



# Ferris State Women's Basketball

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## Ferris To Take Part In NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament

### FERRIS AT A GLANCE:

The Ferris State University women's basketball team received its second-ever NCAA Division II National Tournament bid and will face fellow Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) opponent Ashland this Friday (March 12) in the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament at Quincy, Ill. Tipoff for the first of four regional quarterfinal round games is set for 12 p.m. (CST). Quincy University earned the top seed and will serve as the tournament host with the games to be played in QU's Pepsi Arena.

**TICKET INFORMATION:** General admission public ticket sales begin Wednesday (March 10) from 9 a.m. (CST) to 6 p.m. (CST) and are also available Thursday. Tickets will be available Friday beginning at 11 a.m. (CST) and continue all day at the door. No tickets will be sold over the phone. Ticket prices for Friday's opening round are \$10 for reserved chairbacks, \$8 for reserved bleacher seats, \$6 for general admission and \$3 for students. The prices for both Saturday and Monday will be \$8 (chairbacks), \$6 (bleachers), \$5 (general admission) and \$3 (students). Three-day tournament passes are also being sold for \$20 (chairbacks), \$15 (bleachers), \$12 (general admission) and \$9 (students). For further information, please call (217) 228-5290.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:** Friday's Ferris State game will not be available for live radio broadcast, but could be available on the internet ([www.ferris.edu/sports](http://www.ferris.edu/sports)) as details are still being worked out. Coverage of FSU's NCAA Tournament games beyond Friday would be carried live by local radio station WBRN-1460 AM and accessible via the internet by clicking on the Bulldog Athletics Webcast icon at [www.ferris.edu/sports](http://www.ferris.edu/sports). Rob Bentley of the FSU Athletics Communications Office will handle the play-by-play coverage.

**A LOOK AT THE BULLDOGS:** FSU, which is the tournament's third seed, currently is 21-9 overall and compiled a second-place 14-4 mark in the GLIAC's North Division during the regular season. The Bulldogs have won 13 of their last 17 games to date this season and placed second in the GLIAC's postseason tournament.

**THE TOURNEY FIELD:** In addition to the Bulldogs and sixth-seeded Ashland, Lake Superior State of the GLIAC also received a tourney berth by virtue of claiming the league's automatic bid. The Lakers are seeded second in the eight-team field and will meet seventh-seeded Southern Indiana in Friday's second quarterfinal round game at 2:30 p.m. (CST). The other quarterfinal round games Friday feature host Quincy versus eighth-seeded Northern Kentucky at 5:30 p.m. (CST) and fourth-seeded Indianapolis taking on fifth-seeded Bellarmine (Ky.) in the 8 p.m. (CST) nightcap.

**THE NEXT ROUND:** The winners of Friday's four quarterfinal round games will advance to Saturday's (March 13) semifinals with the title game set for Monday, March 15. The winner of the Ferris/Ashland game will play the winner of the LSSU/USI game Saturday at 5 p.m. (CST) with the winner of the QU/NKU game facing the winner of the UI/Bellarmino game at 7:30 p.m. (CST). Monday's title game tips off at 7 p.m. (CST). The Great Lakes Regional champion will advance to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight set for March 24-27 in St. Joseph, Mo.

**GLIAC TOURNEY RUNNER-UP:** Ferris reached the GLIAC Tournament finals for the second time in school history last Saturday

### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL

#### NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament

Hosted by Quincy University  
March 12-13 & 15  
Pepsi Arena (2,000)  
Quincy, Ill.

#### Quarterfinal Game Ashland vs. Ferris State

Friday, March 12  
12 p.m. (CST)

(March 6) before dropping a 85-73 decision to host Lake Superior State in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Senior guard **Lucy DeMartin (Mason)** totaled a game-high 27 points for the Bulldogs, but LSSU sank 28-of-34 (82.4%) free throws to notch the tourney championship. FSU advanced to the finals with an 86-80 overtime win in semifinal action over Ashland Friday (March 5) at Sault Ste. Marie. Ferris reached the league's final four by posting a 72-70 quarterfinal round win over Michigan Tech (March 2) in their first-ever league tournament home game at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich.

