

THE 2005-06 BULLDOGS



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MATT RUTKOWSKI

5-10 ♦ 160 ♦ Senior
Center

Sterling Heights, Michigan

2005-06: A highly-skilled forward . . . Has been hampered by injuries throughout collegiate career . . . Solid performer who provides an offensive punch . . . Plays with an edge . . . Skates well and possesses good puck-handling skills . . . Instinctive . . . Can not only score but is equally effective at setting up his teammates.

2004-05: Skated in 31 contests and registered a career-high 10 points to place 11th in team scoring . . . Accounted for the game-winning goal with an unassisted lamplighter in the Bulldogs' 1-0 home overtime decision over Michigan (10/30) . . . Netted the game-tying goal in a 2-2 tie at Lake Superior State (11/19) . . . Tallied a power-play marker versus Bowling Green State (2/5) . . . Compiled two-game point strings on three occasions – at Bemidji State (10/22-23), vs. Connecticut (11/13) and at Lake Superior State (11/19), and at Ohio State (1/8) and against Nebraska-Omaha (1/14).

2003-04: Played in 19 games but missed majority of campaign due to injury . . . Tied for 10th among FSU's overall points leaders and shared second-place scoring honors among squad's newcomers . . . Tallied at least a point in six outings, highlighted by a season-high three points (0-3-3) versus Alaska Fairbanks (1/2) . . . Turned in another multiple game at Nebraska-Omaha (1/7) with two points (1-1-2) . . . Put together a three-game point streak (10/11-24) with an assist vs. Western Michigan (10/11), at Colgate (10/17) and at Alaska Fairbanks (10/24) . . . Also racked up an assist in a 3-1 decision at Wisconsin (12/28) in Badger Hockey Showdown Championship game . . . Totaled a season-high five points (1-4-5) in January over a 10-game period.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Skated three seasons (2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03) for the Compuware Ambassadors of the North American Hockey League . . . Coached by Todd Watson . . . Registered a league-leading 77 points with 24 goals and a team-best 53 assists in 56 games last winter as the Ambassadors posted a 41-12 overall record . . . Garnered All-NAHL First-Team accolades and participated in the league's all-star game . . . Selected the NAHL/Michigan Hockey Player of the Month in January 2003 . . . Played an integral role in helping Compuware capture the 2001-02 USA Hockey Junior 'A' Gold Cup National Championship title . . . Concluded the 2001-02 season as the NAHL's seventh-leading scorer with 64 points (third on the team) as a result of 25 goals and 39 assists in 52 games as the Ambassadors captured both the NAHL's Robertson Cup and regular-season title en route to a 41-9 overall mark . . . Competed in the 2002 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament . . . Notched 15 goals with 28 assists for a 43-point total as team went 32-21 overall in 2000-01 season . . . Member of Michigan's Select 15 squad.

PERSONAL: Born 5/24/82 in Warren, Mich. . . Son of Walter and Carol Rutkowski . . . His father is employed as a fabricator/welder while his mother is employed as a secretary . . . Has an older sister . . . Nickname is "Ruts" . . . Enjoys golf . . . Shoots: left . . . FSU Letters: Two . . . Majoring in recreation leadership and management.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2003-04	19	1	8	9	+1	1	0	0	8/16	
2004-05	31	3	7	10	-2	1	0	1	8/27	
TOTALS	40	4	15	19	-1	2	0	1	16/43	

CCHA										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2003-04	14	1	6	7	+2	1	0	0	6/12	
2004-05	25	3	3	6	-4	1	0	1	6/23	
TOTALS	39	4	9	13	-2	2	0	1	12/35	

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 1 (four times, last 2/5/05 vs. Bowling Green State)
Assists (Game): 3 (1/2/04 vs. Alaska Fairbanks)
Points (Game): 3 (1/2/04 vs. Alaska Fairbanks)

THE RUTKOWSKI FILE

- SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:**
I'm shy
- WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:**
Hockey
- FAVORITE MOVIE:**
Slapshot
- MY PREGAME RITUAL:**
Sitting in the stands and just trying to focus on the game
- IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:**
Muhammad Ali
- THE BEST THING ABOUT BIG RAPIDS:**
The good people
- ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:**
Easy-going
- MY FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:**
Pavel Datsyuk
- THE BEST PART ABOUT PLAYING IN OUR ARENA:**
The atmosphere
- IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:**
Sports Illustrated
- MY WORST FEAR:**
Sharks
- WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:**
Hockey and School
- GREATEST LESSON I'VE LEARNED PLAYING HOCKEY:**
Keep your head up
- IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:**
The Red Line
- THE COMMUNITY SERVICE I ENJOY THE MOST:**
Parks and Recreation



BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	6 GP, 0-5-5	Michigan State	2 GP, 0-0-0
Army	0 GP	Nebraska-Omaha	4 GP, 1-2-3
Bemidji State	2 GP, 0-2-2	New Hampshire	0 GP
Boston College	0 GP	Northern Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0
Bowling Green State	2 GP, 1-0-1	Notre Dame	2 GP, 0-0-0
Denver	0 GP	Ohio State	5 GP, 0-1-1
Lake Superior State	2 GP, 1-0-1	Princeton	0 GP
Mercyhurst	0 GP	Western Michigan	7 GP, 0-1-1
Miami (Ohio)	5 GP, 0-0-0		
Michigan	2 GP, 1-0-1	POSTSEASON	
		CCHA Tournament	0 GP



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NICK SCHEIBLE

5-11 ♦ 192 ♦ Senior
Right Wing
Big Rapids, Michigan

2005-06: A hard-working, honest two-way player . . . Two-time assistant captain . . . One of team's best conditioned skaters . . . Competitive and dependable . . . A role player who reads plays well . . . Solid performer in the classroom . . . Excellent leader . . . A former walk-on.

2004-05: Recorded career-high seven points in 31 games . . . Ranked 14th among squad's leading point producers . . . Earned FSU Dean's Academic Award for third straight year . . . Scored two goals both on the power play in season debut against Colgate (10/8) . . . Tallied a goal apiece at Bemidji State (10/23) and at Wisconsin (1/1) in Badger Hockey Showdown Championship game . . . Garnered one assist vs. Colgate (10/9), at Lake Superior State (11/19) and at Ohio State (1/8) . . . Totaled four (3-1-4) of his season's points total in eight October encounters.

