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CCHA TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND
FERRIS STATE AT ALASKA FAIRBANKS
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FERRIS STATE VISITS ALASKA FAIRBANKS IN CCHA TOURNAMENT PLAY

THIS WEEK: The Ferris State University men's ice hockey team, which is seeded ninth, opens Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) Tournament First-Round action this weekend (March 8-10) against number fourth-seed the University of Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks in Fairbanks, Alaska. The top six seeds earn the right to host a first-round, best-of-three series.

FACEOFF/ARENA: Friday & Saturday – 11:05 p.m. (EST) and Sunday (if necessary) – 7:05 p.m. (EST)/Carlson Center (4,324).

THE RECORDS: Ferris State is presently 15-18-1 overall and 12-15-1 in the CCHA as a result of splitting a regular-season finale league series with nationally-ranked Michigan State last weekend (March 1-2). The Bulldogs posted a 3-2 victory over the Spartans last Friday (March 1) at FSU's Ewigleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids. Michigan State rallied to register a 2-0 triumph in Saturday's (March 2) rematch at MSU's Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Mich. The Bulldogs are 5-11-1 on the road, 10-6-0 at home, and 0-0-1 at neutral sites this season.

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 1-0-1 at neutral sites a season ago.

Alaska Fairbanks*, which ranked 12th nationally by U.S. College Hockey Online this week, has notched a 20-11-3 overall record and is 15-10-3 in the CCHA. The Nanooks gained a split in a two-game non-league set against Alaska-Anchorage last weekend. FSU has won 11 of the last 12 contests, including the last five to date.


ABOUT ALASKA FAIRBANKS: The Nanooks are led offensively by senior center Bobby Andrews (13-22-35), who's among 13 individuals with double-figure point totals. Sophomore forward Ryan Campbell (15-18-33) and sophomore left wing Cam Keith (13-20-33) are other top point getters. In goal are sophomore Preston McKay (12-6-2, 1.90 GAA, .905sv%) and junior Lance Mayes (8-5-2, 2.66 GAA, .907sv%).

In the CCHA TOURNAMENT: FSU has compiled a 10-36-3 all-time CCHA Tournament mark, which includes a 9-31-3 first-round record. The Bulldogs are 2-0-0 all-time versus Alaska Fairbanks in CCHA Tournament action after registering a quarterfinal-round sweep (3/12-13/93) in Big Rapids – 8-6 and 7-2.

SERIES INFORMATION: FSU leads 20-10-1 at Fairbanks; 6-8-1; At Big Rapids: 12-2-0; Neutral: 2-0-0.

Goals For/Against: 341/196 (1.76 gpg.); 84/29 (2.93 gpg.)

First Meeting: FSU 4, UAF 0* (2/1/98)
Last Meeting: FSU 4, UAF 1* (11/17/01)
Current Win Streak: FSU 5 (1/20/01-11/17/01)
Longest Win Streak: FSU 5 (1/20/01-11/17/01)

FSU has compiled a 6-1-0 record this season at home and 0-0-0 at neutral sites.

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RESULTS LAST WEEK

Monday, February 25 at Ohio State 4, Miami (Ohio) 1*

Thursday, February 28 at Nebraska-Omaha 4, Michigan State 2*

Friday, March 1 at Ferris State 3, Michigan State 2*

Saturday, March 2 at Michigan State 2, Ferris State 0*

Sunday, March 10 at Michigan State 2, Ferris State 0*

BULLDOG BITES: Senior center Rob Collins’ (Kitchener, Ont.) 48 points (15-33–48) in 34 games this season represents the most by a Bulldog since 1999-00 when Brian McCullough registered 48 points (15-33–48) and Rod Taylor (41-15–56) posted a combined 119 points. Kunitz has garnered 38 points (10-21–31) in 34 games this campaign... Freshman goaltender Mike Brown (Calgary, Alta.) picked up his first collegiate assist last Friday versus Michigan State which was the first assist by a Bulldog netminder since Calgary, Alta.) picked up his first collegiate assist last Friday versus Michigan State which was the first assist by a Bulldog netminder since 2/17/01 when Phil Osaer had one in Ferris’ 3-0 win against Bowling Green.

GAME 33 vs. Michigan State
March 1, 2002 – at R.L. Ewigleben Ice Arena (2,450)

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1st: MSU-Brian Maloney (17) (Jake-Michael Liles); PPG 17:13
2nd: MSU-Ash Goldie (7) (Brian Maloney); 7:06

Up Next: Following this weekend, the six first-round tourney winners will advance to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Mich. The top two remaining seeds will receive byes to Saturday’s, March 16, semifinal round with faceoffs scheduled for 2 (EST) and 5:30 (EST). The remaining four teams will square off on Friday, March 15, in quarterfinal-round action. Game times for those contests are slated for 4 (EST) and 7:30 (EST). The CCHA Championship contest will be held Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. (EST) with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship Tournament.