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FERRIS STATE AT BOWLING GREEN STATE
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2000-2001 Schedule/Results

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME/RESULT |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 10/7 | Waterloo (Ont.)# | W 3-0 |
| 10/13 | at St. Cloud State | L 1-3 |
| 10/14 | at St. Cloud State | T 3-3 OT |
| 10/20 | Northern Michigan* | L 3-4 OT |
| 10/21 | Northern Michigan* | T 1-1 OT |
| 10/27 | at Nebraska-Omaha* | L 4-7 |
| 10/28 | at Nebraska-Omaha* | L 3-7 |
| 11/3 | Colgate | W 5-4 |
| 11/4 | Colgate | W 3-1 |
| 11/10 | at Michigan* | L 1-4 |
| 11/11 | Michigan* | W 5-4 |
| 11/24 | at Western Michigan* | L 1-3 |
| 11/25 | at Western Michigan* | L 4-7 |
| 12/1 | Ohio State* | L 1-6 |
| 12/2 | Ohio State* | T 1-1 OT |
| 12/8 | Michigan State* | T 0-0 OT |
| 12/9 | at Michigan State* | L 1-4 |
| 12/15 | Findlay | W 5-0 |
| 12/16 | Findlay | L 2-3 |
| 12/29 | Providence◆ | L 2-4 |
| 12/30 | Air Force◆ | W 3-2 |
| 1/5 | at Notre Dame* | W 4-2 |
| 1/6 | at Notre Dame* | W 3-2 OT |
| 1/12 | Miami (Ohio)* | W 5-3 |
| 1/13 | Miami (Ohio)* | L 0-1 |
| 1/19 | at Alaska Fairbanks* | L 1-3 |
| 1/20 | at Alaska Fairbanks* | W 3-2 |
| 2/2 | Alaska Fairbanks* | W 2-1 |
| 2/3 | Alaska Fairbanks* | W 4-1 |
| 2/9 | at Lake Superior State* | W 5-2 |
| 2/10 | at Lake Superior State* | L 2-4 |
| 2/16 | Bowling Green State* | T 2-2 OT |
| 2/17 | Bowling Green State* | W 3-0 |
| 2/23 | Nebraska-Omaha* | L 2-4 |
| 2/24 | Nebraska-Omaha* | L 1-2 |
| 3/2 | at Bowling Green State* | 7:05 p.m. |
| 3/3 | at Bowling Green State* | 7:05 p.m. |
| 3/9-11 | CCHA Tournament 1st Rd. | TBA |
| 3/13 | CCHA Tournament Play-In | TBA |
| 3/16 | CCHA Tournament Semifinals | TBA |
| 3/17 | CCHA Tournament Championship | 7:35 pm. |
| 3/23-24 | NCAAEast Regional | TBA |
| 3/24-25 | NCAAWest Regional▲ | TBA |
| 4/5 | NCAA Frozen Four Semifinals★ | TBA |
| 4/7 | NCAA Frozen Four Championships★ | 7 p.m. |

All times Eastern; home games in **bold**

* – Central Collegiate Hockey Association game

– Exhibition

◆ – Wells Fargo Denver (Colo.) Cup Tournament

▶ – Worcester, Mass. (Centrum Centre)

▲ – Grand Rapids, Mich. (Van Andel Arena)

★ – Albany, N.Y. (Pepsi Arena)

FERRIS CONCLUDES REGULAR SEASON THIS WEEKEND; EARNS TOURNEY BERTH

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University men's ice hockey team, which has clinched a first-round berth in the 2000-2001 Central Collegiate Hockey Association's (CCHA) Tournament, wraps up its regular-season schedule this weekend (March 2-3) as the Bulldogs visit the Bowling Green State University Falcons in a two-game league series at Bowling Green, Ohio.

FACEOFF/ARENA: Friday and Saturday – 7:05 p.m. (EST)/BGSU Ice Arena (5,000).

THE BROADCAST: This weekend's regular-season finale series at Bowling Green State can be heard live on WBRN-AM (1460).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State, which is 5-3-1 in its last nine games, is currently 13-16-5 overall and 9-13-4 in the CCHA. Ferris dropped a pair of league decisions to nationally-ranked Nebraska-Omaha last weekend (Feb. 23-24) in its regular-season home finale series at the R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs lost 4-2 to the Mavericks last Friday and then came out on the short end of a 2-1 decision in Saturday's series finale. FSU is 4-9-1 on the road, 8-6-4 at home and 1-1-0 at neutral sites to date this season.

