

FERRIS STATE HOCKEY

HEAD COACH BOB DANIELS

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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's men's ice hockey history, begins his 17th season in 2008-09 campaign.

A season ago, Daniels was among three finalists for the 2007-08 Central Collegiate Hockey Association's (CCHA) Coach of the Year Award. He would

direct the Bulldogs to not only an 18-16-5 overall mark, but a fifth-place league finish and a CCHA Tournament Quarterfinal Round appearance.

Under Daniels' guidance, Ferris State turned in its best season ever in the program's 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 was the nation's first team to reach the 30-win plateau in 2002-03 and 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 2008-09 season, Daniels ranked tied for 14th among active NCAA Division I men's ice hockey coaches in overall victories.

Through his competitive desire and tireless work ethic, Daniels has achieved great respect at 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 FSU coach won more than 16 games.

Since his arrival, Daniels has reached several milestones. He registered his 100th career victory on 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 FSU-record setting 120th coaching win occurred on March 4, 2000, as Ferris shutout Western Michigan by a 7-0 score in the 1999-00 regular-season finale.

Having the longest tenure of any previous FSU coach, Daniels has coached eight All-Americans during his Ferris State career. The most notable of which is 2002-03 Hobey Baker Memorial Award Hat Trick finalist and CCHA Player of the Year Chris Kunitz, who was a member of the 2006-07 NHL Stanley Cup Champion Anaheim Ducks.

Daniels has built a national reputation for his 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 joined the FSU staff in 1989-90 as an assistant to John Perpich and then 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 1988-89 Flames secure a third-place CCHA finish.

Daniels was a three-time Coach of the Year honoree in the North American Junior Hockey League (1983-86) for the Hennessey Engineers.

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 24 years and reside in Big Rapids with their three children – Jenna (16), Pete (14) and Sara (7).

BOB DANIELS' RECORD VS. 2008-09 OPPONENTS

ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE – 0-1-0
Home: 0-0-0, Away: 0-0-0, Neutral: 0-1-0
ALASKA – 19-20-3
Home: 11-4-2, Away: 8-16-1, Neutral: 0-0-0
BOWLING GREEN STATE – 23-18-6
Home: 13-7-3, Away: 10-11-3, Neutral: 0-0-0
CANISIUS – 0-0-0
COLGATE – 1-3-0
Home: 0-2-0, Away: 1-1-0, Neutral: 0-0-0
LAKE SUPERIOR STATE – 15-25-9
Home: 8-11-4, Away: 7-13-5, Neutral: 0-1-0
MIAMI (OHIO) – 15-25-6
Home: 9-11-3, Away: 6-14-2, Neutral: 0-1-0
MICHIGAN – 11-33-2
Home: 7-11-1, Away: 4-20-0, Neutral: 0-2-1
MICHIGAN STATE – 10-33-7
Home: 2-13-5, Away: 7-19-1, Neutral: 1-1-1
NEBRASKA-OMAHA – 7-13-2
Home: 4-6-2, Away: 3-7-0, Neutral: 0-0-0
NORTHERN MICHIGAN – 14-20-1
Home: 5-10-1, Away: 8-10-0, Neutral: 1-0-0
NOTRE DAME – 26-18-5
Home: 7-6-1, Away: 17-12-4, Neutral: 2-0-0
OHIO STATE – 22-26-3
Home: 15-9-2, Away: 7-16-1, Neutral: 0-1-0
ROBERT MORRIS – 0-0-0
ST. LAWRENCE – 2-1-0
Home: 1-0-0, Away: 0-1-0, Neutral: 1-0-0
VERMONT – 0-0-0
WESTERN MICHIGAN – 27-25-3
Home: 16-9-2, Away: 10-15-1, Neutral: 1-1-0

DANIELS YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

SEASON	GP	W	L	T	Pct.
1992-93	41	21	16	4	.561
1993-94	38	14	23	1	.382
1994-95	36	12	20	4	.389
1995-96	38	13	22	3	.382
1996-97	37	11	23	3	.338
1997-98	39	15	21	3	.423
1998-99	36	14	16	6	.472
1999-00	39	21	16	2	.564
2000-01	38	13	20	5	.408
2001-02	36	15	20	1	.431
2002-03	42	31	10	1	.750
2003-04	38	15	20	3	.434
2004-05	39	13	22	4	.385
2005-06	40	17	15	8	.525
2006-07	39	14	22	3	.397
2007-08	39	18	16	5	.526
TOTALS	615	257	302	56	.463

DANIELS RECORD BREAKDOWN

MONTH	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
OCTOBER	37-53-6	26-26-2	10-26-4	1-1-0
NOVEMBER	55-48-16	33-21-11	22-27-5	0-0-0
DECEMBER	36-41-10	12-10-4	17-25-4	7-6-2
JANUARY	50-62-13	27-25-10	22-37-3	1-0-0
FEBRUARY	51-55-10	25-24-5	26-31-5	0-0-0
MARCH	27-41-1	10-5-1	12-34-0	3-3-0
CAREER TOTAL – 257-302-56				
HOME – 135-111-33; AWAY – 110-181-20;				
NEUTRAL – 12-10-2				



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-)	16	257	302	56	.463	181	227	48	.449

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