

THE 2005-06 BULLDOGS



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EVAN CASE

6-1 ♦ 174 ♦ Freshman
Defenseman
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

2005-06: A developing prospect . . . Has a lot of natural talent and possesses a good sense for the game . . . Could transcend into becoming a regular skater in the lineup as his career progresses . . . Sound positional player . . . A walk-on.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Participated in the 2004-05 season with the Youngstown (Ohio) Phantoms of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) . . . Coached by Bob Mainhardt . . . Recorded 18 points on six goals and 12 assists in 46 games for the 2004-05 campaign . . . Scored six power-play goals, one short-handed marker and three game-winning tallies while accumulating 50 penalty minutes as Youngstown posted a 27-24-4 overall regular-season mark in 2004-05 . . . Helped lead the Phantoms to the semifinal round of the 2005 NAHL North Division Playoffs . . . Placed tied for fourth among NAHL defensemen with four power-play lamp-lighters . . . A 2004 graduate of Grosse Pointe (Mich.) North High School . . . Earned all-state dream team second-team plaudits as a prepster . . . Coached by Scott Loch.

PERSONAL: Son of George and Sharon Case . . . Born 3/15/86 in Grosse Pointe, Mich. . . . Father is a sales representative at Toshiba Corporation while mother is a school teacher . . . Enjoys watching television . . . Shoots: Left . . . General studies major.

THE CASE FILE

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:

Be all you can be

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Bob Marley

IF I COULD BE ONE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:

Sports Illustrated

SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:

I like to eat alot

FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):

Volleyball

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

Rescue 911

FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:

Chris Chelios

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Ski Instructor

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

Love the school and the hockey program

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Easy going

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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BRENDAN CONNOLLY

5-6 ♦ 160 ♦ Freshman
Center
Canmore, Alberta

2005-06: Talented forward . . . Fierce competitor . . . Fiesty skater . . . A quick, skilled player who plays on the edge . . . Could find his niche on the Bulldogs' specialty teams, particularly during power-play opportunities . . . Has the versatility to be a productive component on the offensive side.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Finished junior career as the Brooks (Alberta) Bandits' career scoring leader with 138 points . . . Played two seasons (2003-05) with Brooks of the Alberta Junior Hockey League (AJHL) under 2005 AJHL Coach of the Year Kevin Higo . . . Racked up a team-leading 84 points on 31 goals and 53 assists in 58 outings for the 2004-05 campaign as the Bandits posted a team-record and a second-place AJHL second-place 36-26-2 overall mark . . . His 84 points in 2004-05 ranked fourth highest among the AJHL's top scorers, which also included 10 power-play tallies and three game-winning goals . . . Competed in the 2004-05 AJHL All-Star Game . . . Recieved Bandits' Top Scorer Award and was one of six recipients for the team's Source For Sports Winners Award . . . Produced 45 points with 19 lamp-lighters and 26 assists in 50 games in his inaugural season (2003-04) with Brooks while playing exclusively as a defenseman . . . Recognized as the Bandits' Fan Favorite in 2003-04 campaign . . . Member of a Canadian Bantam Team which were AAA provincial championships and silver medalists at the Canadian Bantam AAA Tournament.

PERSONAL: Born 9/15/85 in Dawson Creek, British Columbia . . . Son of P.J. and Gayleen Connolly . . . Father is employed as an electrician and mother is a bank manager . . . Has an older brother . . . Nickname is "Conns" . . . Interests including playing poker and golf . . . Business administration major.

THE CONNOLLY FILE

WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH?:

Dave Chapelle

SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:

I collect Jardons shoes

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:

Work hard and have fun

THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER:

Hanging around the guys

MY PREGAME RITUAL:

