

FERRIS STATE VOLLEYBALL

HEAD COACH TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM



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Head Coach ♦ 13th Season
(Alma, 1990)



Tia Brandel-Wilhelm and the Ferris State University women's volleyball program are deeply intertwined as the Bulldog head coach embarks on her 13th year at FSU in the 2008 season.

Since becoming the program's fifth head coach in June 1996, Brandel-Wilhelm has resurrected the program by guiding the Bulldogs to five NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances, which includes four of the last six years.

Success and Brandel-Wilhelm have become synonymous as the 2007 Ferris State squad recorded the program's 10th consecutive winning campaign as Bulldogs reached double-digits in victories for the 27th consecutive year with a 20-10 overall record.

In 2004, Ferris State claimed its ninth Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship after winning the league's annual post-season tournament for the first-time ever.

FSU also reached the NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament under Brandel-Wilhelm in 2002. During the 1999 campaign (Nov. 5), Brandel-Wilhelm registered her 200th career coaching victory in the Bulldogs' 3-1 home league win over Grand Valley State. Ferris also finished runner-up at the GLIAC Tournament for the third time in the Brandel-Wilhelm era during the 2001 season. She notched her 300th all-time victory in 2004 and enters the 2008 season ranked 22nd nationally in winning percentage among Division II active coaches with a 371-145 (.719) career mark in 15 seasons as a collegiate head coach. Her 371 career wins also represents a tie for 22nd place on the Division II active coaches total victories list.

Through her hard work and dedication, Brandel-Wilhelm continues to earn her place among the nation's most respected collegiate coaches. Faced with the task of rebuilding the Bulldogs' tradition-rich program in her first season, Brandel-Wilhelm proceeded to direct the Bulldogs to a 19-12 overall record and a top 25 national ranking. In the last eight seasons, Brandel-Wilhelm has coached Ferris State to an impressive 199-86 overall record (.698). She was voted as the GLIAC's Coach-of-the-Year for the second time in 2002 by her peers after leading Ferris to a second-place finish in the league's North Division.

Brandel-Wilhelm's resume demonstrates a penchant for winning. Prior to joining FSU, she served as head coach for three seasons (1993-95) at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W. Va. Under Brandel-Wilhelm's tutelage, the Bobcats racked up a 118-20 overall record, captured three West Virginia

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and regional titles, made two NAIA national tournament appearances, and placed fifth at the 1995 NCAA Division II Championships.

Brandel-Wilhelm left WVWC with an active streak of 80 conference victories. In 1993, she was selected WVIAC and NAIA Mid-South Region Coach-of-the-Year after guiding her team to an impressive 40-11 overall mark in her initial campaign.

Prior to being named head coach at WVWC, Brandel-Wilhelm served as an assistant coach for one season and a graduate assistant for two. She also assisted with West Virginia Wesleyan's track and softball teams.

She earned a master's in business administration from WVWC after receiving her undergraduate degree in business administration and psychology from Alma (Mich.) College in 1990.

Brandel-Wilhelm, who competed in both volleyball and track at Alma, was an all-conference first-team scholar athlete. While attending Alma, she coached volleyball for two years at Alma (Mich.) High School.

A native of Whitehall, Mich., Brandel-Wilhelm presently serves as Ferris State's senior women's administrator and is accredited as a level II coach by the United States Volleyball Association. Brandel-Wilhelm, who is a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), also holds positions on the NCAA National Volleyball and AVCA Division II Volleyball Coaches Committees.

Brandel-Wilhelm is married to Dale Wilhelm and resides in Big Rapids along with her daughter, Ivie, and stepson, Allen. The newest addition to the family is Isaac, who was born July 16, 2007.



COACHING ACCOLADES

- ♦ 2002 GLIAC Coach of the Year
- ♦ 1998 GLIAC Coach of the Year
- ♦ Posted her 300th career victory in the 2004 season
- ♦ Ranks 22nd among NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball active coaches in winning percentage (.719)
- ♦ Ranks tied for 22nd among NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball active coaches in career victories (371)
- ♦ 14 winning seasons in 15 years
- ♦ 12 seasons of 20 or more victories
- ♦ Six seasons of 25 or more victories
- ♦ Captured 2004 GLIAC Championship title by winning conference tournament
- ♦ Placed fifth at the 1995 NCAA Division II Championships
- ♦ 1993 WVIAC Coach of the Year
- ♦ 1993 NAIA Mid-South Region Coach of the Year
- ♦ Won three WVIAC championships and three regional titles
- ♦ Guided West Virginia Wesleyan to two NAIA national tournament appearances
- ♦ Finished career at West Virginia Wesleyan with an active 80 match winning streak

By The Numbers

Winning Seasons: 14

Consecutive Winning Seasons: 12

NCAA Postseason Appearances: 6

NCAA Championship Appearances: 1

NCAA Regional Titles: 2

GLIAC Overall Champion Titles: 1

GLIAC Tournament Championship Titles: 1

AVCA All-Americans: 4

GLIAC Freshman of the Year: 1

All-GLIAC Conference: 36

GLIAC All-Academic: 63

GLIAC All-Tournament Team: 9

BRANDEL-WILHELM YEAR-BY-YEAR

YEAR	SCHOOL	MATCHES	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			GLIAC			POSTSEASON
			WON	LOST	PCT.	WON	LOST	PCT.	FINISH			
1993	West Virginia Wesleyan	51	40	11	.784	16	0	1.000	1st	NAIA - 13th Place		
1994	West Virginia Wesleyan	45	39	6	.867	16	0	1.000	1st	NAIA - 9th Place		
1995	West Virginia Wesleyan	42	39	3	.929	17	0	1.000	1st	NCAA - 5th Place		
1996	Ferris State	31	19	12	.612	12	6	.667	4th	---		
1997	Ferris State	32	14	18	.438	6	12	.333	6th	---		
1998	Ferris State	35	25	10	.714	13	6	.684	2nd	---		
1999	Ferris State	34	26	8	.765	14	5	.736	4th	NCAA First Round		
2000	Ferris State	30	21	9	.700	11	7	.611	4th	---		
2001	Ferris State	32	21	11	.656	12	6	.667	T2nd	---		
2002	Ferris State	31	24	7	.774	15	3	.833	T2nd	NCAA First Round		
2003	Ferris State	29	15	14	.517	12	6	.667	3rd	---		
2004	Ferris State	32	25	7	.781	14	4	.778	2nd	NCAA First Round		
2005	Ferris State	32	22	10	.688	12	6	.667	T3rd	NCAA First Round		
2006	Ferris State	30	21	9	.700	12	6	.667	2nd	NCAA First Round		
2007	Ferris State	30	20	10	.667	12	6	.667	3rd	---		
HEAD COACHING TOTALS (15 YEARS)		516	371	145	.719	194	73	.727				
FERRIS STATE TOTALS (12 YEARS)		378	253	125	.669	145	77	.653				



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