

# FERRIS STATE DIAMOND DAWGS

## HEAD COACH KERI BECKER



If building a winner is supposed to take time, then Ferris State University sixth-year head coach Keri Becker has exceeded virtually everyone's expectations but her own.

As with any competitive individual, Becker has experienced success in a relatively short period of time at Ferris State but has aspirations of attaining even more significant goals.

The all-time winningest coach in FSU softball program's history, Becker has quickly developed the Bulldogs into a competitive program on an annual basis and a legitimate contender for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title. In those five years at Ferris, Becker has led the Bulldogs to a conference title, a pair of NCAA Regional championships and their three best seasons in the program's history.

Prior to last season's rebuilding year, Ferris concluded the 2000 season at 33-18 overall while guiding the Bulldogs to the GLIAC's overall championship title for the first time since 1982. The previous campaign, Ferris set a team single-season record for victories (46) and captured its second straight NCAA Great Lakes Regional Title. The Bulldogs were regional qualifiers after winning the GLIAC Tournament title.

Following its first-ever regional title in 1998, Becker's team finished third at the NCAA National Championships in Pensacola, Fla., while making Ferris State's first appearance in the NCAA Playoffs since 1982. The team's third-place finish represented the best ever for a FSU women's sports program.

Becker made quite an impression in her first season ever as head coach. After taking over a team which was nine games under the .500 mark in 1996, Becker guided FSU to a then school-record 40 wins and a second-place tie in the GLIAC's final standings. Her efforts as a first-year head coach resulted in being named the 1997 GLIAC Coach-of-the-Year.

Prior to Ferris, Becker had served two seasons (1995-96) as an assistant coach at her alma mater Saginaw Valley State University. At SVSU, Becker was involved in conditioning, scouting, practice scheduling, recruiting, fundraising, budget management and academic advising. She was also SVSU's Intramural Sports Coordinator, which primarily involved the planning and implementation of activities for the University's intramural sports program.

Becker assumed a coaching position with her alma mater after a stellar playing career at SVSU in which the four-year starter was a four-time all-conference first-team honoree and a two-time academic all-league selection. She received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from SVSU in 1995 and is presently working toward a master's degree in sports administration at Central Michigan University.

The Saginaw, Mich., native landed a softball scholarship to Saginaw Valley State after concluding a notable prep athletic career at Sanford-Meridian High School in Sanford, Mich. An all-state and four-time all-conference pick in softball, Becker played an integral role in helping the Mustangs capture the 1987 state Class B title under coach Gary Edwards. A four-year starter at SMHS, she held at one time seven school batting records, including most hits, home runs and RBI, and four pitching records, including most wins and lowest earned run average. Becker competed in basketball three years, attaining all-conference and all-area laurels.

Becker is a member of the National Faspitch Coaches Association (NFCA) and serves on the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region Ranking Committee.

A resident of Howard City, Mich., Becker lists downhill skiing, weight training and conditioning as her interests. She is a United States Army Reserve veteran and held the rank of sergeant.

The 29-year old Becker is in her second year as the compliance coordinator in Ferris State's Athletics Department after assuming those duties in September 2000.

### BECKER BY OPPONENT

OPPONENT	W	L
American International (Mass.)	0	2
Albion	2	0
Alma	3	0
<b>Aquinas</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
Assumption (Mass.)	1	0
<b>Ashland</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>
Barry (Fla.)	0	2
<b>Bloomsburg (Pa.)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>California (Pa.)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
California State-Bakersfield	1	0
<b>Calvin</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Central Missouri State	1	0
Central Oklahoma	1	0
Concordia (Minn.)	0	1
Delta State (Miss.)	1	1
Dowling (N.Y.)	1	0
Eckerd (Fla.)	1	0
<b>Findlay</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
Florida Southern	1	0
<b>Gannon</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Grand Valley St.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Hillsdale</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
Hope	0	2
Holy Family (Pa.)	1	0
Humboldt State (Calif.)	0	1
Indiana (Pa.)	1	2
Indianapolis	2	0
IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	1	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	2	1
<b>Lake Superior State</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>
La Salle (Pa.)	1	0
Lewis (Ill.)	2	6
Lock Haven (Pa.)	3	1
Longwood (Va.)	0	1
Madonna (Mich.)	1	0
<b>Mercyhurst</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Merrimack (Mass.)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Minnesota State, Mankato</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Monmouth (N.J.)	0	1
New Haven (Conn.)	1	0
North Alabama	1	0
North Dakota State	1	1
<b>Northern Kentucky</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Northwest Missouri State	1	0
<b>Northwood</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>
Quincy (Ill.)	3	1
Rollins (Fla.)	1	0
<b>Saginaw Valley State</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>St. Leo (Fla.)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
St. Anselm (N.H.)	0	1
St. Cloud State (Minn.)	1	0
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	2	1
St. Mary's (Mich.)	1	0
<b>Shippensburg (Pa.)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Southern Illinois -Edwardsville	1	3
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Southern Indiana	2	3
<b>Southwest State (Minn.)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Stonehill (Mass.)	2	0
Texas Woman's	0	1
Truman State (Mo.)	0	2
Valdosta (Ga.)	2	0
Villanova (Pa.)	0	1
<b>Wayne State (Mich.)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>
West Chester (Pa.)	1	0
West Florida	0	1
Western Michigan	1	1
Westminster	3	0
Wisconsin-Parkside	2	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>96</b>

vs. GLIAC (ALL GAMES)	113	45
GLIAC TOURNAMENT	14	7
NCAA TOURNAMENT	9	5

2002 Opponents in Bold

### BECKER YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

YEAR	GAMES	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			CONFERENCE FINISH	
		WON	LOST	PCT.	WON	LOST	PCT.	PLACE	TOURNEY
1997	60	40	20	.667	13	4	.764	2nd	4th
1998	61	44	17	.721	15	5	.750	2nd	2nd
1999	64	46	18	.719	13	6	.684	4thT	1st
2000	51	33	18	.647	16	4	.800	2nd	1st
2001	45	22	23	.489	13	7	.650	7th	7thT
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>.658</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>.729</b>		

