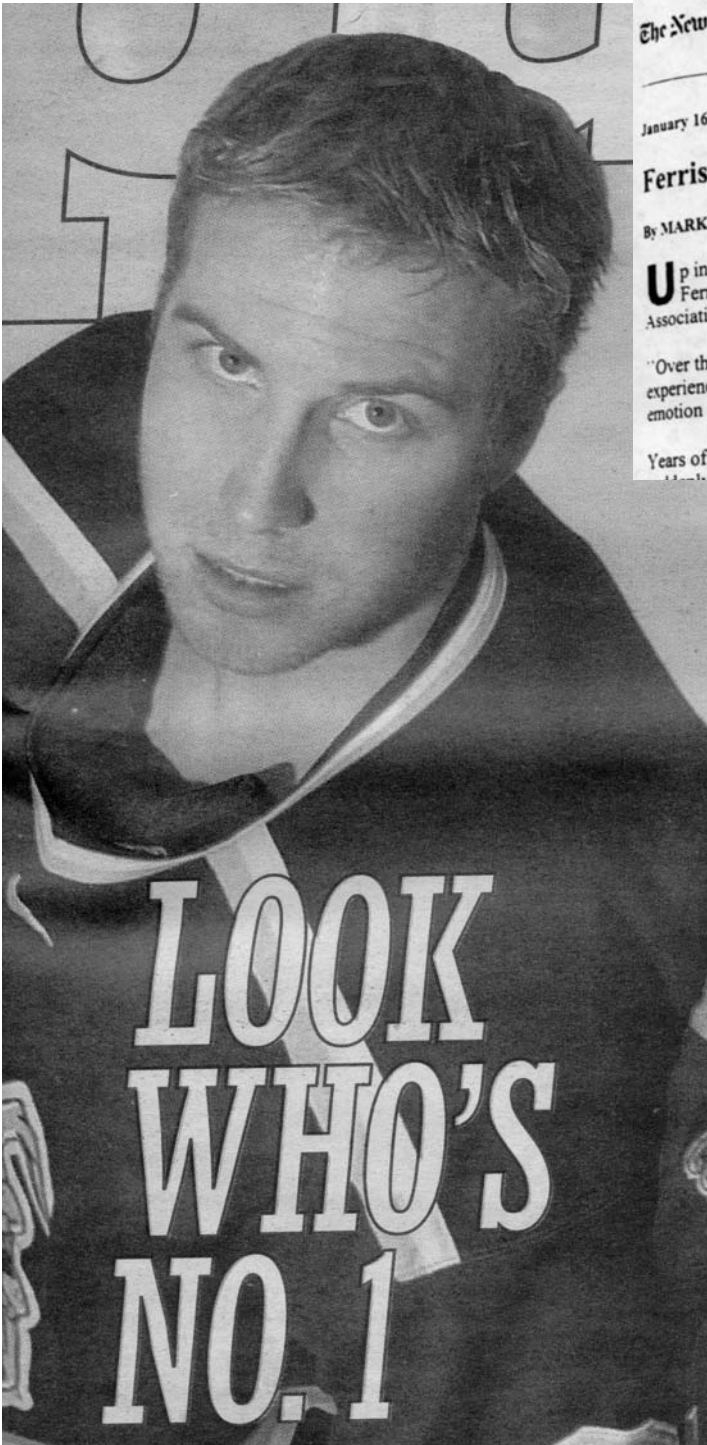


## BULLDOGS GAIN NATIONAL EXPOSURE

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**LOOK WHO'S NO. 1**

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**Ferris State Gains Prominence**  
 By MARK SCHEERER  
**U**p in Big Rapids, Mich., these days, Coach B Ferris State University Bulldogs sit stubborn Association.  
 "Over the years, you're never happy when you're experience when you're just trying to grind out emotion for me. Now it's replaced by anxiety. Ca  
 Years of being kicked around by better-known C  
 Monday gave way to one of the surprising succ

**Ferris State on the map after CCHA title**

He c e d coach Bob Daniels and his Ferris State Bulldogs broke the second-longest regular season title drought in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with its title-clinching series sweep over Bowling Green March 7-8.  
 The Bulldogs finished the 26-game campaign at 22-5-1, six points ahead of Michigan, good for the school's first-ever CCHA regular-season championship.  
 For the school, Daniels, and the entire Bulldogs' team, the silver shoe never left the floor, as a lot of critics and observers expected. The other shoe was a moderate back in the middle of the pack. It never took place. Not even close.  
 Goalie Mike Brown, Hockey Baker candidate Chris Kunitz and the rest of Daniels' charges played their hearts out the entire season. "We're very excited about the success, but now that team is rebuilding. Miami and Northern Michigan have also had good times on the ice, but they fell back to the pack, as well.  
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 If he has any say in the matter, that shouldn't be a conference regular-season crown ever. Western just ended its 28th season in the conference.  
 For Daniels, he has hopes for a bright future in Big Rapids, Mich.  
 "We have to make sure we've got the pieces in place so this [title] isn't a one-year thing," Daniels said.  
 The CCHA has had its share of title winners that weren't named Michigan or Michigan State. For instance, Lake Superior sustained some success, but now that team is rebuilding. Miami and Northern Michigan have also had good times on the ice, but they fell back to the pack, as well.  
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# First-place Ferris State hockey team

By Joe Conklin  
 The Grand Rapids Press  
 Chris Kunitz feels the buzz this week while walking to class, around Big Rapids and in the Ferris State University hockey dressing room.  
 "It's easy to tell when we're playing either Michigan State or

**FERRIS STATE vs. MSU**

**WHAT:** A home-and-home CCHA

feat for a team picked to finish ninth in the conference in preseason coaches and media polls. It's the best start through 14 games for Ferris State since the 1979-80 team went 12-2.  
 "We knew we'd be a much better team than the predictions if pieces to the puzzle came together," said Mike Brown, CCHA

Michigan is tied but has games weeke Arena, Sparta security "I d

**Faces in the Crowd**

**Anthony Sidney, FULTON, MO**  
 Forward  
 Anthony, a senior halfback and cornerback at Fulton High, earned four touchdowns in a span of 7:31 during the second quarter of a 41-14 win over the Midwest of the Orange. The second six, a blocked punt return, an interception return, a fumble and a screen pass.

**Jeff Seo, CHAPEL HILL, N.C.**  
 Quarterback  
 Seo, 30, won the single and double titles at the U.S. College Association National Championship in West Palm Beach, Fla. This was Seo's second title in single and his fourth in double, all with former Paul State of Raleigh.

**Lindsay Sheppard, WILLIAMSBURG, VA**  
 Halfback  
 Sheppard, 23, of Christopher Newport University, was named Ohio Conference coach of the week, a week after having been named the conference's player of the week. This was the first Lady Captain (20-0) to regular season and conference tournament titles.

**Missy Barry, THEMASSON, IOWA**  
 Cross country  
 Barry, a sophomore at Worthington College, won the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship 5000-meter race on Feb. 22. Making the conference record by 49 seconds, she led the Knights to their second conference win in a row.

**Mike Brown, CALGARY, ALBERTA**  
 Hockey  
 Brown, a sophomore goaltender at Ferris State, in Michigan, was named Central Collegiate Hockey Association defensive player of the week for the four consecutive weeks. A fan, he opened the season with a 2-0 record and a 90% save percentage.