Eat a Big Mac or Chicken McNuggets

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Reserved

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Owning a business

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Muhammad Ali

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Go big or go home

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

Small-town atmosphere and know alot of people



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COREY COUTURIER

6-0 ♦ 181 ♦ Freshman
Left Wing
Traverse City, Michigan

2005-06: A strong, aggressive forward . . . Honest two-way player . . . Works extremely hard and plays with a lot of heart . . . Enjoys the physical aspects of the game . . . Solid defensive skater . . . Provides grit and toughness to the lineup . . . Active with high-energy level . . . Should receive action in penalty kill situations.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Played the last three seasons (2002-05) with the United States Hockey League's (USHL) Green Bay (Wis.) Gamblers . . . Coached by Mark Osicki and then former Harvard coach Mark Mazzoleni . . . Recipient of team's Community Service Award . . . Posted 23 points with 10 goals and 13 assists in 51 contests for the 2004-05 campaign as an assistant captain for the Gamblers . . . Accumulated 22 points on six goals with 16 assists in 60 2003-04 outings . . . Recorded five goals and seven helpers for 12 points in 53 appearances during the 2002-03 season . . . Member of Team Michigan Select 16 and 17 year old teams . . . Received the Work Ethic Award as a member of the Marquette (Mich.) Electricians in 2001-02 . . . Earned the distinction of being the national high scorer at the NARCH Roller Hockey Nationals Tournament . . . Was the first overall draft pick by the Springfield (Ill.) Jr. Blues . . . A 2003 graduate of Ashwaubenon High School in Green Bay, Wis. . . . Played varsity tennis in 10th and 11th grade at Traverse City (Mich.) Central High School.

PERSONAL: Son of Mike and Leslie Couturier . . . Born 2/2/85 in Traverse City, Mich. . . . His father works as a land man in the oil and natural gas business while mother is a zoning administrator . . . Has an older sister . . . Interests include sports, tennis, movies, and music . . . Shoots: Right . . . Marketing major.

THE COUTURIER FILE

SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:

Extremely superstitious

WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH?:

Everything

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Herb Brooks

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Outgoing

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY I ENJOY THE MOST:

Reading to young children

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:

Stay focused and believe

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I'VE LEARNED AT FERRIS STATE:

Go to class

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Taping my hockey stick

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

The Will must be stronger than the Skill



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J.T. DAHLINGER

6-1 ♦ 175 ♦ Freshman
Left Wing
Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

2005-06: Strong two-way player . . . Adds depth to the Bulldogs' forward line . . . Has a high-skill level . . . A walk on.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Spent the 2004-05 season competing for the Chatham (Ontario) Maroons of the Western Ontario Junior B Hockey League (WOJHL) . . . Coached by Lee Giffin . . . Finished runner up among the Maroons' 2004-05 points leaders and was 10th in league scoring with 54 points on 26 goals and 28 assists in 48 contests . . . Was a finalist for the WOJHL's Best Left Wing Award and played a key role in Chatham compiling a first-place 40-6-1 overall regular-season ledger in the 2004-05 campaign . . . Helped guide the Maroons to consecutive (2003-04 and 2004-05) league regular-season championship titles . . . Honored as Chatham's Rookie of the Year in 2003-04 and was runner up for the league's Rookie of the Year Award . . . A 2001-02 eighth-round draft selection by the Sarnia (Ontario) Sting in Midget Majors and garnered Great Lakes Junior C League Rookie of the Year kudos . . . Graduated in 2003 from Windsor (Ontario) High School and was coached by Wayne Racine.

PERSONAL: Son of John and Ann Dahlinger . . . Born 2/14/85 in Richmond, Va. . . . Father is employed as a salesman and mother is a worker's compensation representative . . . Has a younger brother . . . Full name is John Thomas Dahlinger . . . Enjoys working out and playing hockey . . . Shoots: Right . . . Business administration major.

THE DAHLINGER FILE

THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF PLAYING HOCKEY:

Staying in excellent condition

IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:

Play in the National Hockey League

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Wayne Gretzky

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Always give 110% and never give up

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Happy Gilmore

MY PREGAME RITUAL:

Big breakfast, nap, ride the bike, stretch, & get mentally prepared

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Hard worker

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:

Going to different places and meeting new people

FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):

Football



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JUSTIN LEWANDOWSKI

5-9 ♦ 180 ♦ Freshman
Right Wing
Naperville, Illinois

2005-06: A tenacious, fiery player with excellent quickness . . . Strong competitor . . . Extremely quick skater . . . Physical . . . Could play a key part on the penalty kill due to his speed-skating abilities . . . Needs to add strength to become an effective offensive threat at this level.
HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Three-year (2002-05) member of the Chicago (Ill.) Steel of the United States Hockey League (USHL) . . . Coached by Willard Nichol . . . Netted five goals with nine assists for 14 points in 39 2004-05 regular season contests . . . Posted four points (2-2-4) in eight playoff outings in 2004-05 . . . Tallied 22 points on eight goals and 14 assists in 52 games for the 2003-04 campaign . . . Generated seven points with four markers and three assists in 27 outings for 2002-03 season . . . Played on the USA Select 17 Central Team which captured the gold medal . . . Graduated in 2004 from Naperville Central High School.
PERSONAL: Son of Jerry Lewandowski and Patricia Downey . . . Born 11/9/85 . . . Father is employed as a plumber and mom is an entrepreneur . . . Has three brothers and two sisters – two older brothers and one older sister . . . One of his older brother (Phil) played at Ferris State (1999-03) and was a member of the Bulldogs' 2002-03 CCHA Championship team . . . Likes all sports, music and playing the guitar . . . Shoots: Right . . . Accountancy major.

