



HEAD COACH TIA BRANDEL-WILHELM



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In six seasons at the helm, Ferris State University women's volleyball head coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm has returned the Bulldogs to the brink of national contention and

conference supremacy.

Since becoming the program's fifth head coach in June 1996, Brandel-Wilhelm has resurrected the Ferris State program, compiling a 126-68 overall record (.649 winning percentage) at FSU while guiding the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1992 during the 1999 campaign. Ferris posted its fifth winning campaign in the last six years a season ago with a 21-11 overall mark. 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 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

(GLIAC) Tournament for the third time in the

Brandel-Wilhelm era during the 2001 season.

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 four seasons, Brandel-Wilhelm has coached Ferris to an impressive 93-38 overall record (.710). She was voted as the GLIAC's Coach-of-the-Year in 1998 by her peers after leading Ferris to a 25-10 overall mark, including a second-place finish in the GLIAC'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, Brandel-Wilhelm 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. She is also accredited as a level II coach by the United States Volleyball Association and a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Brandel-Wilhelm and her husband, Dale Wilhelm, the varsity girls' volleyball head coach at Reed City (Mich.) High School, reside in Big Rapids along with her stepson, Allen.



### BY OPPONENT

(2002 OPPONENTS IN BOLD>)

OPPONENT	W	L
Alderson-Broaddus (W.Va.)	1	0
Angelo State (Tex.)	1	0
Aquinas	1	0
<b>Ashland</b>	5	1
<b>Bellarmine (Ky.)</b>	3	2
BYU-Hawaii	0	1
California St.-Bakersfield	0	1
Calvin	1	0
Cal-Poly Pomona	1	0
Central Arkansas	1	0
Central Missouri State	0	1
Charleston (W.Va.)	1	0
Cornerstone	1	0
Dallas Baptist (Tex.)	1	0
Dowling (N.Y.)	1	0
Fairmont State (W.Va.)	3	0
<b>Findlay</b>	3	2
<b>Gannon</b>	5	2
Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	1	1
<b>Grand Valley State</b>	4	8
<b>Henderson State (Ark.)</b>	1	0
<b>Hillsdale</b>	9	1
Hope	0	1
IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	2	1
IUPUI-Indianapolis	1	0
Indianapolis	2	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	2	0
<b>Lake Superior State</b>	13	1
Lewis (Ill.)	3	0
<b>Mercyhurst</b>	8	0
Metropolitan State (Colo.)	0	1
<b>Michigan Tech</b>	9	4
Minnesota-Morris	1	0
Missouri-St. Louis	1	0
Montana State-Billings	1	0
<b>Montevallo (Ala.)</b>	1	0
North Dakota State	0	1
Northern Colorado	0	1
Northern Kentucky	0	3
<b>Northern Michigan</b>	4	10
<b>Northwood</b>	5	11
Oakland	0	1
Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	1	0
Quincy (Ill.)	1	1
Regis (Colo.)	0	1
Rochester (Mich.)	1	0
<b>Saginaw Valley State</b>	9	3
Seattle Pacific (Wash.)	0	1
Slippery Rock (Pa.)	1	0
St. Edward's (Tex.)	1	0
<b>St. Joseph's (Ind.)</b>	1	0
Sonoma State (Calif.)	0	1
<b>SIU-Edwardsville</b>	3	1
<b>Southern Indiana</b>	1	1
Southwest St. (Minn.)	1	0
Texas Woman's Univ.	1	0
<b>Wayne State</b>	4	3
Westminster (Pa.)	2	0
Western Washington	0	1
<b>Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.)</b>	1	0
<b>Wisconsin-Parkside</b>	1	0

TOTALS	126	68
VS. GLIAC (ALL MATCHES)	80	47
GLIAC TOURNAMENT	6	4

### BRANDEL-WILHELM YEAR-BY-YEAR

SEASON	SCHOOL	MATCHES	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			GLIAC FINISH	POSTSEASON
			WON	LOST	PCT.	WON	LOST	PCT.		
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	<b>Ferris State</b>	31	19	12	.612	12	6	.667	4th	
1997	<b>Ferris State</b>	32	14	18	.438	6	12	.333	6th	
1998	<b>Ferris State</b>	35	25	10	.714	13	6	.684	2nd	
1999	<b>Ferris State</b>	34	26	8	.765	14	5	.736	4th	NCAA First Round
2000	<b>Ferris State</b>	30	21	9	.700	11	7	.611	4th	
2001	<b>Ferris State</b>	32	21	11	.656	12	6	.667	T2nd	
Head Coaching Totals (9 Years)		332	244	88	.735	117	42	.736		
Ferris State Totals (6 Years)		194	126	68	.649	68	42	.618		