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NEBRASKA OMAHA AT FERRIS 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*	7:05 p.m.
2/24	Nebraska Omaha*	7:05 p.m.
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 p.m.
3/23-24	NCAA East Regional	TBA
3/24-25	NCAA West 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)

FSU HOSTS NEBRASKA OMAHA IN FINAL HOME SERIES THIS WEEKEND

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University men's ice hockey team concludes the home portion of its 2000-2001 schedule this weekend (Feb. 23-24) as the Bulldogs host the University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks in a two-game Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) series at Big Rapids, Mich.

FACEOFF/ARENA: Friday and Saturday – 7:05 p.m. (EST)/R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (2,450).

THE BROADCAST: This weekend's home series against Nebraska Omaha can be heard live on WBRN-AM (1460).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State, which is 9-3-1 in its last 13 games, is currently 13-14-5 overall and 9-11-4 in the CCHA. The Bulldogs captured three league points last weekend (Feb. 16-17) at FSU's R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids. Ferris tied Bowling Green State 2-2 in overtime last Friday and then notched a 3-0 victory in Saturday's rematch to go 5-1-1 in its past seven outings. FSU is 8-4-4 at home this season, posting a 4-1-1 mark in its last six home encounters. 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.

Nebraska Omaha is presently 18-13-3 overall and 13-10-3 in the CCHA as a result of splitting a home league series with Ohio State last weekend (Feb. 16-17) at UNO's Omaha Civic Auditorium in Omaha, Neb. The Mavericks dropped a 4-3 decision in last Friday's opener of the two-game set before recording a 6-1 victory in Saturday's rematch. UNO, who is 7-3-2 in its 12 contests in the new year, has compiled a 3-9-2 road mark (3-7-2 CCHA) this campaign.

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, 134-171-31

(.445) – (0-3-1 vs. Nebraska Omaha; Home–0-1-1; Away–0-2-0).

Nebraska Omaha – Mike Kemp (Gustavus Adolphus, 1975), 4th season, 57-74-13 (.441) – (3-0-1 vs. Ferris State).

COACH DANIELS ON THIS WEEKEND: "This is a great time of the year to be involved in college hockey. There's added excitement in the air – the players, coaches and fans are really excited because of games take on more significance. We hope to keep the positive momentum building toward the playoffs."

THE SERIES: Ferris State and Nebraska Omaha will meet for the fifth and sixth times this weekend in a series which began a season ago. UNO has a 0-3-1 lead after posting a home series sweep of the Bulldogs earlier this season (10/27-28). The Mavericks garnered a 7-4 triumph in the opening game and then claimed a 7-3 win in the finale. Last season (1/28-29) in Big Rapids, the two teams skated to a 5-5 overtime deadlock in the series' opener before UNO registered a 7-4 victory the next evening. FSU is 0-1-1 at home and 0-2-0 on the road against the Mavericks.

ABOUT NEBRASKA OMAHA: The Mavericks are paced by sophomore forward David Brisson (18-21-39), this week's CCHA Offensive Player of the Week, who ranks tied for sixth among the CCHA's overall scoring leaders and is third in league scoring only. UNO, which features 11 double-digit point getters, is supported offensively by junior forward Jeff Hoggan (10-14-24), sophomore defenseman Greg Zanon (9-14-23) and freshman forward Andrew Wong (10-9-19). Frosh goaltender Dan Ellis (16-12-3, 2.58 GAA, .910 sv%) is one save away from setting a UNO single-season record and has 814 total saves. The Mavericks rank 15th nationally this week in scoring defense (2.71 gpg.), 17th in winning percentage (.574) and 17th in penalty-killing percentage (.845).

FSU TO HONOR SENIOR CLASS: The Bulldogs will honor their six seniors in an on-ice ceremony prior to this Saturday's (Feb. 24) regular-season home finale versus Nebraska Omaha. 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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FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY



2000-2001 CCHA STANDINGS



	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
1. Michigan State♦	25	18	4	3	39	71	32	25	4	4	102	44
2. Michigan▲	25	15	7	3	33	95	53	21	9	5	136	86
3. Miami (Ohio)▲	24	14	9	1	29	83	65	17	13	2	102	94
Nebraska Omaha▲	26	13	10	3	29	80	77	18	13	3	100	92
5. Ohio State▲	24	13	9	2	28	76	71	16	12	2	104	89
6. Western Michigan▲	24	10	8	6	26	82	84	17	9	6	119	102
7. Northern Michigan▲	24	9	9	6	24	64	61	16	9	6	93	75
8. Ferris State	24	9	11	4	22	59	71	13	14	5	83	91
9. Alaska Fairbanks	26	7	13	6	20	62	84	9	15	6	78	92
10. Bowling Green State	24	5	14	5	15	63	76	10	17	5	89	95
Notre Dame	24	5	14	5	15	58	82	8	21	6	90	134
12. Lake Superior State	24	7	17	0	14	45	82	12	20	0	71	106

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

RESULTS LAST WEEK

Friday, February 16

Bowling Green State 2, at Ferris State 2 OT*
at Western Michigan 4, Michigan State 2*
Notre Dame 4, at Michigan 4 OT*
Ohio State 4, at Nebraska Omaha 3*
at Alaska Fairbanks 5, Miami (Ohio) 2*

