FERRIS STATE’S ROB COLLINS NAMED TO 2001-02 ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Hobey Baker Award Finalist and CCHA Scoring Champion Honored By American Hockey Coaches Association

Big Rapids, Mich. – Senior center Rob Collins (Kitchener, Ontario) of the Ferris State University men’s ice hockey team has been named to the 2001-02 JOFA Division I Hockey All-America Team as announced today by the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA).

Collins, who was among 10 national finalists for the 2002 Hobey Baker Award as the top collegiate hockey player in the United States of America, represents the third individual in the program’s history to achieve All-America recognition. He joins a pair of former Bulldog defensemen – John Gruden (1993-94) and Andy Roach (1995-96 and 1996-97) to receive AHCA All-America accolades. Gruden earned first-team All-America honors while Roach was a two-time second-team pick.

A 2001-02 All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) First-Team honoree, Collins not only earned the distinction of being the school’s first Hobey Baker Award finalist but also the first FSU skater to lead the CCHA in scoring by registering 40 points on 12 goals and 28 assists in 28 league games only this season. Overall this campaign, the Bulldog assistant captain posted a team-best 48 points over all with 15 goals and 33 assists in 36 outings. His 33-assist total presently ranks as the 11th highest single-season output among the program’s all-time assists leaders. He also compiled a +23 plus/minus efficiency rating while tallying a school single-season record-tying five short-handed goals this season. Furthermore, Collins paced the team in multi-point games (15), multi-assist contests (nine) game-winning assists (six), first assists (20), power-play points (14) and short-handed points (eight).

Collins finished the 2001-02 campaign tied for second place nationally in short-handed goals (five), was seventh in assists (0.92 avg.) and ranked 10th in points (1.33 avg.). He concluded his four-year career tied for 17th place among the Bulldogs’ all-time top points leaders with 123 career points (44-79–123) and placed 15th in career assists (79). Collins recorded a +23 plus/minus efficiency rating while totaling 31 multi-point game performances, 10 power-play goals, eight short-handed markers, and five game-winning tallies in his collegiate career. He signed an amateur tryout contract with the American Hockey League’s Grand Rapids Griffins on March 21.

Joining Collins on the JOFA/AHCA West Region’s Second Team from a CCHA-member school were Michigan State defensemen Andrew Hutchinson and John-Michael Liles along with defenseman Greg Zanon and forward Jeff Hoggan, both of Nebraska-Omaha. Michigan State goaltender Ryan Miller and two Michigan skaters – defenseman Mike Komisarek and forward Mike Cammalleri represented the CCHA on the West Region’s First Team.

The JOFA All-Americans were chosen by members of the American Hockey Coaches Association. Two six-person teams are normally selected in the East Region and two in the West. However, this year there was a tie for the final defense position on the West Second Team, resulting in a seven-individual squad. Of the 25 players earning Division I All-America status this season, 14 are seniors, eight are juniors, and three are sophomores. Eight different schools are represented on the East squads and eight schools comprise the West All-Americans.

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– 2001-02 JOFA/AHCA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Team All-America Team Attached –
2001-02 JOFA/AHCA Division I Ice Hockey All-Americans

West Region

First Team
Goaltender – **Ryan Miller**, Michigan State, Junior●
Defense – **Mike Komisarek**, Michigan, Sophomore
Defense – **Jordan Leopold**, Minnesota, Senior●
Forward – **Mike Cammalleri**, Michigan, Junior●
Forward – **Mark Hartigan**, St. Cloud State, Senior
Forward – **John Pohl**, Minnesota, Senior

Second Team
Goaltender – **Wade Dubielewicz**, Denver, Junior
Defense – **Andrew Hutchinson**, Michigan State, Senior
Defense – **Greg Zanon**, Nebraska-Omaha, Junior●
Forward – **Rob Collins**, Ferris State, Senior
Forward – **Mark Cullen**, Colorado College, Senior●
Forward – **Jeff Hoggan**, Nebraska-Omaha, Senior

East Region

First Team
Goaltender – **Matt Underhill**, Cornell, Senior
Defense – **Jim Fahey**, Northeastern, Senior
Defense – **Doug Murray**, Cornell, Junior
Forward – **Marc Cavosie**, Rensselaer, Junior
Forward – **Darren Haydar**, New Hampshire, Senior
Forward – **Colin Hemingway**, New Hampshire, Junior

Second Team
Goaltender – **Yann Danis**, Brown, Sophomore
Defense – **Chris Dyment**, Boston University, Senior▲
Defense – **Peter Metcalf**, Maine, Senior
Forward – **Niko Dimitrakos**, Maine, Senior
Forward – **Ben Eaves**, Boston College, Sophomore
Forward – **Matt Murley**, Rensselaer, Senior

● – First Team in 2001
▲ – Second Team in 2001
▲ – Second Team in 2000