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2000-2001 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
10/7	Waterloo (Ont.)#	W 3-0
10/13	at St. Cloud State	L 1-3
10/14	at St. Cloud State	T 3-3 OT
10/20	Northern Michigan*	L 3-4 OT
10/21	Northern Michigan*	T 1-1 OT
10/27	at Nebraska-Omaha*	L 4-7
10/28	at Nebraska-Omaha*	L 3-7
11/3	Colgate	W 5-4
11/4	Colgate	W 3-1
11/10	at Michigan*	L 1-4
11/11	Michigan*	W 5-4
11/24	at Western Michigan*	L 1-3
11/25	at Western Michigan*	L 4-7
12/1	Ohio State*	L 1-6
12/2	Ohio State*	T 1-1 OT
12/8	Michigan State*	T 0-0 OT
12/9	at Michigan State*	L 1-4
12/15	Findlay	W 5-0
12/16	Findlay	L 2-3
12/29	Providence◆	L 2-4
12/30	Air Force◆	W 3-2
1/5	at Notre Dame*	W 4-2
1/6	at Notre Dame*	W 3-2 OT
1/12	Miami (Ohio)*	W 5-3
1/13	Miami (Ohio)*	L 0-1
1/19	at Alaska Fairbanks*	L 1-3
1/20	at Alaska Fairbanks*	W 3-2
2/2	Alaska Fairbanks*	W 2-1
2/3	Alaska Fairbanks*	W 4-1
2/9	at Lake Superior State*	W 5-2
2/10	at Lake Superior State*	L 2-4
2/16	Bowling Green State*	T 2-2 OT
2/17	Bowling Green State*	W 3-0
2/23	Nebraska-Omaha*	L 2-4
2/24	Nebraska-Omaha*	L 1-2
3/2	at Bowling Green State*	L 0-1 OT
3/3	at Bowling Green State*	L 2-3
3/9	at Michigan◆	7:35 p.m.
3/10	at Michigan◆	7:05 p.m.
3/13	CCHATourney Play-In	7:05 p.m.
3/16	CCHATourney Semifinals	5/8:30 p.m.
3/17	CCHATourney Championship	7:35 p.m.
3/23-24	NCAAEast Regional▲	TBA
3/24-25	NCAAWest 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
◆ – Wells Fargo Denver (Colo.) Cup Tournament
◆ – CCHATournament Quarterfinal game
▶ – Worcester, Mass. (Centrum Centre)
▲ – Grand Rapids, Mich. (Van Andel Arena)
★ – Albany, N.Y. (Pepsi Arena)

FERRIS STATE VISITS MICHIGAN IN CCHA TOURNEY QUARTERFINALS

THIS WEEK: The eighth-seeded Ferris State University men's ice hockey team opens Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) Tournament Quarterfinal round action this week-end (March 9-11) against number three-seed and nationally-ranked the University of Michigan Wolverines in Ann Arbor, Mich. The top-five seeds earn the right to host a first-round, best-of-three series. The Bulldogs have now qualified for the CCHA Tournament 20 of their last 22 seasons since joining the league in the 1979-80 campaign.

FACEOFF/ARENA: Friday – 7:35 p.m. (EST), Saturday – 7:05 p.m. (EST) and Sunday (*if necessary*) – 7:05 p.m. (EST)/Yost Ice Arena (6,343).

THE BROADCAST: This weekend's CCHA Tournament Quarterfinal series at Michigan can be heard live on WBRN-AM (1460). Bill Beckwith will be calling the play-by-play. This Saturday's contest will also be aired live on *Fox Sports Net Detroit*.

THE RECORDS: Ferris State is currently 13-18-5 overall and 9-15-4 in the CCHA as a result of dropping a pair of league contests to Bowling Green State last weekend (March 2-3) in a regular-season series finale for both teams at the BGSU Ice Arena in Bowling Green, Ohio. FSU fell 1-0 in overtime to the Falcons last Friday before dropping a 3-2 decision in Saturday's series rematch. The Bulldogs are 4-11-1 on the road, 8-6-4 at home and 1-1-0 at neutral sites this season.

