

**HEAD COACH KERI BECKER**



**K**eri Becker begins her 12th year in the 2009 season as head coach at Ferris State University and has molded the Bulldog softball program into a highly-respectful competitive one both at the conference, regional, and national level.

This past season's success was a testament to Becker's coaching as she directed FSU to a NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Championship and a NCAA-II Softball Championships National Tournament appearance. The Bulldogs also were regular season co-champions of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) and through her efforts, Becker was tabbed as the "Michael J. Corbett" GLIAC Coach of the Year for the third time in her coaching career.

As with any highly-competitive individual, Becker experienced success in a relatively short period of time at Ferris State. But, despite facing adversity the past few years, she has aspirations of attaining even more significant goals in the future.

Adversity makes the drive to succeed that much greater and Becker has experienced her share of adversity both on and off the field. She was called to active United States Army duty in late February 2003 in support of Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and subsequently missed the entire 2003 softball campaign. On Feb. 20, 2003, Becker's travels started with refresher military training at Ft. Leonardwood, Mo., and eventually landed her at Camp As Sayliyah in Doha, Qatar. She served a six-month stint there before returning to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. to complete her tour of duty.

"Like many coaches, I've faced my share of adversity when it comes to winning," said Becker. "While this may create frustration for some, it only has driven me to work harder in finding different ways to prepare, train and inspire my players. I stress to my players the importance of keeping winning and losing in perspective and coaching is no different."

Ferris State's recent success occurred just this past season as the Bulldogs received a NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament bid and was victorious in their first two post-season tourney contests. Under Becker, Ferris State experienced a high-level of success in the 2000 season when the Bulldogs posted a 33-18 overall mark and claimed the GLIAC Championship title for the first time since 1982. The previous campaign (1999), Ferris set a team single-season record with 46 victories and captured its second straight Great Lakes Regional title.

Following its first-ever regional title in 1998, Becker's team placed third at the NCAA-II Championships in Pensacola, Fla. The placing marked the highest national finish ever for a Ferris women's athletics team at the time.

In her 11 seasons at Ferris State, Becker has the distinction of being the program's all-time winningest coach with a 348-227-1 career record (.605 winning pct.) as the Bulldogs have averaged over 31 victories per season during her coaching career. Furthermore, Becker has directed Ferris State to an overall conference title (2000), three (1999, 2000, and 2005) GLIAC Tournament titles, three (1998, 1999, 2008) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Championship crowns and the three (1997-99) most successful seasons in the program's history. She made her first season as head coach a memorable one by being selected as the 1997 GLIAC Coach of the Year.

Prior to the 2009 season, Becker ranked 50th among the NCAA-II's active coaches in both winning percentage (.605) and victories (348).

Before her arrival to Ferris, Becker served two seasons (1995-96) as an assistant coach at Saginaw Valley State University. As a student-athlete at SVSU, Becker enjoyed a stellar softball career for the Cardinals in which she received all-conference first-team honor four straight seasons and was a two-time academic all-league selection as a four-year starter.

Becker attained her 100th career win in 1999 (March 27) with a 14-5 five-inning win over Wayne State at the Wayne State Invitational and then claimed her 200th coaching victory in 2002 (April 10) as a result of a 15-1 five-inning home league triumph versus Lake Superior State. Becker notched her 300th career coaching win on April 16, 2007 in a 10-2 conference home decision against Ashland.

The Sanford, Mich., native received a softball scholarship to SVSU after concluding a notable prep athletics 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 presently holds 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 serves as a member of the National Championship Softball Committee and is chair of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Ranking Committee. She also holds membership in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA).

A resident of Howard City, Mich., Becker also serves as the Ferris State Athletics Department's Compliance Coordinator, Senior Women's Administrator, and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) advisor. Her interests include downhill skiing, boating and playing with her beloved dogs – McKenzie, a Labrador Retriever, and Gabby, a Husky. Prior to being called to active duty, Becker served eight years (1992-00) in the United States Army Reserve and held the rank of sergeant.

## By The Numbers

Winning Seasons: 8

Consecutive Winning Seasons: 5

NCAA Postseason Appearances: 5

NCAA Championship Appearances: 3

NCAA Regional Titles: 3

GLIAC Overall Champion Titles: 1

GLIAC Overall Co-Champion Titles: 1

GLIAC Tourney Championship Titles: 3

NFCA All-Americans: 3

Daktronics, Inc. All-Americans: 1

NFCA Scholar-Athletes: 39

GLIAC Player of the Year: 1

All-GLIAC Conference: 51

GLIAC All-Academic: 84

**1997 GLIAC Coach of The Year**

**2003 GLIAC Coach of The Year**

**2008 GLIAC Coach of The Year**

**2008 NFCA Division II Great Lakes Region Coaching Staff of The Year**



### BECKER YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

YEAR	GAMES	OVERALL				CONFERENCE			CONFERENCE FINISH	
		WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.	WON	LOST	PCT.	PLACE	TOURNEY
1997	60	40	20	0	.667	13	4	.764	2nd	4th
1998	61	44	17	0	.721	15	5	.750	2nd	2nd
1999	64	46	18	0	.719	13	6	.684	4thT	1st
2000	51	33	18	0	.647	16	4	.800	2nd	1st
2001	45	22	23	0	.489	13	7	.650	7th	7thT
2002	45	16	29	0	.356	7	13	.350	9th	4th
2003	* Leave of absence due to military comittment									
2004	46	24	21	1	.533	14	6	.700	3rd	—
2005	51	31	20	0	.608	13	7	.650	1stT	1st
2006	52	26	26	0	.500	10	10	.500	7thT	7thT
2007	48	31	17	0	.646	14	6	.700	2nd	5thT
2008	53	35	18	0	.660	16	4	.800	1stT	3rd
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.605</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>.667</b>		



