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FERRIS STATE AT MARIUCCI CLASSIC

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2001-02 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
10/3	Waterloo (Ont.)#	W 5-1
10/12	at Wayne State	W 5-2
10/13	at Wayne State	W 5-0
10/20	at Michigan State*	L 0-2
10/26	Miami (Ohio)*	L 4-5
10/27	Miami (Ohio)*	L 2-3
11/2	Lake Superior State*	W 2-0
11/3	Lake Superior State*	W 6-2
11/9	at Notre Dame*	L 2-5
11/10	at Notre Dame*	T 3-3 OT
11/16	Alaska Fairbanks*	W 4-1
11/17	Alaska Fairbanks*	W 4-1
11/23	at Nebraska-Omaha*	W 7-2
11/24	at Nebraska-Omaha*	L 2-5
11/30	Michigan*	L 4-5
12/1	at Michigan*	L 1-6
12/14	Ohio State*	W 5-2
12/15	Ohio State*	W 3-2
12/28	Minnesota◆	8:05 p.m.
12/29	Providence/Western Michigan◆	TBA
1/11	at Miami (Ohio)*	7:35 p.m.
1/12	at Miami (Ohio)*	7:35 p.m.
1/15	Michigan State*	7:05 p.m.
1/25	Bemidji State	7:35 p.m.
1/26	Bemidji State	7:05 p.m.
2/1	at Northern Michigan*	7:05 p.m.
2/2	at Northern Michigan*	7:05 p.m.
2/8	Bowling Green State*	7:35 p.m.
2/9	Bowling Green State*	7:05 p.m.
2/15	at Ohio State*	7:35 p.m.
2/16	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
2/22	at Western Michigan*	7:05 p.m.
2/23	Western Michigan*	7:05 p.m.
3/1	Michigan State*	7:35 p.m.
3/2	at Michigan State*	7:05 p.m.
3/8-10	CCHA Tournament 1st Rd.	TBA
3/15	CCHA Tournament Quarterfinals♣	TBA
3/16	CCHA Tournament Semifinals♣	5:05/8:35 p.m.
3/17	CCHA Tournament Championship♣	7:35 p.m.
3/22-23	NCAA West Regional▲	TBA
3/23-24	NCAA East 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

◆ – Mariucci Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)

♣ – Detroit, Mich. (Joe Louis Arena)

▶ – Worcester, Mass. (Centrum Centre)

▲ – Ann Arbor, Mich. (Yost Ice Arena)

★ – St. Paul, Minn. (Xcel Center)

FERRIS TO COMPETE IN MINNESOTA'S MARIUCCI CLASSIC OVER HOLIDAY BREAK

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University men's ice hockey team will be traveling to Minneapolis, Minn., next weekend (Dec. 28-29) to compete in the 11th annual Dodge Mariucci Classic. The Bulldogs will take on the host Minnesota Golden Gophers in Friday's (Dec. 28) opening-round action preceded by the Providence-Western Michigan contest. The third-place and championship contests will be conducted Saturday (Dec. 29). Fox Sports Net North (DirecTV channel 641) will televise the championship contest.

FACEOFF/ARENA: Friday – 8:05 p.m. (EST) & Saturday – 5 or 8:05 p.m. (EST)/Mariucci Arena (10,000).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State is currently 9-7-1 overall and 7-7-1 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) after registering a league series home sweep of nationally-ranked Ohio State last weekend (Dec. 14-15) at FSU's R.L. Ewigleben (pronounced A-VAH-glave-in) Ice Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. The Bulldogs were among 10 teams receiving votes in this week's *U.S. College Hockey Online* poll.

← Ferris State registered a 13-20-5 overall record last season while finishing eighth place in the CCHA with a 9-15-4 league mark. FSU was 8-6-4 at home, 4-13-1 on the road, and 1-1-0 at neutral sites a season ago.

Minnesota is 12-2-3 overall and 6-2-2 (third place) in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA). The Golden Gophers are presently ranked second nationally in both the *USA Today/American Hockey Magazine* and *U.S. College Hockey Online* polls. UM split a two-game league set (Dec. 7-8) against nationally-ranked Denver at DU's Magness Arena in Denver, Colo. The Golden Gophers claimed a 2-1 win in the opener (Dec. 7) before suffering a 4-3 loss in the finale (Dec. 8). UM is 8-1-0 at home and was 11-0-1 in its initial 12 games this year.

Providence has compiled a 7-9-1 overall mark and is 4-6-0 in the Hockey East Association (Hockey East). The Friars, who have won three of their last four outings, are coming off a 5-2 non-league triumph over Quinnipiac (Dec. 7) at PC's Schneider Arena in Providence, R.I.

