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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◆	L 2-3
12/29	Western Michigan◆	L 3-6
1/11	at Miami (Ohio)*	L 0-1
1/12	at Miami (Ohio)*	W 2-0
1/15	Michigan State*	L 2-3
1/25	Bemidji State	W 7-0
1/26	Bemidji State	L 5-7
2/1	at Northern Michigan*	L 4-6
2/2	at Northern Michigan*	W 4-1
2/8	Bowling Green State*	W 5-2
2/9	Bowling Green State*	W 6-3
2/15	at Ohio State*	L 2-5
2/16	at Ohio State*	L 3-4
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)

FSU TAKES ON WESTERN MICHIGAN; FOUR REGULAR-SEASON GAMES REMAINING

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University men's ice hockey team, which has four Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) contests remaining in the 2001-02 regular season, skates against the nationally-ranked Western Michigan University Broncos this weekend (Feb. 22-23) in a home-and-home series. This Friday's (Feb. 22) encounter will take place in Kalamazoo, Mich., while Saturday's (Feb. 23) contest will be held in Big Rapids, Mich.

FACEOFF/ARENA: Friday – 7:05 p.m. (EST) /Harry W. Lawson Ice Arena (3,667); Saturday – 7:05 p.m. (EST)/R.L. Ewigleben (pronounced A-VAH-glave-in) Ice Arena (2,450).

FSU TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for all 2001-02 FSU home games are available by contacting the R.L. Ewigleben Arena Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888. Hours are Monday thru Friday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) and Saturday (home games only) – 12 to 5 p.m.

THE RECORDS: Ferris State is 14-15-1 overall and 11-12-1 in the CCHA as a result of suffering a pair of league losses last weekend (Feb. 15-16) to Ohio State at OSU's Value City Arena in Columbus, Ohio. The Bulldogs dropped a 5-2 decision in last Friday's (Feb. 15) opening game before being dealt a 4-3 loss by the Buckeyes in Saturday's (Feb. 16) series' finale. Ferris, which is 4-4-0 in its last eight outings, is 5-9-1 on the road, 9-5-0 at home and 0-1-0 at neutral sites this season. 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.

Western Michigan is 17-11-4 overall and 11-10-3 in CCHA play following a league series split with Nebraska-Omaha last weekend (Feb. 15-16) at the Omaha Civic Auditorium in Omaha, Neb. The Broncos lost a 5-3 decision to the Mavericks last Friday (Feb. 15), but rallied in Saturday's (Feb. 16) contest to register a 3-1 triumph. WMU has won five of its last six outings and is 6-2-1 in its past nine contests. The Broncos, who are ranked 15th nationally by *U.S. College Hockey Online* this week, are 12-4-2 at home, 4-6-2 on the road, and 1-1-0 at neutral sites this campaign.

Western Michigan finished 20-13-6 overall

and 12-10-6 (fifth-place tie) in the CCHA last season.

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 (109) and CCHA Tourney victories (five).

THE COACHES: Ferris State – Bob Daniels (Michigan State, 1982), 10th season, 148-192-32 (.441) – (10-18-2 vs. Western Michigan); (Home-5-7-1; Away-4-9-1; Neutral-1-2-0).

Western Michigan – Jim Culhane (Western Michigan, 1987), 3rd season, 52-49-15 (.513) – (5-3-0 vs. Ferris State).

ABOUT WESTERN MICHIGAN: The Broncos have 11 players with double-figure point totals led by sophomore right wing Jeff Campbell (12-22-34), senior center Mike Bishai (10-24-34) and freshman right wing Pat Dwyer (14-16-30), who leads all CCHA rookie scorers. Sharing the netminding duties this season have been senior Jeff Reynaert (10-5-2, 2.71 GAA, .903 save%) and frosh Mike Mantua (7-6-2, 3.03 GAA, .875 save%).

SERIES INFORMATION: FSU trails 55-28-6

At Kalamazoo: 11-30-3; **At Big Rapids:** 16-21-3;

Neutral: 1-4-0

Goals For/Against: 310 (3.44 gpg.)/408 (4.53 gpg.)

First Meeting: WMU 9, FSU 4 (11/8/77)

Last Meeting: WMU 6, FSU 3◆ (12/29/01)

Longest Win Streak: FSU 7 (1/25/80-1/30/81); WMU 10 (11/30/84-3/1/86)

Last Season: WMU 3-1 & 7-4 (11/24-25/00)

This Season: WMU 6-3◆ (12/29/01)

Top FSU Scorer: Rob Collins (3-6-9, 10 GP)

Series Note: Ferris State is 6-6-1 (3-3-0 road and 2-2-1 at home) against Western Michigan in the last 13 meetings.

