

AT THE TOP

Bulldog Tradition Second To None

The Ferris State men's basketball program ranks second to none in terms of its impressive tradition among the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) member institutions.

Ferris has won more league titles (10) and made more NCAA Championship appearances (six) than any other conference member. In the 33-year history of the GLIAC, only the Bulldogs have won four-straight (1987-90) league championships.

In 78 seasons of men's basketball, the Bulldogs have made 11 national tourney appearances including an NCAA Division II Elite Eight berth in 1988. FSU also reached the national quarterfinal round at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) level in 1962.

Besides the school's 10 league titles, Ferris has also made six GLIAC Tournament appearances and won the 1997-98 GLIAC Tournament championship. Along the way, the Bulldogs have produced 27 first-team all-conference selections and 49 All-GLIAC honorees since 1981. Four FSU players have earned All-America accolades.

Ferris State has posted 36 winning campaigns and 41 non-losing seasons in its rich history. The Bulldogs have won 20 or more games in a season 16 times. The Bulldogs' 892 all-time wins includes 290 league victories along with a combined 325 triumphs at the Old and New Jim Wink Arena.

FORMER PLAYER LEADS RUTGERS

Former Ferris player and assistant coach Gary Waters, who presently serves as the head men's basketball coach at NCAA Division I Rutgers University, led his team to the championship game of the 2004 National Invitational Tournament (NIT) for the first time in school history.

A rising star in major college coaching, Waters received his coaching start at Ferris after a successful playing career from 1972-74. He was an NAIA All-District selection as a player and led FSU to a 47-10 record under head coach Jim Wink. As a senior, he averaged 12.4 points and 5.7 rebounds per game for the 1973-74 Great Lakes Conference champions while earning all-league accolades. Waters also helped the Bulldogs garner a NAIA National Tournament berth as a junior.

Waters served from 1975-89 as an assistant coach for the Bulldogs. He then joined Eastern Michigan as an assistant and later associate head coach from 1989-96. Hired in 1996 by NCAA-I member Kent State, Waters led the Golden Flashes to three post-season berths and was twice named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002.



**NCAA Division II
Men's Basketball
Elite Eight
1988**

**GLIAC Tournament
Champions
1997-98**

**Four-Straight
GLIAC
Championships
1987-90**

**892 All-Time
Men's Basketball
Victories**

**More GLIAC Titles
Than Any Other
School (10)**

BULLDOG BASKETBALL

GLIAC Championships

- 2003-04
- 1994-95
- 1989-90
- 1988-89
- 1987-88
- 1986-87
- 1982-83
- 1981-82
- 1973-74
- 1972-73

NCAA Tourney Appearances

- 1998
- 1990
- 1989
- 1988
- 1987
- 1983



Former Players Join Hall 2004 CLASS HONORED

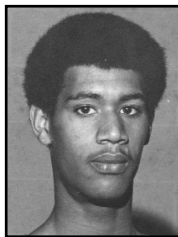
The FSU men's basketball program was well represented in the 2004 Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame Class as former athletes with ties to the program were enshrined this fall.

Included in the group were two of the program's top all-time players in Dennis Johnson (1969-73) and Jarvis Walker (1985-89). In addition, former three-sport standouts Andre Johnson (1986-91) and the late Art Carney (1946-50) were also inducted.

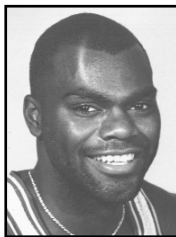
The group joined Lloyd Tonkin (1926-29), Babe Kleiman (1946-50), Elton "Ott" Gingrich (1947-51), Art Tetzlaff (1967-72), Bernie Kilpatrick (1961-65), Ed Farhat (1946-49) and Gary Waters (1972-89) as former players in the hall. Former head coaches Jim Wink (1959-81), Sam Ketchman (1953-55) and Bill McElwain (1927-40) have also been inducted.

The 6-6 Johnson continues to rank as the school's all-time leading scorer after compiling 2,312 career points. He also holds FSU's career rebounding mark with 1,156 boards and set the school's all-time record by converting 892 career field goals. A third-team 1973 NAIA All-America selection, Johnson led the Bulldogs to their first-ever GLIAC Championship as a senior in the 1972-73 campaign. In his four-year career, Ferris State registered a 80-28 (.741) overall record highlighted by its 26-4 mark in its final season under head coach Jim Wink.

Walker, the 1989 GLIAC Player of the Year, is presently FSU's sixth all-time leading scorer (1,713 points). A two-time Ferris State Most Valuable Player (1988-89), Walker holds the school's all-time assists mark (532) and ranks second in career steals (202). Regarded as one of the state's most complete players, Walker scored 1,713 career points, grabbed 693 career rebounds and dished out 532 assists. He led the Bulldogs to three-straight NCAA Division II National Tournament bids while twice (1988-89) attaining All-Great Lakes Region recognition.



DENNIS JOHNSON



JARVIS WALKER