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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Triumph



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Junior point guard DeShaun Thrower drives down the court, looking to make a play for his team. The Bulldogs capped off the best season in Ferris men's basketball history with a national championship Saturday, March 24.

Ferris men's basketball brings home the 2018 NCAA Division II National Championship

Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

As the Bulldogs try to dig confetti out of places it should never be, they can do it knowing they made history.

The Ferris men's basketball team has brought the national championship back to Big Rapids.

On Saturday, March 24, the Dawgs achieved a feat that has never been done in school history: bringing home an National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II National Championship after defeating Northern State University (Aberdeen, South Dakota) 71-69.

"What a game," Ferris Head Coach Andy

Bronkema said. "Both deserving teams. That's the thing about sports—it's who's better on that day. I know a lot of teams out there that work as hard as us and we get to be the champions this year."

The first half started out roughly for the Bulldogs, as the Wolves went on a nine-to-two run to start. The Dawgs were able to battle back, however, cutting their lead to two and eventually exiting the half with a two-point lead.

The second half went well for Ferris as they were able to maintain a lead

most of the time. The Wolves reclaimed the lead multiple times but it was the Bulldogs who ultimately claimed the two-point advantage.

Junior center Zach Hankins had yet another big game for the Dawgs, putting up 19 points and five rebounds.

"It's incredible," Hankins said. "To actually do it and obtain it is unbelievable and it makes everything you do worth it."

Senior wing Peter Firlirk also came up big, tallying 12 points and adding one rebound and one assist.

The biggest player for the Wolves may have been their crowd, as they outnumbered the Ferris faithful nearly ten to one. Northern State's 6-foot-10 senior center Carter Evans led the Wolves, scoring 20 points and picking up five rebounds.

"You've got to congratulate Andy and his team, Ferris State," Northern State Head Coach Paul Sather said. "They did a pretty great job, they have a fantastic team. The first time I saw them play live against Barry, I couldn't have been more impressed."

The Dawgs end their season with an outstanding 38-1, which is a new school record. The national championship victory ends the season on a high note, as Ferris extends its win streak to 26 in a row.



Zach Hankins



Paul Sather

W vs. St. Thomas Aquinas - Evansville, IN
Friday, Nov. 3, 2017
84 - 79

W vs. Indiana - Evansville, IN
Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017
86 - 82

W vs. Quincy - Big Rapids
Friday, Nov. 10, 2017
75 - 60

W vs. Missouri - St. Louis - Big Rapids
Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017
70 - 46

W vs. Hillsdale - Big Rapids
Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017
77 - 58

National relevance

Championship win puts Big Rapids on the map

Cora Hall
Torch Reporter

The Ferris men's basketball program made history in almost every way possible this season but the effects of the national attention extends farther than just athletics.

The media attention gained when the team advanced to the Elite Eight and took the trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota was massive, let alone when they won the championship game Saturday, March 24. CBS broadcasted the national title game and according to Ferris President David Eisler, the viewership was huge.

"Here's a team today that's playing for the national championship and it's on major network television," Eisler said. "The television people estimate that 2.5 million people will see our team and our university today, so this is a really special, important moment for our school."

Social media blew up during and after the game, with some big names congratulating the new national champions on Twitter, from the GLIAC account to the official Detroit Tigers account.

"It's the first one in school history in any sport, so it's a huge deal not only for the basketball program but all of Ferris athletics and putting Big Rapids on the map," Ferris junior forward Abby Nakfoor said.

For former women's basketball player (1983-87) and Ferris Hall of Famer Karen Trierweiler, the game was a proud moment.

"I've always been proud of Ferris, you know, I've always been proud to be an alumnus but I actually

watched them for the first time on TV," Trierweiler said. "It was amazing, we were screaming, hollering—it was a pretty good day to be a Bulldog."

Trierweiler said she believes that along with putting Ferris on the map, the national title will make Ferris alumni more supportive and prideful of their school.

"The support of our alumni and our community is just absolutely amazing. The number of emails, the tweets, the posts—people are having watch parties all across the country watching Ferris," Eisler said. "This all elevates our university. People see our university, they see the excellence of our university, it's a great thing for Ferris and it's a great day to be a Bulldog."

