Ferris To Visit Ashland For League Outing

FSU MEN'S BASKETBALL AT A GLANCE - The Ferris State University men's basketball team will battle the Ashland Eagles in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) action this Saturday (Jan. 11) with tipoff slated for 3 p.m. (EST) at AU's Kates Gymnasium in Ashland, Ohio. The Eagles are listed among others receiving consideration in the latest (Jan. 11) National Association of Basketball Coaches/Daktronics II Bulletin Men's Basketball National Rankings and were second in the initial (Dec. 17) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Rankings. The Bulldogs, who are presently 6-7 overall and 2-3 in conference action, rank 50th of 1,336 institutions (all levels) represented in the current (Jan. 6) Dunkel Sports Research Index Men's Basketball Ratings.

FERRIS SPLITS TWO GAMES - The Bulldogs split two league home games last weekend (Jan. 2 & 4) at FSU's Jim Wink Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Ferris defeated the Hillsdale Chargers 65-64 last Thursday (Jan. 2) before dropping a 74-71 overtime decision to the Wayne State Warriors last Saturday (Jan. 4). Senior center Adam Anderson (Kent City) led the Bulldogs with 14 points versus Hillsdale and 15 points against Wayne State. Sophomore guard Corey Epps (Benton Harbor) totaled 13 points in the win over Hillsdale and added a season-high 14 points versus the Warriors. Junior guard Willie Thomas (Columbus, Ohio/Eastmoor Academy) also reached double-figures in both contests with 12 points versus the Chargers and 11 against WSU.

THE BULLDOG TRADITION - The 2002-03 campaign marks the 75th season of Bulldog men's basketball. The program began in 1925 although Ferris did not field a team from 1942-45 due to World War II. Ferris has compiled a 873-814 (.517) all-time mark. The Bulldogs have won nine GLIAC titles, made six NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and reached the 1986 NCAA-II Elite Eight. Ferris, which last won the GLIAC Tournament championship during the 1997-98 campaign, captured four consecutive league titles from 1986-90.

LAST SEASON - Ferris State concluded the 2001-02 campaign with a 4-22 overall mark, which included a seventh-place 1-17 GLIAC North Division finish.

HEAD COACH BILL SALL - A 1994 Calvin graduate, first-year FSU head coach Bill Sall previously held assistant coaching positions at Calvin (1992-95), Ferris State (1995-98) and Hillsdale (1998-02) prior to being named Ferris State's 11th head coach. The Zeeland, Mich., native served as Ferris' interim head coach for a portion of the 1995-96 campaign and led the Bulldogs to a 5-8 mark. In four seasons at Hillsdale, the 35-year-old Sall was instrumental in leading the Chargers to a 72-41 (.637) overall record and two consecutive (2001-02) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament appearances under head coach Ed Douma. Before joining the coaching ranks, Sall was a standout player at Calvin from 1985-90. A two-time Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Co-Most Valuable Player Award winner, Sall presently ranks as the Knights' third-leading all-time scorer with 2,063 points. He twice (1989-90) received second-team National Association of Basketball Coaches Division III All-America honors and led Calvin to three MIAA championships, four NCAA-III Tournament bids and the 1990 NCAA-III Final Four.

ANDERSON CLOSING IN - Adam Anderson, a 2000-01 All-GLIAC North Division First-Team honoree, averaged 14.5 points and six rebounds in FSU's two league games last weekend. He currently has 1,359 career points and needs 11 more to tie Art Tetzlaff (1,370; 1967-71) for 11th place on Ferris' career scoring leaders list. Anderson has scored 10 points or more in 49 of his last 50 games, including each of his previous 43 contests. The 6-10 Anderson, who currently ranks as Ferris' career blocks leader (117), is fifth on the school's career made free throw chart (409-620) and needs 36 more to tie Dannie Hayes (445; 1991-95) for fourth place. He established FSU single-season records in made free throws (179) and blocks (50) during the 2000-01 season. Anderson presently has 525 career rebounds and is sixth of moving into a 13th place tie with Larry Woodford (531; 1970-73) on Ferris' career list.

BULLDOGS TOP VICTORY MARKS - Ferris surpassed last season's victory total (4-22) with its victory over Lincoln (Mo.) at the Lewis Invitational (12/18) in Romeoville, Ill. FSU topped its 2001-02 league win total (1-17) with last Thursday's win over Hillsdale.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA HONOREE - Adam Anderson has been named to the 2002-03 Street & Smith's Division II Preseason Honorable Mention All-America Team for the second consecutive season. Anderson, a 2000-01 Daktronics NCAA-II All-Great Lakes Region First-Team selection, was among 31 individuals receiving preseason accolades and joined Michigan Tech's Matt Cameron, Hillsdale's Matt Mlynarchek and Josh Morgan of Gannon as the only representatives from a GLIAC-member institution. Anderson, who missed the final 23 games last season due to a bone bruise injury (knee) suffered in a 79-59 non-conference home win versus Olivet (11/20/01), petitioned for and was granted an extra season of eligibility last summer through the NCAA's medical redshirt process. He has reached double-figure scoring 69 times in 92 career contests.
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BULLDOG BITES

Freshman guard Dennis Springs (Toledo, Ohio/Scott) has registered eight double-figure scoring performances to date this campaign, including five of his last eight outings. Springs, who has been FSU’s assists leader five of the last six contests, currently ranks second (6.00 apg) among the league’s overall assists leaders and is third (.872) in free throw percentage. Junior guard/forward Jeff Guernsey (Buckley) presently has scored 197 career points and needs three more to register his 200th career point. ... Sophomore guard Carlton Epps (Benton Harbor) has posted double-digit scoring performances in five of his last seven outings. He recorded his 39th career point against Hillsdale and is 11 rebounds shy of notchting his 200th career board. Ferris has compiled a higher three-point field goal percentage than its opponent in nine of the last 11 outings to date.