Ferris State registered a 21-16-2 overall record last season while finishing sixth for the second straight season in the CCHA with a 13-13-2 mark. The 20-plus season win total marked the first time since 1992-93 that the Bulldogs had won at least 20 games.

Bowling Green State presently sports an 11-18-5 overall record and is 6-15-5 in the CCHA after splitting a home league series against Western Michigan last weekend (Feb. 23-24) at the BGSU Ice Arena in Bowling Green, Ohio. The Falcons posted a 4-2 victory over the Broncos in last Friday's opener before suffering a 2-1 setback to WMU in Saturday's rematch. BGSU, which is 7-5-2 at home and 4-13-3 on the road this season, is 3-4-1 in its last eight outings and 5-1-0 in its last six home contests to date.

HEAD COACH BOB DANIELS: Bob Daniels is in his ninth year at Ferris State this season, the longest tenure of any Bulldog hockey coach. The sixth head coach in the program's history, Daniels became FSU's winningest coach on March 4, 2000, in a 7-0 regular-season finale win at Western Michigan to surpass the program's inaugural coach Rick Duffett (1975-82; 119-83-7). In the last eight seasons, Daniels is tops among all-

time FSU coaches in CCHA wins (89) and CCHA Tourney victories (five).

THE COACHES: Ferris State – **Bob Daniels** (Michigan State, 1982), 9th season, 134-173-31 (.442) – (11-12-4 vs. Bowling Green State; Away–5-8-2; Home–6-4-2).

Bowling Green State – Buddy Powers (Boston University, 1975), 7th season, 121-123-20 (.496); Career: 13th season, 241-194-35 (.550) – (8-7-4 vs. Ferris State).

COACH DANIELS ON THIS WEEKEND: "Since it appears we're locked into eighth place at a minimum, our objective against Bowling Green this weekend is to play as well as we can and go into the playoffs on a positive note."

THE SERIES: Ferris State and Bowling Green State will square off for the 85rd and 86th times this weekend with BGSU holding a 45-30-9 series lead. FSU posted a 1-0-1 mark against Bowling Green State in this season's first meeting (2/16-17) between the two teams (2/16-17) in Big Rapids. The squads skated to a 2-2 overtime tie in the series' opener before the Bulldogs claimed a 3-0 win in the finale. Ferris swept last season's series (11/19-20) at BGSU, winning 3-1 and 5-4 in overtime. The Bulldogs are 14-28-4 on the road and 16-17-5 at home versus the Falcons. FSU is 8-9-2 in its last 19 road appearances at BGSU.

ABOUT BOWLING GREEN STATE: The Falcons have 10 skaters with double-figure point totals this season, led by junior forward Greg Day (19-22-41). Day ranks tied for sixth place among the CCHA's overall scoring leaders this week and is tied for ninth in league scoring. Senior forward Ryan Murphy (20-13-33), junior forward Scott Hewson (8-17-25) and freshman forward D'Arcy McConvey (4-14-18) are other top point getters. Sophomore Tyler Masters (11-16-4, 2.62 GAA, .917 sv%) has been BGSU's primary goaltender this season.

FSU'S 2001 SENIOR CLASS: The Bulldogs will graduate six seniors from the 2000-2001 team. The group includes captain **Jim Dube (Ottawa, Ont.)**, **Scott Lewis (McAuley, Man.)**, **Rob Lightfoot (Port Coquitlam, B.C.)**, **Vince Owen (Thompson, Man.)**, **Jon Rogger (Bridgeton, Mo.)** and assistant captain **Kevin Swider (Livonia)**.

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2000-2001 CCHA STANDINGS



| | CONFERENCE | | | | | OVERALL | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|----|----|---|-----|---------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|
| | GP | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA | W | L | T | GF | GA |
| 1. Michigan State♦ | 27 | 20 | 4 | 3 | 43 | 83 | 36 | 27 | 4 | 4 | 114 | 48 |
| 2. Michigan♦ | 27 | 16 | 8 | 3 | 35 | 101 | 57 | 22 | 10 | 5 | 142 | 90 |
| 3. Nebraska-Omaha♦ | 28 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 33 | 86 | 80 | 20 | 13 | 3 | 106 | 95 |
| 4. Miami (Ohio)▲ | 26 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 31 | 89 | 70 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 108 | 99 |
| 5. Ohio State▲ | 26 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 28 | 80 | 83 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 108 | 101 |
| Western Michigan▲ | 26 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 28 | 86 | 89 | 18 | 10 | 6 | 123 | 107 |
| 7. Northern Michigan▲ | 26 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 26 | 69 | 67 | 14 | 11 | 7 | 98 | 81 |
| 8. Ferris State▲ | 26 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 22 | 62 | 77 | 13 | 16 | 5 | 86 | 97 |
| 9. Alaska Fairbanks | 28 | 7 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 67 | 91 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 83 | 99 |
| 10. Notre Dame | 26 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 18 | 65 | 87 | 9 | 21 | 7 | 97 | 139 |
| 11. Bowling Green State | 26 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 17 | 68 | 80 | 11 | 18 | 5 | 94 | 99 |
| 12. Lake Superior State | 26 | 8 | 18 | 0 | 16 | 49 | 88 | 13 | 21 | 0 | 75 | 112 |

