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## The Opening Faceoff... Bueller?... Bueller???

If you are of a certain age, then that name will immediately trigger one other name to pop into your head: FERRIS!

Unlike the teenager from the Chicago suburbs who faked an illness to have a great day off, the Ferris State Bulldogs don't need saving. They're doing fine and on their way to the new CCHA v2.0 next fall. But before making the conference change, they apparently decided to clean out the equipment room and sold off anything with a WCHA logo on it.



We're happy to grab a little bit of that history with six styles that were worn over the course of the last few seasons, with some going back as far as 2015. There is a nice mix of colors, manufactures and styles in this group. Everything from traditional square-cut, knit SP, the latest Bauer 37.5 jerseys, Athletic Knit throwback jerseys and the latest anatomical cut from Under Armour.

The AK jerseys were a one-game special throwback jersey worn at Bowling Green (2/22/20). The Falcons also wore special AK throwback jerseys that night as they celebrated 50 years of hockey. BGSU won the game 3-1 but we snagged the two jerseys from Ferris players who recorded points in that game.

The Bauer 37.5 jerseys really are sharp in person and the "Ronald McDonald" golds from Under Armour also look great. Overall, the SP knits show the best wear. All of them are pounded with stick/pucks marks and multiple repairs. (Sixteen repairs on one jersey alone!) Get one before your sister's boyfriend's brother's game worn collector buddy grabs all the best ones for their collection!

| \$275 | CCHA        | Ferris State | 1990-91 | Home      | 7  | Filipek, Daryl     | Melville 46, 20th Patch NOBR 10+ repairs           |
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| \$275 | CCHA        | Ferris State | 1990-91 | Road      | 7  | Filipek, Daryl     | Aaron 48, 20th patch, 2 repairs                    |
| \$275 | CCHA        | Ferris State | 1996-00 | Home      | 19 | Ricciardi, Gary    | CCM 50, great wear, auto'd                         |
| \$275 | CCHA        | Ferris State | 1997-98 | Road      | 24 | Angst, Felix       | CCM 52 heavy wear, 10+ repairs                     |
| \$250 | CCHA        | Ferris State | 2007-10 | Home      | 3  | Wietecha, Scott    | Nike/Bauer 54, half dozen repairs                  |
| \$250 | CCHA        | Ferris State | 2008-10 | Road      | 22 | Graham, Derek      | Nike/Bauer 52, custom short sleeves                |
| \$275 | CCHA        | Ferris State | 2010-11 | 3rd / Alt | 8  | Kane, Cory         | SP 54, large repair on front                       |
| \$250 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2014-18 | Road      | 5  | Dorantes, Tyler    | SP 54, 16 repairs, unrepaired slices               |
| \$275 | <b>WCHA</b> | Ferris State | 2014-18 | Road      | 8  | Dorantes, "Drew"   | SP 52 w/ "A", 7 repairs                            |
| \$250 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2013-17 | Road      | 10 | Lowney, Ryan       | SP 52, 3 repairs, very good wear                   |
| \$350 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2015-18 | 3rd / Alt | 16 | Andrew, Tyler      | UA Sz L, "15" flag tag, 1 repair, puck/stick marks |
| \$250 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2017-19 | Home      | 9  | Finner, Lucas      | Bauer 52, 8 repairs, very good wear                |
| \$250 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2018-19 | Home      | 16 | Michaelian, Justin | Bauer 54, moderate puck/stick marks                |
| \$250 | <b>WCHA</b> | Ferris State | 2018-19 | Home      | 19 | Andren, Oskar      | Bauer 54, heavy stick/puck marks                   |
| \$250 | <b>WCHA</b> | Ferris State | 2018-19 | Road      | 16 | Michaelian, Justin | Bauer 54, light wear                               |
| \$250 | <b>WCHA</b> | Ferris State | 2018-19 | Road      | 19 | Andren, Oskar      | Bauer 54, light board burns                        |
| \$225 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2018-19 | Road      | 29 | Stewart, Ethan     | Bauer 54, light board burns                        |
| \$225 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2019-20 | 3rd / Alt | 22 | Tackett, Jason     | AK (54) scored goal                                |
| \$195 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2019-20 | 3rd / Alt | 25 | Willets, Jake      | AK (52) board burns, assisted on goal              |
| \$195 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2019-21 | Home      | 8  | Melton, Frankie    | UA Sz M, GI, "19" flag tag                         |
| \$295 | WCHA        | Ferris State | 2019-20 | Home      | 19 | Andren, Oskar      | UA Sz L, "19" flag tag, light puck/stick marks     |

If you have a certain team / style / player you are seeking, <u>send me an email</u> and I'll do my best to help you locate it.

Can't wait for the next newsletter to see all the new arrivals? You can always get a sneak peak on the Johnson's Jerseys Facebook page via the link below. Feel free to LIKE the page to be notified of the latest updates as they are posted. <u>Johnson's Jerseys on Facebook</u>

## Timeout for Coaching... What are "Board Burns" on Jerseys?

When reading the description of wear on a jersey, you might come across the term "board burns" and you may wonder what that actually means. Generally, a board burn is wear caused by the jersey forcefully coming into contact with a hard surface, most often the dasher boards. The heat generated from friction as the player slides along the boards at high speed can actually melt the nylon jersey material.

On jerseys such as the Bauer 37.5 series, which are largely sublimated (color is only printed on the surface of the material), the board burn may only remove the color, exposing the white material below. An example of this can be seen at on the jersey at the right (Niagara Purple Eagles).

Some teams will choose not to repair this type of wear because the repair might look even worse than the board burn. However sometimes the board burn melts completely through the jersey which normally results in the team having to repair the jersey after the game. Board burns are most commonly found on the sleeves and shoulders, but can be in other areas as well.



On heavier nylon materials such as the SP knit shown on the left (Ferris State Bulldogs), the board burn often causes the surrounding material to become shiny, almost white looking under the right light.



When the board burn goes all the way through the material the team will typically repair the jersey unless they know the set of jerseys is nearing the end of its lifecycle. In those cases the jerseys might be left as is for the final few games of the season before the team gets rid of them.

Board burns and the resulting repaired areas are a common element that collectors use to photo match their jerseys to images of game play. We'll talk more about photo matching in a future edition of the newsletter and how it can add value to your collection.

Knowing what a typical board burn looks like can help you spot a fake gamer or a jersey where the previous owner has tried to add more wear to a legit jersey. Attending jersey shows / expos are a great opportunity to see a lot of jerseys in a short period of time and build your knowledge base. It's also a great way to meet your fellow jerseys collectors.

## Last Minute of Play in the Period... Commemorative Patches in College Hockey



My parting thoughts...

Lots of college teams recycle jerseys year after year. Often when we get jerseys, the previous owner didn't know what year(s) the jersey was worn. So research commences and often special patches provide a great clue of where to start, especially if the team didn't wear names or the name has been removed. Many conferences add special patches to their jerseys every five years. Some like the ECAC and WCHA were around for 60+ and 70 years respectively and yet only had patches for their 50th seasons.

Hockey East gets the nod for being the most consistent and for having some great looking designs. They really celebrate their conference's history.

As for an individual team patch, The University of Denver's 60th season is tough to beat. There was no missing that the Pioneers were celebrating 60 years of hockey in 2009, but also the subtle addition of the seven diamonds for each of the national championships the team had won up to that point is very nice as well. We've had several of these DU 60th jerseys pass through our hands over the years, but they generally don't hang around long. Most recently one arrived and departed in less than 48 hours. This #21 Wrenn is the most recent to arrive and is currently available for sale or trade. It is a Gemini knit in size 56.

