

FERRIS STATE HOCKEY

THE 2007-08 BULLDOGS



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Mike Embach

5-10 ♦ 189 ♦ Freshman
Left Wing
Orland Park, Illinois

2007-08: Physical, aggressive forward . . . Tenacious and hard-working skater . . . Shows good quickness and is a physical player . . . Has the versatility to play both wing positions . . . Quick skater . . . Should contribute offensively after adapting to collegiate game . . . May earn ice time on both power-play and penalty-kill units as the season progresses.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS: Appeared in 18 games for the Indiana (Indianapolis, Ind.) Ice of the United States Hockey League (USHL) in the 2006-07 season after starting out the campaign with the Chicago (Ill.) Steel . . . Netted 20 points with eight goals and 12 assists for Chicago in 36 2006-07 games before being dealt in early February to Indiana . . . Was an assistant captain for Chicago . . . Tallied seven points with a goal and six helpers with Indiana to close out the 2006-07 season . . . Finished in a seven-way tie for 83rd place among the USHL's 2006-07 points leaders as a member of Indiana head coach Charlie Skjodt's squad . . . Generated 13 points with seven goals and six assists in 45 contests for Chicago in the 2005-06 campaign . . . Select 17 Festival invitee . . . Graduated in 2006 from Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, Ill. . . . Played golf for one season.

PERSONAL: Son of Michael and Cynthia Embach . . . Born 1/17/88 in Downers Grove, Ill. . . . Mother is employed as a computer consultant . . . Has a younger sister . . . Nickname is "Box" . . . Enjoys reading and golf . . . Shoots: Left . . . Majoring in pre-law.

THE EMBACH FILE

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:

Never give up

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Tiger Woods

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Leader

GREATEST LESSON LEARNED PLAYING HOCKEY:

What you put in is what you get out

FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):

Golf

WHAT MOVTTIVATES ME?:

Professional hockey players

FAVORITE NHL TEAM/PLAYER:

Ottawa Senators/Peter Forsberg

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Lawyer

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

Good hockey program

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Organizing

THE FERRIS STATE "BULLDOG"

The "Bulldogs" have been Ferris State University's official mascot since 1930, when the name was applied to the Ferris Institute basketball team.

At the time, an unknown sportswriter became impressed by the way coach Bill McElwain's chargers were winning close games with defense (even recording a shutout once). He described the stingy defense as "hanging on like a bulldog." During an eight-game winning streak for the 1930 squad, Ferris held the opposition to an average of 17.1 points per game. Then he began referring to the team as the "Bulldogs." The nickname stuck and has been used ever since. The logo was re-designed in 1979 by former FSU graphic artist Terry Davenport, son of former Ferris State Athletics Director Dean Davenport.



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Mike Fillinger

6-0 ♦ 170 ♦ Freshman
Left Wing
Grand Ledge, Michigan

2007-08: An excellent skater who should vie for action immediately . . . Has the ability to develop into an offensive contributor once adjustment to the college game is completed . . . Could be an effective member of the Bulldogs' penalty-kill unit as a result of his speed and quickness.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS: Played for the Mahoning Valley (Boardman, Ohio) Phantoms of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) in the 2006-07 season . . . Coached by Bob Mainhardt . . . Amassed 44 points on 24 goals with 20 assists in 52 outings in the 2006-07 campaign as the Phantoms won the NAHL North Division crown with a 47-14-1 overall ledger . . . Ranked ninth among squad's leading points producers and his 24 markers was fourth most on the team . . . Placed tied for 48th on the 2006-07 NAHL points leaders list . . . Produced five short-handed goals along with one power-play and one game-winning lamplighter apiece in 2006-07 . . . Scored nine goals and had four helpers for 13 points in 10 2006-07 NAHL playoff appearances as Mahoning Valley notched a 9-1 mark and were national tourney finalists . . . Member of two-time Midget AAA State champions . . . Participated 10 years in AAA Midwest Elite Hockey League . . . Played four years on USA Selects and garnered MVP honors on the USA Selects U-15 Team . . . A 2007 graduate of Grand Ledge (Mich.) High School.

