



## AMONG THE BEST

### FSU Posts Nation's Second-Best GPA

The Ferris State women's basketball team has achieved success in more ways than one under sixth-year head coach **Tracey Fisk**.

The 2002-03 Bulldog squad was honored for having the nation's second-highest (tie) cumulative grade point average in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division II Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll list.

The Bulldogs, who placed among the top 25 teams for the fourth consecutive season, compiled a 3.604 grade point average in 2002-03 and shared runner-up kudos with Dowling (N.Y.). Nebraska-Kearney posted a 3.723 team gpa en route to receiving first-place accolades.

Ferris State was one of two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)-member institutions ranking in the top 25 along with Ashland, which placed 15th (3.449). The Bulldogs, who previously compiled the nation's highest gpa (3.534) in 1999-00, also finished 21st (3.313) in 2001-02 and were 20th (3.388) for the 2000-01 academic year. Ferris' 3.604 gpa in 2002-03 represented the fifth-best figure among teams from both the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Divisions I, II and III levels along with those representing National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) schools.

The WBCA Top 25 Team Honor Roll list annually recognizes the nation's highest NCAA Divisions I, II, III, junior/community colleges and NAIA academic team programs based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member head coaches. The gpa's were calculated by dividing the total number of quality points earned by each student-athlete on an institution's squad list in the given academic term by the total number of hours earned by the team. They were then rounded to the nearest thousandth of a point.

Based out of Georgia, the WBCA has over 4,500 members and was conceived as a vehicle through which members could be recognized and honored for their efforts and achievements. Founded in 1981, the WBCA promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop and promote the development of the game in all aspects as a sport.

Seven Bulldog players were honored individually as 2002-03 GLIAC Women's Basketball All-Academic Team selections. They included junior forward Stephanie Benaar, junior guard Lucy DeMartin, sophomore forward Sarah Duesing, junior center Bridget Horwitz, senior forward Patti Larson, sophomore forward Molly Potvin and sophomore guard Kari Searles.

### Pre-Season All-America Pick

#### FERRIS' LUCY DEMARTIN SELECTED TO TEAM

Senior guard **Lucy DeMartin (Mason)** has been named to the 2003-04 *Women's Division II Bulletin* Preseason Super 16 All-America Team as announced by the publication.

DeMartin, a 2002-03 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-Great Lakes Region First-Team selection, was also chosen as the publication's pre-season Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Year. She was among two individuals from the Great Lakes Region receiving preseason All-America accolades along with Lyndsey Neal from Bellarmine (Ky.). The publication serves as a monthly newsletter for Division II women's basketball.

DeMartin's team-leading 20.2 points per game scoring average last season ranked first among the school's all-time leaders and placed second in the GLIAC's overall statistical rankings. The two-time (2002-03) GLIAC All-Academic Team pick compiled a school-record 525 points while earning 2002-03 Verizon Academic All-District IV College Division Women's Basketball First Team accolades.

The 2002-03 FSU Most Valuable Player Award recipient posted 26 double-figure scoring outings, including 13 20-plus point performances en route to claiming All-GLIAC North Division First-Team honors last campaign.



The 2003-04 Bulldogs (above) will attempt to top last season both in the classroom and on the floor.

NCAA Division II  
Great Lakes Region  
Tournament  
1999-2000

NCAA-II's Highest  
Team Grade Point  
Average  
1999-2000

GLIAC Tournament  
Quarterfinalists  
2000-2003

WBCA Division II  
Team Academic  
Top 25 Honor Roll  
1999-2003

GLIAC Tournament  
Runner-Up  
1999-2000