Western Michigan stands at 10-5-3 overall and 5-5-2 in the CCHA after gaining a league series split with Lake Superior State last weekend (Dec. 14-15) at LSSU's Taffy Abel Arena in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The Broncos had their five-game win streak and seven-game unbeaten string snapped with a 4-1 loss to the Lakers last Friday (Dec. 14), but then posted a 4-1 victory (Dec. 15). WMU has won six of its last seven and is 7-

1-1 in its last nine outings.

HEAD COACH BOB DANIELS: The sixth coach in the program's history, Daniels became FSU's winningest coach following a 7-0 regular-season finale (3/4/00) win at Western Michigan to surpass the program's inaugural coach Rick Duffett (1975-82; 119-83-7). Daniels presently is first among Ferris' all-time coaches in CCHA wins (105) and CCHA Tourney victories (five).

THE COACHES: Ferris State – Bob Daniels (Michigan State, 1982), 10th season, 143-184-32 (.443) – (1-0-0 vs. Minnesota, 0-1-0 vs. Providence, 10-17-2 vs. Western Michigan). **Minnesota – Don Lucia** (Notre Dame, 1981), 3rd season, 59-34-7 (.625); Career – 15th season, 338-189-35 (.633) – (2-2-0 vs. Ferris State); **Providence – Paul Pooley** (Ohio State, 1984), 8th season, 132-127-22 (.509) – (1-0-0 vs. Ferris State); **Western Michigan – Jim Culhane** (Western Michigan, 1987), 3rd season, 45-43-14 (.509) – (4-3-0 vs. Ferris State).

ABOUT MINNESOTA: The Golden Gophers feature nine double-digit point scorers, led by senior center John Pohl (9-20-29), junior center Jeff Taffe (13-11-24) and senior defenseman Jordan Leopold (11-10-21). In goal is senior Adam Hauser (7-2-3, 2.25 GAA, .915 sv%).

ABOUT PROVIDENCE: Among six Friars with a double-figure point total are senior left wing Drew Omicioli (9-10-19), junior right wing Jon DiSalvatore (10-7-17) and senior center Peter Fregoe (8-9-17). Junior goalie Nolan Schaefer (6-8-1, 3.25, .900) has been the regular.

ABOUT WESTERN MICHIGAN: Sophomore right wing Jeff Campbell (5-16-21) and senior center Mike Bishai (6-13-19) are the Broncos' leading scorers. Freshman Mike Mantua (7-4-2, 2.82, .883) has been WMU's primary netminder this season.

THE SERIES: Ferris State has a 1-0 lead over Minnesota. FSU claimed a 6-4 victory over the Golden Gophers (1/2/93) in 1993 Mariucci Classic semifinal-round action before capturing the title with a 4-1 win against St. Lawrence (1/3). Ferris trails Providence 1-0 after a 4-2 opening-round loss (12/29) at the 2000 Wells Fargo Denver Cup. Western Michigan has a 52-30-6 lead in a series dating back to the 1977-78 season. WMU won both meetings a season ago (11/24-25) at home – 3-1 and 7-4. FSU, which is 1-3-0 vs. the Broncos at neutral sites, notched a 9-1 opening-round win (12/27/91) over Western at the Pepsi College Hockey Tournament (Grand Rapids, Mich.) in the most recent such contest.

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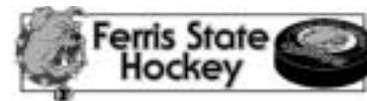
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2001-02 CCHA STANDINGS



	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
1. Michigan State	14	10	3	1	21	48	21	12	3	2	60	27
2. Michigan	13	8	3	2	18	44	31	10	5	3	62	48
3. Ferris State	15	7	7	1	15	49	44	9	7	1	59	46
4. Alaska Fairbanks	14	7	7	0	14	39	41	11	7	0	62	49
Nebraska-Omaha	14	6	6	2	14	37	35	10	8	2	58	57
6. Ohio State	12	6	5	1	13	29	31	9	6	1	45	38
Northern Michigan	12	6	5	1	13	36	26	9	6	1	63	38
Notre Dame	12	5	4	3	13	46	37	5	7	4	55	53
9. Western Michigan	12	5	5	2	12	36	41	10	5	3	57	54
10. Miami (Ohio)	12	5	6	1	11	34	40	7	8	3	47	56
11. Bowling Green State	16	4	10	2	10	45	59	5	11	4	55	74
12. Lake Superior State	14	3	11	0	6	22	59	4	12	0	26	63

RESULTS LAST WEEK

Friday, December 14

Ferris State 5, Ohio State 2*

at Lake Superior State 4, Western Michigan 1*
at Michigan Tech 5, Northern Michigan 3
at Alaska Fairbanks 6, Bowling Green State 2*

Saturday, December 15

at Ferris State 3, Ohio State 2*

Western Michigan 4, at Lake Superior State 1*
at Northern Michigan 6, Michigan Tech 1
Harvard 3, at Michigan 3 OT
at Alaska Fairbanks 5, Bowling Green State 2*

Thursday, December 20

Boston Univ. 4, at Nebraska-Omaha 1

GAMES NEXT TWO WEEKS

Friday, December 21

at Nebraska-Omaha 4, Boston Univ. 3 OT

Friday, December 28

Notre Dame at Princeton

Mariucci Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Western Michigan vs. Providence, 5 p.m.