2003-04: Co-recipient of FSU's Steve Banonis Most Improved Player Award . . . Received CCHA Academic Special Mention kudos for the second straight season . . . Posted three points against Alaska Fairbanks (1/2), which included two goals . . .

Tallied a goal in season home opener vs. Western Michigan (10/11) and had a lamplighter against Michigan State (11/1) . . . Picked up an assist in FSU's 3-1 win at Wisconsin (12/28) to capture Badger Hockey Showdown Title . . . Totaled season-high three points (2-1-3) in five January encounters.

2002-03: Played in 16 contests . . . Tallied first collegiate goal in a 5-3 victory at Michigan State (12/7) . . .

Registered a point (assist) in road encounters against Connecticut (12/30) and Michigan (1/31) . . . Credited with an assist in CCHA Tournament First-Round opener vs. Lake Superior State (3/14). **2001-02:** Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Played from 1999-01 for the Listowel (Ont.) Cyclones of the Mid-Western Junior B Ontario Hockey Association . . . Coached by Jeff Ballantyne . . .

Registered 43 points on 25 goals and 18 assists in 2000-01 . . . Two-time team captain and team MVP . . . Posted 33 goals and added 25 assists for a team-leading 58 points along with three hat tricks in the 1999-00 campaign en route to attaining team Rookie-of-the-Year honors . . . Named to MWHJL All-Star Team . . . Compiled 68 points (38-30-68) in 29 games in guiding Big Rapids High School to a 20-7-2 overall record as a senior under former FSU standout Jim Baker . . . Tallied 42 goals and picked up 30 assists for 72 points in junior year as the Cardinals went 25-2-1 . . . Racked up a combined 10 hat tricks in prep career, including six as a junior in 1997-98 . . . Two-year all-state honoree and team MVP in hockey . . . A 1999 graduate of Big Rapids High . . . Competed four years in football and three in baseball . . . Academic all-state pick and team MVP in football . . . All-area and all-region selection in baseball

PERSONAL: Born 9/15/80 in Big Rapids, Mich. . . Son of Bill and Lynne Scheible . . . His father, who's an insurance agent, is a former alumni director and football player at Ferris State . . . His mother works as a management consultant . . . Has a younger sister . . . Enjoys golf and boating . . . Shoots: right . . . FSU Letters: Three . . . Marketing major.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER										
YEAR	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN	PN/PIM
2002-03	16	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1/2
2003-04	25	4	2	6	-3	1	0	0	0	5/10
2004-05	31	4	3	7	-8	2	0	0	0	6/12
TOTALS	72	9	8	17	-11	3	0	0	0	12/24

CCHA										
YEAR	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN	PN/PIM
2002-03	11	1	1	2	-1	0	0	0	0	0/0
2003-04	18	4	1	5	-2	1	0	0	0	5/10
2004-05	20	0	2	2	-7	0	0	0	0	4/8
TOTALS	49	5	4	9	-10	1	0	0	0	9/18

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 2 (twice, last 10/8/04 vs. Colgate)
Assists (Game): 1 (eight times, last 1/8/05 at Ohio State)
Points (Game): 3 (1/2/04 vs. Alaska Fairbanks)

THE SCHEIBLE FILE

WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:

Success

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Ronald Reagan

THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF HOCKEY:

The Speed

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

The great team atmosphere and tradition

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:

Scoring Goals

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Motivated

FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:

Steve Yzerman

IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:

Sports Illustrated

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Studying

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:

Don't give up on your dreams

THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER:

Being a part of the Bulldog Tradition

THE BEST THING ABOUT BIG RAPIDS:

It's my hometown

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:

Detroit Red Wings

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE I ENJOY THE MOST:

Cleaning up Playscape

GREATEST LESSON LEARNED PLAYING HOCKEY:

You have to work hard all year



BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	3 GP, 2-1-3	Nebraska-Omaha	4 GP, 0-0-0
Army	0 GP	New Hampshire	0 GP
Bemidji State	2 GP, 1-0-1	Northern Michigan	3 GP, 0-0-0
Boston College	0 GP	Notre Dame	4 GP, 0-0-0
Bowling Green State	5 GP, 0-0-0	Ohio State	8 GP, 0-1-1
Denver	0 GP	Princeton	0 GP
Lake Superior State	6 GP, 0-2-2	Western Michigan	4 GP, 1-0-1
Mercyhurst	0 GP	POSTSEASON	
Miami (Ohio)	4 GP, 0-0-0	CCHA Tournament	5 GP, 0-0-0
Michigan	6 GP, 0-1-1	NCAA Tournament	0 GP
Michigan State	7 GP, 2-0-2		



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JEREMY SCHERLINCK

6-3 ♦ 205 ♦ Junior
 Defenseman
 Grosse Pointe, Michigan

2005-06: Returns to the lineup at full strength after being sidelined entire 2004-05 season due to an injury . . . A tall, rangy stay-at-home defender . . . Expected to log considerable time on the blueline and will be paired against opponent's top forwards . . . Excellent passer . . . Displays great poise with the puck and is a sound decision maker . . . Skates well for his size . . . Has good vision on the ice . . . First-line defender on the penalty kill . . . Possesses the ability to be one of the CCHA's better "defensive" defenseman.

2004-05: Redshirted.

2003-04: Competed in all but two of FSU's 38 games . . . Totaled four points (all assists) in two-game set versus Niagara (11/28-29), which included three helpers in series finale . . . Notched an assist at Western Michigan (1/31) . . . Registered a season-best four points (0-4-4) in seven November contests.