PERSONAL: Born 9/1/88 in Lansing, Mich. . . . Son of Michael and Michelle (Mazzei) Fillinger . . . His father is a sales manager and mother is a senior account executive . . . Has two older sisters . . . His mother is a Ferris State alumnus and played tennis for the Bulldogs . . . Most of his aunts and uncles attended Ferris State . . . Likes working on cars and auto transactions . . . Shoots: Left . . . Majoring in construction management.

THE FILLINGER FILE

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Owner of a car dealership

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

Hockey and academic field of study

ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY I WISH I COULD HAVE WITNESSED:

Invention of electricity

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY IS:

Competitiveness

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION IS:

My dog

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Henry Ford

THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF PLAYING HOCKEY:

Stickhandling

FAVORITE NHL TEAM/PLAYER:

Detroit Red Wings/Mike Madano

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Hard work pays off

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Working on cars



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Nate Hennig

6-0 ♦ 220 ♦ Freshman
Left Wing
East Macomb, Michigan

2007-08: Versatile . . . Can play either wing position . . . Provides depth in the forward line . . . A walk-on . . . Has potential after some developmental time and improved conditioning to vie for playing time.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS: Played the last two seasons (2005-06 and 2006-07) for the North American Hockey League's (NAHL) Santa Fe (N.M.) Roadrunners under head coach Scott Langer . . . Finished fifth in 2006-07 team scoring with 40 points on 16 goals and 24 assists in 52 regular-season outings . . . His 40-points total for the season represented a tie for 59th place among the NAHL's leading points producers . . . Recorded nine power-play goals and six game-winning lamplighters last season for the Roadrunners, who compiled a 41-17-4 overall record . . . Notched 10 points with a goal and nine assists in a 45-game span during his first season (2005-06) with Santa Fe . . . Played for Select 16 Team . . . Garnered 75 points on 30 goals with 45 assists in 72 outings for Honeybaked (Detroit, Mich.) Midget "AAA" Team in 2003-04 and then racked up 62 points with 26 markers and 36 helpers in 65 encounters the following season (2004-05) . . . Served as an assistant captain for Honeybaked and helped lead team to an undefeated season in 2003-04 . . . Was the 13th American skater to be drafted in the Ontario Hockey League's 2004 draft . . . Graduated in 2006 from Dakota High School in Macomb, Mich., and played on a pair of state championship teams.

PERSONAL: Born 9/2/88 in Rochester, Mich. . . . Son of Ronald Hennig . . . Has a younger brother . . . Father is employed as a letter carrier . . . Interests include weightlifting . . . Shoots: Left . . . Construction Management major.

THE HENNIG FILE

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION IS:

My ring

FAVORITE NHL TEAM/PLAYER:

Detroit Red Wings/Henrik Zetterberg

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS IS:

Hard work is the best skill to have

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Easy-going

THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF PLAYING HOCKEY IS:

The training

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Jesus

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

What goes around comes around

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Decision making

THE PLANET I'M MOST FASCINATED WITH:

Saturn



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Justin Menke

5-11 ♦ 178 ♦ Freshman
Center
Shamrock, Saskatchewan

2007-08: A dynamic, two-way skater . . . Offensively talented . . . A fine playmaker from the middle of the ice . . . Performs well offensively on the rush . . . Good on faceoffs . . . Possesses a strong, accurate shot . . . Has demonstrated the ability to run a power play from the blueline.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS: Registered a team-leading 64 points on 24 goals with 40 assists in 58 games for the Yorkton (Saskatchewan) Terriers of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) in the 2006-07 season . . . Placed seventh among the final 2006-07 SJHL leaders in points while ranking sixth and 19th in assists and goals, respectively . . . Played three seasons (2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07) at Yorkton for head coach Ed Zawatsky . . . The 2006-07 team captain was the winner of both the Terriers' Top Scorer Award and Dedication & Serves Community Award . . . A 2006-07 co-honoree of the Coach's Award and was the third star of the program's Three Star Award . . . Concluded the 2006-07 regular-season campaign with eight lamplighters and two helpers in six outings en route to attaining SJHL Player of the Month for February 2007 . . . Selected as the Yorkton's recipient of the Credit Union MasterCard Community Leadership Award in December 2006 . . . Posted 47 points with 21 goals and 26 assists in 53 2005-06 contests as Terriers won SJHL title for second straight season . . . Had 25 points (16-9=25) in 52 outings for 2004-05 campaign . . . Skated for the Swift Current (Saskatchewan) Legionnaires in 2003-04 and generated 22 points (12-10=22) in 37 encounters and was recipient of the Coaches Award . . . Played for Team Canada in August 2006 tourney in Sweden . . . Graduated in 2004 from Chaplin (Saskatchewan) Secondary School and played hockey under head coach Chris Sharp . . . Participated in volleyball, badminton, track and golf.