With enrollment on a downward trend the past five years—from 14,707 students in 2013 to 13,798 last fall, according to the Ferris Fact Book—the title brings somewhat of a hope to reverse the tide.

"I definitely think it will help with recruiting and enrollment," Nakfoor said. "Everyone loves winning and everyone wants to be a winner; the men's basketball team has always been successful but this team has gone above and beyond for the reputation of our school."

Ferris pre-pharmacy sophomore Jake Kangas said that after winning the national title, people—specifically the CBS announcer who said Ferris was from Grand Rapids—might now know where Big Rapids is.

"The attention will show the people who assumed you were talking about Grand Rapids when you said Big Rapids where we are and how great our athletics program is," Kangas said. "Not only for our men's basketball team but all other sports too."



David Eisler



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Fans, including Ferris hockey senior forward Andrew Mayer (bottom right), cheer on the Bulldogs in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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69 - 68

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Thursday Nov. 30, 2017
99 - 83

W vs. Ashland - Big Rapids
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017
91 - 57

Bigger than basketball

Coach brings home personal accolades with national championship

Cora Hall
Torch Reporter

Some say it's all in the beard but the players know that their coach is the real deal.

Ferris men's basketball Head Coach Andy Bronkema was named the 2018 Basketball Times National Coach of the Year and after bringing home the first men's basketball national championship in school history, no one is arguing with it.

"He'll be the first to tell you that individual awards are team awards, which makes us feel good about our entire team," Ferris junior center Zach Hankins said. "But he's done so much for us and this program that I can't think of anyone more deserving."

Bronkema just ended his fifth season with the Bulldogs but his journey with Ferris has been much longer than that. Originally joining the staff as a volunteer coach, the McBain native spent six years as an assistant coach—the last three as the program's top assistant—for the men's team before his debut as head coach.

"Still pinching myself every day, you know," Bronkema said. "The way I got the job was pretty unique and all of my opportunities in my life have been pretty unique. I've got lots of people to thank and I can't even start naming names but I'll contact them and I'll continue to let them know that what they've done for me is huge."

Along with having a historic season record of 38-1 overall and ending with a 26-game win streak, Bronkema led the team to their second consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) regular season Championship, their fourth straight league tournament title, their second regional crown and the school's first national championship for any sport.

Ferris is the first team from Michigan to win the Division II men's basketball championship, according to the Detroit Free Press.

Both Hankins and senior point guard Drew Cushingberry said that Bronkema took a chance on recruiting them out of high school.

"I mean, he really took a chance on me coming out of high school," Cushingberry said. "Nobody really offered me, so he saw something in me that nobody else did. So I can just thank him for that. He's been the best coach I've ever had. He helped make me into the player and person I am today."

According to both players, it's bigger than the titles and the records for Bronkema. The team visited Mecosta Elementary to read to students on March 9 and even when they got to Sioux Falls, they spoke to and

played games with kids from one of the local schools. Cushingberry said that it was special to be in the role that he remembers looking up to while he was growing up.

"He wants us to understand that there are a lot of things that are bigger than basketball," Hankins said. "And it's definitely a reminder to each one of us that we need to continue to act like a role model and not let any harmful distractions get in the way of what we want to do."

According to Hankins, one of the team's mantras is "person over player"—a value that Bronkema stresses to mean that the players take more pride and work harder in their relationships and character than basketball. This is a saying that Bronkema lives out himself and Cushingberry has personal-



Drew Cushingberry



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Ferris men's basketball Head Coach Andy Bronkema hoists the net from the championship game above his head. Bronkema was named the Basketball Times National Coach of the Year for 2018.

ly experienced.

"I remember my sophomore year, when my dad was sick back home and he just called me and had me explain what was going on," Cushingberry said. "He really just understood where I was at, telling me I needed to be with him and my family and was really understanding and caring with the whole situation. It really showed how he actually cares about us as players and how it's much bigger than basketball."

Bronkema said that over his career as a coach, he's been supported by many people and grew up "dreaming about winning."

"Every step I went in my athletic career and coaching career, I've been around people that have given me permission to win and to dream big and it's just amazing—the people I've been around," Bronkema said. "And certainly, the story is not over but I'm just thankful for the opportunities that I've had."

