



**2 Mike Harr**

Defense  
 5-11, 185  
 Shoots right  
 4/7/1987, Norwood, MA

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2005-06	Union College	NCAA	33	0	4	4	50	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Union College	NCAA	24	0	3	3	38	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Union College	NCAA	34	1	5	6	32	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Union College	NCAA	38	1	3	4	41	--	--	--	--	--
College Totals			129	2	15	17	161	0	0	0	0	0

**Personal:** Favorite hockey team is the Boston Bruins...Favorite hockey player is Patrice Bergeron...Parents are John and Jean Harr.  
**Career Notables:** Scored first goal of the season and assisted on the game-winning overtime goal against Nebraska-Omaha on Dec. 14, 2007...Played in 24 games in 2006-07 prior to a late-season injury...Before Union he played for the Boston Junior Bruins of the Eastern Junior Hockey League under head coach Peter Masters ...Had five goals and 18 assists for 23 points in 68 games...He had 50 minutes in penalties and was +42...Helped lead Boston to the regular-season title and league championship...Is a 2005 graduate of Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Mass...Was a three-year letter-winner in hockey ... Named assistant captain his junior year ...Earned second honors all four years of high school

**5 Stacey Bauman (BAH-man)**

Defense  
 6-1, 194  
 Shoots left  
 12/17/1979, Kitchener, ON

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	
1998-99	New market Hurricanes	OPJHL	Statistics Unavailable						--	--	--	--	--
1999-00	Yale University	NCAA	27	1	4	5	14	--	--	--	--	--	
2000-01	Yale University	NCAA	30	0	6	6	28	--	--	--	--	--	
2001-02	Yale University	NCAA	28	1	6	7	18	--	--	--	--	--	
2002-03	Yale University	NCAA	30	1	6	7	47	--	--	--	--	--	
2003-04	Greenville Grrrowl	ECHL	69	3	10	13	43	--	--	--	--	--	
2004-05	Lubbock Cotton Kings	CHL	60	4	19	23	72	5	0	0	0	8	
2005-06	Lubbock Cotton Kings	CHL	50	5	19	24	57	--	--	--	--	--	
2006-07	Lubbock Cotton Kings	CHL	37	5	7	12	55	--	--	--	--	--	
2007-08	Oklahoma City Blazers	CHL	62	1	15	16	58	--	--	--	--	--	
2008-09	Oklahoma City Blazers	CHL	64	5	20	25	93	6	0	0	0	2	
College Totals			115	3	22	25	107	0	0	0	0	0	
Pro Totals			342	23	90	113	378	11	0	0	0	10	

**Personal:** Son of George and Ruth Ann Bauman...Born in Kitchener Ontario but raised in Hanover, Ontario...Garnered a degree in Economics along with a teaching certificate from Yale University...Plans to pursue a teaching career, coaching position or life in the ministry in post-hockey career...Favorite foods include pasta, chicken, salad and the incredible edible eggs... Hobbies include playing guitar, working with kids, serving at church, volunteering with Youth Hockey Ministries,

**Career Notables:** Two-time Mr. Blazer with the OKC Blazers organization (07-08, 08-09)...Two-time Mr. Cotton King with the Lubbock Cotton Kings Organization (05-06, 06-07)...Two-Time Fan Favorite (04-05, 03-04)...07-08 CHL Man of the year...2005-06 Defenseman of the Year (CHL)...2005-06 CHL All-Star Selection...



**6 Jesse Perrin**

Defense  
6-2, 200  
Shoots left  
5/5/1987, Crossfield, AB

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2005-06	Okotoks Oilers	AJHL	56	1	6	7	59	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Okotoks Oilers	AJHL	51	9	17	26	90	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Okotoks Oilers	AJHL	59	9	20	29	45	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	34	1	8	9	24	7	0	1	1	4
Junior Totals			166	19	43	62	194	0	0	0	0	0
Pro Totals			34	1	8	9	24	7	0	1	1	4

**Personal:** Parents are Eric and Karen, sister is Amy...Born in Didsbury, AB...Lists favorite player as Scott Stevens because he hit hard and played solid D...Favorite teams are the Vancouver Canucks and Pittsburgh Steelers...Favorite pregame meal is chicken and pasta...Wants to become a police officer after hockey...Lists golf, hunting and working out as hobbies...Likes Godsmack, Three Days Grace and Seether...

**Career Notables:** Missed 22 games with a lower body injury from Jan. 16-March 20 in 2008-09...Team captain with Okotoks and finished third in scoring (9-21-30) among defensemen for the Oilers in 2007-08 and added 45 PIM...Five of his goals that season came via the power play...Three-time all star with Okotoks...Initially recruited to play at Western Michigan University before deciding to turn pro.