Ferris State registered a 21-16-2 overall record last season while finishing sixth for the second straight season in the CCHA with a 13-13-2 mark. The 20-plus season win total marked the first time since 1992-93 that the Bulldogs had won at least 20 games.

Michigan, which is 3-5-1 in its last nine contests, presently is 22-11-5 overall and 16-9-3 in the CCHA after suffering a 3-1 road league loss to top-ranked Michigan State last Thursday (March 1) at MSU's Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Mich. The Wolverines have compiled an 11-3-3 home mark this season, including posting a 4-1-1 record in their last six home outings.

HEAD COACH BOB DANIELS: Bob Daniels is in his ninth year at Ferris State this season, the longest tenure of any Bulldog hockey coach. The sixth

head coach in the program's history, Daniels became FSU's winningest coach on March 4, 2000, in a 7-0 regular-season finale win at Western Michigan to surpass the program's inaugural coach Rick Duffett (1975-82; 119-83-7). In the last eight seasons, Daniels is tops among all-time FSU coaches in CCHA wins (89) and CCHA Tourney victories (five).

THE COACHES: Ferris State – Bob Daniels (Michigan State, 1982), 9th season, 134-175-31 (.439) – (6-18-1 vs. Michigan; Away-3-9-0. Home-3-8-0, Neutral-0-1-1).

Michigan – Gordon "Red" Berenson (Michigan, 1962), 17th season, 443-218-45 (.659) – (40-17-1 vs. Ferris State).

COACH DANIELS ON THIS WEEKEND: "This is certainly a big weekend for us because it's do or die time. We're excited about competing in the (CCHA) tournament and hope to put together a strong playoff run."

THE SERIES: Ferris State and Michigan will square off for the 69th, 70th and possibly the 71st time in a series which dates back to the 1981-82 season. UM has a 44-22-2 lead after the two teams split this season's series with each team winning at home – UM won 4-1 (11/10) at Ann Arbor and lost 5-4 (11/11) at Big Rapids. FSU is 9-24-0 on the road, 13-19-1 at home, and 0-1-1 at neutral sites versus the Wolverines. UM is 13-4-1 in the last 18 meetings, including a 7-4-1 record in its last 12 games. In the only CCHA Tournament game between the two teams, the Wolverines garnered a 4-2 semifinal-round victory in 1991 (3/8) at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Mich.

ABOUT MICHIGAN: The Wolverines, who presently rank seventh nationally in scoring defense (3.76 avg.) and eighth in scoring defense (2.45 avg.), feature 13 skaters with double-figure point totals. UM's top scorer, sophomore center Andy Hilbert (23-34-57) is fifth among the nation's top scoring leaders (1.63 avg.) and is tied for second in CCHA overall scoring. A pair of sophomore centers, Mike Cammalleri (22-30-52), who ranks ninth nationally in scoring (1.49 avg.) and John Shouneyia (9-21-30) are other top point getters for the Wolverines. In goal, junior Josh Blackburn (21-11-5, 2.29 GAA, .906 sv%) is listed 12th nationally in goals against average and 14th in winning percentage (.635).

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2000-2001 CCHA STANDINGS



	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
1. Michigan State♦	28	21	4	3	45	86	37	28	4	4	117	49
2. Miami (Ohio)♦	28	17	10	1	35	95	71	20	14	2	114	100
Michigan♦	28	16	9	3	35	102	60	22	11	5	143	93
4. Nebraska-Omaha♦	28	15	10	3	33	86	80	22	13	3	115	95
5. Northern Michigan♦	28	12	10	6	30	76	71	16	11	7	105	85
Western Michigan▲	28	12	10	6	30	97	96	19	11	6	134	114
7. Ohio State▲	28	13	13	2	28	81	89	16	16	2	109	107
8. Ferris State▲	28	9	15	4	22	64	81	13	18	5	88	101
9. Bowling Green State▲	28	8	15	5	21	72	82	13	18	5	98	101
Alaska Fairbanks▲	28	7	14	7	21	67	91	9	17	8	86	104
11. Notre Dame♦	28	7	15	6	20	72	98	10	22	7	104	150
12. Lake Superior State♦	28	8	20	0	16	53	95	13	23	0	79	119