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76 - 65

W @ Saginaw Valley State - Saginaw
Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017
81 - 45

L @ Lake Superior State - Sault Ste. Marie
Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017
81 - 45

W vs. Lewis - Wyoming
Monday, Dec. 18, 2017
94 - 68

W @ Wisconsin-Parkside - Somers, WI
Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017
80 - 66

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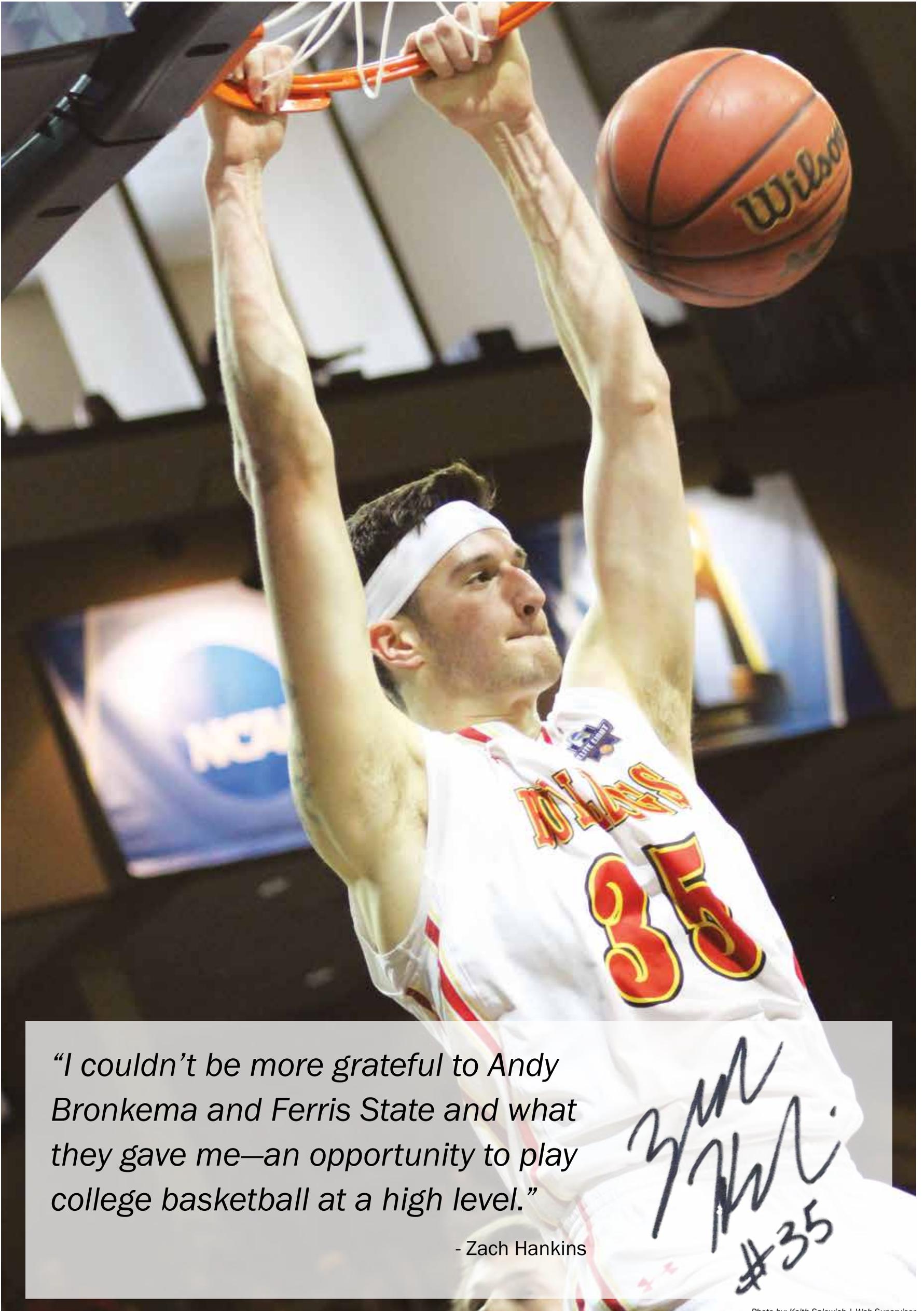
W vs. Wayne State - Big Rapids
Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018
86 - 80

W @ Davenport - Grand Rapids
Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018
89 - 75

W vs. Michigan Tech - Big Rapids
Thursday, Jan. 1, 2018
85 - 66

W vs. Northern Michigan - Big Rapids
Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018
74 - 71

W @ Purdue Northwest - Hammond, IN
Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018
74 - 71



“I couldn’t be more grateful to Andy Bronkema and Ferris State and what they gave me—an opportunity to play college basketball at a high level.”

