

# FERRIS STATE HOCKEY

## 2002-03 – A HISTORIC SEASON TO REMEMBER

You only have one shot so don't miss your chance because an opportunity comes once in a lifetime. Those words by singer Eminem took on added significance for the 25 members of the 2002-03 Ferris State hockey team as the Bulldogs caught the nation's attention by registering their best season ever in the program's 25th-year anniversary as a NCAA Division I member.

Picked to finish ninth in the preseason Central Collegiate Hockey Association polls and having finished no higher than sixth place once during the last 20 years, FSU proceeded to compile a school-best 31-10-1 overall record while winning its first-ever CCHA Regular-Season Championship title with a first-place 22-5-1 league mark.

Under the 2002-03 CCHA Coach of the Year Bob Daniels, Ferris State also earned its first-ever bid to the NCAA-I Championship Tournament and owned the distinction of being the nation's first team to reach the 30-win plateau.

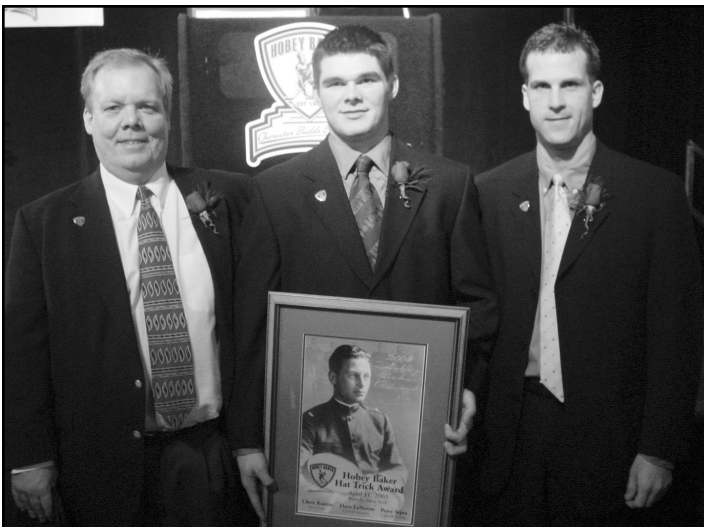
Other season highlights included a school-record 12-game winning streak and an appearance in the championship game of the CCHA Super 6 Tournament for the first time in 23 seasons.



**Front Row (L-R):** Mike Brown, Kevin Caudill, Nick Field, Chris Kunitz, Matt Swanson, Troy Milam, Phil Lewandowski, Phil Meyer, Derrick McIver, John DeCaro.

**Middle Row (L-R):** Equipment Manager Ben Mumah, Coordinator of NCAA & Records Carma Burcham, Carter Thomson, Simon Mangos, Greg Rallo, Trevor Large, Derek Nesbitt, Matt York, Mike Kinnie, Skip Renauld, Brett Smith, Jeff Legue, Arena Ticket Manager Micki Lyons, Athletics Communications Director Joe Gorby.

**Back Row (L-R):** Volunteer Assistant Coach Tim Blashill, Assistant Coach Drew Famulak, Student Athletics Trainer Sarah Gooch, Student Equipment Manager Tadd Swartz, Tim Vokey, Jeremy Scherlinck, Andrew Winnik, Nick Scheible, Jamie Dunlap, Student Assistant Equipment Manager Steve Butka, Assistant Athletics Trainer Tim Glover, Assistant Coach Derek Lalonde, Head Coach Bob Daniels.



Senior left wing Chris Kunitz, who's pictured with head coach Bob Daniels (left) and assistant coach Drew Famulak (right) at the NCAA Frozen Four Championship Tournament in Buffalo, N.Y., was among three Hobey Baker Memorial Award Hat Trick finalists as the nation's top collegiate player in NCAA Division I.

Kunitz was also honored as the 2002-03 Central Collegiate Hockey Association's (CCHA) Player of the Year and became the first Ferris State skater to receive the award. Furthermore, Kunitz was recognized as a first-team All-American by the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA).

A four-time CCHA Offensive Player of the Week selection, Kunitz led the CCHA in points, goals, assists, and plus/minus. He set a FSU single-season record with 79 points on 35 goals and 44 assists in 52 contests for the 2002-03 campaign.

### 2002-03 CCHA Regular-Season Champions!



### 2002-03 FERRIS STATE ROSTER

No.	NAME	Pos.
2	Nick Scheible	F
5	Brett Smith	F
6	Troy Milam (C)	D
7	Greg Rallo	F
8	Skip Renauld	D
9	Derrick McIver (A)	F
11	Jeff Legue	F
12	Matt York	D
14	Chris Kunitz (A)	F
16	Jamie Dunlap	F
17	Derek Nesbitt	F
19	Trevor Large	F
20	Kevin Caudill	F
21	Carter Thomson	F
22	Simon Mangos	D
24	Jeremy Scherlinck	D
25	Nick Field	F
26	Mike Kinnie	F
27	Phil Lewandowski	F
28	Phil Meyer	D/F
29	Tim Vokey	F
30	Mike Brown	G
31	Matt Swanson	G
35	John DeCaro	G
41	Andrew Winnik	D

**Head Coach:** Bob Daniels

**Assistant Coach:** Drew Famulak

**Assistant Coach:** Derek Lalonde

**Volunteer Asst. Coach:** Tim Blashill

**Equipment Manager:** Ben Mumah, E.M.,C.

**Athletics Trainer:** Tim Glover, ATC