PERSONAL: Son of Darwin and Sheila Menke . . . Born 11/23/86 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan . . . His father is a farmer and mother drives school bus/homemaker . . . Lives on a 6,000 acre farm with 200 cows nine miles from his hometown which has a population of 25 people . . . Hobbies including golfing and spending time at the lake . . . Shoots: left . . . Majoring in surveying engineering.

THE MENKE FILE

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT IS:

Tiger Woods on X-Box

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION IS:

Championship rings

ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY I WISH I COULD HAVE WITNESSED:

Ray Bourque lifting the Stanley Cup

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Work for everything

FAVORITE NHL TEAM/NHL PLAYER:

Vancouver Canucks/Joe Sakic

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Queen Elizabeth

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Relaxed

IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE IT WOULD BE:

Sports Illustrated

THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER IS:

Coming to the rink everyday

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY IS:

Winning championships



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Pat Nagle

6-2 ♦ 169 ♦ Freshman
Goaltender
Bloomfield, Michigan

2007-08: A highly-touted recruit who arrives to Ferris State with strong credentials in both the midget and junior ranks . . . Butterfly-style netminder . . . Solid positional goaltender . . . Expected to receive playing time to start the season and performance will determine amount of ice time the rest of the campaign . . . Rated fourth among the nation's top incoming rookie goaltenders by *Inside College Hockey* . . . Competitive around the crease area . . . Moves well in the net . . . Displays good ability in maneuvering through traffic areas . . . Has above-average puck handling skills . . . Good-sized backstop . . . Should benefit from improved offseason strength and conditioning.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS: Earned North American Hockey League (NAHL) Rookie of the Year honors in 2006-07 as a member of the North American Hockey League's (NAHL) St. Louis (Mo.) Bandits . . . Coached by Jon Cooper . . . Teamed with Ferris State forward Todd Pococke to help the Bandits win the 2007 Robertson Cup as the NAHL Playoff Champions and concluded the campaign at 43-14-5 overall . . . Posted a 24-8-4 record to go with a 2.28 goals-against average (81 goals allowed) and a .920 saves percentage (932 total saves) in 2,136 total minutes during his 36 appearances between the pipes en route to receiving 2006-07 second-team All-NAHL laurels . . . Ranked second among the final 2006-07 NAHL statistical leaders in goals-against average and tied for fifth in saves percentage . . . A member of the 2006-07 NAHL Robertson Cup All-Tournament Team . . . Turned in a 9-1-0 mark with a 2.36 goals-against average (26 goals allowed) and a .910 saves percentage (264 total saves) in 661:55 minutes for the Bandits' 11 2006-07 playoff encounters . . . Selected as the NAHL South Division Player of the Week twice (11/6/06 and 1/15/07) . . . Lead Belle Tire to consecutive (2004-05 and 2005-06) Midget "AAA" championship titles . . . Attended prestigious Dave Peterson National Advanced Goaltending Camp . . . A 2006 graduate of Bloomfield Hills (Mich.) Lahser High School . . . Four-year (2003-06) member of school's varsity baseball team and was prepped by coach Bill Jenney.

PERSONAL: Born 9/21/87 in Rochester, Mich. . . Son of Lyle and June Nagle . . . Interests include water sports . . . Catches: Left . . . Majoring in business administration.

