

## THE 2004-05 BULLDOGS



### MATT STEFANISHION

6-2 ♦ 197 ♦ Freshman  
Daysland, Alberta  
Right Wing

**2004-05:** Talented big, power forward . . . Has the potential to be an impact player in the collegiate ranks, particularly in the offensive zone . . . Plays a physical style and is capable of generating offense . . . Equipped with a tremendous shot and a quick release . . . Physical and aggressive . . . Skates well and shows good puckhandling skills . . . Slated to get considerable ice time, especially in power play and even-strength opportunities.

**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 lamplighters 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 . . . Business administration major.

#### THE STEFANISHION FILE

**MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT HOCKEY:**

Joy of winning

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**

Seinfeld

**WHAT MOTIVATES ME?:**

Wanting to be better

**THE MOTTO I LIVE BY:**

Either your in or your in the way

**MY PREGAME RITUAL:**

Steak, ice cream and sleeping

**WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:**

Great small-town atmosphere

**FAVORITE NHL TEAM:**

Edmonton Oilers

**IF I COULD MEET ANYONE IN HISTORY:**

Mario Lemieux



### ADAM WELCH

6-3 ♦ 205 ♦ Freshman  
Hastings, Minnesota  
Defenseman

**2004-05:** A burly defenseman . . . Uses size and strength to his advantage . . . A walk-on . . . Mature individual who has an excellent work ethic . . . Possesses the potential to be among the CCHA's strongest blueliners . . . Will battle for ice time in Bulldogs' defensive rotation . . . Plays with a lot of heart . . . Teammate of current Ferris State defenseman Joe Van Culin in the junior ranks.

**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 . . . Majoring in history education.

#### THE WELCH FILE

**WHY I CHOSE FERRIS STATE:**

Great place to play hockey

**WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH?:**

Everything

**MY PREGAME RITUAL:**

Not to be superstitious

**FAVORITE SPORT (OTHER THAN HOCKEY):**

Football

**FAVORITE NHL PLAYER:**

Steve Yzerman

**MY GREATEST ATHLETIC MOMENT:**

Winning state football championship my senior year

**THE BEST PART OF BEING A FSU HOCKEY PLAYER:**

Being part of a team with a lot of great guys

**MY GOAL FOR THE 2004-05 SEASON:**

Helped team win at national championship