♦ – Clinched home ice ▲ – Clinched playoff berth ◆ – Eliminated from playoffs

RESULTS LAST WEEK

Thursday, February 22

at Lake Superior State 2, Michigan 1*

Friday, February 23

Nebraska-Omaha 4, at Ferris State 2*

at Bowling Green State 4, Western Michigan 2*

Michigan State 5, at Ohio State 2*

Northern Michigan 4, at Miami (Ohio) 2*

Notre Dame 4, at Alaska Fairbanks 4 OT*

Saturday, February 24

Nebraska-Omaha 2, at Ferris State 1*

Western Michigan 2, at Bowling Green State 1*

Michigan State 7, at Ohio State 2*

Michigan 5, Lake Superior State 2*♦

at Miami (Ohio) 4, Northern Michigan 1*

Notre Dame 3, at Alaska Fairbanks 1*

GAMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 27

Miami (Ohio) at Ohio State*, 7:35 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

Findlay at Nebraska-Omaha, 8:05 p.m.

Michigan at Michigan State*, 7:35 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Ferris State at Bowling Green State*, 7:05 p.m.

Northern Michigan at Lake Superior State*

Notre Dame at Western Michigan*

Ohio State at Miami (Ohio)*, 7:35 p.m.

Findlay at Nebraska Omaha, 8:05 p.m.

Alaska Fairbanks at Alaska-Anchorage, 11:35 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

Ferris State at Bowling Green State*, 7:05 p.m.

Western Michigan at Notre Dame*

Lake Superior State at Northern Michigan*

Alaska-Anchorage at Alaska Fairbanks, 11:05 p.m.

All times are Eastern * – CCHAGame

◆ – Joe Louis Arena (Detroit, Mich.)

BULLDOGS OF THE GAME: After each contest, one Ferris State player will be named Bulldog of the Game by the FSU coaching staff. Below is a compilation of the recipients to date.

| DATE/OPP. | PLAYER | NOTES |
|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Oct. 13 at SCSU | Kevin Swider | 1-0-1 |
| Oct. 14 at SCSU | Rob Collins | 2-0-2 |
| Oct. 20 vs. NMU | Kevin Swider | 1-1-2 |
| Oct. 21 vs. NMU | Chris Kunitz | 1-0-1 |
| Oct. 27 at UNO | Josh Bowers | 2-0-2 |
| Oct. 28 at UNO | Phil Meyer | 1-0-1 |
| Nov. 3 vs. Colgate | Kevin Swider | 2-1-3 |
| Nov. 4 vs. Colgate | Scott Lewis | 1-0-1 |
| Nov. 10 at Michigan | Chris Kunitz | 1-0-1 |
| Nov. 11 vs. Michigan | Rob Collins | 1-1-2 |
| Nov. 24 at WMU | Phil Osaer | 16 saves |
| Nov. 25 at WMU | Josh Bowers | 1-1-2 |
| Dec. 1 vs. Ohio St. | Josh Bowers | 1-0-1 |
| Dec. 2 vs. Ohio St. | Phil Osaer | 32 saves |
| Dec. 8 vs. Mich. St. | Phil Osaer | 16 saves |
| Dec. 9 at Mich. St. | Jim Dube | 1-0-1 |
| Dec. 15 vs. Findlay | Phil Osaer | 13 saves |
| Dec. 16 vs. Findlay | Chris Kunitz | 2-0-2 |
| Dec. 29 vs. Providence | Kevin Swider | 1-0-1 |
| Dec. 30 vs. Air Force | Rob Collins | 1-1-2 |
| Jan. 5 at N. Dame | Chris Kunitz | 2-0-2 |
| Jan. 6 at N. Dame | Phil Osaer | 24 saves |
| Jan. 12 at Miami | Chris Kunitz | 1-2-3 |
| Jan. 13 at Miami | Phil Osaer | 25 saves |
| Jan. 19 at UAF | Troy Milam | 1-0-1 |
| Jan. 20 at UAF | Phil Osaer | 25 saves |
| Feb. 2 vs. UAF | Scott Lewis | 1-0-1 |
| Feb. 3 vs. UAF | Phil Osaer | 26 saves |
| Feb. 9 at LSSU | Chris Kunitz | 1-1-2 |
| Feb. 10 at LSSU | Jon Rogger | 1-0-1 |
| Feb. 16 vs. BGSU | Scott Lewis | 1-1-2 |
| Feb. 17 vs. BGSU | Phil Osaer | 23 saves |
| Feb. 23 vs. UNO | Rob Collins | 1-1-2 |
| Feb. 24 vs. UNO | Nick Field | 1-0-1 |
| Mar. 2 at BGSU | | |
| Mar. 3 at BGSU | | |