2002-03: A Bauer/CCHA All-Rookie Honorable Mention Team pick . . . Placed 10th in team scoring with 18 points in all 42 games . . . Netted seven points (0-7-7) during a five-game point string . . . Posted five points (0-5-5) in a three-game span (3/14-21), which included an assist in FSU's 4-2 win against Northern Michigan in the semifinal round (3/21) of the CCHA Super 6 Championship . . . Compiled four multi-point games (ninth highest on team), including a season-best three points (all assists) against Lake Superior State in first-round CCHA Tourney series finale (3/15) . . . His initial collegiate goal represented the game winner in a 10-1 home triumph over Bowling Green State (10/18) . . . Notched two assists in three home occasions – versus Bowling Green State (10/19), Wayne State (11/8), and Western Michigan (11/15) . . . Finished fifth on squad in game-winning assists with five total.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: A two-year (2000-02) member of the North American Hockey League's Capital Centre Pride in Lansing, Mich. . . . Coached by Jeff Blum . . . Posted 30 points (tied for eighth on team) with 10 goals and 20 assists in 45 games in 2001-02 . . . Totaled nine goals (eight power-play markers) with 15 assists for 24 points in 27 outings with the Pride in the 2000-01 season . . . Produced 35 points on 10 goals and 25 assists with the Metro AA Jets in 1999-00 as squad was 38-5-2 overall . . . Competed for Belle Tire Bantam A Team in 1998-99, scoring 11 goals with 20 assists for 31 points as team notched a 24-1-0 overall ledge . . . Graduated in 2001 from Grosse Pointe North High School in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

PERSONAL: Son of Gerry and Jeanne Scherlinck . . . Born 10/28/82 in Detroit, Mich. . . His father is employed as a police officer and mother is a lawyer . . . Has a younger sister . . . Enjoys playing and watching hockey . . . Shoots: left . . . FSU Letters: Two . . . Majoring in mathematics education.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2002-03	42	1	17	18+13	0	0	0	1	14/28	
2003-04	36	0	5	5	-5	0	0	0	6/12	
2004-05	DNP (Injured)									
TOTALS	78	1	22	23	+8	0	0	1	20/40	

CCHA										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2002-03	28	1	8	9	+4	0	0	1	11/22	
2003-04	26	0	1	1	-8	0	0	0	4/8	
2004-05	DNP (Injured)									
TOTALS	54	1	9	10	-4	0	0	1	15/30	

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 1 (10/18/02 vs. Bowling Green State)

Assists (Game): 3 (twice, last 11/29/03 vs. Niagara)

Points (Game): 3 (twice, last 11/29/03 vs. Niagara)

BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	6 GP, 0-2-2	Nebraska-Omaha	6 GP, 0-1-1
Army	0 GP	New Hampshire	0 GP
Bemidji State	0 GP	Northern Michigan	5 GP, 0-1-1
Boston College	0 GP	Notre Dame	4 GP, 0-0-0
Bowling Green State	6 GP, 1-2-3	Ohio State	4 GP, 0-1-1
Denver	0 GP	Princeton	0 GP
Lake Superior State	4 GP, 0-4-4	Western Michigan	8 GP, 0-3-3
Mercyhurst	0 GP		
Miami (Ohio)	4 GP, 0-0-0	POSTSEASON	
Michigan	5 GP, 0-0-0	CCHA Tournament	6 GP, 0-5-5
Michigan State	6 GP, 0-0-0	NCAA Tournament	2 GP, 0-0-0

THE SCHERLINCK FILE

MY PREGAME RITUAL:
Take a nap

MY FAVORITE NHL TEAM:
Detroit Red Wings

WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:
Winning

MY FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:
Nicklas Lidstrom

IF I WAS A MILLIONAIRE, I WOULD:
Go on vacation

GREATEST LESSON LEARNED PLAYING HOCKEY:
Student comes before athlete

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:
Gotta do what you gotta do

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:
Work hard and don't give up

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:
The fast pace of play

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I'VE LEARNED AT FSU:
Stay positive

FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):
Baseball

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:
NHL 2006 for Playstation 2

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:
Good hockey program & good people

THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER:
The guys on the team

THE BEST PART ABOUT PLAYING IN OUR HOCKEY ARENA:
The crazy student section



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ALEX SPEZIA

5-10 ♦ 187 ♦ Sophomore
Defenseman
Farmington Hills, Michigan

2005-06: A highly-talented "defensive" defenseman . . . One of team's unsung heroes . . . Solid defensively and has the tenacity to matchup with the opposition's top forwards . . . Capable of generating scoring opportunities and handling the puck in transition . . . Relies on solid work ethic and comes prepared to play . . . Should continue to receive a great deal of ice time, particularly in even-strength and penalty-kill situations . . . Sound positional player . . . Can deliver the big hit but rarely strays into the penalty box.

2004-05: Competed in 37 games . . . Co-honoree of Ferris State's Blue Line Competitive Award . . . His four-points total was fifth best among Bulldog defensemen . . . All of his season's points came on assists with his first collegiate point coming at Bemidji State (10/23) and was a season-best +4 for the contest . . . Credited with a helper in home encounters against Bowling Green State (2/4) and Northern Michigan (2/26) . . . Assisted on the game winner in 5-2 triumph at Western Michigan (3/5) . . . Turned in a +3 plus/minus rating twice – versus Western Michigan (12/4) and at Wisconsin (1/1) in championship game of the Badger Hockey Showdown . . . Best month was February with two points (0-2-2) in six outings.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Competed last two junior-level seasons (2002-04) with the United States Hockey League's (USHL) Chicago (Ill.) Steel . . . Coached by Wil Nichol . . . Recorded a team eighth-place 24 points with six goals and 18 assists to go along with a +11 efficiency rating in 58 outings for the 2003-04 season . . . Helped the Steel capture the USHL's East Division Regular-Season title in 2003-04 with a 34-22-4 mark . . . Scored a goal and added five assists for six points and was +3 in 55 games for 2002-03 season . . . Graduated in 2003 from Stevenson High School in Buffalo Grove, Ill.

