2003 Information

Ferris State Football Quick Facts

Location: Big Rapids, Michigan 49307
Founded: 1884
Enrollment: 11,074
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Crimson and Gold
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic (GLIAC)
President: Dr. David L. Eisler
Alma Mater: Michigan, 1972
Athletics Director: Tom Kinarovic (Ferris State, 1977)
Assistant Athletics Director: Brian Kegler (Northern Iowa, 1998)
Athletics Department Office: (231) 591-2860
Athletics Department FAX: (231) 591-2869
Coordinator of Records and NCAA: Carma Burcham
Faculty Athletics Representative: Dr. Terry Nerbonne
Head Coach: Jeff Pierce
Alma Mater: Ferris State, 1979
Year Entering/Record (FSU/Career): 9th/54-34-0 (54-34-0)
Office Phone/E-Mail: (231) 591-2864/jeffp@ferris.edu
Best Time/Day to Reach Coach Pierce: 9-11 a.m. (Mon.-Thr.)
Assistant Coaches: Duane Wilson (Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers); Matt McCarty (Offensive Coordinator, Quarterbacks, Wide Receivers); Ken Coulin (Offensive Line, Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator); Darrell Perkins (Defensive Backs, Special Teams); Joe Curry (Defensive Line); Rick Williams (Kickers & Punters)
Graduate Assistant Coach: Kyle Park
Athletics Trainers: Dave Lucey, ATC; Tim Glover, ATC; Michael Blackburn, ATC
Equipment Manager: Ben Mumah, E.M.C.
Home Field (Capacity/Year Built): Top Taggart Field (6,200/1957)
Field Surface: Artificial Turf (Astroturf 12)
Press Box Phone: (231) 591-2217/2143
2002 Overall Record: 5-5 (4-1 home, 1-4 road)
2002 Conference Record (Finish): 4-5 (6th) (3-1 home, 1-4 road)
Offensive System/Defensive System: Pro-4-3
Letterwinners Returning: 16 (Offense-7, Defense-9, Specialty-0)
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Specialty Starters Returning/Lost: 3/0
First Year of Football/All-Time Record: 1900-330-373-40 (.471)
All-Time Bowl/Playoff Record: 5-5
Years in Post-Season Play: 5
Last Post-Season Appearance: 1996
Result: Quarterfinals – Lost to Clareon, Pa. (23-21)
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On The Cover: The 2003 Ferris State football team will be relying on the talents and leadership of its All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) performers from a season ago. Pictured on the front cover are strong safety Vito Ciaramellano (honorable mention), offensive guard Matt McCoy (honorable mention), defensive tackle Matt McCoy (honorable mention), middle linebacker Luke Piepkow (second team), outside linebacker Kevin Myers (second team) and tailback Derek Fudge (second team).

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Information on all FSU teams can be found at the Bulldogs’ Official Athletics Website: www.ferris.edu/spors

Media Services

General Services
Your hosts at Top Taggart Field and for all Ferris State University Athletics events are Joe Gorby, athletics communications director, and Rob Bentley, assistant athletics communications director. Depth charts, rosters, souvenir programs and game notes will be available prior to each game with a complete statistical package provided upon the contest’s conclusion.
Complimentary beverages and food will be served.

Press Box
Ferris State’s working facilities are located on the third level of the Wheeler Pavilion, which is on west side of Top Taggart Field. A reminder