Eleven of Ferris’ 13 opponents this campaign had a .500 record or better to contest. FSU has played eight games to date against teams ranked among the top 10 in the initial (Dec. 17) NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Rankings. Sophomore guard Michael Anderson (Farmington Hills/Rochester) is three points shy of attaining his 200th career rebound. Head coach Bill Sall improved to 2-1 (.667) overall against former employers with last Thursday’s victory. Sall, who previously served as an assistant coach at both Hillsdale (1998-02) and Calvin (1992-95), previously led Ferry to a 92-71 non-league home win over the Knights (11/26) and to a 65-58 triumph over Lake Superior State this past Monday (Jan. 6). GLIAC statistics after finishing the 2001-02 campaign listed 10th (.650).

A NEW YEAR - FSU opened the new calendar year with a victory for the first time since the 1998-99 season with last Thursday’s win. FSU, which was a combined 2-3 (.556) overall in January games from 1998-2002, had not won its first outing after New Year’s Day since posting a 77-73 home league win over Ashland (1/299).

ON THE ROAD AGAIN - Ferris State is 331-283 (.539) overall since 1980-81 and sports a 157-191 (.451) record in road neutral site contests during that span. FSU is 3-4 (.429) away from home to date this season.

AGAINST THE OPPONENT - Ferris continues conference action this Saturday against the Ashland Eagles.

Ashland: The Bulldogs maintain a 5-4 series edge. However, AU defeated Ferris 83-72 in the last meeting (1/12/02) at Big Rapids, Mich. Ashland is presently 12-2 overall and 4-1 in league play heading into this Thursday’s (Jan. 9) GLIAC home game versus Grand Valley State after claiming a 84-59 victory at Lake Superior State this past Monday (Jan. 6). The Eagles, who are coached by 10-year head coach Roger Lyons, were 18-9 overall during the 2001-02 campaign and compiled a third-place 11-6 GLIAC South Division finish.

Looking Ahead - Ferris will host the Northwood Timberwolves for a league encounter Thursday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. (EST) in FSU’s Jim Wink Arena. The Bulldogs will then visit the Grand Valley State Lakers Saturday, Jan. 18, for a 8 p.m. (EST) conference contest in GVSU’s Fieldhouse.

FERRIS ON THE INTERNET - Ferris State University Athletics’ official web site can be found at www.ferris.edu/sports. The site features information on all of FSU’s varsity athletics programs.

2002-03 Season Trends

Situation: At home: 2-2 On the road: 3-4 At neutral sites: 1-1
Shoot over 50% from floor: 2-0
Shoot less than 50% from floor: 4-7
Opponent shoots over 50% from floor: 0-3
Opponent shoots less than 50%: 6-4
Has higher shooting percentage: 6-0
Shoot over 70% from free throw line: 4-3
Shoot less than 70% from line: 2-4
Opponent shoots over 70% from line: 4-5
Opponent less than 70% from line: 2-2
Has higher free throw percentage: 4-3
Shoot over 30% from three-point line: 5-5
Shoot less than 30% from 3-pt. line: 1-2
Opponent over 30% from 3-pt. line: 4-5
Opponent less than 30% from 3-pt. line: 2-2
Has higher 3-pt. percentage: 3-4
Has more assists: 2-5
Opponent has more assists: 0-2
Assists are equal: 0-0
Has more turnovers: 3-6
Opponent has more turnovers: 3-1
Turnovers are equal: 0-0
Has more steals: 4-3
Opponent has more steals: 2-3
Steals are equal: 0-1
Has more blocks: 3-2
Opponent has more blocks: 1-4
Blocks are equal: 2-1
In November: 2-1
In December: 3-5
In January: 1-1
In February: 0-0
On Monday: 0-0
On Tuesday: 1-1
On Wednesday: 1-0
On Thursday: 1-2
On Friday: 1-1
On Saturday: 2-3
On Sunday: 0-0
In afternoon games: 2-2
In evening games: 4-5
Against ranked teams: 4-4
In non-conference games: 2-3
In non-conf. games vs. conf. teams: 0-1
Attendance under 500: 3-4
Attendance over 500: 3-3
Has over 25 personal fouls: 1-2
Opponent has over 25 personal fouls: 1-0
In tournament games: 1-1
Against in-state foes: 3-3
Against out of state teams: 3-4
Against teams with winning records: 4-5
Against teams with losing records: 1-1
Against teams with even records: 1-1
When leading at halftime: 6-2
When trailing at halftime: 0-5
Three or more reach double-figures: 6-6
In overtime game: 0-1
Game margin is 1-5 points: 2-2
Game margin 5-10 points: 1-1
Game margin over 10 points: 3-4

2002-03 FSU Men’s Basketball Roster

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Assistant Coach: Cory Anderson (Ferris State, 1999)
Basketball Consultant: Dean Davenport
Head Coach: Bill Sall, first year (Calvin, 1994)
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Bill Killian, Brian Wood
Student Assistant Coach: Matt Miller
Student Managers: Brian Hanson, Nate Meadows

H.S. – High School      T – Transfer      (C) – Captain      (RS) – Redshirt