- Zach Hankins

*Zach Hankins
#35*

W @ Grand Valley State - Grand Rapids
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018
87 - 81

W vs. Lake Superior State - Big Rapids
Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018
78 - 67

W vs. Northwood - Big Rapids
Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018
88 - 60

W vs. Saginaw Valley State - Big Rapids
Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018
107 - 83

W @ Tiffin - Tiffin, OH
Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018
80 - 55

Two-time All-American.

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*Actual size of Hankins' hand



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2018 season stats

- 15.1 points per game
- 63 percent field goal percentage
- 9.7 rebounds per game
- 3.3 blocks per game
- 587 total points scored
- 237 total baskets made
- 21 double-doubles



Photo by: Keith Salowich | Web Supervisor

Junior center Zach Hankins named Division II Player of the Year

Brendan Samuels
Sports Editor

There are a lot of rarities that have happened inside the Ferris men's basketball program over the past four years, with one major rarity is junior center Zach Hankins joining the team.

Standing at 6-foot-10, Hankins is a uni-

corn at the Division II level with most players his height joining Division I schools. An injury to his foot during his senior season at Charlevoix High School scared some teams away but not Ferris head coach Andy Bronkema.

"He saw a 6-foot-9 kid who could run without falling over his feet all the time," Hankins said in an interview with MLive. "I couldn't be more grateful to Andy Bronkema and Ferris State and what they gave me—an opportunity to play college basketball at a high level."

Hankins isn't naive when it comes to his height and athletic ability. He knows going into each and every game that the opposing team is trying to find new ways to shut him down.

"Most teams we've played this year have taken a special interest in stopping me,"

Hankins said. "I wouldn't want to be guarding someone like me either but it's a fun challenge when I do. When teams make certain game plans to try and stop me, I can just take it as a challenge to still play well even with extra attention. It allows me to open the floor for my teammates to be successful as well."

Hankins is coming off an outstanding season statistically, finishing first in average rebounds per game (9.7), first in shooting percentage (63 percent) and eighth in points per game (15.1) in GLIAC play.

Stats aside, Hankins also grabbed multiple awards including three GLIAC player of the week awards, the 2018 National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division II Player of the Year award, the Associate Press' Most Outstanding Player of the 2018 NCAA

Division II Tournament award and to top it all off, an NCAA Division II National Championship.

"All individual awards are just team awards," Hankins said. "Everything I've gotten this year and our team has gotten are all results of the hard work we've put in together. Having the hard work acknowledged and holding up that national trophy made every second worth it."

The Bulldogs finished their season on a school record 26-game win streak and a 38-1 overall record, which is also a first for Ferris.

After hoisting the trophy over his head at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Hankins has preparations for next year in the back of his mind.

"Every season is a new season with the new team," Hankins said.

W @ Ashland - Ashland, OH
Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018
97 - 91

W @ Michigan Tech - Houghton
Thursday, Feb. 5, 2018
89 - 84

W @ Northern Michigan - Marquette
Saturday, Feb. 7, 2018
98 - 84

W vs. Purdue Northwest - Big Rapids
Thursday, Feb. 2, 2018
117 - 66

W vs. Grand Valley State - Big Rapids
Saturday, Feb. 4, 2018
75 - 64



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Across the Midwest

Fun facts about the NCAA Division II National Championship host city



Sioux Falls, SD

- Population of approximately 174,360 people
- Area of 73.5 square miles
- Settled in 1856
- Home to the University of Sioux Falls with an enrollment of 1,257 students and Augustana University with an enrollment of 1,871 students
- Largest city in South Dakota by population
- Attractions include: The Great Plains Zoo, Falls Park surrounding the Big Sioux River falls and the Kirby Science Discovery Center

Big Rapids, MI

- Permanent population of approximately 10,500 people
- Area of 4.5 square miles
- Settled in 1855
- Home to Ferris State University with an enrollment of 14,187 students
- 189th largest city in Michigan by population
- Attractions include: Muskegon River, Hemlock Park and the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia
- Average January temperature of 28 degrees Fahrenheit and average July temperature of 81 degrees Fahrenheit
- Fun fact: Big Rapids was named the "No. 5 Best City for College Hockey Fans" in a national survey.