♦ – Clinched home ice

▲ – Clinched playoff berth

◆ – Eliminated from playoffs

RESULTS LAST WEEK

Tuesday, February 27

Miami (Ohio) 3, at Ohio State 1*

Thursday, March 1

at Nebraska-Omaha 5, Findlay 0
at Michigan State 3, Michigan 1*

Friday, March 2

at Bowling Green State 1, Ferris State 0 OT*
Northern Michigan 4, at Lake Superior State 3*
Notre Dame 5, at Western Michigan 4*
at Miami (Ohio) 3, Ohio State 0*
at Nebraska Omaha 4, Findlay 0
Alaska Fairbanks 2, at Alaska-Anchorage 2 OT

Saturday, March 3

at Bowling Green State 3, Ferris State 2*
Western Michigan 7, at Notre Dame 2*
at Northern Michigan 2, Lake Superior State 1*
Alaska-Anchorage 3, at Alaska Fairbanks 1

GAMES THIS WEEK - CCHATOURNEY QUARTERFINALS

Thursday, March 8

BULLDOG BITES: Sophomore left wing **Chris Kunitz (Regina, Sask.)** has presently recorded 36 goals in 73 career outings, an average of 0.49 goals per contest. Kunitz tallied 20 goals in 38 games a season ago . . . FSUhas compiled a current 17-37-4 all-time record in March since 1980, which includes an 11-30-3 mark on the road . . . In its last five outings, Ferris has allowed only one

power-play goal in 26 chances (96.2% penalty-kill efficiency) . . . Junior right wing-center **Rob Collins' (Kitchener, Ont.)** 32 points (15-17-32) in 33 games this campaign represents a personal season best, eclipsing his previous high of 31 points (11-20-31) in 38 games set last winter . . . Senior center **Kevin Swider (Livonia)** is one point away from moving into

a tie for 16th place with Graham Craig (1981-85) on FSU's all-time scoring list. Swider has currently totaled 122 career points (54-68-122) in 146 games. The FSUassistant captain is also one assist shy of tying Dean Cowling (1985-89) and Val

Passarelli (1992-96) for 16th place in career assists . . . The Bulldogs' top three scorers – **Rob Collins** (32 pts.), **Kevin Swider** (32 pts.) and **Chris Kunitz** (28 pts.) have combined for 44% (92-of-209) of team's scoring production this campaign. The trio have also generated 52.3% (46-of-88) of the squad's goal-scoring output . . . Ferris operated at 80% (88-110) efficiency on the penalty kill in its initial 18 contests this season and 86.9% (86-99) in its last 18 outings. On the power play, the Bulldogs converted on 15.6% (15-96) on their extra-skater opportunities in this season's first 18 games and 16.7% (18-108) in their final 18-game stretch of the regular season . . . FSUis 7-1-2 on the season when leading after two periods and 1-14-0 when trailing.

LAST WEEK: The following are FSU's game summaries from last weekend's league series at Bowling Green State.

March 2, 2001 – at BGSU Ice Arena (2,046)

Ferris State	0	0	0	0	--	0
Bowling Green State	0	0	0	1	--	1

#9 Bowling Green State at #2 Miami (Ohio), 7:35 p.m.

Friday, March 9

#8 Ferris State at #3 Michigan, 7:35 p.m.
#9 Bowling Green State at #2 Miami (Ohio), 7:35 p.m.
#10 Alaska Fairbanks at #1 Michigan State, 7:05 p.m.
#7 Ohio State at #4 Nebraska-Omaha, 8:05 p.m.
#6 Western Michigan at #5 Northern Michigan, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

#8 Ferris State at #3 Michigan, 7:05 p.m.
#9 Bowling Green State at #2 Miami (Ohio), 7:35 p.m.^
#10 Alaska Fairbanks at #1 Michigan State, 7:05 p.m.
#7 Ohio State at #4 Nebraska-Omaha, 8:05 p.m.
#6 Western Michigan at #5 Northern Michigan, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

