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LAKE SUPERIOR STATE AT FERRIS STATE
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
FERRIS HOSTS LAKE SUPERIOR IN LAST REGULAR-SEASON HOME SERIES

This Week: The Ferris State University men's ice hockey team, which was idle last weekend, hosts the Lake Superior State University Lakers this weekend (Feb. 27-28) in a two-game Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) series at Big Rapids, Mich. The series marks FSU's final regular-season home contests for the 2003-04 campaign.

The Records: Ferris State is 14-15-3 overall and 9-14-1 after losing a pair of CCHA games to Notre Dame two weeks ago (Feb. 13-14) at UND's Joyce Center in Notre Dame, Ind. The Bulldogs are 5-6-1 in their last 12 appearances and are midst a three-game losing string. Ferris sports a 9-5-2 home record this season.

A season ago, Ferris State turned in its most successful season in the program's 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.

Lake Superior State improved to 7-16-3 overall and 5-14-3 in the CCHA following a win and tie versus Northern Michigan in last weekend's (Feb. 20-21) home-and-home series. The Lakers claimed a 5-2 win over the Wildcats last Friday (Feb. 20) at NMU's Berry Events Center in Marquette, Mich. The next night (Feb. 21), the two teams skated to a 2-2 overtime tie at LSSU's Taffy Abel Arena in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. LSSU, which is 3-8-3 on the road this season, is 1-0-2 in its last three appearances after going winless in its previous nine contests.

LSSU posted a 6-2-0 overall record with a 12th-place 3-24-1 CCHA mark last season.

Bob Daniels: The 2002-03 Spencer Penrose Award recipient as the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) Division I National Coach of the Year, Daniels was also honored as the Coach of the Year by the CCHA and Inside College Hockey (INCH) last season. Daniels, who ranked 23rd among active NCAA-I coaches in overall victories entering this campaign, is the all-time winningest coach in FSU history. Daniels is tops among Ferris' all-time coaches in CCHA wins with a 141-168-31 (.460) league mark.


About Lake Superior State: Freshman forward Dominic Osman (10-9-19) is tops among seven Lakers in double-figure points this season. Junior forward Bo Cheesman (11-7-18) and frosh forward Trent Campbell (3-13-16) are other leading scorers. Freshman Jeff Jakaitis (3-6-4, 2.16 GAA, .930sv%) and junior Matt Violin (4-10-3, 3.43 GAA, .883sv%) have shared LSSU's goaltending duties. Jakaitis presently ranks fourth nationally in save percentage and 11th in goals against average. Second-year assistant coach Tim Christian played at Ferris State (1991-95).

Series Information: FSU trails 55-36-7

At Big Rapids: 18-26-3; At Sault Ste. Marie: 17-28-3; At Neutral Sites: 1-1-1

Goals For/Against: 345 (3.52 gpg)/418 (4.27 gpg.)

First Meeting: LSUS 8, FSU 2* (12/15/77)

Last Meeting: FSU 6, LSUS 1** (3/15/03)

Longest Win Streak: FSU 6 (1/18/80-12/6/80) & (11/2/01-3/15/03); LSUS 10 (12/9/94-2/14/97)

Last Season: FSU 7-1 (2/7/03), FSU 5-1 (2/8/03), FSU 6-1*X (3/14/03), FSU 6-1*Y (3/15/03)

Top FSU Scorers: Derek Nesbitt (4-6-10, 6 GP) and Jeff Legue (3-7-10, 6 GP)

Series Notes: FSU is 8-1-0 in its last nine meetings, which includes a current six-game winning streak. All of Nesbitt's and Legue's point total occurred in last season's four-game series.