- Average January temperature of 16.6 degrees Fahrenheit and average July temperature of 73 degrees Fahrenheit

- Fun fact: Forbes Magazine named Sioux Falls the "No. 1 Place for Business and Careers" five years in a row between 2005-2009



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Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018
113 - 84

W vs. Ashland - Big Rapids
Saturday, March 3, 2018
85 - 66

W vs. Lake Superior State - Big Rapids
Sunday, March 4, 2018
69 - 61

W vs. Ohio Dominican - Big Rapids
Saturday, March 10, 2018
75 - 57

Old Dawgs

Senior Bulldogs dominate the floor in final season

NOAH KING

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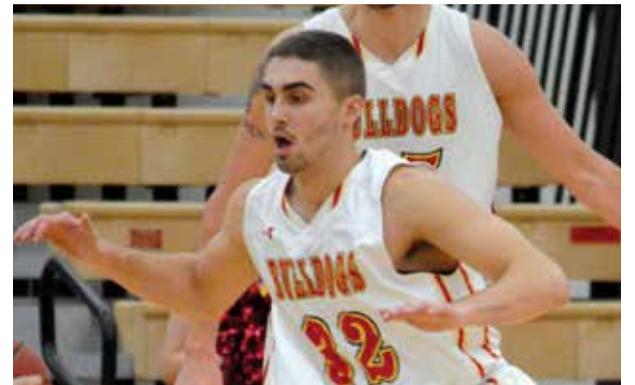
- 11.8 points per game for 2018
- 45.8 percent field goal percentage for 2018
- 41.7 percent from 3-point range for 2018 (7th in GLIAC) (38th in country)
- 3.1 rebounds per game 2018
- 2.7 assists per game 2018
- 24 minutes played per game 2018
- 84.8 percent Free-Throw percentage 2018 (2nd in GLIAC)
- 462 total points scored 2018
- 98 3-pointers made 2018



PETER FIRLIK

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- 8.8 points per game 2018
- 51.8 percent field goal percentage 2018 (12th in GLIAC)
- 44.4 percent from 3-point range 2018
- 2.8 rebounds per game 2018
- 1.7 assists per game 2018
- 22.5 minutes played per game 2018
- 336 points scored 2018
- 132 made shots in 2018



DREW CUSHINGBERRY

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- 13.8 points per game 2018 (13th in GLIAC)
- 48.1 percent field goal percentage 2018
- 5.5 assists per game 2018 (2nd in GLIAC) (30th in country)
- 3.5 rebounds per game 2018
- 1.2 steals per game 2018
- 28.2 minutes played per game 2018
- 540 total points scored 2018
- 36.7 3-point percentage 2018
- 182 shots made in 2018



GREGKRUSNIAK

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- 1.9 minutes played per game 2018
- 33.3 percent 3-point range percentage 2018
- 50 percent field goal percentage 2018
- 17 total minutes played 2018
- 50 percent free-throw percentage 2018
- 4 rebounds in 2018
- Played as a tight end on the Ferris State football team from 2013-2015
- Member of two FSU football GLIAC Championship teams



TYQUONE GREER

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- 5.7 points per game 2018
- 44.4 percent field goal percentage 2018
- 29.2 3-point percentage 2018
- 2.8 rebounds per game 2018
- 1.1 assists per game 2018
- 14.7 minutes played per game 2018
- 188 total points scored 2018
- 62.2 percent free-throw percentage 2018



W vs. Lake Superior St. - Big Rapids
Sunday, March 11, 2018
94 - 71

W vs. Findlay - Big Rapids
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
80 - 65

W vs. Barry - Sioux Fall, SD
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
87 - 84

W vs. West Texas A&M - Sioux Falls, SD
Thursday, March 22, 2018
85 - 79

W vs. Northern State - Sioux Falls, SD
Saturday, March 24, 2018
71 - 69

Soak it in

Reflecting on the school's first NCAA Division II national championship

Being a sports fan is weird.

