Head Coach Keri Becker

If building a winner is supposed to take time, then Ferris State University seventh-year head coach Keri Becker has exceeded virtually everyone’s expectations but her own.

As with any competitive individual, Becker has experienced success in a relatively short period of time at Ferris State but has aspirations of attaining even more significant goals.

The all-time winningest coach in FSU softball program’s history, Becker has quickly developed the Bulldogs into a competitive program on an annual basis and a legitimate contender for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) title. In those six years at Ferris, Becker has led the Bulldogs to a conference title, a pair of NCAA Regional championships and their three best seasons in the program’s history.

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Becker competed in basketball three years, attaining all-conference and all-area laurels.

Becker is a member of the National Faspitch Coaches Association (NFCA) and serves on the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region Ranking Committee.

A resident of Howard City, Mich., Becker lists downhill skiing, weight training and conditioning as her interests. She is a United States Army Reserve veteran and held the rank of sergeant.

The 30-year old Becker is in her third year as the compliance coordinator in Ferris State’s Athletics Department after assuming those duties in September 2000.

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