**POSTSEASON KUDOS:** FSU's **Lucy DeMartin** and sophomore guard **Erin Miller (Niles)** were both recognized as GLIAC All-Tournament Team selections following last week's tournament. Both players also received first-team 2003-04 All-GLIAC North Division kudos for their performance during the regular-season at the league banquet held in conjunction with the tournament last Thursday (March 4). Junior forward **Sarah Duesing (Sault Ste. Marie)** earned GLIAC North Division All-Defensive Team accolades.

**HEAD COACH TRACEY FISK:** Sixth-year FSU head coach **Tracey Fisk** presently ranks as Ferris' all-time winningest coach with a current 106-60 (.639) career record at Ferris State. A 1996 graduate of Western Michigan, Fisk guided Ferris State to a 22-7 mark and the school's first NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament appearance during the 1999-00 campaign. Prior to FSU, Fisk spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Lake Michigan College (1994-97) and one season at the University of Indianapolis (1997-98). Fisk recorded her 100th career coaching victory at Michigan Tech (Feb. 5).

**GLIAC COACH OF THE YEAR:** Ferris' **Tracey Fisk** was honored as the GLIAC's 2003-04 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year after guiding the Bulldogs to their fifth consecutive conference tournament berth and the program's second-ever 20-win campaign this season. The Bulldogs also recorded their seventh-straight winning season this year and a second-place league regular-season finish.

**THE BULLDOG TRADITION:** The Ferris State women's basketball program, which is midst its 30th anniversary campaign, has compiled a 359-385 (.483) all-time mark. The Bulldogs won their only GLIAC crown, advanced to their first NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament and recorded the nation's highest grade point average in 1999-2000. FSU, which also claimed GLIAC Tournament runner-up honors in 1999-00, has ranked among the nation's top 25 academic teams four consecutive seasons to date.

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN:** Ferris State is 143-101 (.586) overall since 1995-96 and sports a 83-67 (.553) record in road/neutral site contests during that span. The Bulldogs are 46-31 (.597) overall in road games under head coach **Tracey Fisk**, including a 32-22 (.593) record in GLIAC play.

### 2003-04 QUICK FACTS

<b>Location:</b>	Big Rapids, Mich.
<b>Founded:</b>	1884
<b>Enrollment:</b>	11,822
<b>Nickname:</b>	Bulldogs
<b>Colors:</b>	Crimson & Gold
<b>Affiliation:</b>	NCAA Division II
<b>Conference:</b>	Great Lakes Intercollegiate
<b>President:</b>	Dr. David L. Eisler
<b>Athletics Director:</b>	Tom Kirinovic
<b>Asst. Athletics Director:</b>	Brian Kegler
<b>Head Trainer:</b>	Dave Lucey, ATC
<b>Assistant Trainer:</b>	Tim Glover, ATC
<b>Assistant Trainer:</b>	Mike Blackburn, ATC
<b>Equip. Manager:</b>	Ben Mumah, E.M.,C.
<b>Athletic Dep. Office:</b>	(231) 591-2860
<b>Athletic Dep. Fax:</b>	(231) 591-2869
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Tracey Fisk
<b>Alma Mater/Year:</b>	Western Michigan/1996
<b>Record at FSU/Year:</b>	106-60/Sixth
<b>Career Record/Years:</b>	Same
<b>Office Phone:</b>	(231) 591-2878
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Justin Rees
<b>Office Phone:</b>	(231) 591-2867
<b>Home Court:</b>	Jim Wink Arena
<b>Capacity:</b>	2,400
<b>2002-03 Overall Record:</b>	15-11
<b>2002-03 Conf. Record/Finish:</b>	10-8/4th
<b>All-Time Record:</b>	359-385 (.483)
<b>Letterwinners Ret./Lost:</b>	Eight/Four
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.ferris.edu/sports">www.ferris.edu/sports</a>

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BULLDOG BITES

The 2003-04 campaign marks the eighth consecutive campaign the Bulldogs have won 10 or more games and FSU's second-ever 20 win season

..... Ferris' 14 league victories this year were its most since the 1999-00 squad claimed the league championship with a 16-3 record. ALL-REGION HONOREES: FSU's Lucy DeMartin and Erin Miller were honored as 2003-04 Daktronics All-Great Lakes Region selections as announced Tuesday (March 9).

