FIRST-PLACE FERRIS STATE RETURNS TO THE ICE AGAINST MICHIGAN STATE

This Week: The nationally-ranked Ferris State University men's ice hockey team returns to the ice this weekend (Dec. 6-7) for a Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) home-and-home series against the Michigan State University Spartans. This Friday's (Dec. 6) contest will be held in Big Rapids, Mich., with Saturday's (Dec. 7) outing taking place in East Lansing, Mich. The series is the only regular-season meeting between the teams in 2002-03.

Faceoff/Arena: Friday – 7:35 p.m. (EST)/R.L. Ewigleben (pronounced A-VAH-glave-in) Ice Arena (2,493); Saturday – 7:05 p.m. (EST)/Munn Ice Arena (4,470).

The Records: Ferris State, which was idle this last weekend, improved to 11-3-0 overall and 9-1-0 in the CCHA two weeks ago (Nov. 22-23) with a league series sweep of Ohio State at FSU's Ewigleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids. Mich. FSU won 4-2 and 2-1 in overtime against the Buckeyes. The Bulldogs presently rank ninth this week in the U.S. College Hockey Online polls.

FSU Ticket Information: Tickets for all 2002-03 FSU home games are available by contacting the Ewigleben 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.


About Michigan State: The Spartans have four double-digit point scorers with sophomore forward Jim Slater (5-7-12) leading the way. Senior defensemen Brad Fast (6-6-11) and John-Michael Liles (3-8-11) along with fowrward David Booth (5-6-11) are the team’s leading goal scorers. Michigan State is presently ranked ninth this week in the CCHA polls.

Top FSU Scorers: Troy Milam (2-0–2, 8 GP), Matt Magliaccio (5-3-1, 2.21 GAA, .925sv%) is the primary goaltender.

About Ferris State: Ferris State was 15-20-1 overall and placed ninth in the CCHA at 12-15-1 a season ago. The Bulldogs were 6-6-1 overall and is presently ranked ninth this week in the CCHA polls.

The Bulldogs have scored at least one goal in all 14 games this season, 6-6-1 (.500); Career: 30th season, 603-481-72 (.553) – (35-13-2 vs. Ferris State).

Series Information: FSU trails 53-22-12 At Big Rapids: 9-20-7; At East Lansing: 12-32-4; At Neutral Sites: 1-1-1 Goals For/Against: 336 (3.86 gpg.)/388 (4.46 gpg.) First Meeting: FSU 6, MSU 3 (12/7/79) Last Meeting: MSU 2, FSU 0 (3/2/02) Current Win Streak: MSU 1 (3/2/02) Longest Win Streak: FSU 4 (2/20/93-2/25/94); MSU 5 (10/21/88-10/29/89; 2/25/95-3/8/96; 10/28/97-3/14/98) Last Season: MSU 2-0 (10/20/01); MSU 3-2* (1/15/02); FSU 3-2* (3/1/02) MSU 2-0 (3/2/02)

Top FSU Scorers: Troy Milam (2-0–2, 8 GP), Chris Kunitz (2-0–2, 7 GP), Jeff Legue (0-2–2, 4 GP), Matt York (0-2–2, 3 GP)

Series Note: FSU head coach Bob Daniels notched his 100th career win at MSU (3/6/99), which snapped the Spartans’ 23-game unbeaten streak. 49 contests have been decided by two goals or less and the Bulldogs are 17-20-12.
BULLDOG BITES: The Bulldogs were 12.0% (10-83) in power-play chances and 85.4% (82-96) on the penalty kill. The Ferris State hockey squad registered a 12-2-0 mark overall. Ferris is operating at 23.3% (17-73) on the power play through its second best mark in the program's history following its first 14 games of a season. The 1979-80 season was the team's second best mark in the program's history following its first 14 games of a season. The 1979-80 season was the team's second best mark in the program's history following its first 14 games of a season.

ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATE: Chris Kunitz (Lake Orion) currently ranks tied for 10th place among Ferris' all-time winningest netminders. Chris Kunitz is a two-time CCHA Offensive Player of the Week selection and tied for fourth in game-winning goals (6). Chris Kunitz is a two-time CCHA Offensive Player of the Week selection and tied for fourth in game-winning goals (6).

