

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 (11) and made more NCAA Championship appearances (seven) than any other conference member. In the 34-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 12 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 11 league titles, Ferris has also made seven GLIAC Tournament appearances and won the 1997-98 GLIAC Tournament championship. Along the way, the Bulldogs have produced 28 first-team all-conference selections and 51 All-GLIAC honorees since 1981. Five players have earned All-America kudos.

Ferris State has posted 37 winning campaigns and 42 non-losing seasons in its rich history. The Bulldogs have won 20 or more games in a season 17 times. The Bulldogs' 916 all-time wins includes 303 league victories along with a combined 340 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.



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BULLDOG BASKETBALL

GLIAC Championships

- 2004-05
- 2003-04
- 1994-95
- 1989-90
- 1988-89
- 1987-88
- 1986-87
- 1982-83
- 1981-82
- 1973-74
- 1972-73

NCAA Tourney Appearances

- 2005
- 1998
- 1990
- 1989
- 1988
- 1987
- 1983

Former Player Joins Hall JESSE MANGHAM HONORED

The FSU men's basketball program was represented in the 2005 Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame Class as former player Jesse Mangham was among this fall's inductees.

Mangham joins former honorees 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), Gary Waters (1972-89), Dennis Johnson (1969-73), Jarvis Walker (1985-89), Andre Johnson (1986-91) and the late Art Carney (1946-50) as former Bulldog basketball players in the hall. Former head coaches Jim Wink (1959-81), Sam Ketchman (1953-55) and Bill McElwain (1927-40) have also been inducted.

Mangham, a 1972 Ferris graduate, compiled 1,962 points and 724 rebounds during his Bulldog basketball career. He continues to rank second on FSU's all-time career scoring leaders list and is fifth in rebounding. Mangham, who was the Bulldogs' leading scorer three consecutive seasons (1966-69), also ranks among the school's top 10 career leaders in field goals (739) and free throws (484). He averaged a school-record 30 points per game while totaling 660 points as a junior during the 1968-69 campaign.

A 1967 honorable mention All-NAIA District 23 honoree, Mangham currently holds the school's single-game scoring record (51 points). The 6-5 forward not only holds FSU's top junior class scoring average but also ranks first in sophomore scoring (24.7 ppg) and second in freshman average (17.7 ppg). The three-time team Most Valuable Player Award recipient was a four-year Bulldog letterwinner and earned first-team NAIA District 23 accolades in addition to NAIA Honorable Mention All-America plaudits as both a sophomore and junior. He later became one of the first FSU student-athletes to be drafted by a professional team as the Detroit Pistons selected him in 1972.

