

FERRIS STATE HOCKEY

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(Michigan State, 1982)

Bob Daniels, the 2002-03 American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) Division I Hockey Coach of the Year and the all-time winningest coach in Ferris State University hockey history, begins his 14th year as FSU's head coach for the 2005-06 season.



Under Daniels' guidance, Ferris State turned in its best season performance ever in the program's 26-year NCAA Division I history for the 2002-03 campaign with a school-best 31-10-1 overall record. The Bulldogs also claimed their first-ever Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) Regular-Season Championship title with a first-place 22-5-1 league mark and advanced to the NCAA Championship Tournament's West Regional title game in their initial NCAA Tourney appearance. FSU also earned the distinction of being the nation's first team to reach the 30-win plateau in 2002-03 and also competed in the CCHA Super Six Championship Tourney for the first time since 1993.

For this efforts, Daniels was also honored as the 2002-03 Coach of the Year by *Inside College Hockey* (INCH) and the March of Dimes West Michigan Sports Awards. Prior to receiving those accolades, Daniels was the unanimous choice as the CCHA's Coach of the Year as voted by the

league's head coaches. The crowning highlight in Daniels' coaching career occurred April 17, 2003, when he was selected the recipient of the 2003 Spencer Penrose Award as the AHCA's Division I National Hockey Coach of the Year. Prior to the 2005-06 season, Daniels ranked 19th among active NCAA Division I men's ice hockey coaches in overall victories.

Through his competitive desire and tireless work ethic, Daniels has established a great respect on both the conference and national levels. He was appointed FSU's head coach on the eve of the 1992-93 season and guided the Bulldogs to 21 victories and a CCHA Tournament Semifinal berth. At the time, the accomplishment signified only the fourth time a Ferris team had won 20 games in a season and the second time in which a first-year coach won more than 16 games at FSU.

Since his arrival at Ferris State, Daniels has reached several milestones. He registered his 100th career victory March 6, 1999, in the 1998-99 regular-season finale on the home ice of his alma mater, Michigan State, as the Bulldogs recorded a 2-1 triumph. His school-record setting 120th FSU coaching win occurred March 4, 2000, as Ferris posted a 7-0 victory at Western Michigan in the regular-season finale.

Having the longest tenure of any previous FSU coach, Daniels has coached eight All-Americans during his career at Ferris, including 2002-03 Hobey Baker Memorial Award Hat Trick finalist and FSU's first-ever CCHA Player of the Year Chris Kuntiz.

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 honoree 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. Daniels, a member of the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA), 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.

Bob and his wife, Leslie, have been married for 21 years and reside in Big Rapids. They are the parents of three children - Jenna (13), Pete (11) and Sara (4).

BOB DANIELS' RECORD VS. 2005-06 OPPONENTS

ALASKA FAIRBANKS – 19-16-1
 Home: 11-2-0, Away: 8-14-1
ARMY – 0-0-0
BEMIDJI STATE – 4-2-0
 Home: 1-1-0, Away: 3-1-0
BOSTON COLLEGE – 0-0-0
BOWLING GREEN STATE – 18-15-6
 Home: 10-5-3, Away: 8-10-3
DENVER – 0-0-0
LAKE SUPERIOR STATE – 13-21-4
 Home: 7-10-2, Away: 6-10-2, Neutral: 0-1-0
MERCYHURST – 0-0-0
MIAMI (OHIO) – 13-21-6
 Home: 7-9-3, Away: 6-12-2, Neutral: 0-1-0
MICHIGAN – 9-26-1
 Home: 6-9-0, Away: 3-15-0, Neutral: 0-2-1
MICHIGAN STATE – 8-29-5
 Home: 1-11-4, Away: 6-17-0, Neutral: 1-1-1
NEBRASKA-OMAHA – 5-9-2
 Home: 3-5-2, Away: 2-4-0
NEW HAMPSHIRE – 0-0-0
NORTHERN MICHIGAN – 11-15-1
 Home: 3-8-1, Away: 7-7-0, Neutral: 1-0-0
NOTRE DAME – 22-12-4
 Home: 6-4-1, Away: 14-8-3, Neutral: 2-0-0
OHIO STATE – 16-25-2
 Home: 11-9-2, Away: 5-15-0, Neutral: 0-1-0
PRINCETON – 0-0-0
WESTERN MICHIGAN – 16-21-2
 Home: 10-8-1, Away: 6-13-1, Neutral: 1-1-0



DANIELS' RECORD BREAKDOWN

MONTH	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
October	30-44-3	21-22-1	9-22-2	0-0-0
November	45-40-13	29-14-9	16-26-4	0-0-0
December	31-32-7	11-7-3	14-19-4	6-6-0
January	43-49-10	24-20-7	18-29-3	1-0-0
February	38-47-6	17-23-4	21-24-2	0-0-0
March	20-36-1	7-5-1	10-28-0	3-3-0
CAREER TOTAL – 208-249-40				
HOME – 109-91-25				
AWAY – 89-149-15				
NEUTRAL – 10-9-0				

FERRIS STATE ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

NAME	YEARS	OVERALL				PCT.	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-)	13	208	249	40	.459	149	188	35	.448	

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2005-06 – "The Year of The Dog!"