Ferris State at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.

Great Lakes Invitational (Detroit, Mich.)

Michigan vs. North Dakota, 4:05 p.m.

Michigan State vs. Michigan Tech, 7:35 p.m.

Wells Fargo Denver Cup (Denver, Colo.)

Harvard vs. UMass-Lowell, 6:35 p.m.

Bowling Green State vs. Denver, 9:35 p.m.

Silverado Shootout (Duluth, Minn.)

Miami (Ohio) vs. Boston College, 5:05 p.m.

Yale at Minnesota-Duluth, 8:05 p.m.

Sheraton/Howard Bank Classic (Burlington, Vt.)

Dartmouth vs. Merrimack, 4 p.m.

Lake Superior State at Vermont, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 29

Notre Dame at Princeton

Mariucci Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Third-Place & Championship, 5 & 8:05 p.m.

Great Lakes Invitational (Detroit, Mich.)

Third-Place & Championship, 4 & 7:35 p.m.

Wells Fargo Denver Cup (Denver, Colo.)

Third-Place & Championship, 6:05 & 9:05 p.m.

Silverado Shootout (Duluth, Minn.)

Third-Place & Championship, 5 & 8 p.m.

Sheraton/Howard Bank Classic (Burlington, Vt.)

Lake Superior State vs. Dartmouth, 4 p.m.

Merrimack at Vermont, 7 p.m.

Everbades College Classic (Estero, Fla.)

Northern Michigan vs. Cornell, 4 p.m.

Ohio State vs. Maine, 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

Everbades College Classic (Estero, Fla.)

Third-Place & Championship, 4 & 7 p.m.

All starting times are Eastern and 7:05 p.m.

unless noted

KUNITZ GARNERS CCHA HONOR: Junior left wing **Chris Kunitz (Regina, Sask.)** has been named this week's CCHA Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Bulldogs' series sweep of Ohio State (Dec. 14-15). Kunitz, who received the same honor earlier this season (11/18), scored two goals apiece in both contests and accounted for both game-winning tallies. He totaled four points (4-0-4) and was +2 in the weekend series. Senior center **Rob Collins (Kitchener, Ont.)** also attained league offensive player of the week accolades this campaign (11/5).

BULLDOG BITES: FSU's top two points leaders, Collins (10-22-32) and Kunitz (17-5-22) have combined for 37.2% (54-145) of the team's total points production and 45.8% (27-59) of the goal scoring this season . . . The Bulldogs have scored seven short-handed goals in 17 games after recording seven shorties in each of the last two seasons. The school record of 11 was set in the 1983-84 season . . . **Collins** tallied his fourth short-handed goal of the year versus Ohio State (12/14) and is one away

from tying the single-season Ferris mark held by Tom Rudrud (1982-83) and Rod Schluter (1988-89). Collins also moved into a tie for 18th place with Kevin Swider (1997-01) on FSU's all-time assists leaders list. He has 68 career assists in 126 outings while Swider posted 68 assists in 148 career contests . . . **Chris Kunitz** has scored at least two goals in a game on a team-high six occasions and six of his seven multi-point outings this year have been multi-goal games. Kunitz, who has 53 career goals in 92 contests, is three away from tying Swider for 14th place on the school's all-time goal-scoring chart . . . Ferris is 8-1-1 this season when leading after the first period and 9-0-0 when holding the advantage after two periods . . . A total of 13 skaters on the Bulldogs' 22-player roster (goaltenders and redshirted players excluded) have a plus rating led by **Collins** (+19), **Kunitz** (+15) and freshman defenseman **Matt York** (+15) . . . Ferris' current third-place CCHA standing after the first 15 league contests of each campaign represents its highest placing in the last 20 seasons. The Bulldogs were tied for third place after their initial 15 games of the 1981-82 season (9-5-1; 19 points) . . . FSU's 15-league points are the most since 1998-99 when the Bulldogs totaled 18 points (8-5-2) following their first 15 league outings . . . **Rob Collins** has scored a team-high five points (2-3-5) in two non-league games this season and has accumulated 16 points (7-9-16) in a combined 11 non-conference contests the last two years . . . Ferris State has a 10-11-2 all-time record in regular-season tournament outings.

MOST RECENT SUMMARIES:

GAME 16 ♦ vs. Ohio State

December 14, 2001 – at R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (1,249)

	1	2	3	FINAL
Ohio State	0	2	0	— 2
Ferris State	2	2	1	— 5

BULLDOGS OF THE GAME: After each contest, a Ferris State player will be selected the Bulldog of the Game. Below is a compilation of the recipients to date.