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### BECKER BY OPPONENT

OPPONENT	W	L	T	OPPONENT	W	L	T	OPPONENT	W	L	T
Adelphi (N.Y.)	1	0	0	Francis Marion (S.C.)	1	0	0	Nebraska-Omaha	0	2	0
American International (Mass.)	0	4	0	<b>Gannon</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	New Haven (Conn.)	3	0	0
Albion	2	0	0	Georgian Court (N.J.)	1	0	0	North Alabama	1	0	0
Alma	3	0	0	<b>Grand Valley State</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	North Dakota State	1	1	0
Aquinas	17	3	0	<b>Hillsdale</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	North Florida	1	1	0
Assumption (Mass.)	1	0	0	Hope	0	2	0	<b>Northern Kentucky</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ashland</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	Holy Family (Pa.)	1	0	0	<b>Northern State (S.D.)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Barry (Fla.)	0	2	0	Humboldt State (Calif.)	0	1	0	Northwest Missouri State	1	0	0
Bellarmine (Ky.)	2	0	0	Indiana (Pa.)	1	2	0	<b>Northwood (Mich.)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>
Bloomsburg (Pa.)	1	2	0	<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	Nova Southeastern (Fla.)	0	1	0
California (Pa.)	3	6	0	IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	1	0	0	Pfeiffer (N.C.)	1	0	0
California State-Bakersfield	1	0	0	Kentucky Wesleyan	2	2	0	Philadelphia (Pa.)	1	0	0
Calvin	5	1	0	<b>Lake Superior State</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Quincy (Ill.)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
C.W. Post (N.Y.)	1	1	0	La Salle (Pa.)	1	0	0	Rollins (Fla.)	1	0	0
Central Missouri	2	1	0	Lewis (Ill.)	4	8	0	<b>Saginaw Valley State</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
Central Oklahoma	1	0	0	Lock Haven (Pa.)	3	1	0	Saint Rose (N.Y.)	2	0	0
Clarion (Pa.)	0	0	0	Longwood (Va.)	0	1	0	St. Anselm (N.H.)	0	1	0
<b>Concordia (Minn.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	Madonna (Mich.)	1	0	0	<b>St. Cloud State (Minn.)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cornerstone</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Mercyhurst</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	St. Edward's (Texas)	0	1	0
Delta State (Miss.)	1	1	0	Merrimack (Mass.)	1	3	0	St. Francis (Ill.)	1	0	0
Dowling (N.Y.)	2	2	0	<b>Minnesota Duluth</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	St. Joseph's (Ind.)	4	4	0
East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	0	3	0	Minnesota State	1	2	0	St. Leo (Fla.)	1	2	0
Eckerd (Fla.)	1	0	0	Minnesota State-Moorhead	1	0	0	St. Mary's (Mich.)	1	0	0
<b>Fayetteville State (N.C.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Missouri S&amp;T</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	St. Xavier (Ill.)	1	1	0
<b>Findlay</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	Missouri-St. Louis	0	1	0	Shippensburg (Pa.)	3	4	0
Florida Southern	1	1	0	Missouri Western State	0	1	0	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	2	7	0
Florida Tech	0	1	1	Molloy (N.Y.)	1	0	0	South Dakota	5	2	0
				Monmouth (N.J.)	0	1	0	<b>Southern Indiana</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
								Southwest State (Minn.)	1	1	0
								<b>Stonehill (Mass.)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
								Texas Woman's	0	1	0
								<b>Tiffin (Ohio)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
								Truman State (Mo.)	0	3	0
								<b>Upper Iowa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
								Valdosta (Ga.)	2	0	0
								Villanova (Pa.)	0	1	0
								<b>Wayne State (Mich.)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>
								Wayne State (Neb.)	1	0	0
								West Chester (Pa.)	1	0	0
								West Florida	0	1	0
								West Liberty State (W.Va.)	0	0	0
								West Virginia Wesleyan	1	2	0
								Western Michigan	1	1	0
								Westminster	3	0	0
								<b>Wisconsin-Parkside</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
								<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1</b>
								<b>vs. GLIAC (ALL GAMES)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>
								<b>GLIAC TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>
								<b>NCAA TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>

2009 Opponents in Bold

## BECKER ERA POSTSEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**1998**

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY (THIRD)  
NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

**1999**

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY (SIXTH)  
NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS  
GLIAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

**2000**

GLIAC OVERALL CHAMPIONS  
GLIAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

**2005**

NCAA REGIONAL PARTICIPANT  
GLIAC OVERALL CO-CHAMPIONS  
GLIAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

**2007**

NCAA REGIONAL PARTICIPANT

**2008**

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY (TIED FIFTH)  
NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS  
GLIAC REGULAR SEASON CO-CHAMPIONS



Keri Becker, pictured with her mother, Carlene, was honored for her 300th career coaching victory at Ferris State which was attained on April 16, 2007, with a 10-2 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) home decision over Ashland. Becker holds the distinction of being the program's all-time winningest coach.



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