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FSU’s Record When...

- Playing at home: 7-2-0
- Playing on the road: 4-1-0
- Playing at neutral site: 0-0-0
- On Olympic-sized ice: 2-0-0
- On regulation-sized ice: 9-3-0
- Game 1 of a weekend series: 6-1-0
- Game 2 of a weekend series: 5-2-0
- Game 1 of a CCHA weekend series: 5-0-0
- Game 2 of a CCHA weekend series: 4-1-0
- Games following a win: 8-2-0
- Games following a loss: 3-0-0
- Games following a tie: 0-0-0
- The margin of victory is one goal: 1-0-0
- The margin of victory is two goals: 1-0-0
- The margin of victory is three or more goals: 9-0-0
- In overtime games: 1-0-0
- In games decided by one goal: 1-2-0
- In games decided by two goals: 1-0-0
- In games decided by three or more goals: 9-1-0
- Scoring first: 9-0-0
- The opponent scores first: 2-3-0
- Leading after one period: 4-0-0
- Trailing after one period: 0-1-0
- Tied after one period: 7-2-0
- Tied after two periods: 10-0-0
- Outshooting its opponent: 7-1-0
- Being outshouted by an opponent: 3-0-0
- Shots on goal are even: 1-2-0
- With fewer than 20 shots on goal: 0-0-0
- With 20-29 shots on goal: 2-1-0
- With 30-39 shots on goal: 5-0-0
- With 40 or more shots on goal: 4-2-0
- Scoring a power-play goal: 8-3-0
- Not scoring a power-play goal: 3-0-0
- Allowing a power-play goal: 4-2-0
- Not allowing a power-play goal: 7-1-0
- Scoring a short-handed goal: 1-0-0
- Allowing a short-handed goal: 1-1-0
- Scoring first: 2-2-0
- When Chris Kunzit scores a goal: 2-0-0
- Versus CCHA Teams: 9-1-0
- Versus WCHA Teams: 1-1-0
- Versus CHA Teams: 1-1-0
- Versus Hockey East Teams: 0-0-0
- Versus ECAC Teams: 0-0-0
- When wearing white jerseys: 7-2-0
- When wearing dark jerseys: 4-1-0

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CURRENT STREAKS...

- G-A-P: 3-4-7
- Streak: Points: 5-2-7

Clustering Standings...

The 2002-03 season marks the third year of the Perani Cup Three Stars, which is awarded following the conclusion of each CCHA regular-season game. Players from each school earn points throughout the season each time they are named a “star of the game” (5 points for 1st star, 3 points for 2nd star, and 1 point for 3rd star). At the end of the season, the CCHA will crown a Perani Cup champion as well as honor individual winners from each school. Following are the Perani Cup standings for Ferris State:

- Ferris State: 10 points
- Western Michigan: 6 points
- Notre Dame: 4 points
- Bowling Green State: 4 points

The Perani Cup will be presented by the Perani Hockey Group on the ice during the game. The Perani Cup is awarded annually to the school that scores the most points in the Perani Cup standings.

NEXT OPPONENT: Ferris State is idle until Dec. 29-30 when the Bulldogs will take part in the Connecticut Classic to be held at the UConn Ice Arena in Storrs, Conn. FSU will face the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers in opening-round play Sunday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. (EST). The third-place and championship games will be held Monday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. (EST), respectively. Host Connecticut, Alabama-Huntsville and Findlay (Ohio) along with Ferris State comprise the four-team tournament field.

FSU BLUELINE LUNCHEON: The next Ferris State University Blue Line Club Luncheon will be held this Friday (Dec. 6) from 12:11 p.m. (EST) at the West Campus Community Center on the FSU campus. The event is open to the public. Ferris head coach Bob Daniels and selected FSU players will be the featured speakers. Cost for the luncheon is $7 per individual, which includes a sandwich and salad bar along with a beverage. Contact FSU Assistant Athletics Director Brian Kegler at (231) 591-2970 or via e-mail at keglerb@ferris.edu for more information.