THE LEWANDOWSKI FILE

MY GREATEST ATHLETIC MOMENT:

Signing with the Ferris State Bulldogs

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:

Keep playing

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Herb Brooks

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Do whatever makes you happy

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:

Detroit Red Wings

IF I WAS A MILLIONAIRE, I WOULD:

Buy my parents a house

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Honest

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Baseball Player

SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:

I'm always hungry

THE FERRIS STATE BLUELINE CLUB

The Ferris State Blueline Club serves not only to support the Bulldog men's ice hockey program at Ferris State University, but also to support the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA), Ferris State University and United States College Hockey.

Some of the numerous Blueline Club activities include the Freshman Welcome Picnic, Parents' Weekend, Potluck and Skate with the Players, Team Awards Banquet, Feeding Frenzy, Annual Golf Outing, and etc.

The FSU Blueline Club has tiered membership levels, starting from Tier 1 (Member – \$40) to Tier 5 (Hobey Baker – \$1000)

Memberships are annual from July 1 to June 30 and for membership information, contact **Kim Hancock** at (231) 591-2234 or via e-mail at hancockk@ferris.edu.



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MITCH O'KEEFE

6-2 ♦ 229 ♦ Freshman
Goaltender
Almont, Ontario

2005-06: A big, standout netminder with loads of potential . . . Will contend for top goaltending duties . . . Technically-solid goalie . . . An athletic netminder for his size and moves exceptionally well in between the posts . . . Plays the angles well . . . Has extensive experience in "big-game" situations . . . Should make an easy transition to the collegiate level . . . Selected eighth among the nation's top incoming rookie goaltenders by *Inside College Hockey*.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Played for the Nepean (Ontario) Raiders of the Central Junior 'A' Hockey League (CJHL) in the latter part of the 2003-04 season and helped guide team to the Eastern Canadian Fred Page Cup Championship . . . Was named MVP of the RBC Royal Bank Cup semifinal game in the Tier II Canadian Junior National Championship Tourney . . . Tended net for the Hawkesbury (Ontario) Hawks under coach Eric Veilleux in 16 outings during the 2004-05 campaign while posting a 2.48 goals against average (38 goals allowed) as the Hawks were crowned league champions . . . Registered a combined 25-19-1 record with a 2.57 goals against average (117 goals allowed) and a .905 saves percentage to go with three shutouts in stints with Gloucester and Nepean . . . Current record holder in the CJHL for most career shutouts (nine) . . . Attained first-team CJHL All-Star and league MVP kudos in the 2003-04 season for the Gloucester (Ontario) Rangers as a result of notching a 29-16-5 mark with a league-leading .917 saves percentage in 53 appearances . . . Established a league single-season record with six shutouts in 2003-04 . . . Shared time in 2002-03 with the first-year expansion Smith Falls (Ontario) Bears before going to Gloucester in Dec. 2002 where he turned in the best saves percentage among the league's goalies for the balance of the season . . . Attended Under 17 Camp for Eastern Ontario in 2000 . . . A 2003 graduate of Almonte District High School.

PERSONAL: Son of Larry and Mary O'Keefe . . . Born 3/29/84 in Almonte, Ontario . . . Father is a public works manager while his mother is employed as an editor with the federal government . . . Has an older sister . . . Enjoys golf and in-line skating . . . Catches: Left . . . Criminal justice major.