PERSONAL: Son of Gerald and Linda Spezia . . . Born 3/22/85 in Detroit, Mich. . . . Father is employed as an engineer and mother is a housewife . . . Has an older brother and sister . . . Nickname is "Spez" . . . Hobbies include hunting and fishing . . . Shoots: Right . . . FSU Letters: One . . . Majoring in operations and supply management.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER									
YEAR	GP	G	A	PTS	+-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM
2004-05	37	0	4	4	-1	0	0	0	17/34
TOTALS	37	0	4	4	-1	0	0	0	17/34

CCHA									
YEAR	GP	G	A	PTS	+-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM
2004-05	28	0	3	3	-3	0	0	0	14/28
TOTALS	28	0	3	3	-3	0	0	0	14/28

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 0
Assists (Game): 1 (four times, last 3/5/05 at Western Michigan)
Points (Game): 2 (four times, last 3/5/05 at Western Michigan)

BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	2 GP, 0-0-0	Michigan State	2 GP, 0-0-0
Army	0 GP	Nebraska-Omaha	2 GP, 0-0-0
Bemidji State	1 GP, 0-1-1	New Hampshire	0 GP
Boston College	0 GP	Northern Michigan	2 GP, 0-1-1
Bowling Green State	2 GP, 0-1-1	Notre Dame	2 GP, 0-0-0
Denver	0 GP	Ohio State	7 GP, 0-0-0
Lake Superior State	2 GP, 0-0-0	Princeton	0 GP
Mercyhurst	0 GP	Western Michigan	4 GP, 0-1-1
Miami (Ohio)	4 GP, 0-0-0		
Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0	POSTSEASON	
		CCHA Tournament	3 GP, 0-0-0

THE SPEZIA FILE

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:
Working hard gets you places

MY FAVORITE MOVIE:
Slapshot

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:
Albert Einstein

WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:
Good things

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:
Don't give up

IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:
Hunt in Africa

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:
Hunting

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:
Funny

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:
Hockey and the school

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:
Detroit Red Wings

THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF PLAYING HOCKEY:
Being short-handed

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:
scoring

FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):
Baseball

IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:
Michigan Hunter

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):
Logistics Management



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MATT STEFANISHION

6-2 ♦ 222 ♦ Sophomore
Right Wing
Daysland, Alberta

2005-06: Talented forward, who ticketed for extensive ice time . . . Big and mobile . . . Regarded as a top offensive threat and is developing into a impact player within the collegiate ranks . . . Has the ability to take over a game . . . Definite professional prospect . . . Equipped with a tremendous shot and a quick release . . . Aggressive and brings a physical presence to the front line . . . Rarely knocked off his skates . . . Skates well for his size and shows good puckhandling skills . . . Needs to be more consistent to attain maximum productivity.

2004-05: Skated in 34 of 39 games . . . Ranked fifth among squad's top points leaders and paced all Bulldog freshmen in scoring . . . Finished third on squad with five multi-point game efforts, which included a hat trick against Bowling Green State (2/4) . . . Scored two goals, including an unassisted game winner versus Western Michigan (12/4) . . . Registered at least a point in 15 outings . . . His eight (5-3-8) extra-skater points was sixth highest on FSU's power-play points leaders chart . . . Racked up six points (3-3-6) in as many contests to begin the season, including two (1-1-2) in the season opener against Colgate . . . Also posted two points (1-1-2) in road encounters versus Bemidji State (10/23) and Michigan State (11/5) with both being power-play lamp-lighters . . . Had a three-game point streak (1-2-3) . . . Compiled six points (4-2-6) in a five-game span (1/22-2/5) . . . Tallied a season-finale goal at Ohio State (3/13) in CCHA Tournament action . . . Most productive month was October with six points (3-3-6) in eight appearances . . . His 14 points (8-6-14) in CCHA contests only tied for fourth best among team members.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Three-year (2001-04) member of the Melville (Saskatchewan) Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League . . . Coached by Steve Young and then Jamie Fiegel . . . Picked as a 2003-04 SJHL First-Team All-Star and competed in the league's all-star contest . . . Placed fifth among the 2003-04 SJHL points leaders with 77 on 32 goals and 45 assists in 52 games . . . His 32 goals tied for fourth in the SJHL while assist total tied for fifth place in the league . . . Helped the Millionaires capture the SJHL's Sherwood Conference Regular-Season title with a 37-18-3 ledger last season . . . Tallied 23 goals to go with 29 assists for 52 points in 60 2002-03 encounters . . . Tabbed the 2002-03 team's Most Improved Player and playoff MVP . . . Posted 12 points with four lamp-lighters in 2001-02 . . . A 2001 graduate of Daysland High School . . . Member of school's golf team.

PERSONAL: Son of Rick and Jill Stefanishion . . . Born 10/5/83 in Daysland, Alberta . . . Father works as a contract welder and mother is a part-time butcher . . . Has two younger brothers . . . Enjoys golfing and hanging out with friends . . . Nickname is "Steffy" . . . Shoots: Right . . . FSU Letters: One . . . Business administration major.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN	PIM
2004-05	34	12	9	21	-5	4	0	1	28	75
TOTALS	34	12	9	21	-5	4	0	1	28	75

CCHA										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN	PIM
2004-05	27	8	6	14	-5	3	0	1	26	71
TOTALS	27	8	6	14	-5	3	0	1	26	71

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 3 (2/4/05 vs. Bowling Green State)
Assists (Game): 1 (nine times, last 2/5/05 vs. Bowling Green State)
Points (Game): 3 (2/4/05 vs. Bowling Green State)

BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	2 GP, 1-0-1	Michigan State	1 GP, 1-1-2
Army	0 GP	Nebraska-Omaha	2 GP, 1-0-1
Bemidji State	2 GP, 2-1-3	New Hampshire	0 GP
Boston College	0 GP	Northern Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0
Bowling Green State	2 GP, 3-1-4	Notre Dame	2 GP, 0-0-0
Denver	0 GP	Ohio State	7 GP, 1-2-3
Lake Superior State	2 GP, 0-0-0	Princeton	0 GP
Mercyhurst	0 GP	Western Michigan	4 GP, 2-1-3
Miami (Ohio)	4 GP, 0-1-1		
Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0	POSTSEASON	
		CCHA Tournament	3 GP, 1-0-1

THE STEFANISHION FILE

- WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:**
Good atmosphere
- THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:**
Either your in or in the way
- FAVORITE MOVIE:**
Wedding Crashers
- ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:**
Go for a college scholarship instead of major junior
- MY PREGAME RITUAL:**
Eat, sleep and shower
- WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:**
The desire to be better
- THE BEST THING ABOUT BIG RAPIDS:**
Similar to my hometown
- THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF HOCKEY:**
Mental Toughness
- IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:**
Hockey News
- IF I WAS A MILLIONAIRE, I WOULD:**
Buy my parents anything they wanted
- FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:**
Todd Bertuzzi
- COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY I MOST ENJOY:**
Hockey Camps
- DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):**
Own a restaurant or real estate
- MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:**
Humor
- THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER:**
Being at the rink and having great guys as teammates



THE 2005-06 BULLDOGS



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JOE VAN CULIN

5-10 ♦ 171 ♦ Junior
 Defenseman
 Monticello, Minnesota

2005-06: An experienced defender . . . One of team's best skating defenseman . . . Will see plenty of ice time in all game situations . . . Effective specialty-teams skater . . . Has the tools to be an offensive threat on the blueline . . . Team-oriented type . . . Plays with a lot of passion and is a diligent worker . . . Level of production will depend upon consistency.