* – Denotes home game ◆ – Mariucci Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)

MONTH	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	TOTAL
OCTOBER	2-3-2	2-6-0	0-1-0	4-10-2
NOVEMBER	2-4-0	0-8-0	0-0-0	2-12-0
DECEMBER	2-1-1	0-3-0	1-2-0	3-6-1
JANUARY	7-4-0	5-1-2	0-0-0	12-5-2
FEBRUARY	3-8-0	3-11-1	0-0-0	6-19-1
MARCH	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-3-0
TOTALS	16-21-3	11-30-3	1-4-0	28-55-6

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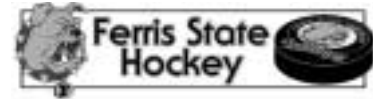
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2001-02
CCHA STANDINGS



	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
1. Michigan	24	15	5	4	34	77	49	18	9	5	107	78
Michigan State	24	15	5	4	34	76	40	21	6	5	106	55
3. Alaska Fairbanks	26	14	10	2	30	86	81	18	10	2	109	89
4. Nebraska-Omaha	26	13	10	3	29	68	59	19	12	3	96	85
5. Northern Michigan	24	13	9	2	28	74	59	20	10	2	110	82
6. Ohio State	24	11	9	4	26	63	67	16	12	4	88	88
7. Western Michigan	24	11	10	3	25	78	76	17	11	4	106	96
8. Ferris State	24	11	12	1	23	77	69	14	15	1	104	87
9. Notre Dame	24	8	12	4	20	78	81	10	15	5	93	100
10. Miami (Ohio)	24	8	14	2	18	60	76	11	17	2	78	100
11. Bowling Green State	24	6	15	3	15	67	92	8	20	6	87	125
12. Lake Superior State	24	4	18	2	10	34	89	7	21	2	51	104

RESULTS LAST WEEK

Friday, February 15

at Ohio State 4, Ferris State 2*

at Bowling Green State 2, Lake Superior State 0*

at Northern Michigan 7, Miami (Ohio) 3*

at Nebraska-Omaha 5, Western Michigan 3*

Saturday, February 16

at Ohio State 4, Ferris State 3*

Lake Superior State 4, at Bowling Green State 4 OT*

at Northern Michigan 3, Miami (Ohio) 1*

Western Michigan 3, at Nebraska-Omaha 1*

Michigan State 3, Michigan 1♦

Northern Michigan at Bowling Green State*

Notre Dame at Lake Superior State*

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

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

Nebraska-Omaha at Alaska Fairbanks*, 11:05 p.m.

Saturday, February 23

Western Michigan at Ferris State*, 7:05 p.m.

Northern Michigan at Bowling Green State*

Notre Dame at Lake Superior State*

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

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

Nebraska-Omaha at Alaska Fairbanks*, 11:05 p.m.

* - CCHA Game ♦ - Joe Louis Arena (Detroit, Mich.)

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

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	Derrick McIver	1-1-2, +2
Dec. 29 vs. WMU	Jeff Legue	1-1-2
Jan. 11 at Miami	Mike Brown	32 saves
Jan. 12 at Miami	Chris Kunitz	1-1-2, +1
Jan. 15 vs. MSU	Chris Kunitz	2-0-2
Jan. 25 vs. Bemidji St.	Mike Brown	22 saves
Jan. 26 vs. Bemidji St.	Trevor Large	2-0-2, +1
Feb. 1 at NMU	Rob Collins	1-1-2, +1
Feb. 2 at NMU	Mike Brown	31 saves
Feb. 8 vs. BGSU	Phil Lewandowski	2-0-2, +2
Feb. 9 vs. BGSU	Jason Basile	2-0-2, +1
Feb. 15 at Ohio St.	Derek Nesbitt	1-1-2
Feb. 16 at Ohio St.	Matt York	1-0-1, +1
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
▲ - Championship

* - CCHA Game
▼ - Third-Place Game

GAMES THIS WEEK

Friday, February 22

Ferris State at Western Michigan*, 7:05 p.m.

