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FERRIS STATE'S DAVE ZUIDERVEEN TO PLAY IN THE CACTUS BOWL ALL-STAR GAME

Bulldog Lineman Among NCAA Division II's Top 80 Seniors To Be Featured in The Televised Gridiron Contest

Big Rapids, Mich. – Senior defensive end **Dave Zuiderveen (Kalamazoo/Christian)**, a member of the 2000 Ferris State University football team, will be participating in this Friday's (Jan. 12) eighth annual Whataburger Cactus Bowl All-Star Game to be held at Texas A&M University-Kingsville's Javelina Stadium in Kingsville, Texas. Opening kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. (EST).

The Cactus Bowl, formerly known as the Snow Bowl and played in Fargo, N.D., will feature a matchup of the top 80 NCAA Division II football players in the nation. The contest will feature an East/West Team format comprised of the best Division II seniors in the country. The Shriners Hospitals for Children has been named as the designated charity for the Cactus Bowl. Proceeds from the game will go to the Shriners' 22 children's hospitals throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada. The Friday night game will be televised by FOX Sports Southwest and covered by the FOX Sports Network nationally.

Zuiderveen, who recently was named a 2000 third-team All-American by *Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette*, is one of 40 senior standouts on the East All-Star Team. The squad features seven representatives from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) – Northwood cornerback Matt Jackson, linebacker Abdallah Wiggins of Grand Valley State, wide receiver Brian Dolph and punter Jeff Griffis of Saginaw Valley State, Wayne State tight end Houston Julian and tight end Max Lind of Ashland. The East Team will be coached by John Perry, former head coach at Lenoir Rhyne (N.C.) and Presbyterian (S.C.) College

Zuiderveen was tabbed a 2000 Daktronics All-America Second-Team selection after attaining All-GLIAC honors on defense this season. He finished this season with a personal season-best 76 total tackles (46 solos) which ranked fifth highest on the team. Zuiderveen, who was a co-recipient of the team's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award this season, recorded 22 tackles for loss (-77 yards) to go along with 11.5 quarterback sacks (-53 yards) this campaign. He ranked second among the final GLIAC leaders in both tackles for loss and quarterback sacks this fall.

In the final 2000 NCAA Division II rankings, Zuiderveen finished in a three-way tie for seventh place in quarterback sacks (1.05 avg.) and ranked 12th with three others in tackles for loss (2.00 avg.).

Zuiderveen registered 171 total tackles (97 solos) in 34 games during his four-year Bulldog career, including 46 tackles for a loss of 181 yards. He compiled 23.5 career quarterback sacks for minus 132 yards to go along with three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles and a pass deflection.

Ferris State finished the 2000 campaign with a 5-6 overall record, which included a 5-5 GLIAC mark (fifth-place tie).

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