

THE 2003-04 BULLDOGS



JIM JENSEN

6-0 ♦ 173 ♦ Freshman
Maplewood, Minnesota
Defenseman

2003-04: Physical defenseman . . . Defensive oriented and an aggressive position player who should create problems for opposing forwards . . . Is tough and aggressive in his own zone . . . Competitive individual . . . Should benefit team in the locker room with his enthusiasm and intensity . . . An excellent, powerful skater.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Spent the last two seasons (2001-02 and 2002-03) with the Waterloo (Iowa) Black Hawks of the United States Hockey League . . . Coached by P.K. O'Handley . . . Recorded 14 points (15th in team scoring) with a goal and 13 assists in 41 contests last season . . . Compiled 108 penalty minutes to rank among the USHL's leaders a season ago . . . Served as a Black Hawks' assistant captain in 2002-03 campaign . . . Chosen both the USHL's Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week the same week . . . Tallied seven goals with four assists for 11 points in 58 outings during initial junior season in 2001-02 . . . Captained the 2002 Bronze-Medal winning North American Selects squad at the Universal Players Tournament in Finland and was named to the all-tourney team . . . Member of Select 15's team and was an alternate for the Select 16's squad . . . Skated for the Select 17's team, which won a gold medal . . . A 2002 graduate of Waterloo West High School . . . Coached by Bill Lechner . . . Received all-conference honorable mention hockey honors at Hill-Murray High School with six points in 23 contests . . . Also participated in football, baseball and track at HMHS . . . Two-year member of school's newspaper staff . . . Competed for the Minnesota Blades in summer league play.

PERSONAL: Son of Jim and Dianne Jensen of Maplewood, Minn. . . Born 7/1/84 in St. Paul, Minn. . . His father is employed as a plasterer and mother is a property manager . . . Has two younger brothers . . . Interests include bowling and movies . . . Shoots: right . . . Career exploration major.

THE JENSEN FILE

FAVORITE SPORT OTHER THAN HOCKEY:

Bowling

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY IS:

When I hit the ice, it's the best I'll feel all day

MY WORST FEAR IS:

Running head first into a semi-truck on a single-lane highway

IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:

Allow fighting in college

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I'VE LEARNED AT FSU:

The veterans know what they're talking about

DESIRED NON-HOCKEY OCCUPATION:

Hollywood Actor

FAVORITE MOVIE:

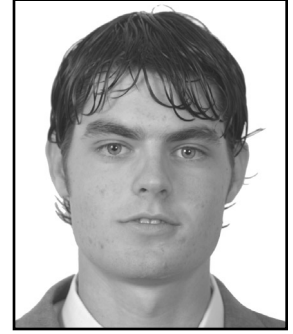
The Big Lebowski

THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER:

Hangin' with the boys on the team

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:

Minnesota Wild



TOM MUELLER

6-2 ♦ 165 ♦ Sophomore
Cadillac, Michigan
Goaltender

2003-04: Emerging talent . . . Has a lot of natural ability . . . Tall, athletic type netminder . . . Displays good mobility and covers a lot of the net . . . Will provide depth between the posts this season . . . Should be a contributor down the road.

2002-03: Required to sit out season due to the NCAA transfer rule.

2001-02: Played in three contests at NCAA Division III Minnesota-Crookston . . . Posted a 3.30 goals against average with a .889 saves percentage in 55 total minutes of action for the Golden Eagles, who registered an 8-19-0 overall record and tied for third place (6-10-0) in the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association . . . Coached by Gary Warren . . . Named to the All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference men's golf team in 2001-02.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Three-time (1999-01) All-Big North Conference First-Team selection at Cadillac (Mich.) High School . . . Achieved all-state honorable mention laurels in 2000-01 season . . . Compiled a 9-12-1 record in 24 appearances to go with a 2.80 goals against average and a .911 saves percentage . . . Registered three shutouts for the Vikings in senior year . . . Voted team MVP three seasons (1999-01) . . . Coached by Scott Graham . . . A 2001 graduate . . . Competed four years in golf as a prep . . . Recognized as the top netminder at the Steve McKichan Goalie School in 1999.

PERSONAL: Born 10/1/82 in Cadillac, Mich. . . Son of Tom and Joyce Mueller of Cadillac, Mich. . . His father is a graphic artist and mother works as a day care provider . . . Has three sisters, two older . . . Nickname is "Tommy T." . . . Enjoys playing golf and cards . . . Majoring in business administration.

THE MUELLER FILE

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:

Always go your hardest

MY GOAL FOR THE 2003-04 SEASON IS:

Earn the respect of my teammates

MY WORST FEAR IS:

Old age

IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:

Wish for a few more wishes

FAVORITE NHL TEAM:

Detroit Red Wings

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I'VE LEARNED AT FSU:

Education is the first priority

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Never waste time second-guessing yourself

MY GREATEST ATHLETIC MOMENT WAS:

Discovering the secret to golf - *not caring*



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ZAC PEARSON

5-9 ♦ 178 ♦ Freshman
White Lake, Michigan
Right Wing

2003-04: A fundamentally all-around player . . . Strong skater . . . Capable of producing offensively . . . Adds a physical presence . . . Expected to receive playing time this season.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Skated the 2002-03 season for the United States Hockey League's Cedar Rapids (Iowa) RoughRiders under coach Mark Carlson . . . Placed fourth among the team's top points leaders with 35 total on 15 goals and 20 assists in 59 contests . . . Helped guide Cedar Rapids to a second-place finish in the USHL's East Division . . . Competed in the 2002 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament at Plymouth, Mich. . . Scored 42 goals and totaled 95 points in 72 outings for the Detroit (Mich.) Jr. Wings midget team in 2001-02.

PERSONAL: Born 2/27/84 in Pontiac, Mich. . . Son of Rick and Linda Pearson of White Lake, Mich. . . Father is an operations director and mother is an accountant . . . Has two older sisters . . . Enjoys golf, cards and the guitar . . . Nickname is "Pearse" . . . Shoots: Right . . . Business administration major.

THE PEARSON FILE

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Almost Famous

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:

John Lennon

THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF HOCKEY IS:

Reacting at such a fast pace

THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON MY HOCKEY CAREER:

The coaches I had growing up who taught me the fundamentals

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY IS:

The friends you make

SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:

My sense of humor

FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:

Steve Yzerman

WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:

I liked the direction the program is 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.



MATT RUTKOWSKI

5-10 ♦ 170 ♦ Sophomore
Sterling Heights, Michigan
Left Wing

2003-04: A tremendously skilled forward who plays with an edge . . . Solid offensive player with sound instincts . . . Expected to receive considerable ice time this campaign . . . Should be an asset to the team with his ability to not only score goals but set up his teammates . . . Inked with the Bulldogs during last November's early-signing period.

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR: Skated the last 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 of Sterling Heights, Mich. . . Father's occupation is a fabricator/welder while his mother is a secretary . . . Has an older sister . . . Nickname is "Ruts" . . . Enjoys golf . . . Shoots: left . . . Majoring in recreation leadership and management.

THE RUTKOWSKI FILE

MY PREGAME RITUAL IS:

Nap

THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:

Follow your dreams & never give up

MY GOAL FOR THE 2003-04 SEASON IS:

Work hard & contribute to the highest of my abilities

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Scarface

MY GREATEST ATHLETIC MOMENT:

Winning the national championship as a Junior A hockey player

IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:

Be a professional hockey player

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

The Man Show

ADVICE I WOULD GIVE YOUNGSTERS:

Don't ever give up - you can do anything you put your mind to