2004-05: Participated in all 39 contests . . . FSU's CCHA Scholar-Athlete of the Year Nominee and FSU Dean's Academic Award winner . . . Produced a career-best 11 points to rank 10th in team scoring and was the Bulldogs' second-highest scoring defenseman . . . Shared top squad honors with three game-winning helpers . . . Posted a season-high two points (1-1-2) against Connecticut (11/12), which included the game-winning lamplighter . . . Started out season with an assist apiece in Colgate (10/8-9) series . . . Scored a power-play marker at Western Michigan (12/3) and tallied against Northern Michigan (2/25) . . . Notched a season-best three points in six November encounters (1-2-3) and again in five December contests (1-2-3).

2003-04: Saw ice time in 20 games, including the season's final 12 outings . . . Scored first collegiate goal at Michigan State (3/12) in CCHA Tournament's First-Round Series opening contest . . . Credited with an assist each in road affairs at Bowling Green State (12/5) and Nebraska-Omaha (1/7).

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Competed for the Wichita Falls (Texas) Rustlers of the America West Hockey League in 2002-03 under coach Brian Meisner . . . A second-team all-AWHL selection in 2002-03 . . . Tallied 13 goals with 22 assists for 35 points to rank fifth among the AWHL's scoring defensemen . . . His 13-goal output was league's third-best total . . . Recipient of team's United Regional Health Care System Community Service Award for community involvement . . . Captained a USA Team which toured in Prague, Czech Republic . . .

Started 2001-02 season for the Northwest Wisconsin Knights of the Minnesota Junior Hockey League and compiled 60 points (21-39-60) in 30 games . . . Completed the campaign with the Springfield Spirit, recording 10 points (5-5-10) in 21 contests . . . Generated 94 points (39-55) in 54 appearances in 2000-01 with Northwest Wisconsin Knights and was the league's Player of the Month while being named to the MJHL's All-Star squad . . . A 2000 graduate of Monticello High School . . . Prepped by Dan Germundson . . . Concluded prep hockey career as school's all-time leading scorer . . . Four-time All-North Suburban Conference and league all-academic honoree . . . Three-time team MVP and top scorer . . . Two-time all-conference football pick . . . Three-time all-conference performer in baseball.

PERSONAL: Born 6/12/82 in Monticello, Minn. . . Son of Duane and Roxane Van Culin . . . Father works as a control room operator and mother is a therapist . . . Has two younger brothers and a sister . . . Nickname is "Wanny" or "Joey V" . . . Enjoys sports, wakeboarding, hunting and fishing . . . Shoots: left . . . FSU Letters: Two . . . Accountancy major.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER

YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM
2003-04	20	1	2	3	+4	0	0	0	7/14
2004-05	39	3	8	11	-3	1	0	1	20/40
TOTALS	59	4	10	14	+1	1	0	1	27/54

CCHA

YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM
2003-04	16	0	2	2	+6	0	0	0	7/14
2004-05	28	2	2	4	-4	1	0	0	15/30
TOTALS	44	2	4	6	+2	1	0	1	22/44

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 1 (four times, last 2/25/05 vs. Northern Michigan)
Assists (Game): 1 (10 times, last 3/12/05 at Ohio State)
Points (Game): 2 (11/12/04 vs. Connecticut)

THE VAN CULIN FILE

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

The guys on the team

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

What you see is what you get

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:

New Jersey Devils

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:

Never give up because anything is possible

MY PREGAME RITUAL:

Eat a bowl of Fruity Pebbles

WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:

Winning

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Athletic

THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF HOCKEY:

Being mentally prepared all of the time

IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:

Sports Illustrated

IF I WAS A MILLIONAIRE, I WOULD:

Buy my parents a new house

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Ted Williams

ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY I COULD HAVE WITNESSED:

The Civil War Battle at Gettysburg

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Professional Baseball Player

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Sewing

SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:

I learned to skate from my grandmother



BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	2 GP, 0-1-1	Michigan State	4 GP, 1-0-1
Army	0 GP	Nebraska-Omaha	4 GP, 0-1-1
Bemidji State	2 GP, 0-0-0	New Hampshire	0 GP
Boston College	0 GP	Northern Michigan	4 GP, 1-0-1
Bowling Green State	4 GP, 0-1-1	Notre Dame	4 GP, 0-0-0
Denver	0 GP	Ohio State	9 GP, 0-1-1
Lake Superior State	4 GP, 0-0-0	Princeton	0 GP
Mercyhurst	0 GP	Western Michigan	6 GP, 1-0-1
Miami (Ohio)	6 GP, 0-1-1		
Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0	POSTSEASON	
		CCHA Tournament	5 GP, 1-1-2



THE 2005-06 BULLDOGS



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MATT VERDONE

6-0 ♦ 200 ♦ Junior
Left Wing
Summerstown, Ontario

2005-06: One of team's most improved players . . . Excellent skater who strong on his skates . . . Works hard at both ends of the ice . . . Should garner alot of time both on the power play and on the penalty kill . . . Continues to gain confidence in his abilities . . . Takes the puck to the net well and is a strong finisher once he reaches the crease . . . Brings a number of positives to the lineup.