DATE/OPP.	PLAYER	NOTES
Oct. 12 at Wayne St.	Rob Collins	1-2-3
Oct. 13 at Wayne St.	John DeCaro	23 saves
Oct. 20 at Mich. St.	Mike Brown	38 saves
Oct. 26 vs. Miami	Chris Kunitz	2-1-3, +2
Oct. 27 vs. Miami	Kristian Schroder	0-1-1, +2
Nov. 2 vs. LSSU	Rob Collins	2-0-2, +2
Nov. 3 vs. LSSU	Rob Collins	2-3-5, +5
Nov. 9 at N. Dame	Chris Kunitz	1-0-1, +1
Nov. 10 at N. Dame	Chris Kunitz	1-1-2, +1
Nov. 16 vs. UAF	Simon Mangos	2-0-2, +2
Nov. 17 vs. UAF	Chris Kunitz	2-1-3, +2
Nov. 23 at UNO	Chris Kunitz	2-1-3, +1
Nov. 24 at UNO	Jeff Legue	0-2-2
Nov. 30 vs. Michigan	Derek Nesbitt	2-0-2, +1
Dec. 1 at Michigan	Phil Lewandowski	1-0-1
Dec. 14 vs. Ohio St.	Chris Kunitz	2-0-2, +1
Dec. 15 vs. Ohio St.	Rob Collins	0-3-3, +1
Dec. 28 at Minnesota		
Dec. 29 vs. TBD		
Jan. 11 at Miami		
Jan. 12 at Miami		
Jan. 15 vs. MSU		
Jan. 25 vs. Bemidji St		
Jan. 26 vs. Bemidji St		
Feb. 1 at NMU		
Feb. 2 at NMU		
Feb. 8 vs. BGSU		
Feb. 9 vs. BGSU		
Feb. 15 at Ohio St.		
Feb. 16 at Ohio St.		
Feb. 22 at WMU		
Feb. 23 vs. WMU		
Mar. 1 vs. MSU		
Mar. 2 at MSU		
Mar. 8 at CCHA Trn.		
Mar. 9 at CCHA Trn.		
Mar. 10 at CCHA Trn.		

All times are Eastern

* – CCHA Game

▲ – Championship

▼ – Third-Place Game

1st: FSU-Phil Lewandowski (5) (Carter Thomson, Derek Nesbitt); PPG; 6:15

FSU-Derek Nesbitt (4) (Trevor Large); 8:41

2nd: OSU-R.J. Umberger (7) (Mike McCormick, Jason Crain); 9:34

FSU-Chris Kunitz (14) (Matt York, Rob Collins); PPG; 13:15

OSU-R.J. Umberger (8) (JB Bittner); 14:17

FSU-Chris Kunitz (15) (Rob Collins); SHG; 14:50

3rd: FSU-Rob Collins (10) (Unassisted); ENG & PPG; 18:11

Shots On Goal: OSU 15-9-9-33, FSU 9-13-7-29

Penalties: OSU 7-14, FSU 8-24

Power Plays: OSU 0-5, FSU 2-4

Saves: OSU-Mike Betz (7-11-6-24); 59:36

FSU-Mike Brown (15-7-9-31); 60:00

Officials: Referee-Steve Piotrowski; Asst. Refs-Brian Hill, Chris Davis

GAME 17 ♦ vs. Ohio State

December 15, 2001 – at R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (1,354)

	1	2	3	FINAL
Ohio State	0	0	2	— 2
Ferris State	1	0	2	— 3

1st: FSU-Trevor Large (1) (Jeff Legue, Rob Collins); PPG; 13:52

3rd: FSU-Chris Kunitz (16) (Rob Collins, Nick Field); 4:09

OSU-John Toffey (2) (Ryan Smith, Yan Des Gagne); PPG; 9:16

FSU-Chris Kunitz (17) (Rob Collins); ENG & PPG; 18:50

OSU-Paul Caponigri (4) (Mike McCormick); EXG; 19:45

Shots On Goal: OSU 7-15-15-37, FSU 11-9-6-26

Penalties: OSU 15-49, FSU 14-28

Power Plays: OSU 1-7, FSU 2-6

Saves: OSU-Mike Betz (10-9-4-23); 59:05

FSU-John DeCaro (7-15-13-35); 60:00

Officials: Referee-Steve Piotrowski; Asst. Refs-Brian Hill, Brent Gawlik

UP NEXT: Ferris State resumes CCHA play Jan. 11-12 with a two-game set against the Miami (Ohio) University RedHawks. Opening faceoff for both encounters is 7:35 p.m. (EST) at MU's Goggin Ice Arena in Oxford, Ohio.