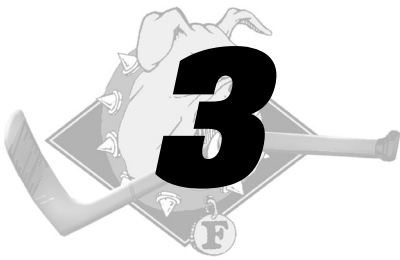


## THE 2003-04 BULLDOGS



### JOE VAN CULIN

5-10 ♦ 163 ♦ Freshman  
Monticello, Minnesota  
Defenseman

**2003-04:** An emerging defender . . . Team-oriented type . . . Brings a strong combination of good skating ability with solid puck-handling skills to the team . . . A converted forward . . . Should supply quality depth on the blueline and could factor into FSU's defensive mix as season progresses . . . Plays with a lot of heart and is a diligent worker.

**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 last season . . . 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 last winter . . . 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 NW Wisconsin 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 . . . Multi-year conference all-academic selection in hockey, football and baseball.

**PERSONAL:** Born 6/12/82 in Monticello, Minn. . . Son of Duane and Roxane Van Culin of Monticello, Minn. . . 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 . . . Business administration major.

### THE VAN CULIN FILE

**MY PREGAME RITUAL IS:**

Eating a bowl of Fruity Pebbles

**MY WORST FEAR IS:**

Being told I can't play hockey anymore

**SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:**

My grandma taught me to skate when I was only a year old

**THE BEST PART ABOUT OUR ARENA:**

The student section & their support

**THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:**

Follow your heart and anything is possible

**THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF HOCKEY:**

Trying to break in new equipment

**IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:**

Wish that my family could be at every game



### MATT VERDONE

6-0 ♦ 198 ♦ Freshman  
Summerstown, Ontario  
Left Wing

**2003-04:** A hard-nosed two-way player . . . Expected to vie for playing time . . . An excellent skater who's strong on his skates . . . Has good size and the strength needed to step in and compete immediately at this level . . . Works hard on both ends of the ice . . . Takes the puck to the net well.

**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 . . . Was teammates of current FSU players Jeff Legue and Tim Vokey . . . Served as captain of '02-03 squad 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 of Summerstown, Ontario . . . 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 . . . Majoring in criminal justice.

### THE VERDONE FILE

**FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:**

Peter Forsberg

**WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:**

The small town atmosphere

**DESIRED NON-HOCKEY OCCUPATION:**

Firefighter

**FAVORITE SPORT OTHER THAN HOCKEY:**

Hunting & fishing

**MY GOAL FOR THE 2003-04 SEASON IS:**

Play 100% each game

**IF I HAD ONE WISH, I WOULD:**

Do it all over again

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**

Lord of the Rings



## THE 2003-04 BULLDOGS



### ERIC VESELY

5-11 ♦ 181 ♦ Freshman  
Woodstock, Illinois  
Left Wing

**2003-04:** A promising forward prospect . . . Will contend for ice time and provides depth at the position . . . Could evolve into a contributing role player as the season unfolds . . . Displays good skills on the ice and upgrades the team's speed level.

**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 of Woodstock, Ill. . . . 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 . . . Survey engineering major.