Saturday, February 17

at Ferris State 3, Bowling Green State 0*
at Lake Superior State 3, Niagara 2
Michigan State 4, Michigan 2*♦
at Nebraska Omaha 6, Ohio State 1*
Miami (Ohio) 3, at Alaska Fairbanks 2 OT*

GAMES THIS WEEK

Thursday, February 22

Michigan at Lake Superior State*

OSAER GAINS CCHA HONOR: Junior goaltender **Phil Osaer (Livonia)** has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's Defensive Player of the Week after allowing two goals in 50 shots on net in the Bulldogs' tie and win against Bowling Green State. In Saturday's contest, Osaer posted his fourth shutout of the season and school-record tying sixth of his career in FSU's 3-0 triumph. He helped FSU kill 11-of-12 power plays in the weekend series.

BULLDOG BITES: Ferris State's 8-3-1 record in 2001 represents the program's best ever in the second half of a season. Prior to this campaign, the Bulldogs' best "second season" record after the first 12 games was 8-4-0 in 1992-93 when FSU compiled a 21-16-4 overall record (13-13-4 CCHA – 6th place) . . . Senior left wing **Rob Lightfoot (Port Coquitlam, B.C.)** has scored two goals

(2-0-2) in his last four games after recording two markers (2-1-3) in his previous 27 contests this season . . . In FSU's last 11 games, junior center **Rob Collins** (6-6-12), sophomore left wing **Chris Kunitz** (7-5-12) and senior center **Kevin Swider** (4-7-11) have accounted for

44.3% (35-of-79) of the team's total scoring output. The trio have also generated 50.0% of the squad's total goal production in that span . . . The Bulldogs are 7-2-3 this season when their opponents fail to score a power-play goal in a game and are 6-12-2 when the opposition tallies at least one power-play lamplighter . . . **Kevin Swider** moved into sole possession of 17th place on FSU's career scoring list last Saturday with an assist and now has totaled 121 career points (53-68-121) in 142 contests and is two shy of tying Graham Craig (1981-85) for 16th place. Craig registered 123 career points (57-66-123) in 123 games . . . **Swider** is one assist away from tying Dean Cowling (1985-89) and Val Passarelli (1992-96) for 16th place on the school's all-time list. Both totaled 69 career assists . . . **Phil Osaer** was credited with an assist last Saturday versus Bowling Green State, which marked the first time a FSU netminder earned an assist since senior **Vince Owen** picked up one in a 4-3 overtime home setback to Northern Michigan (10/20). Osaer's assist was the second of his career after attaining his first last season (1/28/00) against Nebraska Omaha.

LAST WEEK: The following are FSU's game summaries from last weekend's home league series versus Bowling Green State.

February 16, 2001 – at R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (1,134)

Bowling Green State	0	1	1	0	--	2
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Friday, February 23

Nebraska Omaha at Ferris State*, 7:05 p.m.
Western Michigan at Bowling Green State*
Michigan State at Ohio State*, 7:35 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Miami (Ohio)*, 7:35 p.m.
Notre Dame at Alaska Fairbanks*, 11:05 p.m.

Saturday, February 24

Nebraska Omaha at Ferris State*, 7:05 p.m.
Western Michigan at Bowling Green State*
Michigan State at Ohio State*
Michigan vs. Lake Superior State*♦, 7:35 p.m.
Northern Michigan at Miami (Ohio)*, 7:35 p.m.
Notre Dame at Alaska Fairbanks*, 11:05 p.m.

All times are Eastern * – CCHA Game
♦ – 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		
Feb. 24 vs. UNO		
Mar. 2 at BGSU		
Mar. 3 at BGSU		



Ferris State	0	1	1	0	--	2
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2nd: FS-Mangos (1) (Lewis); 1:57
BG-Day (18) (McConvey, Murphy); PPG; 11:56
3rd: FS-Lewis (5) (Collins, Dube); PPG; :24
BG-Day (19) (Murphy); 14:00

Penalties: BG 6-12, FS 8-16 **Power Plays:** BG 1-8, FS 1-4
Saves: BG-Masters (4-11-10-3-28); 65:00
FS-Osaer (8-10-4-3-25); 65:00 Referee-Jon Gosger
Asst. Refs-Hill, Friedman

February 17 2001 – at R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (1,458)

Bowling Green State	0	0	0	--	0
Ferris State	2	0	1	--	3

1st: FS-Basile (2) (Swider, Meyer); 10:34
FS-Lightfoot (4) (Schroder, Osaer); PPG; 19:05
3rd: FS-Collins (14) (Unassisted); ENG; 19:04

Penalties: BG 4-8, FS 7-14 **Power Plays:** BG 0-4, FS 1-7
Saves: BG-Masters (11-15-7-33); 59:07
FS-Osaer (7-4-12-23); 60:00 Referee-Steve Piotrowski
Asst. Refs-Langseth, Philo

UP NEXT: Ferris State closes out its 2000-2001 regular-season schedule next weekend (March 2-3) as the Bulldogs battle the Bowling Green State Falcons. Opening faceoff for both games is slated for 7:05 p.m. (EST) at the BGSU Ice Arena in Bowling Green, Ohio. The series represents the second between the teams in the last three weeks of the regular season.