Fans project so much of themselves into teams that will ultimately succeed or fail, independent of the actions of fans. We wear our lucky socks, whisper silent prayers in the stands and memorize our favorite players' stats but none of that really matters. The work the players put in on and off the court and the coach's game plans will decide the outcome. We're just there to watch it unfold.

At 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, two busloads of Bulldog fans embarked on an 800-mile journey to the Sanford Pentagon Arena in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to watch the biggest basketball games in Ferris State history unfold. I was on one of those buses.

It was a long, grueling drive. Laughs were had. Sleep was lost. Fast food was consumed in exorbitant quantities. It was the quintessential 15-hour cross-country road trip.

Yet at the end of the week, the Bulldogs were national cham-



Keith Salowich
Web Supervisor

pions. And that made the return trip a whole lot nicer.

When we collectively watched Northern State's final desperation shot fall short and the final score read 71-69, pandemonium ensued. Confetti rained as the team charged onto the court. It's been said that Ferris fans were outnumbered 10:1 by Wolves fans during that game with an arena record-setting attendance but that final roar from Ferris fans near and far culminating the entire 38-1 season may have reached the loudest decibel that gym has ever experienced.

That's how it felt, at least. That's how it still feels.

That's how it will continue to feel for Ferris seniors Noah King, Drew Cushingberry, Greg Krusniak, TyQuone Greer and Peter Firlik, who are the only players in the NCAA Division II Tournament that get to end their college careers with a win. They left it all on the floor along with every other person on the Bulldogs' bench.

I'm not a Ferris basketball player. I've never been a basketball player and would be lucky to go 4-10 from the free throw line. But I am a Bulldog and if you're reading this, chances are you are too. The 17 players, the coaches, the student managers and scouts earned that national championship not for themselves but for Bulldogs everywhere.

It's the team's accomplishment but we all have the privilege of taking part in the revelry. Congratulations Bulldogs, YOU are national champions.

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Jumping on the Dawgwagon

Ferris community shamelessly jumps on basketball bandwagon after season of disappointing home game attendance

Ben Dwagon

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Students rallied both at home and in South Dakota for the NCAA Division II Championship game on Saturday, March 24. They filled fan buses and sports bars alike, despite the near total lack of support all season.

According to Ferris State Athletics, Wink Arena has seen an average home attendance of 114 all year, and about 11 of the fans were just there for the concession stand.

Junior sports marketing major Wayne Tretzky was frustrated by the obvious bandwagoning that happened as the Bulldogs advanced farther into the postseason.

“I’ve been to every single home game since I got to college. I’m the Dawgs’ ride or die fan. It makes me mad to see everyone supporting them now that they’re doing so good, they don’t understand what it’s like to be a real fan.”

Tretzky continued to humblebrag for several minutes before storming off to yell at students streaming the game.

Sophomore English major Cassidy Waldorf couldn’t wait to see the Bulldogs play for the first time,

“I can’t wait to see them win! It’s a great day to be a Bulldog! Dawgs gotta skeet!” Waldorf said.

We also spoke with junior biotechnology major Whitney Newton as she was studying in the UC before the game.

“We have a basketball team? I thought we just had hockey. I guess that explains why that really tall guy in my genetics class is always gone.”

Whether you shamelessly jumped on the bandwagon or not, Big Rapids will be celebrating tonight after the championship game that most of the community didn’t even know about until it showed up all over their Twitter feed.



Long road to ruin

Ferris fans’ mental state deteriorates over course of 15-hour fan bus ride to Elite Eight Tournament

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Diabetic Stripper

Two fan buses packed with Bulldog fans journeyed from Big Rapids to South Dakota to watch Ferris’ men’s basketball team hoist the National Championship trophy.

The buses rumbled down the road, driving through the night and next morning for approximately 15 hours before finally reaching Sioux Falls, South Dakota. *Tire Fire* reporters aboard the bus needed something to do to fill that vast expanse of time, so they tracked a timeline of events on the bus. Check it out below!

10 p.m. — Bus departs from Big Rapids.