Game Three, if necessary, TBA

Tuesday, March 13 – CCHATOURNEY Play-In Game

Re-seeded #5 at Re-seeded #4, 7:05 p.m.
All times are Eastern ^ – if necessary

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

DATE/OPP.	PLAYER	NOTES
Oct. 13 at SCSU	Kevin Swider	1-0-1
Oct. 14 at SCSU	Rob Collins	2-0-2
Oct. 20 vs. NMU	Kevin Swider	1-1-2
Oct. 21 vs. NMU	Chris Kunitz	1-0-1
Oct. 27 at UNO	Josh Bowers	2-0-2
Oct. 28 at UNO	Phil Meyer	1-0-1
Nov. 3 vs. Colgate	Kevin Swider	2-1-3
Nov. 4 vs. Colgate	Scott Lewis	1-0-1
Nov. 10 at Michigan	Chris Kunitz	1-0-1
Nov. 11 vs. Michigan	Rob Collins	1-1-2
Nov. 24 at WMU	Phil Osaer	16 saves
Nov. 25 at WMU	Josh Bowers	1-1-2
Dec. 1 vs. Ohio St.	Josh Bowers	1-0-1
Dec. 2 vs. Ohio St.	Phil Osaer	32 saves
Dec. 8 vs. Mich. St.	Phil Osaer	16 saves
Dec. 9 at Mich. St.	Jim Dube	1-0-1
Dec. 15 vs. Findlay	Phil Osaer	13 saves
Dec. 16 vs. Findlay	Chris Kunitz	2-0-2
Dec. 29 vs. Providence	Kevin Swider	1-0-1
Dec. 30 vs. Air Force	Rob Collins	1-1-2
Jan. 5 at N. Dame	Chris Kunitz	2-0-2
Jan. 6 at N. Dame	Phil Osaer	24 saves
Jan. 12 at Miami	Chris Kunitz	1-2-3
Jan. 13 at Miami	Phil Osaer	25 saves
Jan. 19 at UAF	Troy Milam	1-0-1
Jan. 20 at UAF	Phil Osaer	25 saves
Feb. 2 vs. UAF	Scott Lewis	1-0-1
Feb. 3 vs. UAF	Phil Osaer	26 saves
Feb. 9 at LSSU	Chris Kunitz	1-1-2
Feb. 10 at LSSU	Jon Rogger	1-0-1
Feb. 16 vs. BGSU	Scott Lewis	1-1-2
Feb. 17 vs. BGSU	Phil Osaer	23 saves
Feb. 23 vs. UNO	Rob Collins	1-1-2
Feb. 24 vs. UNO	Nick Field	1-0-1
Mar. 2 at BGSU	Phil Osaer	24 saves
Mar. 3 at BGSU	Simon Mangos	1-0-1
Mar. 9 at Michigan		
Mar. 10 at Michigan		

OT: BG-de Luis (5) (Schueller, Wetterberg); 2:57

Penalties: FS 10-20, BG 6-12

Power Plays: FS 0-4, BG 0-8

Saves: FS-Osaer (6-6-12-0-24); 62:57
BG-Masters (12-4-5-0-21); 62:57

Referee-Brian Aaron
Asst. Refs-Lisko, Bracco

March 3, 2001 – at BGSU Ice Arena (3,036)

Ferris State	1	1	0	--	2
Bowling Green State	1	1	1	--	3

1st: FS-Kunitz (16) (Collins, Smith); :28

BG-Knight (3) (Statkus, Barlow); 11:19

2nd: BG-Day (20) (Moore, Hewson); PPG; 4:26

FS-Mangos (2) (Lightfoot); PPG; 9:21

3rd: BG-Wetterberg (1) (Knight); 14:39

Penalties: FS 3-6, BG 5-10

Power Plays: FS 1-5, BG 1-3

Saves: FS-Owen (8-10-9-27); 58:57
BG-Masters (8-14-6-28); 60:00

Referee-Brian Aaron
Asst. Refs-Bracco, Mosseaux

UP NEXT: Following this weekend's first-round play, the remaining teams will be re-seeded and the number fourth team will host the number five team in a play-in game on Tuesday, March 13, with the winner advancing to the CCHACHampionships, March 16-17, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Mich. Game times for Friday's (March 16) semifinal-round games are 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (EST), respectively. The CCHACHampionship contest will be held Saturday, March 17, starting at 7:30 p.m. (EST).