### THE VESELY FILE

**THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF HOCKEY:**

Not winning

**MY WORST FEAR IS:**

Not being in control

**SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME:**

My youngest brother was born on the same day as I was

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I'VE LEARNED AT FSU:**

Hockey is big

**MY GOAL FOR THE 2003-04 SEASON IS:**

To get in the lineup

**ADVICE I WOULD GIVE TO YOUNGSTERS:**

Always play your hardest

**DESIRED NON-HOCKEY OCCUPATION:**

Land surveyor/engineer



### 2002-03 FERRIS STATE STATISTICAL LEADERS BY CATEGORY

MULTI-POINT GAMES		FIRST ASSIST GAMES		
1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	24	1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	22	
2. Jeff Legue . . . . .	19	Derek Nesbitt . . . . .	22	
3. Derek Nesbitt . . . . .	15	3. Jeff Legue . . . . .	21	
4. Phi Lewandowski . . . . .	8	4. Troy Milam . . . . .	14	
5. Mike Kinnie . . . . .	7	5. Phil Lewandowski . . . . .	13	
Troy Milam . . . . .	7	6. Simon Mangos . . . . .	10	
Greg Rallo . . . . .	7	7. Mike Kinnie . . . . .	9	
8. Simon Mangos . . . . .	5	8. Jeremy Scherlinck . . . . .	8	
9. Jeremy Scherlinck . . . . .	4	Greg Rallo . . . . .	8	
10. Brett Smith . . . . .	3	10. Phil Meyer . . . . .	7	
Matt York . . . . .	3	11. Brett Smith . . . . .	6	
12. Jamie Dunlap . . . . .	2	Matt York . . . . .	6	
Derrick McIver . . . . .	2	13. Trevor Large . . . . .	5	
Phil Meyer . . . . .	2	14. Kevin Caudill . . . . .	4	
Carter Thomson . . . . .	2	Carter Thomson . . . . .	4	
Trevor Large . . . . .	2	16. Derrick McIver . . . . .	2	
17. Skip Renauld . . . . .	1	Andrew Winnik . . . . .	2	
Steve Later . . . . .	1	Nick Field . . . . .	2	
MULTI-GOAL GAMES		THREE-POINT GAMES		
1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	13	1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	6	
2. Jeff Legue . . . . .	5	2. Derek Nesbitt . . . . .	5	
3. Derek Nesbitt . . . . .	4	3. Jeff Legue . . . . .	2	
4. Mike Kinnie . . . . .	2	4. Troy Milam . . . . .	1	
Greg Rallo . . . . .	2	Phil Lewandowski . . . . .	1	
6. Jamie Dunlap . . . . .	1	Simon Mangos . . . . .	1	
Troy Milam . . . . .	1	MULTI-ASSIST GAMES		
Phil Lewandowski . . . . .	1	1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	12	
Simon Mangos . . . . .	1	2. Jeff Legue . . . . .	6	
FOUR-POINT GAMES		3. Derek Nesbitt . . . . .	5	
1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	1	4. Troy Milam . . . . .	4	
Jeff Legue . . . . .	1	Jeremy Scherlinck . . . . .	4	
SIX-POINT GAMES		6. Carter Thomson . . . . .	2	
1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	4	Matt York . . . . .	2	
FSU'S FIRST GOAL OF GAME		Phil Lewandowski . . . . .	2	
1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	10	9. Greg Rallo . . . . .	1	
2. Jeff Legue . . . . .	5	Skip Renauld . . . . .	1	
Mike Kinnie . . . . .	5	Derrick McIver . . . . .	1	
Derek Nesbitt . . . . .	5	Mike Kinnie . . . . .	1	
5. Phil Lewandowski . . . . .	3	Phil Meyer . . . . .	1	
Greg Rallo . . . . .	3	Trevor Large . . . . .	1	
7. Jamie Dunlap . . . . .	2	GAME-WINNING GOALS		
Troy Milam . . . . .	2	1. Derek Nesbitt . . . . .	9	
Trevor Large . . . . .	2	2. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	5	
10. Brett Smith . . . . .	2	3. Jeff Legue . . . . .	4	
Andrew Winnik . . . . .	1	4. Simon Mangos . . . . .	3	
Kevin Caudill . . . . .	1	5. Mike Kinnie . . . . .	2	
Derrick McIver . . . . .	1	Greg Rallo . . . . .	2	
Matt York . . . . .	1	7. Jeremy Scherlinck . . . . .	1	
FERRIS STATE GOAL BREAKDOWN		Jamie Dunlap . . . . .	1	
TOTAL GOALS: 188		Derrick McIver . . . . .	1	
CATEGORY	H	A	N	TOTAL
Unassisted	5	10	3	18
With 1 Assist	18	28	7	53
With 2 Assists	64	43	10	117
Freshmen	12	9	2	23
Sophomores	34	28	6	68
Juniors	14	15	4	33
Seniors	27	29	8	64
Wings	42	45	11	98
Centers	31	26	5	62
Defensemen	14	10	4	28
1st Period	24	25	9	58
2nd Period	32	27	4	63
3rd Period	30	29	7	66
Overtime	1	0	0	1
GAME-WINNING ASSISTS		11. Jamie Dunlap . . . . .	1	
1. Chris Kunitz . . . . .	13	Mike Kinnie . . . . .	1	
2. Jeff Legue . . . . .	6	Matt York . . . . .	1	
Troy Milam . . . . .	6	Jeff Legue . . . . .	1	
Derek Nesbitt . . . . .	6	Brett Smith . . . . .	1	
5. Jeremy Scherlinck . . . . .	4	Simon Mangos . . . . .	1	
6. Phil Lewandowski . . . . .	3			
7. Phil Meyer . . . . .	2			
Trevor Large . . . . .	2			
Derrick McIver . . . . .	2			
Kevin Caudill . . . . .	2			

