Big Rapids, Mich. – The 2002-03 Ferris State University men's ice hockey team will be taking to the ice this Saturday (Sept. 28), for its annual Crimson and Gold Intrasquad Game.

The contest, which is slated for a 2 p.m. (EDT) opening faceoff at FSU's Ewigleben (pronounced A-VAH-glave-in) Ice Arena in Big Rapids, will showcase those student-athletes comprising the 2002-03 Bulldog hockey team. The format for the Crimson and Gold Intrasquad Game will be two 20-minute periods with running time. Following the contest, the annual Skate With The Bulldogs will be conducted immediately following the game’s conclusion and an autograph session will be included in that time frame.

A skills competition involving current team members will be conducted in between the contest's first two periods.

Admission to the intrasquad game is free although a $2 donation to the little Kevin Courtney Foundation is greatly appreciated. The Foundation was established by Kevin and Julie Courtney in honor of their late son and funds raised will go to support those kids involved in youth hockey who are financially challenged.

For those wishing to purchase rental for a pair of ice skates for the Skate With The Bulldogs Event the cost is $2 per pair of ice skates.

Ferris State will open its 2002-03 season Saturday, Oct. 5, with a home exhibition game against the University of Western Ontario. Start time is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. (EDT) at Ewigleben Ice Arena. The Bulldogs officially begin the 2002-03 campaign the following weekend (Oct. 11-12) hosting the highly-regarded St. Cloud (Minn.) State University Huskies of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA). The Friday, Oct. 11, contest is slated for a 7:35 p.m. (EDT) start while Saturday's, Oct. 12, rematch will begin at 7:05 p.m.

Last season, the Bulldogs posted a 15-20-1 overall record and finished ninth in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) with a 12-15-1 league mark.

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