He Ferris State University women's basketball program tipped off a new era when Tracey Fisk was named as the new head coach in 1998.

She made her collegiate head coaching debut in 1998-99 and guided the Bulldogs to more wins than any other first-year head coach in team history.

In her second season (1999-2000), Fisk guided Ferris State to a season of firsts. The Bulldogs recorded the first 20-win season in school history (22-7) and made the program’s first NCAA Division II National Tournament appearance.

During the 1999-2000 campaign, Fisk also led FSU to its first-ever first-place finish during the GLIAC Tournament Championship Game for the first time. Besides winning 22 games and reaching the NCAA Tournament, the Bulldogs also finished unbeaten at home (9-0), had two winning streaks of 10 games or more and posted the nation’s top grade point average.

Last season, the Bulldogs posted their seventh-straight winning campaign (21-10) and reached the NCAA-II Tournament for only the second time in school history. FSU also placed second in the GLIAC’s North Division and advanced to the GLIAC Tournament final.

Fisk, who represents the fifth head coach in the program’s history, spent the 1997-98 season as a graduate assistant coach for the University of Indianapolis, an NCAA Division II member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Prior to Indianapolis, Fisk spent three years as an assistant coach at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich. Fisk helped her dad guide the Indians to a 69-22 record from 1994-97. During her tenure, LMC won two Western Collegiate Conference titles, placed fourth at the 1997 NCAA National Tournament, and achieved a No. 1 national ranking in 1997.

During her collegiate playing career, Fisk played three years with NCAA Division I Illinois State University (1990-93) and one with NCAA Division II Northern Michigan University (1993-94).

In 1991-92, she led ISU in assists while finishing seventh in the Gateway Conference. During her only season at Northern Michigan, Fisk earned Newcomer of the Year and Best Defensive Player Awards under head coach Mike Geary after leading the team in three-point field goals (54) and assists (131).

Fisk coached an international touring team, which went to the Czech Republic in 2001 and included former FSU player Tianna Kirkland.

As a prepster, Fisk was a two-time all-state and academic all-state selection at St. Joseph (Mich.) High School. She was also named to the Class B All-Deade team in 1989 and finished third in Michigan’s “Miss Basketball” voting.

Fisk earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education from Western Michigan University in 1996 and a master of arts degree in education with an emphasis in organizational leadership from the University of Indianapolis in August 2003.

Tracey and her husband, Casey, reside in Big Rapids, Mich., with their dog, Buddy.