

MEET THE 2003-04 BULLDOG NEWCOMERS



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SHARON SMITH

5-6 ♦ Junior ♦ Guard
Inkster, Mich./Oak Park



Coach Fisk on Smith: "Sharon has matured a lot since she's been at Ferris State. Her athleticism puts pressure on the defense and allows her to create her own shot. She's a talented athlete who's becoming more focused."

College: Played women's basketball at Ferris for a portion of the 2001-02 campaign ... Saw action in seven games ... Totaled one point along with seven rebounds ... Has been a member of FSU's Women's Track and Field team the last two seasons (2001-02 and 2002-03) ... Clocked the program's fourth-fastest 200-meter dash mark (25.32) en route to a fifth place performance at the 2002 GLIAC Outdoor Championships ... Posted five top-three finishes including two first-place performances in the 2002 outdoor campaign ... Twice placed third overall in the indoor 200-meters ... Attended Ferris in 2000-01 but did not compete.

High School: A 2000 graduate of Oak Park High School ... Played four years of high school basketball ... Also competed in varsity track and softball ... Averaged 10 points per game as a senior ... Led Oak Park to an 18-4 record in her final season ... Prepped by Tom Carter ... Earned three varsity letters ... Grabbed three rebounds per game and dished out two assists per contest as a senior ... Averaged two steals per game during her prep career.

Personal: Daughter of Derek Smith and Sharon Stewart ... Born 12/10/81 in Wayne, Mich. ... Hobbies include collecting trading cards ... Has worked as an official at FSU's summer basketball camps ... Majoring in computer information systems at Ferris State.

SMITH FILE

IF I HAD ONE WISH
Be a WNBA player
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS
Have fun
MY WORST FEAR
Injuries & broken bones
DESIRED OCCUPATION
Computer programmer
MY FAVORITE MOVIE
Next Friday
MY GOAL FOR THIS SEASON
Become GLIAC champions
BEST PART ABOUT FSU
Playing with teammates who know how to win
IF I COULD MEET ANYONE
Michael Jordan
IF I COULD DO ANYTHING
Build a large house in every state for the homeless to live



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AUDREY THWING

5-11 ♦ Freshman ♦ Forward
Davison, Mich.



Coach Fisk on Thwing: "Audrey is learning our system and the knocks of playing in the post. She has tremendous potential and a nice shooting touch. Fortunately, she's learning from some of the best post players in the league."

High School: A 2003 graduate of Davison High School ... Earned honorable mention 2002 Detroit Free Press Class A All-State accolades ... Guided DHS to a 12-9 overall record while averaging 19.6 points and 11 rebounds per contest during the 2002 campaign ... Was a 2002 All-Big Nine Athletic Conference (BNAC) First Team honoree ... Served as the squad's captain ... Selected among the Detroit News' Top 100 players in 2002 ... Received All-BNAC Third Team recognition twice (2000-01) ... Totaled 10.4 points and eight rebounds per game as the Cardinals compiled a 13-8 overall record in 2001 ... Recognized as a four-year letterwinner ... Garnered BNAC All-Academic Award recognition twice ... Coached by Ray Timmerman ... Attained honorable mention All-BNAC honors in volleyball and track and field as a senior ... Also played Amateur Athletic Union basketball for the Flint (Mich.) Swish, Mid-Michigan Mystics, Downriver Ravens, Motor City Blazers and the Orion Shock.

Personal: Daughter of Paul and Julie Thwing of Davison, Mich. ... Born 4/25/85 in Flint, Mich. ... Was active in the school's varsity choir, musical and play productions along with serving as both the BNAC Sportsmanship/Leadership and senior class representative ... Hobbies include the choir ... Plans to major in applied biology at Ferris State.

THWING FILE

MY DESIRED OCCUPATION
Be a dermatologist
IF I HAD ONE WISH
More wishes
LEAST FAVORITE FOOD
Spinach
MY GOAL FOR THIS SEASON
Play like I know I can
MY WORST FEAR
Someone I love dying
WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE
Great campus
FAVORITE NBA PLAYER
LeBron James
MOTTO I LIVE BY
One cannot shake hands with a closed fist
FAVORITE WNBA TEAM
Detroit Shock
BEST PART ABOUT FSU
Having great teammates



THE FERRIS STATE "BULLDOG"

The "Bulldogs" have been Ferris State University's official mascot since 1930, when the name was applied to the Ferris Institute basketball team.

At the time, an unknown sportswriter became impressed by the way coach Bill McElwain's chargers were winning close games with defense (even recording a shutout once). He described the stingy defense as "hanging on like a bulldog." During an eight-game winning streak for the 1930 squad, Ferris held the opposition to an average of 17.1 points per game. Then he began referring to the team as the "Bulldogs." The nickname stuck and has been used ever since.

The logo was re-designed in 1979 by former FSU graphic artist Terry Davenport, son of former Bulldog Athletics Director Dean Davenport.

