FERRIS STATE TO COMPETE IN BADGER SHOWDOWN OVER HOLIDAY BREAK

• This Week: The Ferris State University men's ice hockey team will be traveling to Madison, Wis., this weekend (Dec. 27-28) to compete in the Badger Hockey Showdown. The Bulldogs square off against the Massachusetts-Lowell River Hawks in Saturday's (Dec. 27) semifinal-round opener while the Union Dutchmen go up against nationally-ranked and host the Wisconsin Badgers in the second semifinal contest. The third-place and championship games will be conducted Sunday (Dec. 28).

• Faceoff/Arena: Saturday – 5:35 p.m. (EST) & Sunday – 5:35 or 8:35 p.m. (EST)/Kohl Center (15,237). Television: Both of Wisconsin's games will be televised on Fox Sports Wisconsin (DirecTV channel 642).

• The Records: Ferris State, which has been idle the last two-plus weeks, is 6-8-2 overall and 4-7-1 in the CCHA following a win and a tie in a league road series against Bowling Green State (Dec. 5-6) at the BGSU Ice Arena in Bowling Green, Ohio. The Bulldogs skated to a 2-1 victory in the opener and then recorded a 3-3 overtime tie in the finale to extend their current unbeaten streak (3-0-2) to five games. ✪ A season ago, Ferris State registered its most successful season in the program's 25-year NCAA-I history with a school-record 31-10-1 overall mark. The Bulldogs claimed their first-ever CCHA Championship title with a first-place 22-5-1 league record. FSU also made its initial NCAA-I Championship Tournament appearance and earned the distinction of being the nation's first team to attain 30 wins in a season. Massachusetts-Lowell is 7-7-3 overall in a fifth-place 4-3-1 Hockey East mark. In their most recent meeting (Dec. 14), the River Hawks lost a 6-5 non-league home decision to Niagara at UML's Tsongas Arena in Lowell, Mass. UML is 2-3-1 in its last six outings.

• The Series: Massachusetts-Lowell and the Bulldogs will represent the first-ever meeting between the two teams. FSU and Union have three skaters with double-digit points – sophomore forwards Scott Seney (9-14-25) and Jonathan Piorek (3-9-12) along with junior forward Joel Beal (5-6-11). Sophomores Kris Mayotte (5-5-10, .907sv%) and Tim Roth (2-0-0, .934sv%) are the netminders.

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BullDog Bites: Senior center Brett Smith (Guelph, Ont.) has a career-high six-game point streak to date with 11 points (4-7-11) during that span. His team-leading 18 points (8-10-18) in 16 contests this season represents a career season best, eclipsing his 17-point total (8-9-17) set a season ago in 42 outings ... Ferris State has posted at least 40 shots on goal in five of its last eight games and is averaging 39.6 shots (317 total) in that period ... Junior goaltender Brett Smith (Calgary, Alta.) surpassed Craig Lisko (1990-94); 2,165 career saves in 86 games) for fourth place among the recipients to date. Brett Smith was named the CCHA’s Bulldog of the Game. Below is a compilation of the recipients to date.

SMITH ATTAINS LEAGUE HONOR: Brett Smith was named the CCHA’s Offensive Player of the Week (Dec. 8) following his four-point (1-3-4) series performance at Bowling Green State (12/5-6). He tallied the game-winning goal in the Bulldogs’ series-opening win and assisted on all three Ferris goals in a 3-3 overtime deadlock the next night. The weekly league award marked the first for a FSU skater this season.

TOURNAMENT NOTES: Ferris State is 11-14-2 all-time in regular-season tourney contests to date while head coach Bob Daniels has a 7-7-0 mark in such games. The Bulldogs went 1-1-0 last season (12/29-30) at the Connecticut Classic in Storrs, Conn. FSU was dealt a 5-4 overtime opening-round loss by Alabama-Huntsville but came back to claim third place with a 5-0 triumph over host UConn. Junior center Jeff Legue (Cornwall, Ont.) is currently Ferris’ leading points getter in regular-season tournament contests with five points (3-2-5) in four games. He registered a team-best three points (2-1-3) in last season’s Connecticutt Classic (12/29-30/02).

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Ferris State resumes Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) action next weekend, Jan. 2-3, as the Bulldogs host the Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks in a two-game series at FSU’s 2,493-seat Ewigleben Ice Arena in Big Rapids, Mich. Opening faceoff for Friday’s series opener is 7:35 p.m. (EST) while Saturday’s contest starts at 7:05 p.m. (EST).

2003-04 NCAA STATISTICS...

Following is where Ferris State ranks as a team and individually in the 2003-04 NCAA statistics:

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