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FERRIS OPENS UP HOME SLATE BY HOSTING MIAMI (OHIO) THIS WEEKEND

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University men’s ice hockey team will open the home portion of its 2001-02 season this weekend (Oct. 26-27) as the Bulldogs host the Miami (Ohio) University RedHawks in a Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) two-game series at Big Rapids, Mich.

FACEOFF/ARENA: Friday – 7:35 p.m. (EDT) & Saturday – 7:05 p.m. (EDT)/R.L. Ewigleben (pronounced VAH-glave-in) Ice Arena (2,450).

FSU TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for all 2001-02 FSU home games are available by contacting the Ewigleben Arena Ticket Office at (231) 591-2888. Office hours are Monday thru Friday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) and Saturday (home games only) – 12 to 5 p.m. (EST).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State is presently 2-1-0 overall and 0-1-0 in the CCHA after dropping a 2-0 league decision to number-one ranked Michigan State last Saturday (Oct. 20) at MSU’s Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing. Ferris State registered a 13-20-5 overall record last season while finishing eighth place in the CCHA with a 9-15-4 league mark. FSU was 8-6-4 at home (5-5-4 CCHA), 4-13-1 on the road (4-10-0 CCHA) and 1-1-0 at neutral sites a season ago.

Miami (Ohio) is currently 2-2 overall and 0-0-0 in the CCHA following a non-league series split versus Clarkson last weekend (Oct. 19-20) at CU’s Cheel Arena in Potsdam, N.Y. The RedHawks suffered a 5-0 setback in last Friday’s (Oct. 19) series opener before rallying to register a 5-2 triumph on Saturday (Oct. 20). Miami compiled a 20-16-2 overall record last season, including a 17-10-1 (second-place tie) CCHA mark. Last year represented the RedHawks’ fourth 20-win campaign since joining the CCHA.

Miami’s winningest coach on March 4, 2000, in the program’s history, Daniels became Ferris State’s top assistant coach in the program’s history. Daniels became FSU’s winningest coach on March 4, 2000, in the program’s history. Daniels became the CCHA’s Coach-of-the-Year.

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BULLDOGS OF THE GAME: After each contest, one Ferris State player will be named Bulldog of the Game by the FSU coaching staff. 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. | Mike Brown | 38 saves
Oct. 26 vs. Miami | Nov. 2 vs. LSSU | Nov. 9 at N. Dame
Nov. 10 at N. Dame | Nov. 16 vs. UAF | Nov. 17 vs. UAF
Nov. 23 at UNO | Nov. 24 at UNO | Nov. 30 vs. Michigan
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 | Feb. 1 at NMU | Feb. 2 at NMU
Feb. 8 vs. BGSU | Feb. 9 vs. BGSU | Feb. 15 at Ohio St.
| Feb. 16 at Ohio St. | Feb. 22 at WMU | Feb. 23 vs. WMU
Mar. 1 vs. MSU | Mar. 2 at MSU | Mar. 8 at CCHA Trn.
Mar. 9 at CCHA Trn. | Mar. 10 at CCHA Trn.

**BULLDOG BITES:** Ferris State’s penalty-killing unit is operating at 92% (23–25) efficiency in its first three games this season. A season ago, the Bulldogs were 76.9% (10–13) in penalty-kill situations in their initial three outings. FSU has already recorded three shorthanded goals to date this campaign after having registered seven shorthanded tallies in each of their last two seasons. Senior center-right wing Rob Collins (Kitchener, Ont.) has presently compiled four shorthanded goals in 112 career contests, which includes a team-leading three markers in 35 outings a season ago. The nine freshmen on this season’s squad comprises 34.6% of Ferris’ 26-member roster…FSU plays six of its next eight contests at home. The Bulldogs were 3–2–1 in their initial six home appearances of the 2001-02 season. Freshman goaltender Mike Brown (Calgary, Alta.) is averaging 29.5 saves (59 total saves) per outing in his two appearances this campaign. Collins is averaging 28.7 shots on goal a game as are its opponents. FSU’s top two points getters, Collins and junior left wing Phil Lewandowski (Naperville, Ill.) have accounted for 34.8% (eight of 23 pts.) of the team’s point production this season. Collins has tallied a team-high five points (2–3–5) in three contests while Lewandowski has garnered three points (2–1–3) in as many games. New bleacher seats have been installed in the center section of the Ewigleben Ice Arena and plans are to have new seats for the remainder of the facility installed by late December 2001.

**HOME OPENERS:** The Bulldogs are 10-10-3 in season home openers since the 1979-80 season and have lost their last four to date, including a 4-3 overtime league decision to Northern Michigan last season (10/20/00). The last time Ferris won its home opener was in 1996 (10/11) with a 5-4 triumph over Minnesota State, Mankato.

**LAST WEEK SUMMARIES:**

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**RESULTS LAST WEEK**

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at Northern Michigan 2, Bowling Green State 1^*^ at Western Michigan 3, Michigan 1^*^ at Alaska Fairbanks 5, Alaska-Anchorage 2 Nebraska-Omaha 5, at Colgate 4* St. Lawrence 2, at Lake Superior State 1^*^ at Clarkson 5, Miami (Ohio) 0

Saturday, October 20
at Michigan State 2, Ferris State 0^*^ Bowling Green State 3, at Northern Michigan 3 OT^*^ at Michigan 5, Western Michigan 3^*^ Notre Dame 4, at Ohio State 4 OT^*^ at Alaska Fairbanks 5, Alaska-Anchorage 3 Nebraska-Omaha 5, at Colgate 3 at Lake Superior State 3, St. Lawrence 2 Miami (Ohio) 5, at Clarkson 2

Sunday, October 21 at Ohio State 3, Notre Dame 2^*^