**2004 Information**

**FERRIS STATE FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS**

Location: Big Rapids, Michigan 49307-2741

Founded: 1884

Enrollment: 11,822

Nickname/Colors: Bulldogs/Crimson and Gold

Affiliation: NCAA Division II

President: Dr. David L. Eisler (Michigan, 1972)

Athletics Director: Tom Kirinovic (Ferris State, 1977)

Assistant Athletics Director: Brian Kegler (Northern Iowa, 1998)

Athletics Department Office: (231) 591-2860

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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): 10th/60-39-0 (60-39-0)

Office Phone/E-Mail: (231) 591-2864/piercej@ferris.edu

**Best Time/Day to Reach Coach Pierce:** 9-11 a.m./Mon.-Thurs.

Assistant Coaches: Duane Wilson (Assistant Head Coach), Defensive Coordinator. Linebackers); Matt McCarthy (Offensive Coordinator. Quarterbacks, Wide Receivers); Ken Conlin (Offensive Line & Tight Ends); Amp Campbell (Defensive Backs. Special Teams, Recruiting Coordinator); Joe Curry (Defensive Line), Rick Williams (Kickers & Punters)

Graduate Assistant Coach: Kyle Park

Student Assistant Coaches: Vito Ciaramellano, Kirk Long, Andy Szatkowski, Doug Wing

**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 J2)

Press Box Phone: (231) 591-2217/2143

2003 Overall Record: 6-5 (3-2 home, 3-3 road)

2003 Conference Record (Finish): 5-5 (4thT) (3-2 home, 2-3 road)

Offensive System/Defensive System: Pro-I-3

Letterwinners Returning: 36 (Offense-18, Defense-19, Specialty-1)

Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5

Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4

Specialty Starters Returning/Lost: 1/2

First Year of Football/All-Time Record: 1900/336-378-40 (472)

All-Time Bowl/Playoff Record: 5-5

Years in Post-Season Play: 5

Last Post-Season Appearance: 1996

Result: Quarterfinals – Lost to Clarion, Pa. (23-21)

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**ON THE COVER:** The Ferris State Bulldogs enter the 2004 season as one team with one goal – winning a championship title in one of the nation’s top NCAA Division II conferences – the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Leading the way will be several 2003 All-GLIC performers such as senior outside linebacker Kevin Myers, junior flanker-returner Carlton Brewster, senior defensive tackle Whitney Bell and senior defensive end John Hale.

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**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, season 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 that no cheering will be tolerated in the press box area.

**CREDENTIALS**

Scouting and media credentials must be reserved in advance by contacting the FSU Athletics Communications Office. Upon acceptance, appropriate credentials will be held for pick-up at the ticket booth located on the west side of the Wheeler Pavilion. No one will be admitted to the press box who isn’t in an official capacity.

**Interviews**

Ferris State student-athletes and coaches will be available for interviews no earlier than 10-15 minutes following the game’s conclusion. Interviews will be conducted on the third level of the Wheeler Pavilion. Interviews with student-athletes during the week, whether in person or by telephone, should be arranged through the FSU Athletics Communications Office as far in advance as possible, to fit around practice and class schedules. Head coach Jeff Pierce may be reached at (231) 591-2864 between 9-11 a.m. (ET), Monday through Thursday.