

ASSISTANT COACHES



DREW FAMULAK
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

(Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1990)

Drew Famulak begins his 12th year in the 2004-05 season as a member of the Ferris State hockey program's coaching staff.

Famulak, who previously served as FSU's top

assistant coach, was promoted to associate head coach on August 21, 2003.

Along with his coaching duties, Famulak serves as the program's recruiting coordinator and through his efforts, Ferris State have landed some of its top recruiting classes in the last seven years, including Hobey Baker Finalist and first-team All-American Chris Kunitz.

Success has accompanied Famulak on every hockey level, both as a student-athlete and coach. As a collegiate, he played right wing for Lake Superior State University's 1988 NCAA Division I championship team and also for a pair of NCAA Division III champions at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. His coaching experience in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association includes two seasons at Miami University (1990-92), where he helped recruit the freshmen class for the RedHawks' 1993 CCHA championship team.

Famulak has an impressive background in fund-raising, scouting, and recruiting at the junior hockey level. In 1992-93, he served as head coach and general manager for the Yorkton Terriers of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey

League. At Yorkton, he coached the Terriers to a second-place finish while five players earned scholarships to NCAA Division I programs.

During his two years at Miami (Ohio) University, Famulak refined his coaching skills and made an impact in the areas of on-ice instruction, recruiting, and video-tape analysis. Famulak was the bench coach for defensemen at Miami and served as the program's academic advisor. He earned a master's degree in sports organization from Miami in August of 1993.

Famulak played his junior hockey for the Melville Millionaires of the SJHL and totaled 69 points (31 goals and 38 assists) during the 1984-85 season. He lettered two years at Lake Superior State (1986-88) before completing his playing career at Wisconsin-Stevens Point (1988-90).

Famulak received a bachelor's degree in business administration-management in 1990 from Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He's a member of the American Hockey Coaches Association. Famulak and his wife, Cheryl, are parents of two children – Ian (4) and Emma (2). They reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.



DEREK LALONDE
ASSISTANT COACH

(SUNY Cortland State, 1995)

Derek Lalonde returns for his third season in an assistant coaching capacity at Ferris State and will continue working primarily with the goaltenders and defensemen.

A native of Brasher Falls, N.Y., Lalonde

arrived at FSU after serving two seasons (2000-02) as an assistant at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. While at Hamilton, his primary responsibilities included being the Continentals' recruiting coordinator, scheduling, managing practices, supervising training programs and video analysis. Lalonde was Hamilton's junior varsity head coach and served as director of the program's summer hockey school. Previous to his coaching stint at Hamilton, Lalonde held the same position title at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., from August 1998 through July 2000. He assisted with the establishment of the NCAA Division II-III's men's ice hockey program from its inception and in 1998-99, the team went 19-6-1 in the program's first year of existence. The Flying Dutchmen also captured the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Northeast Championship and qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament in the program's third year of existence. From 1995-98, Lalonde was a graduate assistant coach at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, Mass. He also coached at a Prospects Camp for 16-year olds while being a member of the selection committee for the Empire State Games and the New York State Select 16/17-year old group.

As a collegian, Lalonde was a four-year member (1990-95) of SUNY Cortland State University's men's ice hockey team. He was the recipient of the team's Red Letter Award in recognition of being selected the Red Dragons' MVP during his senior season in 1994-95 and concluded his career as the program's holder of four goaltending records. Lalonde graduated in 1995 from SUNY Cortland State with a bachelor of science degree in education and earned a master's degree in Higher Education Administration from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in 1998.

Lalonde, a graduate of St. Lawrence Central High School in Brasher Falls, N.Y., was a standout athlete in hockey, football and baseball. A two-time team MVP and first-team all-league goaltender in hockey, Lalonde was an all-conference second-team pick at quarterback in football and earned first-team all-league kudos in baseball as a senior.

Derek, a member of the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA), is married to FSU women's soccer head coach Melissa Eging and the couple resides in Big Rapids, Mich. An avid runner, Lalonde competed in the 1997 Boston Marathon.



TIM BLASHILL
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH

The Ferris State hockey staff is once again solidified with the return of volunteer assistant coach Tim Blashill, the younger brother of current Miami (Ohio) assistant coach Jeff Blashill, for the fifth consecutive season. Blashill, whose duties include both on-and off-

ice activities, serves as the video and statistician coordinator for the Ferris State hockey program. He's also midst his third year as the coordinator of the Big Rapids (Mich.) Youth Hockey Association.

The Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., native arrived to Ferris State following a four-year (1996-2000) collegiate playing career at Fredonia (N.Y.) State. In his career, the Blue Devil defenseman registered two points (assists) along with 80 penalties for 211 minutes in 59 outings. He notched an assist apiece in the 1996-97 and 1997-98 seasons.

Prior to attending Fredonia State, Blashill played in the junior hockey ranks for the Indianapolis (Ind.) Ice of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) during the 1994-95 campaign. Following that season, Blashill played the

1995-96 campaign with the Sault Ste. Marie (Mich.) Indians of the NAHL.

A 1994 graduate of Sault Area High School in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Blashill competed in ice hockey, football and baseball. He received Most Valuable Defenseman accolades in hockey during his senior season.

Blashill is presently pursuing a bachelor's degree in history at FSU.