THE O'KEEFE FILE

GREATEST LESSON LEARNED PLAYING HOCKEY:

Never be satisfied

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Jesus

IF I COULD BE ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE:

Time

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Go Big or Go Home

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

Family Guy

WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH?:

Dave Chappell

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:

Vancouver Canucks

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Police Officer

ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY I WISH I COULD HAVE WITNESSED:

The end of World War II



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DAN RIEDEL

5-9 ♦ 177 ♦ Freshman
Right Wing
Rochester Hills, Michigan

2005-06: A talented forward with excellent offensive abilities . . . Has a knack for scoring goals and could develop into a potent offensive threat . . . Equipped with a NHL-type shot . . . Should receive significant time on the power play . . . Needs to continue learning the game at both ends of the rink . . . Recognized as the seventh best forward on *Inside College Hockey's* top incoming freshmen rankings . . . Committed to the Bulldogs during the 2004 early-signing period but elected to defer playing until this season.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Named the 2004-05 United States Hockey League's (USHL) CCM Forward of the Year as a member of the Lincoln (Neb.) Stars after recording a league-high 81 points on 30 goals and 51 assists in 60 outings . . . Coached by Steve Johnson . . . Received both USHL First-Team laurels and USHL All-Star accolades for 2004-05 campaign . . . Accumulated 58 points with 30 goals and 28 assists in 52 outings while starting the season with the Springfield (Ill.) Jr. Blues before being dealt to the Lincoln Stars . . . Tabbed as the 2002-03 North American Hockey League's (NAHL) Rookie of the Year while playing for Springfield as a result of leading all league rookies in scoring with a team-best 67 points (third overall in the NAHL) on 29 goals and 38 helpers in 56 games . . . Earned a spot on the 2002-03 NAHL All-Rookie Team . . . Selected as the NAHL/Michigan Hockey Player of the Month for March 2003 . . . Chosen as the North NAHL Offensive Player of the Week (11/4/04) . . . Member of the Select 17's squad.

PERSONAL: Son of Kurt and Claudia Riedel . . . Born 4/23/85 in Ann Arbor, Mich. . . . Father is lawyer . . . Has an older sister . . . Interests include golf and fishing . . . Nickname is "Riddler" . . . Shoots: Left . . . Career exploration major.

THE RIEDEL FILE

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I'VE LEARNED AT FSU:

Attend class

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Don't take anything for granted

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Lou Gehrig

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:

Scoring

FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:

Pavel Datsyuk

MY BEST NON-ATHLETIC TALENT:

Video Games

WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:

The need to be at my best

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Professional Golfer

MY PREGAME RITUAL:

Take a nap & eat a peanut butter and jelly sandwich



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CHRIS ZARB

6-4 ♦ 197 ♦ Freshman
Defenseman
Waterford, Michigan

2005-06: Highly-touted prospect . . . Has excellent size and mobility . . . Expected to step in and contribute immediately . . . Sees the ice well . . . Good puck handler . . . Possesses an excellent shot . . . Should receive ice time both on the power play and penalty-kill units . . . Selected 11th among the nation's top incoming freshman defenders by *Inside College Hockey* . . . Was drafted in the fifth round (144th overall) of the 2004 National Hockey League Entry Draft by the Philadelphia Flyers . . . Entered the draft ranked 37th by the NHL's Central Scouting Service and was the highest of the 29 United States Hockey League (USHL) skaters to be rated.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Two-time USHL All-Star pick with the Tri-City Storm of Kearney, Neb. under coach Bliss Littler . . . Produced 23 points on nine goals and 13 assists in 48 games during the 2004-05 campaign . . . Compiled 24 points with four lamplighters and 20 assists in 43 outings for the 2003-04 season . . . His 24-points total was 11th highest on the team and the second best among the squad's defensemen . . . Helped lead the Storm in 2003-04 to their first-ever Anderson Cup as the USHL regular-season champion as team went on to register a 43-12-5 overall mark . . . Earned a tryout with the World Junior Team and was one of two junior hockey players to receive an invitation . . . Featured on the cover of a *USA Junior Hockey Magazine* issue in spring 2004 . . . Played in 2002-03 season for Midget Majors' Little Caesars team under coach Bill Ciraulo . . . A 2003 graduate of Waterford (Mich.) Mott High School.

PERSONAL: Son of Bob and Donna Zarb . . . Born 1/11/85 in San Diego, Calif. . . . Father is a steel plant manager while his mother is employed as a salary representative at General Motors Corporation . . . Enjoys playing cards, tennis and golf . . . Nickname is "Mongo" . . . Shoots: Right . . . Majoring in business administration with legal studies emphasis.

THE ZARB FILE

MY PREGAME RITUAL:

Watch an inspirational movie

IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:

Have a cure for cancer

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

Muhammad Ali

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Don't take life too seriously, you'll never get out alive

FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:

Rob Blake

WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH?:

People who aren't afraid of what others think

ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES ME:

Goofy

DESIRED OCCUPATION (OTHER THAN HOCKEY PLAYER):

Entrepreneur/Professional Poker Player

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:

The combination of grit, skill, finesse, and toughness

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