

FERRIS STATE HOCKEY

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(Michigan State, 1982)

Bob Daniels embarks on his 11th year as head coach of the Ferris State University Hockey program in 2002-03, representing the longest tenure of any coach in the program's history. Through his competitive desire and tireless work ethic, Daniels has established a great respect on both the conference and national levels. Prior to the start of this season, he ranked 29th among active NCAA Division I ice hockey coaches in overall victories.



Daniels became the program's all-time winningest coach on March 4, 2000, when the Bulldogs posted a 7-0 victory at Western Michigan in the regular-season finale. Ferris State went on to compile a 21-16-4 overall mark, which represented the first time since the 1992-93 season that FSU had won at least 20 games in a single season. In the process, the Bulldogs also registered at least a .500 winning percentage league mark for the second consecutive season. Ferris State hadn't compiled such back-to-back CCHA records since the 1979-80 campaign, which was its initial season as a NCAA-I hockey program.

In the 1998-99 season, Daniels notched his 100th career coaching win as the Bulldogs skated to a 2-1 regular-season finale victory at Michigan State, snapping both the Spartans' 23-game unbeaten streak and 27-game home unbeaten string.

Daniels was appointed head coach at Ferris State on the eve of the 1992-93 season and made the most of the opportunity. In his first year at FSU, the Bulldogs enjoyed one of their finest seasons in the program's history with 21 victories and a CCHA semifinal berth. It signified only the fourth time a Ferris State team had won 20 games in a season and the second time in which a rookie coach won more than 16 games at FSU.

In 10 seasons at the Ferris State helm, Daniels ranks first among all-time Bulldog coaches in overall wins (149), CCHA victories (110) and CCHA Tournament victories (five). He has also coached five All-Americans during his tenure.

Daniels has built a national reputation for his intense knowledge of the game and no-nonsense coaching style. In the summer of 1994, he served as head coach at the United States Olympic Festival in St. Louis, Mo., and coached "Team West" to a bronze medal finish. He also assisted with the U.S. Junior National Team.

From 1989-92, Daniels was an assistant coach for the Bulldogs. He first joined the FSU staff in 1989-90 as an assistant to John Perpich and then coached under Bob Mancini from 1990-92. A few years earlier, Daniels broke into the CCHA as an assistant at the University of Illinois-Chicago (1987-89) and helped the Flames secure a third-place CCHA finish in 1988-89.

Daniels was a three-time "Coach of the Year" selection in the North American Junior Hockey League (1983-86) for the Hennessey Engineers and an assistant coach at the 1986 Olympic Sports Festival. In 1991, he coached Team Michigan at the Chicago Showcase high school all-star tournament.

Daniels received his bachelor of arts in accounting from Michigan State in 1982 and he holds a master's in sports organization from Miami (Ohio) University. Daniels was a graduate assistant coach for the RedHawks in the 1986-87 season.

Daniels has been certified at the Masters Level in collegiate coaching and has completed the USA Hockey Coaches "Program of Merit." In the summer of 1993, he was head coach at the USA Hockey's National Select 16 Camp in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Bob and his wife, Leslie, have been married for 18 years and reside in Big Rapids. They are the parents of three children – Jenna (10), Peter (8) and Sara, born Dec. 21, 2000.

A member of the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA), Daniels served a four-year term on the AHCA's Board of Governors and currently is a representative of the NCAA Tournament West Regional Selection Advisory Committee.

His interests include spending time with his family, golfing and fishing.

BOB DANIELS' RECORD VS. 2002-03 OPPONENTS

ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE – 0-0-0
ALASKA FAIRBANKS – 16-11-1 Home: 10-1-0, Away: 6-10-1
BOWLING GREEN STATE – 13-14-4 Home: 8-4-2, Away: 5-10-2
CONNECTICUT – 0-0-0
FINDLAY – 1-1-0 Home: 1-1-0
LAKE SUPERIOR STATE – 8-19-3 Home: 4-9-2, Away: 4-9-1, Neutral: 0-1-0
MIAMI (OHIO) – 10-17-5 Home: 6-6-3, Away: 4-10-2, Neutral: 0-1-0
MICHIGAN – 6-22-1 Home: 3-9-0, Away: 3-12-0, Neutral: 0-1-1
MICHIGAN STATE – 7-22-5 Home: 1-8-4, Away: 5-13-0, Neutral: 1-1-1
NEBRASKA-OMAHA – 1-6-1 Home: 0-3-1, Away: 1-3-0
NIAGARA – 0-0-0
NORTHERN MICHIGAN – 9-10-1 Home: 2-5-1, Away: 7-5-0
NOTRE DAME – 17-10-3 Home: 5-4-0, Away: 10-6-3, Neutral: 2-0-0
OHIO STATE – 11-19-2 Home: 8-6-2, Away: 3-12-0, Neutral: 0-1-0
ST. CLOUD STATE – 0-1-1 Away: 0-1-1
WAYNE STATE – 2-0-0 Away: 2-0-0
WESTERN MICHIGAN – 10-17-2 Home: 5-7-1, Away: 4-9-1, Neutral: 1-1-0



FERRIS STATE ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

NAME	YEARS	OVERALL				CCHA			
		WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.	WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.
Rick Duffett (1975-82)	7	119	83	7	.586	37	33	2	.528
Dick Bertrand (1982-86)	4	56	74	9	.435	42	64	8	.404
Peter Esdale (1986)*	1	6	9	1	.406	4	7	1	.375
John Perpich (1986-90)	4	54	92	17	.383	35	78	15	.332
Bob Mancini (1990-92)	2	36	32	12	.525	26	27	11	.492
Bob Daniels (1992-)	10	149	197	32	.436	110	149	29	.432

* – Interim

DANIELS' RECORD BREAKDOWN

MONTH	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
October	23-33-3	16-17-1	6-16-2	0-0-0
November	34-32-11	20-10-8	14-22-3	0-0-0
December	23-29-5	10-6-3	9-18-2	4-5-0
January	31-36-7	18-14-4	12-22-3	1-0-0
February	28-40-5	12-18-3	16-22-2	0-0-0
March	11-27-1	4-4-1	6-21-0	1-2-0
Career Total	149-197-32			
Home	80-69-20			
Away	63-121-12			
Neutral	6-7-0			

