Big Rapids, Mich. – The Ferris State University men’s ice hockey program has signed left wing Jamie Dunlap (Nepean, Ont.), defenseman Jeremy Scherlinck (Grosse Pointe) (pronounced Sher-link), center Tim Vokey (Mississauga, Ont.) (pronounced Vull-kee) and defenseman Andrew Winnik (Mississauga, Ont.) to national letters-of-intent to attend and play ice hockey at FSU, starting in the 2002-03 academic year. The announcement was made by 10th-year Ferris State head coach Bob Daniels.

“We’re really pleased with the kids we have signed and the class as a whole is physically ready to compete at the collegiate level,” said Daniels. “With this recruiting class, we have a good mix of size and skill. A point of emphasis for us in recruiting this year was to get more size in our defensive corps.

“I’m also excited about this group of forwards as I have ever been with any previous recruiting class at that position,” added Daniels.

Dunlap comes to the Bulldogs from the Nepean Raiders of the Central Junior A Hockey League (CJHL). The 6-0, 190-pound winger received first-team All-CJHL accolades for the 2001-02 season as a result of accumulating 87 points on 50 goals and 37 assists in 50 regular-season outings. He placed tied for fourth among the CJHL’s leading points leaders this campaign and helped the Raiders capture the Yzerman Division Trophy. Dunlap’s 50 goals on the year represented the second highest goal-scoring output in the CJHL. He was also recognized as Nepean’s Game Three Star Winner for the season.

“Jamie is an all-around player,” Daniels said. “Not only can Jamie produce offensively, but he has the size and strength to be an impact player.”

A 6-3, 190-pound defenseman, Scherlinck was a member of the North American Hockey League’s (NAHL) Capital Centre Pride. He registered 30 points (tied for eighth on team) with 10 goals and 20 assists in 49 regular-season contests.

“Jeremy is a mobile “defensive” defenseman,” said Daniels. “He displays great poise with the puck and always seems to make the right decisions.”

Vokey, a 5-9, 165-pound center, competed for the CJHL’s Cornwall Colts and was the recipient of the Alf Taylor Trophy as the CJHL’s top scorer with a 122-point total on league-leading 51 goals and a league-high 71 assists in 55 regular-season games. The 2001-02 CJHL All-Star First-Team honoree received the Jim Farelli Memorial Trophy as the CJHL’s Most Valuable Player en route to helping Cornwall post a 46-7-2 overall record as the Colts were the highest-scoring team in the CJHL.

“Tim is one of the most skilled forwards in Ontario,” stated Daniels, who landed the CJHL’s leading points and goal-scoring leader for the second consecutive year. “Tim is more of a playmaker than a pure goal scorer somewhat like Rob Collins (2001-02 FSU All-American) is. He also competes hard every night and excels in critical game situations.”

Rounding out the group is Winnik, a 6-3, 205-pound defenseman who played for the Wexford Raiders of the Ontario Provincial Junior A Hockey League this season. The blueliner had 41 points with 12 goals and 29 assists in 47 regular-season contests.

“Andrew is a big, physical defenseman,” Daniels said. “He’s not real flashy, but more of a stay-at-home type who has a great shot from the blueline and sees the ice extremely well. He also passes the puck very well.”

Ferris State concluded the 2001-02 season with a 15-20-1 overall record and finished with a ninth-place 12-15-1 mark (25 league points) in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA).

The four signees join defensemen Mark Giordano (Toronto, Ontario) (pronounced Gee-orr-don-no) and center Greg Rallo (Gurnee, Illinois) (pronounced RAH-low), who signed national letters-of-intent with FSU during last November’s early-signing period, as current members of the 2006 class. This season, Rallo earned All-NAHL First-Team kudos after garnering league Rookie of the Year laurels the previous campaign.

– 2002 Ferris State University Hockey Recruits List Attached –
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2002 FERRIS STATE HOCKEY RECRUITS

Jamie Dunlap, Left Wing
6-0, 190 lbs., Shoots: Left, Date of Birth: 4/27/81
2001-02 team: Nepean Raiders, Central Junior A Hockey League
Statistics: 50 GP, 50 Goals, 37 Assists, 87 Points, 74 penalty minutes

Mark Giordano, Defenseman
6-0, 180 lbs., Shoots: Left, Date of Birth: 10/3/83
2001-02 team: Brampton Capitals, Ontario Provincial Junior A Hockey League
Statistics: 48 GP, 11 Goals, 26 Assists, 37 Points
(Committed during early signing period)

Greg Rallo, Center/Right Wing
5-11, 170 lbs., Shoots: Right, Date of Birth: 8/26/81
Statistics: 52 GP, 40 Goals, 29 Assists, 69 Points
(Committed during early signing period)

Jeremy Scherlinck, Defenseman
6-3, 190 lbs., Shoots: Left, Date of Birth: 10/28/82
2001-02 team: Capital Centre Pride, North American Hockey League
Statistics: 49 GP, 10 Goals, 20 Assists, 30 Points, 35 penalty minutes

Tim Vokey, Center
5-9, 165 lbs., Shoots: Left, Date of Birth: 6/29/81
2001-02 team: Cornwall Colts, Central Junior A Hockey League
Statistics: 55 GP, 51 Goals, 71 Assists, 122 Points, 111 penalty minutes

Andrew Winnik, Defenseman
6-3, 205 lbs., Shoots: Right, Date of Birth: 12/14/82
2001-02 team: Wexford Raiders, Ontario Provincial Junior A Hockey League
Statistics: 47 GP, 12 Goals, 29 Assists, 41 Points, 49 penalty minutes