THE NAGLE FILE

THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER IS:

The team's fan support

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:

Win or lose always have fun

THE BEST PART ABOUT PLAYING IN OUR HOCKEY ARENA IS:

How close the fans are to the ice

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Never give up

FAVORITE NHL TEAM/PLAYER:

Detroit Red Wings/Alex Ovechkin

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

I liked the campus, the fans and the program

MY PREGAME RITUAL IS:

Tie my left skate before my right

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Hockey Store Owner

WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH?:

Comedy Movies



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Todd Pococke

6-1 ♦ 198 ♦ Freshman
Right Wing
Saginaw, Michigan

2007-08: Developing prospect . . . Has excellent size and strength . . . Should contend for playing time this season . . . Competes hard . . . Intelligent player . . . Strong on the puck . . . Has the ability to contribute offensively over time . . . Team-oriented individual with good character . . . Skates well and provides energy to the lineup . . . Inked with Ferris State during early November signing period.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS: Spent the 2006-07 season with the St. Louis (Mo.) Bandits of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) and was a teammate of current FSU's goaltender Pat Nagle . . . Coached by Jon Cooper . . . Helped lead St. Louis to a 43-14-5 overall record as the Bandits captured the NAHL's South Division title and then the Robertson Cup as the NAHL playoff champion (USA Hockey's Tier II Junior A National Champion) . . . Place eighth among 2006-07 team points leaders with 29 points on a squad third-best 17 goals and 12 assists in 54 contests for St. Louis . . . Recorded three power-play lamplighters and four game-winning tallies during the 2006-07 regular season . . . Totaled six points with two goals and four helpers in 11 2007 league playoff outings . . . His 29 points total tied for 101st place on the NAHL scoring charts . . . Team Michigan Select 16 Team member . . . Competed for Honeybaked (Detroit, Mich.) at the midget level for coach Jon Kisil . . . A 2006 graduate of Saginaw (Mich.) Heritage High School . . . Played prep hockey for two seasons under head coach Gene Ayotte . . . Two-time (2004 & 2005) varsity letterwinner in baseball.

PERSONAL: Son of Karen Pococke . . . Born 12/30/87 in Saginaw, Mich. . . His mother works as a x-ray technician . . . Nickname is "Po" . . . Enjoys sports . . . Shoots: Right . . . Career exploration major.

THE POCOCKE FILE

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION IS:

My dad's wedding ring

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Ben Franklin

IN 20 YEARS, I WOULD LIKE TO BE:

Wealthy

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY I MOST LIKE:

Humane Society

THE BEST PART ABOUT PLAYING IN OUR HOCKEY ARENA IS:

The atmosphere/fans

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

Suited me the best

FAVORITE NHL TEAM/PLAYER:

Detroit Red Wings/Henrik Zetterberg

IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:

Be well known or famous

THE PLANET I'M MOST FASCINATED WITH:

Jupiter

WHAT I ENJOY COOKING AND EATING IS:

Steak





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Zach Redmond

6-1 ♦ 191 ♦ Freshman
Defenseman
Traverse City, Michigan

2007-08: A well-conditioned skater who has excellent offensive instincts . . . Will contend for game action and provides quality depth to the Bulldogs' defensive corps . . . Playing time will hinge upon ability in adapting to defensive requirements at the collegiate level . . . Has good size . . . Capable of creating scoring chances from the offensive blueline . . . Has the skills to be a capable defender . . . Displays a good shot . . . Motivated and committed to improving his overall game . . . Effective on the power play with his on-ice vision.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS: Competed the last two seasons (2005-06 and 2006-07) for the United States Hockey League's (USHL) Sioux Falls (S.D.) Stampede under head coach Kevin Hartzell . . . Registered a team fifth-place best 39 points on eight goals and 31 assists in 60 outings during the 2006-07 regular season . . . Helped Sioux Falls capture the 2007 Clark Cup as USHL Playoff Champions and the Anderson Cup as league regular-season champs in 2005-06 . . . His 39 points ranked top among the 2006-07 Stampede's blueliners . . . Notched three power-play goals and a game-winning lamplighter while finishing with a plus two rating for the 2006-07 campaign . . . Recipient of the team's Curt Hammer Award in 2006-07 for perseverance and sportsmanship . . . Compiled 11 points on four goals and seven assists in 48 outings during his initial season (2005-06) at Sioux Falls . . . Three-year (2004-06) member of the National Selects . . . Has served as a team captain for the past six years except for the 2005-06 season . . . Skated two seasons (2003-04 and 2004-05) for the Midget Minor "AAA" Compuware (Detroit, Mich.) Ambassadors . . . Garnered 53 points (18-35=53) in 52 contests in his final season (2004-05) with Compuware after racking up 53 points (25-28=53) in his initial 2003-04 season with the program . . . A 2006 graduate of Traverse City (Mich.) Central High School . . . Participated three years (2002-04) in baseball and one (2000) in football . . . Four-year (2003-06) National Honor Society member.