* — FSU home game  X — CCHA Tournament First Round

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BULLDOG BITES: totaled 2,656 saves in 103 career appearances ...The Bulldogs haven't scored a power play goal saves leaders chart. Brown has accumulated 2,631 career saves in 98 games while Williams Bay, Ont.) is four points shy of matching his career high of 22 points (11-11–22) set in 42 contests home dates this season compared to 2.13 (32 total) in 15 away outings for a 1.31 differential ...The Bulldogs are averaging 3.44 goals (55 total) in 16 the same period last season. The Bulldogs have also allowed 3.28 goals tallied 14 points (6-8–14) in as many career February games ...Ferris points this campaign have occurred on goals ...Junior defenseman fourth point this season with a goal at Notre Dame (2/13) as all of his shots in the game, including 11 in the third period ...Junior left wing Trevor Large (Brampton, Ont.) is presently tied for ninth place in career games played a Simon Mangos (Caldeon, Ont.) and goaltender Matt Swanson (Clinton Township) ...Michigan at Notre Dame, 8:05 p.m. Saturday, February 28 Lake Superior State at Ferris State*, 7:05 p.m. Michigan at Notre Dame* Northern Michigan at Bowling Green State*, 7:05 p.m. at Michigan, 7:05 p.m. at Western Michigan, 7:05 p.m. Minnesota-Crookston, made his FSU debut in the series finale (2/14) at Michigan at Notre Dame, 8:05 p.m. Friday, February 20 at Michigan, 7:05 p.m. at Western Michigan, 7:05 p.m. Lake Superior State at Ferris State*, 7:05 p.m. Michigan at Notre Dame*, 7:05 p.m. Northern Michigan at Bowling Green State* Western Michigan at Miami (Ohio)*, 7:35 p.m. Alaska Fairbanks at Nebraska-Omaha*, 8:05 p.m. Michigan at Notre Dame*, 8:05 p.m. Game 31 # at Notre Dame Game 32 # at Notre Dame GAME RESULTS:

Friday, February 20 at Michigan, 7:05 p.m.

FSU 0-5, ND 0-3

Power Plays:
FSU 4-8, ND 6-12

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FSU 5-10, ND 5-12

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DATE/Opp.

Player

Notes

Oct. 10 at MUW Greg Rallo 1-1-2, +2

Jan. 24 vs. Findlay Nick Scheibie 1-1-2, +2

Oct. 17 at Colgate Brett Smith 1-1-2, +2

Oct. 18 at Colgate Jeff Legue 2-0-2, +1

Oct. 24 at UAF Mike Brown 34 saves

Oct. 25 at UAF Brett Smith 3-0-0, +1

Nov. 31 at MSU Derrick McIver 0-0-0, +1

Nov. 7 vs. Michigan Derrick McIver 1-1-2, +1

Nov. 8 at Michigan Greg Rallo 1-0-0

Nov. 21 vs. UNO Giovanni Flamminio1-0-1, +1

Nov. 22 vs. UNO Mike Brown 36 saves

Nov. 28 vs. Niagara Derrick McIver 1-0-1

Nov. 29 vs. Niagara Mike Kinnie 3-0-3, +3

Dec. 5 at BGSU Mike Brown 27 saves

Dec. 6 at BGSU Brett Smith 3-0-3, +2

Dec. 27 vs. UM-Lowell Simon Mangos 0-3-3, +3

Dec. 28 in Wisconsin Mike Brown 38 saves

Jan. 2 vs. UAF Nick Scheibie 2-1-3, +2

Jan. 3 vs. UAF Zac Pearson 0-0-0

Jan. 7 at UNO Derrick McIver 2-0-2, +1

Jan. 8 at UNO Brett Smith 0-1-1

Jan. 16 vs. Miami Greg Rallo 2-1-3, +2

Jan. 17 vs. Miami Mike Brown 29 saves

Jan. 23 vs. Findlay Simon Mangos 2-0-2, +1

Jan. 24 vs. Findlay Mike Brown 39 saves

Jan. 30 vs. WMU Derrick McIver 1-1-2, +2

Jan. 31 at WMU Derrick Nesbit 1-1-2, +1

Feb. 6 vs. Ohio State Jeff Legue 3-0-3, +3

Feb. 7 vs. Ohio State Mark Borsenback 0-0-0

Feb. 13 at N. Dame Trevor Large 1-0-1, +1

Feb. 14 at N. Dame Mike Kinnie 1-0-1, +1

Feb. 27 vs. LSSU

Feb. 28 vs. LSSU

Mar. 5 at NMU

Mar. 6 at NMU

All times are Eastern – Third-Place Game

– CCHA Game

GAME 31 # at Notre Dame

February 13, 2004 – at Joyce Center (2,232)

FINAL

Ferris State 1 2 3

Notre Dame 0 0 0

Scores:
FSU-Mike Brown, L (14-14-3); 14-14-14; 59:17
ND-David Brown, W (10-5-3), 4-9-14-27; 60:00

Officials:
Referee-Mark Wilkins; Asst. Refs-Keith Sergott, Bruce Vida Jr.