10:30 p.m. — On-board bus WiFi fails. Passengers riot. Fragile strings that once held common human decency together begin to unravel.

11 p.m. — Bus WiFi restored. Scattered factions of formerly civilized passengers returned to their savage evolutionary roots continue watching Facebook recipe videos.

12:15 a.m. — Stranger awkwardly falls asleep with head on neighbor’s shoulder. Courteous stranger just lets it happen.

2 a.m. — Bus drivers opt to stop at a rest stop and turn on all the ceiling lights inexplicably in the middle of the night. Y’know, just to make sure that no one can sleep and the torture can continue unabated.

3:45 a.m. — 145th improvised verse of “Wheels on the Bus” begins as an increasing number of passengers contemplate hurling themselves out the window and into highway traffic.

4:20 a.m. — Blaze it.

7 a.m. — Bus drives by some cows on a roadside farm. That was pretty cool.

9:20 a.m. — Snack supplies run short. Cannibalism is jokingly mentioned but not seriously considered by most passengers.

11 a.m. — The reporter writing this timeline reconsiders and inevitably regrets every decision made in his life that has led to sitting on a bus for 13 hours.

1 p.m. — Bus arrives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Only 14 percent of the passengers still have sanity intact. Trip is still deemed a success.

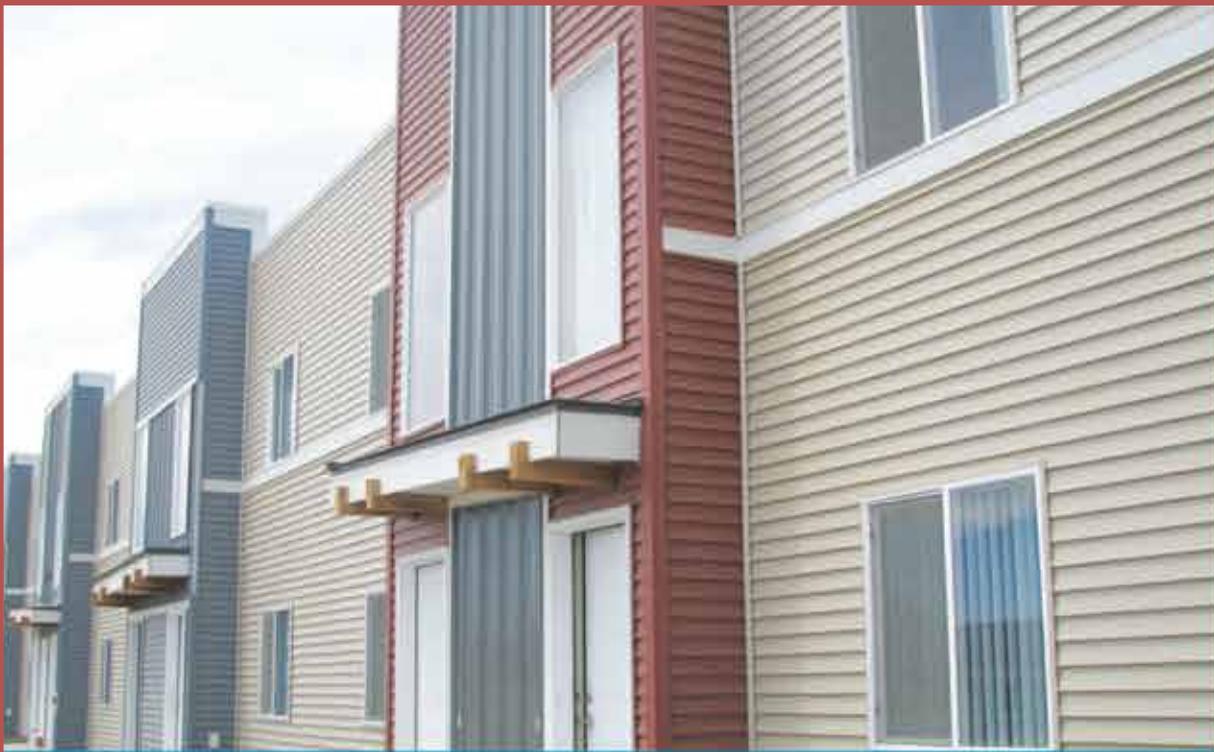
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