BULLDOG BITES: Junior center-right wing **Rob Collins (Kitchener, Ont.)** has compiled nine points (4-5-9) in his last eight games, including three multi-point game performances during that eight-game span. Collins' 31 points (15-16-31) this season equals his personal season high set last year (11-20-31) and the forward has posted a team-best 14 points (7-7-14) in FSU's last 14 contests . . . **Collins'** shorthanded goal last Friday vs. Nebraska Omaha represented his team-leading third of this season. He's two shorthanded tallies shy of tying the school's single-season record of five held by Tom Rudrud (1982-83) and Rod Schulter (1988-89) . . . FSU's penalty-killing unit is operating at 93.2% (55-of-59) efficiency in its last 11 contests while the Bulldogs are 10-for-67 (14.9%) on the power play during that period . . . Ferris is 2-7-2 this season when failing to score a

power-play goal in a contest and 7-4-3 when its opponents don't register a power-play tally . . . Junior defenseman **Chad McIver's (Thunder Bay, Ont.)** assist in last Saturday's Nebraska-Omaha contest represented his sixth point (0-6-6) of this season in 31 games, matching his personal season-high of six points (1-5-6) set in the 1999-00 campaign . . . Senior center **Kevin Swider (Livonia)** is one point away from moving into a tie for 16th place with Graham Craig (1981-85) on FSU's all-time scoring list. Swider has currently totaled 122 career points (54-68-122) in 144 contests while Craig registered 123 points (57-66-123) in 123 career games . . . **Swider** is also an assist shy of tying Dean Cowling (1985-89) and Val Passarelli (1992-96) for 16th place among the school's career assists leaders. Cowling and Passarelli each totaled 69 career assists . . . Sophomore center **Nick Field (Jackson)** tallied his first point this season with the Bulldogs' lone goal in last Saturday's game. All of Field's three career points have occurred on goals . . . Ferris is 9-11-2 in its last two regular-season games since 1990, which includes a 7-6-1 road record.

LAST WEEK: The following are FSU's game summaries from last weekend's home league series versus Nebraska-Omaha.

| February 23, 2001 – at R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (1,160) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| Nebraska-Omaha | 0 | 4 | 0 | -- | 4 |
| Ferris State | 0 | 1 | 1 | -- | 2 |

2nd: NO-Zanon (10) (Brisson); 4:32
 NO-Pereira (3) (Jaworski, O'Keefe); 6:25
 FS-Collins (15) (Milam); SHG; 10:31
 NO-Pereira (4) (Gabinet, Brisson); 12:01
 NO-Wong (11) (Unassisted); 17:57
3rd: FS-Swider (15) (Collins, D. McIver); 15:55

Penalties: NO 15-30, FS 15-46 **Power Plays:** NO 0-7, FS 0-8
Saves: NO-Ellis (6-7-11-24); 60:00 Referee-Steve McInchak
 FS-Osaer (10-8-x-18); 40:00 Asst. Refs-Bracco, Vida
 Owen (x-x-6-6); 17:55

| February 24 2001 – at R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (1,454) | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|----|---|
| Nebraska-Omaha | 1 | 1 | 0 | -- | 2 |
| Ferris State | 1 | 0 | 0 | -- | 1 |

1st: NO-Hoggan (11) (Turner, Fohr); 7:54
 FS-Field (1) (C. McIver); 19:32
2nd: NO-Pugliese (4) (Chalmers, Smith); 11:41

Penalties: NO 9-18, FS 7-22 **Power Plays:** NO 0-4, FS 0-7
Saves: NO-Ellis (6-9-7-11); 60:00 Referee-Steve McInchak
 FS-Osaer (13-13-2-28); 59:13 Asst. Refs-Langseth, Philo

UP NEXT: Ferris State will be participating in the first round of the CCHA Tournament next weekend (March 9-11) in a best-of-three series at a site yet to be determined. The Bulldogs have now qualified for the postseason tourney 20 of their last 22 seasons since joining the CCHA in 1979-80.