2004-05: Tri-winner of FSU's Steve Banonis Memorial Most Improved Player Award . . . A Ferris State Dean's Academic Award recipient . . . Registered a career-high 15 points (7-8-15) in 39 games . . . Placed eighth among the team's scoring leaders . . . Scored goals in six different contests, including a two-tally outing at Alaska Fairbanks (1/21) . . . Recorded other multiple-point game (1-1-2) in season opener versus Colgate (10/8) . . . Paced the Bulldogs with three game-winning goals – vs. Connecticut (11/13), at Miami (12/11), and at Notre Dame (2/11) on a short-hander with 53 seconds remaining in the contest . . . Posted a lamplighter apiece in series at Notre Dame (2/11-12) . . . Recorded a season high four points in eight October (1-3-4) appearances and in nine January (2-2-4) encounters . . . Placed tied for second on squad among Perani Cup Three Star balloting in league games only and was third overall.

2003-04: Appeared in 27 contests . . . Produced first collegiate goal at Nebraska-Omaha (1/7) . . . Recorded an assist apiece in home encounters against Niagara (11/29), Miami (1/17), Western Michigan (1/30) and Lake Superior State (2/27) . . . Picked up another assist versus Massachusetts-Lowell (12/27) in opener of the Badger Hockey Showdown Tournament . . . Compiled four points (1-3-4) in a six-game span . . . Best month was in January with three points (1-2-3) in six games.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Skated four seasons (1999-03) with the Cornwall Colts of the Central Junior A Hockey League . . . Coached by Al Wagar . . . Ranked second among both 2002-03 team and league scoring leaders with 110 points on 39 goals and 71 assists in 55 contests . . . Played a key role in helping Colts register a 31-13-11 overall record, which included a second-place finish in the CJHL's Robinson Division . . . Teammate of former FSU players Jeff Legue and Tim Vokey . . . Served as 2002-03 captain and was an alternate captain the previous season . . . Received CJHL Awards for sportsmanship and outstanding graduated player in final junior season . . . Two-time league all-star game participant . . . Helped guide Cornwall to its second straight CJHL title in 2000-01 and the 2000 CJHL/Eastern Canadian Championship crown . . . Posted 76 points (39-37-76) in 54 games during 2001-02 campaign after notching 47 points (24-23-47) in 2000-01 season . . . Graduated in 2000 from St. Joseph Secondary School in Cornwall, Ontario.

PERSONAL: Son of Sebastian and Lucy Verdone . . . Born 2/18/83 in Cornwall, Ontario . . . Father works as a mill wright . . . Has an older sister (Melissa) . . . Interests include hunting, fishing and muscle cars . . . Shoots: left . . . FSU Letters: Two . . . Majoring in criminal justice.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN	PIM
2003-04	27	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	9	21
2004-05	39	7	8	15	-4	1	1	3	17	34
TOTALS	66	8	13	21	-4	1	1	3	26	55

CCHA

YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN	PIM
2003-04	19	1	3	4	-1	0	0	0	7	14
2004-05	28	5	4	9	-8	1	1	2	13	26
TOTALS	47	6	7	13	-9	1	1	2	20	40

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 2 (1/21/05 at Alaska Fairbanks)
Assists (Game): 1 (13 times, last 2/4/05 vs. Bowling Green State)
Points (Game): 2 (last, 1/21/05 at Alaska Fairbanks)

THE VERDONE FILE

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

Perfect fit for a small-town kid like me

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

If we can't find a way, we'll make one!

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:

Montreal Canadians

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:

Be patient

MY PREGAME RITUAL:

Take a nap

WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:

When people say I can't

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Competitive

BEST CLASS I'VE TAKEN IN COLLEGE:

Ethics in criminal justice

IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:

Ontario Outdoors

IF I WAS A MILLIONAIRE, I WOULD:

Buy a 1968 Camaro RS/SS

FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:

Peter Forsberg

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:

The speed

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Fire Fighter

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Competitive

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Lance Armstrong



BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	2 GP, 1-0-1	Michigan State	1 GP, 1-1-2
Army	0 GP	Nebraska-Omaha	2 GP, 1-0-1
Bemidji State	2 GP, 2-1-3	New Hampshire	0 GP
Boston College	0 GP	Northern Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0
Bowling Green State	2 GP, 3-1-4	Notre Dame	2 GP, 0-0-0
Denver	0 GP	Ohio State	7 GP, 1-2-3
Lake Superior State	2 GP, 0-0-0	Princeton	0 GP
Mercyhurst	0 GP	Western Michigan	4 GP, 2-1-3
Miami (Ohio)	4 GP, 0-1-1		
Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0	POSTSEASON	
		CCHA Tournament	3 GP, 1-0-1



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ERIC VESELY

5-11 ♦ 170 ♦ Junior
Left Wing
Woodstock, Illinois

2005-06: An excellent "defensive" forward . . . Has shown great improvement over the last season and is starting to come into his own . . . Plays a physical brand of hockey . . . Versatile . . . Strong skater . . . Should play considerably in penalty-kill situations.

2004-05: Saw ice time in 32 of the squad's 39 games . . . Bestowed with the team's Scholar-Athlete Award for his noteworthy work in both the classroom and on the ice . . . Received FSU President's Award for team's highest grade point average and was also recognized as a FSU Dean's Academic Award winner . . . Also posted a team-high tying +6 efficiency rating to be a co-honoree of FSU's Plus/Minus Award . . . Totaled a season-best two points (1-1-2) and was +3 against Bowling Green State (2/4) . . . Tallied his other lamplighter of the campaign in the series' finale (2/5) with Bowling Green State . . . All of his three points for the season occurred in February.

2003-04: Participated in 11 contests . . . Turned in a three-point (1-2-3) game performance in 7-5 decision over Alaska Fairbanks (1/2) to earn CCHA Rookie of the Week honors (1/5) . . . Attained other season's point with an assist in 3-1 victory at Colgate (10/18) . . . Played in four of the Bulldogs' final 14 contests.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Spent two seasons (2001-02 and 2002-03) with the defunct Topeka (Kan.) ScareCrows of the United States Hockey League . . . Coached by Bliss Littler . . . Produced 29 points with 12 goals and 17 assists in 60 games a season ago as the ScareCrows placed second in the USHL's West Division and were 36-17-7 overall . . . Served as team co-captain in final junior campaign . . . Posted 15 goals with 32 assists for 47 points in 60 contests in 2001-02 . . . In 52 games played in 2000-01 for the Chicago (Ill.) Freeze, contributed 19 goals and assists each for 38 points . . . A 2000 graduate of Woodstock High School . . . Coached by former Ferris State player and assistant coach Larry Pedrie . . . Skated for both the Select 16 and 17 teams.

