

at Grand Valley State

Monday, Feb. 16
8 p.m. (EST)

GVSU Fieldhouse (4,100)
Allendale, Mich.

at Northwood

Saturday, Feb. 21
7:30 p.m. (EST)

Bennett Sports Center (1,500)
Midland, Mich.

All times are Eastern

span. Ferris has posted a 4-8 (.333) road mark to date this season.

A LOOK AT THE ROSTER: Ferris' 2003-04 roster includes two seniors, four juniors, two sophomores and six freshmen. Seven of the 14 players are guards while the remaining seven are frontcourt players. Twelve players hail from Michigan while two are from Ohio.

BETWEEN THE LINES: "Between The Lines", a weekly television program profiling Ferris State University Athletics, airs across northern Michigan on WFQX-Fox 33 every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. (ET). The 30-minute program is hosted by Phill Mooney and produced in the studios of the University's cable Channel 7. FSU men's basketball head coach **Bill Sall** will make appearances throughout the season. The show is also aired locally on the University's cable Channel 7 every Tuesday (7 p.m.) and Wednesday (8 p.m.).

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 including rosters, statistics and more. The Bulldogs' 2003-04 yearbook is also available online.

GLIAC GAMES ON THE AIR: Ferris' 2003-04 league games will be carried live by local radio station WBRN-1460 AM. Selected league contests can also be accessed live this season via the internet by clicking the Bulldog Athletics Webcasts icon at www.ferris.edu/sports.

A LOOK AT FSU: Ferris returns seven letterwinners and four starters from last season, including senior co-captains **Willie Thomas** and **Nathan Wruble (Harbor Beach)**. The Bulldogs' biggest loss was 6-10 center Adam Anderson, who is presently playing in Egypt. The two-time team MVP was also a three-time All-GLIAC pick.

FSU PICKED FOURTH: Ferris was picked to finish fourth in the 2003-04 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll. The Bulldogs totaled 17 points in the balloting by the GLIAC's head coaches.

Northern Michigan was selected as the GLIAC North Division favorite with five first-place votes and 35 total points while Findlay took the top spot in the South Division with 25 points.

THE GLIAC TOURNEY: Ferris, which earned its first GLIAC Tournament berth since 1997-98, could potentially host a tourney quarterfinal round game Tuesday, March 2, by finishing either first or second in the North Division. The semifinals & finals will be held Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, at the site of the highest remaining seed. FSU is 4-7 all-time in five previous tourney appearances.

SCHOOL RECORD: **Carlton Epps'** six-of-six (100.0%) showing from three-point range versus LSSU ranks as the school's best performance ever from beyond the arc. **Craig Chappell** and **Richard Legreair** held the previous mark (5-5) which they set versus Northern Michigan (2/27/88) and Michigan Tech (2/11/89), respectively.

2003-04 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
Athletic Dep. Fax:	(231) 591-2869
Head Coach:	Bill Sall
Alma Mater/Year:	Calvin/1994
Record at FSU/Year:	26-36/2nd
Career Record/Years:	Same
Office Phone:	(231) 591-2877
Assistant Coach:	Cory Anderson
Office Phone:	(231) 591-3820
Home Court:	Jim Wink Arena
Capacity:	2,400
2002-03 Overall Record:	11-15
2002-03 Conf. Record/Finish:	7-11/T-4th
All-Time Record:	888-835 (.515)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost:	Seven/Six
Website:	www.ferris.edu/sports

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BULLDOG BITES

Willie Thomas presently has 149 career made three-point field goals and is 17 away from reaching Aaron Nauta's (166; 1996-00) school career record.

Thomas currently has 80 treys this campaign and has surpassed Joe Blankenship's (1992-93) school single-season mark of 72 three-pointers FSU's 10 GLIAC victories to date this campaign are the school's most since posting a fourth-place 10-8 conference record during the 1997-98 campaign. Ferris' has not won 11 league games since the 1994-95 squad claimed the GLIAC title with a 13-5 conference mark Dennis Springs presently has 288 career assists and needs seven more to tie Randy Ross (295; 1977-80) for sixth place among the school's all-time leaders. Springs, who has led FSU in assists each of the last 12 outings this season, garnered his 500th career point against SVSU Freshman forward Michael Daniels (Detroit/Murray-Wright) has scored 10 points or more in six of his last nine games to date Carlton Epps presently has 878 career points and is 19 points shy of tying Aaron Nauta (897; 1996-00) for 25th place on the school's all-time scoring list. He has 128 career three-point field goals to date and is one away from matching Dannie Hayes (129; 1991-95) for fifth place on the school's all-time list Junior guard Corey Epps (Benton Harbor) needs one rebound to attain his 200th career board.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Bulldogs will host Northern Michigan Thursday, Feb. 26, for an 8 p.m. (EST) league encounter at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Ferris then concludes the regular-season by hosting defending GLIAC North Division champion Michigan Tech Saturday, Feb. 28, with tipoff set for 3 p.m. (EST).

A Look At The Opponents

GRAND VALLEY STATE: Ferris holds a 43-35 advantage heading into this Monday's 79th encounter and defeated GVSU 88-82 in the last meeting (1/10/04) at Big Rapids, Mich. GVSU is currently 13-10 overall and 5-9 in GLIAC action after posting a 86-83 conference home victory last Saturday (Feb. 14) versus Saginaw Valley State. Grand Valley State, which was picked to finish fifth in the 2003-04 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll, is led in scoring by junior forward Marcus Wallace (18.2 ppg). Wallace previously played for Ferris from 2000-02 before transferring to GVSU. The Lakers have lost nine of their last 12 games to date under seventh-year head coach and former Bulldog assistant coach (1987-88) Terry Smith. GVSU was 14-14 overall during the 2002-03 campaign and placed third in the GLIAC's North Division with an 8-10 league mark. The two teams split two meetings in Bill Sall's initial season at the helm a year ago as the Bulldogs posted an 81-57 triumph at Allendale, Mich. (1/18/03), and the Lakers won 70-64 (2/10/03) in Big Rapids, Mich.

