

HEAD COACH NEATHAN GIBSON



Neathan Gibson enters his second year of directing the Ferris State women's soccer program and his first without the interim title after being named the school's permanent head coach on Jan. 29, 2007.

Gibson directed the Bulldogs to a 7-11 overall mark along with a fifth-place 3-5 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) finish in 2006 after serving in an interim capacity prior to the season's start. Ferris' seven victories tied for the sixth-highest seasonal total in school history while the squad's 120 total points and 46 goals both represented the highest single-season production in the program's eight-year history.

Prior to his stint as interim coach, Gibson worked as the director of coaching and player development for the Grand Valley Soccer Club based in Kentwood, Mich. While with the organization, Gibson held various head coaching duties and led the program's under 17 girls squad to both a Midwest Divisional Championship and Midwest Regional League First Division title in 2005. The club won three state cup boys championships during the 2005 campaign. Gibson also paired with current Central Michigan women's soccer head coach Tony DiTucci to guide an Olympic Development Program (ODP) team to a regional championship and national tournament berth.

Besides working with the Grand Valley Soccer Club, Gibson also ran his own professional soccer training company, Instinct 4 Goal. The company, which was established in 2004, helped players achieve success both on and off the soccer field.

Gibson was the head coach for the West Michigan Edge, a Premier Development League (PDL) squad in the United Soccer League (USL), from November 2003 to November 2004. His duties with the Edge included working as the camp and clinic director, serving as the director of coaching and player development along with responsibilities involving housing and recruiting players.

During his career, Gibson has earned both United States Soccer Federation (USSF) "A" and "B" Coaching Licenses. From February 2002 to November 2003, Gibson was involved in various capacities with the Des Moines (Iowa) Menace organization in the PDL. He was a player, assistant coach, academy coach, camp and clinic director as well as the group's Assistant Academy Technical Director during his tenure.

As a player, Gibson signed his first professional indoor soccer contract with the San Jose Grizzlies of the Continental Indoor Soccer League (CISL) in 1994. He also played outdoors in Malaysia with the Football Association of Sarawak (FAS), which finished as the Malaysian Cup Runner-up in 1995 and 1996. He was recognized as the top league cup goal scorer for Albirex Niigata in Japan during the 1997-98 season as the squad gained a promotion to the league's second division (J2 League). Gibson also played in the Swedish Premier League for IFK Norrkoping in 1997.

From 1998 to 2000, Gibson played two years in the Finnish Premier League for Myllykosken Pallo-47 where he finished second and fifth, respectively, among the league's goal-scoring leaders. His squad earned bronze medals for finishing third in the league both years and qualified for the 2000 InterToto Cup against Xamax from Switzerland as Gibson set a new club single-season goal scoring record with 20 markers. Gibson's playing background also includes time with Major League Soccer's (MLS) Colorado Rapids and the USL's Rochester Raging Rhinos in 2001. The Rhinos won the 2001 USL A-League Championship. Gibson coached youth boys and girls squads overseas in both Finland and Japan during his playing career.

Gibson graduated in May 1994 from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., with a bachelor's degree in business administration and an accounting major. During his collegiate playing career for the Knights, Gibson was a first-team National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American and claimed Most Valuable Player Award laurels in the 1994 National Collegiate Senior Bowl. He also helped lead Lynn to a NAIA National Championship in 1991.

FERRIS STATE ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

NAME	YEARS	OVERALL				GLIAC			
		WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.	WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.
Pete Watkins (1999-02)	4	23	36	0	.389	10	23	4	.324
Melissa Lalonde (2003-05)	3	31	21	2	.593	13	11	0	.542
Neathan Gibson (2006-)	1	7	11	0	.389	3	5	0	.375

GIBSON YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

SEASON	MP	W	L	T	Pct.
2006	18	7	11	0	.389
TOTALS	18	7	11	0	.389

GIBSON'S RECORD BY OPPONENT (2007 OPPONENTS IN BOLD>)

OPPONENT	W	L	T	OPPONENT	W	L	T	OPPONENT	W	L	T
Ashland (Ohio)	1	0	0	Grand Valley State	0	1	0	Saginaw Valley State	0	1	0
Calvin (Mich.)	0	1	0	Hope (Mich.)	0	1	0	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	0	1	0
Charleston (W.Va.)	1	0	0	Indianapolis	0	1	0	Southern Indiana	1	0	0
Concord (W.Va.)	1	0	0	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	0	1	0	Tiffin (Ohio)	0	1	0
Findlay (Ohio)	1	0	0	Northern Michigan	0	1	0	Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.)	1	0	0
Gannon (Pa.)	0	1	0	Northwood (Mich.)	1	0	0	TOTALS	7	11	0
				Quincy (Ill.)	0	1	0	vs. GLIAC (ALL MATCHES)	3	5	0

ASSISTANT COACH CARLA GILBERTSON



Carla Gilbertson is in her first season as an assistant coach with the Ferris State women's soccer team and will oversee the Bulldogs' goalies during the 2007 season.

Gilbertson will also assist head coach Neathan Gibson with day-to-day duties for the program.

A four-year (2003-06) letterwinner at Ferris State, Gilbertson finished her career as the Bulldogs' all-time leader in both career saves (365) and victories (32). She also ranks second among the program's career leaders in shutouts (seven), third in saves per games (5.21), fifth in goals-against average (2.04), and eighth in save percentage (.743).

A native of Waunakee, Wis., Gilbertson posted a 32-30-1 career mark with a 2.04 goals-against average (126 goals allowed) in 5554:04 minutes during her 70 career outings. Gilbertson registered a career single-season high nine victories apiece in both the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

Prior to FSU, Gilbertson served as starting goaltender at Waunakee High School.