GAME 32 # at Notre Dame

February 14, 2004 – at Joyce Center (2,727)

FINAL

Ferris State 1 0 0

Notre Dame 1 0 1

Scores:
FSU-Mike Brown, L (14-15-3); 9-2-x-11; 22:22

Tom Mueller (x-4-11-15); 37:38

ND-David Brown, W (11-5-3); 7-12-10-29; 60:00

Officials:
Referee-Mark Wilkins; Asst. Refs-Keith Sergott, Bruce Vida Jr.

BULLDOGS OF THE GAME:

Ferris State player will be selected the

Bulldog of the Game. Below is a compilation of the recipients to date.
FSU's Record When...  
Playing at home.................9-5-2  
Playing on the road.............4-10-1  
Playing at neutral site.........1-0-0  
On Olympic-sized ice...........3-3-0  
On regulation-sized ice........11-12-3  
Game 1 of a weekend series....8-6-1  
Game 2 of a weekend series.....5-9-2  
Game 1 of a CCHA weekend series...7-6-0  
Game 2 of a CCHA weekend series...2-9-1  
Games following a win........3-8-3  
Games following a loss.........3-7-1  
The margin of victory is one goal....3-9-0  
The margin of victory is two goals....4-9-0  
The margin of victory is three or more goals...7-0-0  
In overtime games.............1-0-0  
In games decided by one goal....3-2-0  
In games decided by two goals......4-6-0  
In games decided by three or more goals...7-7-0  
Scoring first..................10-4-2  
The opponent scores first......1-10-5  
Leading after one period........5-4-1  
Trailing after one period.......4-6-0  
Tied after one period...........5-5-2  
Leading after two periods.......11-2-0  
Trailing after two periods......10-1-1  
Tied after two periods.........2-3-2  
Outshooting its opponent........10-5-2  
Being outshot by an opponent...4-9-0  
Shots on goal are even.........0-1-1  
With fewer than 20 shots on goal......0-1-0  
With 20-29 shots on goal.........5-9-1  
With 30-39 shots on goal.........5-4-0  
With 40 or more shots on goal....4-1-2  
Scoring a power-play goal......4-4-0  
Not scoring a power-play goal...5-10-3  
Allowing a power-play goal.....9-12-2  
Not allowing a power-play goal...5-3-1  
Scoring a short-handed goal.....3-3-0  
Allowing a short-handed goal....1-4-0  
When FSU goalie makes fewer than 30 saves...10-9-2  
When FSU goalie makes 30-39 saves...3-5-1  
When FSU goalie makes 40-49 saves...1-1-0  
When taking less penalties than opp......5-5-3  
When taking more penalties than opp......3-8-0  
When penalties are equal.......1-1-0  
Playing in TV games...........2-4-0  
When Jeff Legue gets a point...12-4-0  
When Jeff Legue scores a goal...6-1-0  
Versus CCHA Teams...............9-14-1  
Versus WCHA Teams...............1-1-0  
Versus NCHC Teams...............2-2-0  
Versus Hockey East Teams.......1-0-0  
Versus ECAC Teams...............1-1-0  
When wearing white jerseys....4-4-3  
When wearing dark jerseys.......10-6-0  

2003-04 Top Streaks ... 
Player Games G-A-P   Streak   Goals  
Mike Brown 2 6 1 29  
Brett Smith 2 3 2 21  
Derrick McIver 3 2 17  
Jeff Legue 1 1 6  
Mark Bompersback 2 2  
Giovanni Flamminio 1 1  

2003-04 NCAA Statistics ... 
Following is where Ferris State ranks as a team and individually among the 2003-04 NCAA I statistical leaders through games of 2/22/04:  
INDIVIDUAL  
NAME Category Rank No.  
Derrick McIver Short-Handed Goals 9th 3.0  
NEXT OPPONENT: Ferris State closes out its 2003-04 regular season campaign next weekend, March 5-6, versus the Northern Michigan Wildcats in CCHA action. Starting time for both league outings is 7:35 p.m. (EST) at NMU's Berry Events Center in Marquette, Mich. The first round of the CCHA Tournament will take place the following weekend, March 12-14, at a site yet to be determined.  

FSU BLUENEDE LUNCHEON: The final Ferris State Blueblade Luncheon will be held this Friday (Feb. 27) from 12-1 p.m. (EST) at the West Campus Community Center on the FSU campus. The event is open to the public. FSU head coach Bob Daniels and selected Bulldog 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.