BULLDOG BITES: Freshman defenseman **Matt York (Woodhaven)**, who's on a current five-game point streak (3-4-7), has totaled 14 points (2-12-14) in his last 10 games. York compiled 10 points, all assists, in his first 19 contests . . . The Bulldogs are averaging 3.6 goals per game (40 total) in 11 outings in the new year while FSU allowed 2.9 goals (32 total) in that span. Ferris is operating 17.4% efficiency on the power play and is 83.8% (57-68) in penalty-kill situations during the 11-game stretch. In NCAA team rankings through games of Feb. 17, Ferris State ranks 15th in both scoring offense (3.47 avg.) and scoring margin (0.57). Individually, junior left wing **Chris Kunitz (Regina, Sask.)** is tied for first in game-winning goals (six), tied for second in goals (0.87) and tied for fourth in shorthanded tallies (four). Senior center **Rob Collins (Kitchener, Ont.)** is tied for second in shorthanded goals (five), third in assists (1.00) and seventh in points (1.47) . . . **Chris Kunitz** is within one goal of moving into a tie with Brian McCullough (1996-00) for 10th place on FSU's

career goal-scoring list. Kunitz has scored 62 goals in 105 career contests while McCullough had 63 career markers in 137 games . . . **Rob Collins**, who has 119 career points (43-76-119) in 139 contests, is a point away from tying Dean Cowling (1985-89; 51-69-120) for 18th place on FSU's all-time points list. Collins had his seven-game point string (4-7-11) snapped last Saturday at Ohio State . . . Junior right wing **Phil Meyer's (Lansing)** six points (2-4-6) in 16 contests this season already matches last year's output (2-4-6) in 36 games . . . FSU's top three point getters this campaign, **Rob Collins** (14-30-44), **Chris Kunitz** (26-9-35) and **Matt York** (3-21-24) have combined for 39.3% (103-262) of the squad's total points production . . . **Rob Collins'** team-high and personal career-best 13 multi-point games this year represents the most since 1999-00 when Brian McCullough recorded 15 total. The FSU assistant captain has notched eight multi-point game efforts apiece the last two seasons (1999-00 and 2000-01) . . . **Chris Kunitz** is two goals shy of tying Peter Lowden (1985-86) and Rod Taylor (1989-90) for fourth place on the school's single-season goal-scoring list.

MOST RECENT SUMMARIES:

GAME 29 ♦ at Ohio State

February 15, 2002 - at Value City Arena (9,327)

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

- 1st: OSU-Mike McCormick (5) (Daymen Bencharski, Doug Address); 6:51
OSU-Mike McCormick (6) (Daymen Bencharski, R.J. Umberger); 14:00
2nd: FSU-Matt York (2) (Jeff Legue, Derek Nesbitt); PPG; 1:14
OSU-Miguel Lafleche (8) (Dave Steckel); SHG; 1:40
OSU-Daymen Bencharski (8) (Doug Address, Mike McCormick); 16:58
3rd: FSU-Derek Nesbitt (9) (Rob Collins); PPG; 12:47

OSU-Scott Titus (1) (unassisted); ENG; 18:38

Shots On Goal: FSU 10-9-7-26, OSU 10-8-6-24

Penalties: FSU 9-18, OSU 13-34 **Power Plays:** FSU 2-10, OSU 0-7

Saves: FSU-Mike Brown, L (9-10-0) (8-6-x-14); 40:00

John DeCaro (x-x-5-5); 19:36

OSU-Mike Betz, W (15-12-4) (10-8-6-24); 60:00

Officials: Referee-Mark Wilkins; Asst. Refs-Brian Hill, Terry Sheen

GAME 30 ♦ at Ohio State

February 16, 2002 - at Value City Arena (9,378)

	1	2	3	FINAL
Ferris State	2	0	1	3
Ohio State	2	1	1	4

1st: FSU-Jeff Legue (5) (unassisted); 10:22

FSU-Matt York (3) (Chris Kunitz, Simon Mangos); 12:44

OSU-Paul Caponigri (9) (Thomas Welsh); 18:20

OSU-Paul Caponigri (10) (unassisted); 19:30

2nd: OSU-R.J. Umberger (15) (Paul Caponigri); 4-4; 9:33

3rd: FSU-Phil Lewandowski (12) (Derrick McIver, Jason Basile); PPG; 17:46

OSU-Daymen Bencharski (9) (R.J. Umberger, Eric Skaug); 18:03

Shots On Goal: BGSU 9-10-12-31, FSU 19-20-15-54

Penalties: FSU 7-14, OSU 10-20 **Power Plays:** FSU 1-7, OSU 0-4

Saves: FSU-John DeCaro, L (5-5-1) (7-4-6-17); 58:50

OSU-Mike Betz, W (16-12-4) (9-8-13-30); 60:00

Officials: Referee-Mark Wilkins; Asst. Refs-Brian Hill, Terry Sheen

UP NEXT: Ferris State closes out its 2001-02 regular-season schedule next weekend, March 1-2, with a home-and-home CCHA series against the Michigan State Spartans. FSU hosts Michigan State in the opener Friday, March 1, at Big Rapids with opening faceoff scheduled for 7:35 p.m. (EST). The teams square off again Saturday, March 2, at MSU's Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Mich. Start time is slated for 7:05 p.m. (EST).