PERSONAL: Born 7/26/88 in Houston, Texas . . . Son of Dick and Kim Redmond . . . Father is employed in the oil and gas business and mother is a nurse . . . Has a younger brother and sister . . . Hobbies include golf and exercising . . . Nickname is "Reds" . . . Shoots: Right . . . Finance major.

THE REDMOND FILE

THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER IS:

My teammates

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:

Have fun and work hard

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I'VE LEARNED AT FSU:

Work hard

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Have fun

FAVORITE NHL TEAM/PLAYER:

Toronto Maple Leafs/John-Michael Liles

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Reading

IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE IT WOULD BE:

ESPN The Magazine

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Scout

ONE WORD WHICH DESCRIBES ME:

Hard worker

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark



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Scott Wietecha

6-1 ♦ 201 ♦ Freshman
Defenseman
Wolverine Lake, Michigan

2007-08: Highly-skilled defenseman . . . Physical defender with good size and strength combination . . . Has the ability to dominate play in the defensive zone . . . Expected to start the season competing immediately for ice time on specialty teams . . . Shows strength handling the puck . . . Possesses an excellent one-time slapshot from the offensive blueline.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIORS: Skated the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons with the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Rough Riders of the United States Hockey League (USHL) . . . Coached by Mark Carlson . . . Chosen as USHL Fans Choice 2006-07 Defenseman of the Year and was also recognized as USHL Players Choice Most Spirited Award winner for 2006-07 campaign . . . Ranked ninth among 2006-07 squad's top overall points getters and third among team's defensemen with 32 points on 11 goals and 21 assists in 54 regular-season games to go along with six power-play markers and a plus seven efficiency rating . . . Chosen as the USHL's Defensive Player of the Week (11/20/06) and was tabbed USHL Fans Choice Player of the Month (11/06) . . . Served as 2006-07 team captain and played key part in guiding the RoughRiders to a second-place 37-18-5 record in the USHL's East Division . . . Produced four points on one goal and three helpers in 39 appearances for the 2005-06 season en route to leading Cedar Rapids to league East Division crown . . . Helped lead Victory Honda (Detroit, Mich.) to a first-place finish in the Midwest Elite League and a Michigan Midget "AAA" state title in 2004-05 . . . Graduated in 2005 from Walled Lake (Mich.) Western High School . . . Played prep hockey under head coach Don Schiebold . . . Competed two seasons (2001-02 and 2002-03) in both cross country and track & field . . . Involved in school's student leadership and positive peer influence groups.

PERSONAL: Son of Gary and Pamela Wietecha . . . Born 10/19/87 in Southfield, Mich. . . Father is part of family-owned Wietecha Monument Company and mother is employed as a registered nurse . . . Has a younger brother . . . Nickname is "Tech" . . . Shoots: Right . . . Business Administration major.

THE WIETECHA FILE

GREATEST LESSON I'VE LEARNED PLAYING HOCKEY:

Work hard for what you want

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Public Speaking

ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY I WISH I COULD HAVE WITNESSED:

End of World War II

IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:

Play in the National Hockey League

SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME IS:

I'm a handyman

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:

A watch given to me by my grandparents

FAVORITE NHL TEAM/PLAYER:

Detroit Red Wings/Scott Stevens

THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF PLAYING HOCKEY IS:

The mental game

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Businessman

WHAT MOTIVATES ME:

Winning

