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MICHIGAN STATE AT FERRIS STATE
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This week: The Ferris State University men’s ice hockey team returns home to Big Rapids, Mich., this Tuesday (Jan. 15) as the Bulldogs entertain the nationally-ranked Michigan State University Spartans in a Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) contest.

Faceoff/Arena: Tuesday – 7:05 p.m. (EST)/R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (2,450).

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

The records: Ferris State is presently 10-10-1 overall and 8-8-1 in the CCHA after splitting a two-game league series with Miami (Ohio) last weekend (Jan. 11-12) at MU’s Goggin Ice Arena in Oxford, Ohio. Miami recorded a 1-0 triumph over the Bulldogs in last Friday’s opener before Ferris countered with a 2-0 triumph in Saturday’s finale. FSU is 6-3-0 at home, 4-6-1 on the road and 0-1-0 at neutral sites to date this campaign.

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, 4-13-1 on the road, and 1-1-0 at neutral sites this season.

Michigan State is presently 16-5-2 overall and 11-4-1 in the CCHA as a result of splitting a two-game league set against Western Michigan last weekend (Jan. 11-12). The Spartans claimed a 6-3 victory over the Broncos in last Friday’s opening game at MSU’s Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Mich. Western Michigan then notched a 2-0 win in Saturday’s rematch at WMU’s Lawson Ice Arena in Kalamazoo, Mich. The Spartans, who are 7-2-0 in their last nine contests, are 3-4-0 in away games, 12-2-0 at home and 1-1-0 at neutral sites this season.

Michigan State concluded the 2000-01 campaign at 33-5-4 overall while posting a first-place 21-4-3 CCHA mark. MSU was 0-0-1 CCHA Tournament Champions and advanced to the semifinal round of the NCAA Frozen Four Championship Tournament.

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 (106) and CCHA Tourney victories (five).

The coaches: Ferris State – Bob Daniels (Michigan State, 1982), 10th season, 144-187-32 (.441) – (6-20-5 vs. Michigan State); Home–0-7-4; Away–5-12-0; Neutral–1-1-1.

Michigan State – Ron Mason (St. Lawrence, 1964), 23rd season, 624-266-66 (.687); Career: 36th season, 931-376-80 (.696) – (49-22-12 vs. Ferris State).

About Michigan State: The Spartans feature the nation’s top goaltender in 2000-01 Hobey Baker Award winner and USA Hockey College Player of the Year Ryan Miller. This season, the junior netminder is 15-4-2 with a 1.72 goals against average and a .936 saves percentage in 21 contests. Offensively, MSU presently has 11 skaters with double-figure point totals led by senior right wing Adam Hall (11-11-22). Junior defenseman John-Michael Liles (10-9-19), junior left wing Brian Maloney (10-9-19) and junior defenseman Brad Fast (7-12-19) are other top points leaders.

Series information: FSU trails 51-21-12 at Big Rapids: 8-19-7; At East Lansing: 12:31-4; Neutral: 1-1-1.

Goals For/Against: 331 (3.94 gpg) vs. 281 (4.54 gpg).

First meeting: FSU 6, MSU 3 (12/7/99).

Last meeting: MSU 2, FSU 0 (10/20/01).

Current win streak: MSU 2 (12/9/00-10/20/01).


This season: MSU 2-0 (10/20/01).

Top FSU scorer: Rob Collins (0-2–2).

Series note: FSU has scored fewer than two goals in 12 of its last 13 games and have tallied a combined two goals in the last five outings.

* – Denotes home game

All times Eastern; home games in bold
* – Central Collegiate Hockey Association game
# – Exhibition
✦ – Mariucci Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)
✦ – Detriot, Mich. (Joe Louis Arena)
✦ – Worcester, Mass. (Centrum Centre)
✦ – Ann Arbor, Mich. (Yost Ice Arena)
✦ – St. Paul, Minn. (Xcel Center)

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RESULTS LAST WEEK

Friday, January 11
at Miami (Ohio) 1, Ferris State 0*

Saturday, January 12
Ferris State 2, at Miami (Ohio) 0* 1

BULLDOGS BITE: Ferris State's 2-0 victory at Miami was the Bulldogs' first shutout against the RedHawks since 10/21/83 when FSU notched a 4-0 triumph in Oxford. . .

BROWN RECEIVES CCHA HONOR: Freshman goaltender Mike Brown (Calgary, Alta.) has been selected the recipient of this week's CCHA Rookie Player of the Week for his performance in last week-end's (Jan. 11-12) series at Miami (Ohio). Brown blocked 59 of 60 shots on goal for a .983 saves percentage while posting a 0.51 goals against average. He notched his second shutdown of the season in Saturday's 2-0 win and the lone RedHawks' goal for the weekend was on a power play.

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

GAME 20 ◆ at Miami (Ohio) (1,572)

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Feb. 2 at NMU - Derek Nesbitt
Feb. 8 vs. BGSU - Derek McVey
Feb. 9 vs. BGSU - David Burleigh
Feb. 15 at Ohio St. - Mike Brown
Feb. 16 at Ohio St. - Phil Lewandowski
Feb. 22 at WMU - Mike Brown
Feb. 23 vs. WMU - Derek Nesbitt
Mar. 1 at VSU - Derek McVey
Mar. 2 at MSU - David Burleigh
Mar. 8 at CCHA Trn. - Mike Brown
Mar. 9 at CCHA Trn. - John DeCaro
Mar. 10 at CCHA Trn. - Mike Brown

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