



ASSISTANT COACHES/ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS



LESA BICKLEY

Lesa Bickley begins her seventh season in 2009 as an assistant on the Ferris State softball coaching staff and will continue to oversee the Bulldogs' pitching corps.

Bickley was part of Ferris State's 2008 coaching staff which was recognized as the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA)/NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region Coaching Staff of the Year.



In the 2003 season, Bickley along with former FSU assistant Chad Haberland served as interim co-head coaches as a result of head coach Keri Becker being called to active military service before the start of the spring season.

A volunteer assistant at Ferris State in 2002, Bickley is certainly no stranger to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) after having served as head coach at the University of Findlay (Ohio) for three seasons (1998-00). While at UF, Bickley compiled a 64-64-1 coaching record and guided the Oilers to a 21-16-0 overall record in her final year. In 1999, she coached Findlay to the NAIA Independent Great Lakes Region sectional tournament title as the Oilers made a regional tourney appearance.

Prior to Findlay, Bickley was head softball coach at New Riegel (Ohio) High School (1995-97) where her teams won three sectional championships along with a district and regional title in 1996.

A four-year letterwinner in softball at Ashland (Ohio) University, Bickley earned All-Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) honors and was the conference's pitcher of the year as a junior. She also was a two-time all-region selection and was recognized as an Academic All-American.

Bickley, who graduated from Ashland in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in education, is currently working towards the completion of a Masters of Education degree.



DAWN THOMPSON

Dawn Thompson, who served the last eight (2000-08) seasons as the head varsity softball coach at Big Rapids (Mich.) High School, will begin her first year in 2009 season as an assistant on the Ferris State University softball coaching staff. Thompson began her responsibilities at Ferris State in September 2008 during the fall exhibition season.



Prior her arrival at Ferris State, Thompson directed the Big Rapids Varsity Softball team to three conference championships and two district titles during her eight-year career. In 2008, she was recognized by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association (MHSSCA) for surpassing 200 career victories. Since 2000, Thompson has been the head coach of the BRHS' varsity girls basketball program and was responsible for guiding the Cardinals to three league titles and a one district crown.

The Howard City, Mich., native began her coaching career in 1999 in which she served as the junior varsity softball head coach at her alma mater Tri-County High School in Howard City, Mich., and also was an assistant coach of the Big Rapids' varsity girls basketball team.

As a collegian at Central Michigan University, Thompson was an All-Mid American Conference (MAC) Second-Team selection at third base in 1998 after earning all-conference honorable mention plaudits in 1997 under head coach Margo Jonker. A two-time (1997 and 1998) MAC All-Academic Team honoree, Thompson was a member of two (1995 and 1998) Mid-American Conference Championship Teams while playing for the Chippewas. A three-year (1996-98) letterwinner at Central Michigan, Thompson holds the distinction of being the inaugural recipient of the CMU softball program's Beth Pawlak Memorial Award for dedication, leadership, hard work, and positive attitude.

Thompson received her bachelor's degree from Central Michigan in 1999 and would earn a Master's Degree in educational leadership from Grand Valley State University in 2005.

A 1994 graduate of Tri-County High School, Thompson attained All-Newaygo County Athletic Association, all-district, and all-regional softball accolades in each of her last three (1992-94) prep campaigns. She twice (1992 and 1994) was recognized as a honorable mention all-state pick while garnering all-area kudos three consecutive seasons (1992-94). Thompson, a three-year prep varsity softball letterwinner for the Vikings, was a 1994 West Michigan All-Area First-Team selection. In basketball, she was chosen twice (1992 and 1993) as an all-conference performer and tabbed as an all-area honoree three times (1991-93). Thompson was a second-team West Michigan All-Area pick on the hardwood as a senior in the 1993 season. She received three varsity letters in basketball and two in volleyball at TCHS.

The daughter of Michael and Laura Thompson of Howard City, Dawn has two brothers and two sisters. She resides in Big Rapids, Mich.



ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

NAME (SEASONS)	YEARS	GAMES	WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.
Carolyn Gibfried (1973-74)	2	21	7	14	0	.333
Monica Folske (1975-81)	8	198	111	87	0	.561
Carol Hutchins (1982)	1	34	23	11	0	.676
Pat Dolan (1984-88)	5	133	55	78	0	.414
Tom Kirinovic*/						
Mary Wojcik* (1989)	1	32	17	15	0	.531
Sue Dilsworth (1990-95)	6	241	101	139	1	.421
Kevin "Bo" Kuntz (1996)	1	59	25	34	0	.424
Keri Becker (1997-present)	11	576	348	227	1	.605
Lesa Bickley*/						
Chad Haberland* (2003)	1	48	18	29	1	.385

* - Interim coach



YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

YEAR	RECORD	GLIAC RECORD	FINISH	HEAD COACH
1973	3-7	—	—	Carolyn Gibfried
1974	4-7	—	—	Carolyn Gibfried
1975	6-11	—	—	Monica Folske
1976	7-12	4-8	3rd	Monica Folske
1977	10-11	5-7	3rd	Monica Folske
1978	11-10	3-5	4th	Monica Folske
1979	14-6	7-3	2nd	Monica Folske
1980	26-8☆	8-2	2nd	Monica Folske
1981	23-16☆	6-4	3rd	Monica Folske
1982	23-11★	10-0	1st	Carol Hutchins
1983	14-13	8-4	2nd	Monica Folske
1984	14-16	6-6	4th	Pat Dolan
1985	12-13	5-7	4th❖	Pat Dolan
1986	12-17	5-6	4th❖	Pat Dolan
1987	9-15	1-9	7th❖	Pat Dolan
1988	8-17	5-8	T3rd❖	Pat Dolan
1989	17-15	4-11	5th❖	Tom Kirinovic*/ Mary Wojcik*
1990	14-21	2-8	5th❖	Sue Dilsworth
1991	10-27	1-9	T5th❖	Sue Dilsworth
1992	8-20-1	4-6	5th❖	Sue Dilsworth
1993	11-28	1-9	6th❖	Sue Dilsworth
1994	28-26	9-9	5th❖	Sue Dilsworth
1995	30-17	8-10	6th❖	Sue Dilsworth
1996	25-34	6-12	5th❖	Kevin "Bo" Kuntz
1997	40-20	13-4	T2nd❖	Keri Becker
1998	44-17★	15-5	2nd❖	Keri Becker
1999	46-18★	13-6	2nd❖	Keri Becker
2000	33-18	16-4	1st❖	Keri Becker
2001	22-23	13-7	7th❖	Keri Becker
2002	16-29	7-13	6th❖	Keri Becker
2003	18-29-1	6-10	10th❖	Lesa Bickley*/ Chad Haberland*
2004	24-21-1	14-6	3rd	Keri Becker
2005	31-20-0★	13-7	1stT❖	Keri Becker
2006	26-26-0	10-10	7thT❖	Keri Becker
2007	31-17-0	14-6	4th❖	Keri Becker
2008	35-18-0	16-4	3rd❖	Keri Becker
TOTALS	705-634-3	258-225		

☆ - Qualified for AIAW National Tournament

★ - Qualified for NCAA Division II Tournament

* - Interim Coach

❖ - Placings decided by tournament and regular-season results

