Now in his sixth season as the head men’s basketball coach at Ferris State University, Edgar Wilson continues to work at restoring the winning tradition of Bulldog basketball.

During the 1997-98 season, Wilson guided the Bulldogs to a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II Playoffs. In addition, the squad recorded its first 20-win season in nine years, finishing 21-12.

When Wilson joined Ferris State prior to the 1996-97 season, he took over a team that had won just six games the year before. Wilson went on to lead the Bulldogs to a 14-12 record and a fourth-place finish in the North Division of the GLIAC. The team finished the season winning seven of its last nine games, including four in a row at home.

In his fifth season at FSU a year ago, Wilson guided the Bulldogs to an upset win at NCAA Division I Oakland University and led the Bulldogs to a fifth-place finish in the GLIAC North Division.

Wilson came to Ferris State after serving three seasons as an assistant coach at Central Michigan University under head coach Leonard Drake. The 46-year-old Wilson was named to the Chippewas’ staff on May 3, 1993. During his stint at CMU, he served as the program’s recruiting and conditioning coordinator in addition to being the staff academic and compliance coordinator.

Wilson, born June 7, 1955, got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant for Michigan State University in 1978-79 when the Spartans won the NCAA National Championship under head coach Jud Heathcote. Following the season, he joined the MSU staff as a full-time assistant coach (1979-83).

In 1983, Wilson left MSU and entered the business world where he continued to achieve success. He was the owner and president of Wilson Engineered Plastics, Inc., before working four and a half years as an account executive for the Michigan Department of Commerce (1983-88) and serving as the Executive Director of the Urban League of South Bend, Ind. A native of Dowagiac, Mich., Wilson was a four-year letterwinner (1973-77) in basketball as a guard/forward under Gus Ganakas and Heathcote at Michigan State.

Following his collegiate hoop career, he lettered one season (1977) on MSU’s football team at split end and then had a free agent tryout with the National Football League’s Chicago Bears. He also competed in junior varsity baseball.

The 6-foot-5 Wilson was an all-stater in football, basketball and baseball at Union High School in Dowagiac, earning 11 letters during his prep career. His senior year, he achieved All-American recognition in basketball.

Wilson has twin daughters, Bridgette and Sheena (4/16/85), and a son, Ryan (3/5/96).