NORTHWOOD: Ferris holds a 40-19 advantage heading into this Saturday's 60th meeting. The Timberwolves have won five of the last six meetings although Ferris recorded a 78-56 win in the most recent (1/29/04) contest at Big Rapids, Mich. NU is currently 14-10 overall and 8-7 in GLIAC action heading into Thursday's (Feb. 19) league home game versus GVSU after dropping a 71-53 conference decision last Saturday (Feb. 14) at Northern Michigan. NU, which was picked to finish third in the 2003-04 GLIAC North Division Preseason Coaches Poll, is led in scoring by senior guard Dallas Logan (20.9 ppg). The Timberwolves have won four of their last five games to date under seventh-year head coach Bob Taylor. Northwood was 10-16 overall during the 2002-03 campaign and placed tied for sixth in the GLIAC North Division with a 6-12 mark. The Timberwolves' assistant coach, Lewis Garner, compiled 1,437 points and 342 rebounds during his FSU career (1971-75) while attaining honorable mention All-America accolades in 1974. He also served as a Bulldog assistant coach from 1990-94.

2003-04 FSU MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Hometown/High School (College)
#3	Dennis Springs	G	So.	5-6	135	1L	Toledo, Ohio/Scott (Bowling Green State)
#4	Joe DeMartin	G	Fr.	6-1	160	HS	Mason, Mich.
#10	David Clarke	G	Jr.	5-11	177	1L	Harbor Springs, Mich. (Siena Heights)
#12	Terrance Shaw	F	Fr.	6-5	210	HS	Saginaw, Mich./Bridgeport
#20	Corey Epps	G	Jr.	6-2	175	2L	Benton Harbor, Mich.
#22	Carlton Epps	G	Jr.	6-2	170	2L	Benton Harbor, Mich.
#23	Michael Daniels	F	Fr.	6-6	210	HS	Detroit, Mich./Murray-Wright
#30	Jeffery Shanahan	F	So.	6-6	205	1L	Flint, Mich./Kearsley
#32	Willie Burrel	F	Jr.	6-6	185	T	Muskegon Heights, Mich. (Muskegon CC)
#33	C.J. Van Wieren	G/F	Fr.	6-4	215	HS	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa
#34	Willie Thomas (C)	G	Sr.	6-4	170	1L	Columbus, Ohio/Eastmoor Academy (Muskegon CC)
#42	Nathan Wruble (C)	F/C	Sr.	6-7	225	3L	Harbor Beach, Mich.
#44	John Terrell	F/C	Fr.	6-7	210	R	Muskegon, Mich.
#54	Adam Veltkamp	F/C	Fr.	6-8	200	HS	Cedar Springs, Mich.

Head Coach: Bill Sall, second year (Calvin, 1994)
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Bill Killian, Jim Lake
HS - High School T - Transfer (C) - Captain

Assistant Coach: Cory Anderson
Basketball Consultant: Dean Davenport

2003-04 Season Trends

SITUATION	FSU RECORD
At home	6-1
On the road	4-8
At neutral sites	0-4
Shoot over 50% from floor	4-1
Shoot less than 50% from floor	6-12
Opponent shoots over 50% from floor	1-10
Opponent shoots less than 50%	9-3
Has higher shooting percentage	7-0
Shoot over 70% from free throw line	8-4
Shoot less than 70% from line	2-9
Opponent shoots over 70% from line	6-7
Opponent less than 70% from line	4-6
Has higher free throw percentage	6-2
Shoot over 30% from three-point line	8-11
Shoot less than 30% from 3-pt. line	2-2
Opponent over 30% from 3-pt. line	4-10
Opponent less than 30% from 3-pt. line	6-3
Has higher 3-pt. percentage	8-7
Has more assists	9-4
Opponent has more assists	1-9
Assists are equal	0-0
Has more turnovers	0-5
Opponent has more turnovers	10-8
Turnovers are equal	0-0
Has more steals	9-9
Opponent has more steals	1-4
Steals are equal	0-0
Has more blocks	6-4
Opponent has more blocks	2-4
Blocks are equal	2-5
In November	0-4
In December	3-5
In January	5-2
In February	2-2
On Monday	0-2
On Tuesday	0-1
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	5-2
On Friday	0-2
On Saturday	5-5
On Sunday	0-1
In afternoon games	5-3
In evening games	5-10
Against ranked teams	0-7
In non-conference games	0-9
In conference games	10-4
In non-conf. games vs. conf. teams	0-0
Attendance under 500	2-4
Attendance over 500	8-9
Has over 25 personal fouls	1-1
Opponent has over 25 personal fouls	0-0
In tournament games	0-4
Against in-state foes	7-6
Against out of state teams	3-7
Against teams with winning records	6-9
Against teams with losing records	2-1
Against teams with even records	2-3
When leading at halftime	8-7
When trailing at halftime	1-5
Three or more reach double-figures	9-12
In overtime game	0-1
Game margin is 1-5 points	1-4
Game margin 5-10 points	3-2
Game margin over 10 points	6-7