SECOND NCAA TOURNEY BID: Ferris will be making its second-ever NCAA Division II Tournament appearance this campaign. The Bulldogs previously made their initial national bid during the 1999-00 campaign and dropped a 90-77 decision to Missouri-St. Louis in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament's opening round at Highland Heights, Ky.

NOT A NEW SITE: Ferris played two games in QU's Pepsi Arena earlier this season as the Bulldogs took part in the Quincy/Subway Tipoff Tourney (Nov. 21-22). The Bulldogs defeated Missouri Western State 70-65 in the tournament opener (Nov. 21) before dropping a 94-60 decision to host Quincy in the championship game (Nov. 22).

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA: Ferris' Lucy DeMartin was named to the 2003-04 Women's Division II Bulletin Preseason Super 16 All-America Team. DeMartin, a 2002-03 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-Great Lakes Region First-Team selection, was also chosen as the publication's preseason GLIAC Player of the Year. Her team-leading 20.2 points per game scoring average in 2002-03 ranked first among the school's all-time leaders.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA: Lucy DeMartin was named to the first-team 2003-04 Verizon Academic All-America College Division Women's Basketball Team. DeMartin previously attained first-team Verizon Academic All-District IV recognition this season for the second consecutive campaign. Erin Miller received third-team all-district recognition this year. DeMartin is the second FSU player to earn first-team Academic All-America kudos in the last three years following former Bulldog player Debbie Killips (2001-02).

WE MEET AGAIN: Ferris and Ashland will meet for the second time in a week this Friday. The Bulldogs pulled out an 86-80 overtime win in the GLIAC Tournament Semifinals held last Friday (March 5) at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. FSU's Lucy DeMartin and Erin Miller both totaled 22 points apiece in the win while AU's Amber Rall netted 22 points. Miller hit a three-point shot with three seconds left in regulation to force the extra session.

A Look At The Opponent

ASHLAND: The Bulldogs hold a 8-5 series advantage entering Friday's meeting. FSU also beat AU 85-81 earlier this season (12/6/03) at Ashland, Ohio. AU enters their first-ever regional tournament with a school-record 22-7 overall record after finishing first in the league's South Division with a 12-5 mark. FSU head coach Tracey Fisk presently has a 6-1 career coaching record against the Eagles, who have won seven of their last eight games this season to date. Ashland, which is led in scoring by freshman guard Amber Rall (14.2 ppg), was 11-16 overall in 2002-03 and posted a fifth-place 5-12 mark in the GLIAC's South Division. The Eagles, who are coached by ninth-year head coach Sue Ramsey, were picked third in the 2003-04 GLIAC South Division Preseason Coaches Poll. Rall was named the GLIAC's Freshman of the Year this season while senior forward Alanna Burma was a first-team GLIAC South Division honoree. Former FSU player Dana Bull (1999-01) is currently in her second season as a AU graduate assistant coach.

2003-04 FSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Ht., Yr., Exp., Hometown/High School (College). Lists 45 players including Hailey Potter, Erin Miller, Lucie Cenkova, Sharon Smith, Sarah Duesing, Audrey Thwing, Lucy DeMartin (C), Stephanie Benear (C), Kristin Reinhart, Molly Potvin (C), Bridget Horwitz (C), Kelly McLaughlin, and Darcie Philp.

Head Coach: Tracey Fisk, sixth year (Western Michigan, 1996)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Mike Peterson

Assistant Coach: Justin Rees (Barry, 1997)
Student Manager: Nicole Bridges

HS - High School T - Transfer (C) - Captain DNP - Did Not Play Last Season

2003-04 Season Trends

Table with columns: SITUATION, FSU RECORD. Lists trends such as At home (8-2), On the road (8-6), Shoot over 50% from floor (4-0), Opponent shoots over 50% from floor (2-5), etc.