PERSONAL: Born 2/13/82 in Elgin, Ill. . . . Son of Glenn and Linda Vesely . . . Father is an architect/engineer while his mother is an office manager . . . One of five children (two brothers and sisters apiece) . . . Shoots: left . . . Nickname is "Ves" . . . Hobbies include cards, video games, baseball and football . . . FSU Letters: Two . . . Surveying major.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2003-04	11	1	3	4	-3	0	0	0	9/18	
2004-05	32	2	1	3	+6	0	0	0	9/18	
TOTALS	43	3	4	7	+3	0	0	0	18/36	

CCHA										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2003-04	7	1	2	3	-4	0	0	0	7/14	
2004-05	23	2	1	3	+4	0	0	0	5/10	
TOTALS	30	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	12/24	

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 1 (three times, last 2/5/05 vs. Bowling Green State)

Assists (Game): 2 (1/2/04 vs. Alaska Fairbanks)

Points (Game): 3 (1/2/04 vs. Alaska Fairbanks)

THE VESELY FILE

- IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:**
Less penalties
- THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:**
Work hard and good things will come
- FAVORITE NHL TEAM:**
Chicago Blackhawks
- ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:**
Be patient
- IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:**
Sports Illustrated
- WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:**
Winning
- ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:**
Workaholic
- THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF HOCKEY:**
Enduring all the practices
- MY WORST FEAR:**
Not winning
- IF I WAS A MILLIONAIRE, I WOULD:**
Not work anymore
- FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:**
Joe Sakic
- ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY I COULD HAVE WITNESSED:**
Building of Mount Rushmore
- DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):**
Land Surveyor
- MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:**
Construction
- FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):**
Baseball



BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	4 GP, 1-2-3	Michigan State	2 GP, 0-0-0
Army	0 GP	Nebraska-Omaha	4 GP, 0-0-0
Bemidji State	1 GP, 0-0-0	New Hampshire	0 GP
Boston College	0 GP	Northern Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0
Bowling Green State	2 GP, 2-1-3	Notre Dame	3 GP, 0-0-0
Denver	0 GP	Ohio State	6 GP, 0-0-0
Lake Superior State	1 GP, 0-0-0	Princeton	0 GP
Mercyhurst	0 GP	Western Michigan	4 GP, 0-0-0
Miami (Ohio)	4 GP, 0-0-0		
Michigan	1 GP, 0-0-0		
		POSTSEASON	
		CCHA Tournament	3 GP, 0-0-0



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ADAM WELCH
 6-3 ♦ 209 ♦ Sophomore
 Defenseman
 Hastings, Minnesota

2005-06: Team captain . . . Mature individual and has excellent leadership qualities . . . Regarded as the team's best "defensive" defenseman . . . Uses size and strength to his advantage . . . Commendable work ethic . . . Team-oriented player . . . Plays with a lot of heart . . . Makes intelligent decisions with the puck . . . Fine passer . . . Teammate of current Ferris State defenseman Joe Van Culin in the junior ranks . . . A former walk-on.

2004-05: A CCHA All-Rookie Honorable Mention selection . . . FSU's Rookie of the Year Award winner . . . Registered six points in 36 outings which tied for top team scoring honors among Ferris freshmen defensemen . . . Selected as CCHA's Rookie of the Week (12/13) after scoring his first collegiate goal and was +4 at Miami (12/10-11) . . . Notched an assist apiece in two-game series at Alaska Fairbanks (1/21-22) . . . Recorded an assist at Ohio State (1/8), against Bowling Green State (2/4), and at Notre Dame (2/11) . . . Compiled a season-high three points (0-3-3) in nine January contests.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Spent two seasons (2002-04) with the Wichita Falls (Texas) Rustlers of the North American Hockey League . . . Coached by Brian Meisner . . .

Chosen as team's Most Valuable Player and Best Defensive Player in 2003-04 following a 39-point total in 55 contests . . . Scored 14 goals with 25 assists last season . . . Named Rustlers' Rookie of the Year in 2002-03 after totaling 34 points with eight markers and 26 assists in 60 outings . . . A 2002 Hastings High School graduate . . . Coached by his uncle (Russ Welch) . . . Tallied game-winning overtime goal in opening round of state tourney during his sophomore season . . .

Lettered nine times as a varsity athlete . . . Also participated three years (2000-02) each in football and baseball . . . Served as team captain of his school's state championship football team as a senior and recorded three pass interceptions in state championship contest. . . Member of student council and was a D.A.R.E. role model.

PERSONAL: Son of Kurt and Diana Welch . . . Born 10/4/83 in Hastings, Minn. . . Has an older brother and sister . . . His cousin, Dan Welch, plays for the American Hockey League's Manchester Monarchs . . . Likes to play cards, work out and all sports . . . Shoots: Right . . . FSU Letters: One . . . Majoring in history education.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2004-05	36	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	15/30	
TOTALS	36	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	15/30	

CCHA										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2004-05	27	1	5	6	-3	0	0	0	10/20	
TOTALS	27	1	5	6	-3	0	0	0	10/20	

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 1 (12/11/04 at Miami)
Assists (Game): 1 (five times, last 2/11/05 at Notre Dame)
Points (Game): 1 (six times, last 2/11/05 at Notre Dame)

THE WELCH FILE

- MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:**
Juggling
- THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:**
Everything happens for a reason
- FAVORITE NHL TEAM:**
Detroit Red Wings
- ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:**
Never give up hope
- THE BEST THING ABOUT BIG RAPIDS:**
Small-town feeling
- WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:**
Doubters
- ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:**
Old
- IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:**
George Washington
- IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:**
No masks
- IF I WAS A MILLIONAIRE, I WOULD:**
Do exactly what I'm doing now
- FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:**
Steve Yzerman
- ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY I COULD HAVE WITNESSED:**
Miracle On Ice – 1980 USA Olympic Hockey Team
- DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):**
High School Teacher
- FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):**
Football
- IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:**
Wish to be happy



BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	2 GP, 0-2-2	Michigan State	2 GP, 0-0-0
Army	0 GP	Nebraska-Omaha	2 GP, 0-0-0
Bemidji State	1 GP, 0-0-0	New Hampshire	0 GP
Boston College	0 GP	Northern Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0
Bowling Green State	2 GP, 0-1-1	Notre Dame	2 GP, 0-1-1
Denver	0 GP	Ohio State	6 GP, 0-1-1
Lake Superior State	2 GP, 0-0-0	Princeton	0 GP
Mercyhurst	0 GP	Western Michigan	4 GP, 0-0-0
Miami (Ohio)	4 GP, 1-0-1		
Michigan	2 GP, 0-0-0	POSTSEASON	
		CCHA Tournament	3 GP, 0-0-0



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ANDREW WINNIK

6-4 ♦ 224 ♦ Senior
 Defenseman
 Mississauga, Ontario

2005-06: A big, strong "defensive" defenseman... Has shown ability to play at a high level... Expected to play a greater role in key game situations... A stay-at-home defender... Will continue receiving a lot of action on the penalty-kill... Possesses a strong shot from the blue line and has good puckhandling skills for his size... Brings a physical presence to the defensive zone... Needs to be more consistent throughout the season.

2004-05: Skated in 34 of 39 outings... Tallied a goal apiece versus Clarkson (12/31) in semifinal game at the Badger Hockey Showdown and the game-winner in overtime at Ohio State (1/8)... Was a season-best +4 at Bemidji State (10/23)... Played in season's first 11 outings.

2003-04: Appeared in 22 games... Registered an assist apiece in league home contests against Western Michigan (10/11), Nebraska-Omaha (11/22) and Miami (1/17)... Played in season's initial six outings before missing 13 of the next 15 games... Saw action in 13 consecutive games during one stretch... Received a +6 plus/minus rating in a six-game span (10/11-11/22).

2002-03: Saw ice time in 24 of team's 42 contests... Registered first collegiate goal in 7-1 series-opening win at Niagara (1/3) and then added an assist in the next night's (1/4) 8-1 victory... Garnered an assist in home game against Wayne State (11/8)... Produced a +7 efficiency rating in a six-game stretch (12/30-1/11).

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Starred for the Ontario Provincial Junior A Hockey League's Wexford Raiders in Scarborough, Ontario... Coached by Kevin Burkett...

Compiled a career-high 44 points with 13 goals and 31 assists in 45 contests in the 2001-02 season as the Raiders won the OPJHL South Division Championship title... A 2001-02 OPJHL All-Star Game participant... Scored four goals and picked up six assists in a three-game period in '01-02, which included his first career hat trick... Racked up 23 points (1-22-23) in 39 outings for 2000-01 after recording eight points (2-6-8) in 36 games the previous season... Selected to a tryout with Team Ontario in the under 17 hockey development camp in 1997-98... Amassed 35 points with 14 goals and 21 assists for the AAA Mississauga Rebels in 1998-99... Honored as the MVP of the 1994-95 North Stars AA Team... Graduated in 2000 from Loyola Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario and played varsity hockey for two seasons (1996-98).

PERSONAL: Born 12/14/82 in Toronto, Ontario... Son of Walter and Elaine Winnik... His father is employed as an accountant and mother is a housewife... Has a younger brother (Dan), who plays hockey at New Hampshire... Hobbies include golf, football and soccer... One of his top athletic moments was getting a hole-in-one at Burlington Springs Golf Course in 2001... Shoots: Right... FSU Letters: Three... Majoring in business administration.

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER										
YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM	
2002-03	24	1	2	3	+7	0	0	0	6/12	
2003-04	22	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	4/8	
2004-05	34	2	0	2	-4	0	0	1	21/53	
TOTALS	80	3	5	8	+3	0	0	1	31/73	

CCHA

YEAR	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PP	SH	GW	PN/PIM
2002-03	15	0	0	0	+2	0	0	0	4/8
2003-04	16	0	3	3	+1	0	0	0	3/6
2004-05	25	1	0	1	-8	0	0	1	16/43
TOTALS	56	1	3	4	-5	0	0	1	23/57

CAREER BESTS

Goals (Game): 1 (three times, last 1/8/05 at Ohio State)
Assists (Game): 1 (five times, last 1/17/04 vs. Miami)
Points (Game): 1 (eight times, last 1/8/05 at Ohio State)

THE WINNIK FILE

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:

Never stop working hard

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Go big or go home

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:

Toronto Maple Leafs

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Motivated

IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:

ESPN - The Magazine

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Watching television

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:

The intensity

THE BEST THING ABOUT BIG RAPIDS:

The mighty Muskegon River

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY I ENJOY:

Coaching youth hockey

IF I WAS A MILLIONAIRE, I WOULD:

Purchase a private jet

FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:

Bryan McCabe

ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY I COULD HAVE WITNESSED:

Toronto Maple Leafs winning their last Stanley Cup

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Business Owner

IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:

Make every rink olympic size sheet

FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):

Softball



BY THE NUMBERS AGAINST 2005-06 OPPONENTS

Alaska Fairbanks	4 GP, 0-0-0
Army	0 GP
Bemidji State	2 GP, 0-0-0
Boston College	0 GP
Bowling Green State	2 GP, 0-0-0
Denver	0 GP
Lake Superior State	5 GP, 0-0-0
Mercyhurst	0 GP
Miami (Ohio)	7 GP, 0-1-1
Michigan	5 GP, 0-0-0
Michigan State	3 GP, 0-0-0

Nebraska-Omaha	5 GP, 0-1-1
New Hampshire	0 GP
Northern Michigan	6 GP, 0-0-0
Notre Dame	6 GP, 0-0-0
Ohio State	8 GP, 1-0-1
Princeton	0 GP
Western Michigan	9 GP, 0-1-1

POSTSEASON

CCHA Tournament	4 GP, 0-0-0
NCAA Tournament	2 GP, 0-0-0

