FERRIS TO COMPETE IN MINNESOTA’S MARIUCCI CLASSIC OVER HOLIDAY BREAK

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University men’s ice hockey team will be traveling to Minneapolis, Minn., next weekend (Dec. 28-29) to compete in the 11th annual Dodge Mariucci Classic. The Bulldogs will take on the host Minnesota Golden Gophers in Friday’s (Dec. 28) opening-round action preceded by the Providence-Western Michigan contest. The third-place and championship contests will be conducted Saturday (Dec. 29). Fox Sports Net North (DirectTV channel 641) will telecast the championship contest.

HEAD COACH BOB DANIELS: The sixth coach in the program’s history, Daniels became FSU’s winningest coach following a 7-0 regular-season finale (3/4/00) win at Western Michigan to surpass the program’s inaugural coach Rick Duffett (1975-82; 119-83-7). Daniels presently is first among Ferris’ all-time coaches in CCHA wins (105) and CCHA Tourney victories (five).

THE COACHES: Ferris State – Bob Daniels (Michigan State, 1982), 10th season, 143-184-32 (.443) – (1-0-0 vs. Minnesota, 0-1-0 vs. Providence, 10-17-2 vs. Western Michigan).


ABOUT MINNESOTA: The Golden Gophers feature nine double-digit point scorers, led by senior center John Pohl (9-20-29), junior center Jeff Taffe (13-11-24) and senior defenseman Jordan Leopold (11-10-21). In goal is senior Adam Hauser (7-2-3, 2.25 GAA, .915 sv%).

ABOUT PROVIDENCE: Among six Friars with a double-figure point total are senior left wing Drew Omioli (9-10-19), junior right wing Jon DiSalvatore (10-7-17) and senior center Peter Fregoe (8-9-17). Junior goalie Nolan Schaefer (6-8-1, 3.25, .900) has been WMU’s primary netminder this season.

ABOUT WESTERN MICHIGAN: Sophomore right wing Jeff Campbell (5-16-21) and senior center Mike Bishai (6-13-19) are the Broncos’ leading scorers. Freshman Mike Mantua (7-4-2, 2.82, .883) has been WMU’s primary netminder this season.

THE SERIES: Ferris State has a 1-0 lead over Minnesota. FSU claimed a 6-4 victory over the Golden Gophers (12/93) in 1993 Mariucci Classic semifinal-round action.

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RESULTS LAST WEEK

Friday, December 14

Ferris State 5, Ohio State 2
at Lake Superior State 4, Western Michigan 3
at Michigan Tech 5, Northern Michigan 3
at Alaska Fairbanks 6, Bowling Green State 2

Saturday, December 15

at Ferris State 3, Ohio State 1
Western Michigan 4, at Lake Superior State 1
at Northern Michigan 6, Michigan Tech 1
Harvard 3, at Michigan 3 OT
at Alaska Fairbanks 5, Bowling Green State 2

Thursday, December 20

Boston University 4, at Nebraska-Omaha 1

GAMES NEXT TWO WEEKS

Friday, December 21
at Nebraska-Omaha 4, Boston Univ. 3 OT

KUNITZ GARNERS CCHA HONOR: Junior left wing Chris Kunitz (Regina, Sask.) has been named this week's CCHA Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Bulldogs' series sweep of Ohio State (Dec. 14-15). Kunitz, who received the same honor earlier this season (11/18), scored two goals apiece in both contests and accounted for both game-winning tallies. He totaled four points (4-2-6) in the Bulldogs' series sweep of Ohio State.

BULLDOG BITES: FSU's top two points leaders, Collins (10-22–32) and Kunitz (17-5-22) have combined for 37.2% (54-145) of the team's total points production and 45.8% (27-59) of the goal scoring this season. The Bulldogs have scored seven short-handed goals in 17 games after recording seven shorties in each of the last two seasons. The school record of 11 was set in the 1983-84 season.

Collins tallied his fourth short-handed goal of the year versus Ohio State (12/14) and has a 10-11-2 all-time record in regular-season tournament outings.

MOST RECENT SUMMARIES:

GAME 16 ● vs. Ohio State
December 14, 2001 – at R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (1,249)

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

DATE/OPP | PLAYER | NOTES
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Oct. 12 at Wayne St. | Rob Collins | 1-2-3
Oct. 13 at Wayne St. | John DeCaro | 23 saves
Oct. 20 at Mich. St. | Mike Brown | 38 saves
Oct. 26 vs. Miami | Chris Kunitz | 21-1-3, +2
Oct. 27 vs. Miami | Kristin Schoder | 0-1-1, +2
Nov. 2 vs. LSSU | Rob Collins | 20-2-2, +3
Nov. 3 vs. LSSU | Rob Collins | 23-3-5, +5
Nov. 9 vs. N. Dame | Chris Kunitz | 1-0-1, +1
Nov. 10 vs. N. Dame | Chris Kunitz | 1-1-2, +1
Nov. 16 vs. UA | Simon Mangos | 20-2-2, +2
Nov. 17 vs. UA | Chris Kunitz | 21-1-3, +2
Nov. 23 at UNO | Chris Kunitz | 21-1-3, +1
Nov. 24 at UNO | Jeff Legue | 0-2-2
Nov. 30 vs. Michigan | Derek Nesbitt | 20-2-2, +1
Dec. 1 at Michigan | Phil Lewandowski | 1-0-1
Dec. 14 vs. Ohio St. | Chris Kunitz | 20-2-1
Dec. 15 vs. Ohio St. | Rob Collins | 0-3-3, +1
Dec. 28 at Minnesota | | |
Dec. 29 vs. TBD | | |
Jan. 11 at Miami | | |
Jan. 12 at Miami | | |
Jan. 15 vs. MSU | | |
Jan. 25 vs. Bemidji St | | |
Jan. 26 vs. Bemidji St | | |
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Feb. 15 at Ohio St. | | |
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* – CCHA Game
▲ – Championship
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GAME 17 ● vs. Ohio State
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1st: FSU-Phil Lewandowski (5) (Carter Thomson, Derek Nesbitt); PPG; 6:15
2nd: FSU-Derek Nesbitt (4) (Trevor Large); 8:41
3rd: FSU-Chris Kunitz (14) (Mark York, Rob Collins); PPG; 13:15
FSU-R.J. Umberger (8) (JB Bittner); 14:17
FSU-Chris Kunitz (15) (Rob Collins); SHG; 14:50
FSU-Chris Kunitz (17) (Rob Collins); ENG & PPG; 18:50

Power Plays:
FSU-Mike Brown (15-7-9–31); 60:00
FSU-John DeCaro (7-15-13–35); 60:00

Saves:
FSU-Mike Brown (15-7-9–31); 60:00
FSU-Chris Kunitz (15-7-9–31) 60:00

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Officials:
Referee-Steve Piotrowski; Asst. Refs-Brian Hill, Chris Davis

GAME 16 ● vs. Ohio State
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