**9 Aaron Lee**

Left Wing  
6-1, 204  
Shoots left  
2/21/1985, Calgary, AB

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2002-03	Sherwood Park Crusaders	AJHL	40	11	12	23	58	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	Sherwood Park Crusaders	AJHL	54	14	20	34	40	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	U. of Alaska-Fairbanks	NCAA	35	10	5	15	28	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	U. of Alaska-Fairbanks	NCAA	39	10	10	20	36	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	U. of Alaska-Fairbanks	NCAA	37	6	5	11	52	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	U. of Alaska-Fairbanks	NCAA	34	2	3	5	20	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	64	14	23	37	76	7	3	1	4	11
College Totals			209	42	46	88	212	7	3	1	4	11
Pro Totals			64	14	23	37	76	7	3	1	4	11

**Personal:** Parents are Mark and Joan...Brother is Jeff, sisters Tamara and Andrea...Born in Calgary...Has a degree in Business Management...Lists spaghetti and meatballs as his favorite food...Lists Joe Sakic as his favorite player because of his great shot and leadership skills...Is a Calgary Flames fan...Lists making the CCHA Super 6 in Detroit and scoring the game-winner against Michigan State in 2005 as his greatest hockey moment...Is a fan of Tom Petty, Keith Urban and Kenny Chesney...Is an active member of the Big Brother Big Sister program, Habitat for Humanity and part-takes in various food drives every year...

**Career Notables:** Finished tied for fifth in team scoring with RGV in 2008-09(14-23-37)... One of six players to compete in all 64 regular season games...Second on the team with two SHG... Had points in 11 straight games (5-9-14), which at the time set a new team-record (Dec. 22-Jan. 16)...Named Alternate Captain at Alaska-Fairbanks (2007-08)...Top Playoff Performer award at Alaska-Fairbanks (2006-07)



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### 11 Sean Muncy

Left Wing  
6-0, 195  
Shoots left  
1/11/1985, Chesterfield, MO

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2002-03	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders	USHL	54	2	6	8	21	4	0	0	0	0
2003-04	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders	USHL	48	10	10	20	24	2	0	0	0	6
2004-05	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders	USHL	1	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Des Moines Buccaneers	USHL	38	16	19	35	18	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Waterloo Black Hawks	USHL	21	10	14	24	8	5	1	3	4	6
2005-06	Brown University	NCAA	19	0	2	2	10	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Brown University	NCAA	32	8	9	17	14	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Brown University	NCAA	26	3	4	7	14	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Brown University	NCAA	27	0	3	3	14	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Junior Totals</b>			<b>162</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>College Totals</b>			<b>104</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Personal:** Parents are Gary and Sandye Muncy, siblings Matt and Kelly Muncy...Works in the offseason as a hockey instructor...Has a degree in Economic Sociology from Brown University...Lists favorite foods as chicken and pasta...Idolized Joe Sakic as a child for his leadership abilities and sees his as a role model on and off the ice...Loves most of St. Louis pro sports including the Blues, Cardinals and Rams...Other favorite pro teams include the San Antonio Spurs and Toronto Argonauts...Another interesting fact: starred in a commercial with Brendan Shanahan as a child...Hobbies include golf, tennis, Tivo, watching the St. Louis Cardinals and music...Favorite bands are U2, The Killers and Led Zeppelin...Does charity work with the Ronald McDonald House, part-takes in the Fight Cancer Walk every year and helps with various youth hockey clinics...

**Career Notables:** Highest GPA award from Brown University (2008-09)...Served as team captain and was awarded the team Most Valuable Player Award with the Waterloo Blackhawks (2004-05)...Awarded the Community Service Award with the Cedar Rapids Roughriders (2003-04).

### 12 Jason Seerey

Defense  
6-0, 200  
Shoots left  
9/25/1980, Nipawan, SK

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1996-97	Prince Albert Raiders	WHL	2	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--
1998-99	Prince Albert Raiders	WHL	2	0	0	0	15	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	South Alberta Institute of Technology	ACAC	28	4	8	12	92	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	South Alberta Institute of Technology	ACAC	24	4	12	16	91	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	U. of Regina	CWUAA	36	1	7	8	66	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	U. of Regina	CWUAA	36	2	6	8	72	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	U. of Regina	CWUAA	37	2	6	8	104	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Oklahoma City Blazers	CHL	--	--	--	--	--	7	0	0	0	4
2007-08	Oklahoma City Blazers	CHL	37	1	3	4	66	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Oklahoma City Blazers	CHL	59	4	13	17	95	6	0	1	1	16
<b>Pro Totals</b>			<b>96</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>



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**RGV KILLER BEES  
PLAYER BIOS**

**14 Daymen Rycroft**

Center  
5-11, 180  
Shoots left  
5/2/1979, Beaverlodge, AB

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2000-01	Ohio State University	NCAA	26	3	4	7	12	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	Ohio State University	NCAA	37	15	10	25	28	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	Ohio State University	NCAA	42	10	9	19	56	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	Ohio State University	NCAA	25	3	7	10	20	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	54	12	8	20	70	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Dundee Stars	BNL	3	0	3	3	20	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	59	25	30	55	111	6	3	0	3	12
2006-07	Charlotte Checkers	ECHL	68	26	21	47	109	3	2	1	3	0
2007-08	Rocky Mountain Rage	CHL	64	48	36	84	93	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Rocky Mountain Rage	CHL	51	28	35	63	100	3	1	3	4	6
<b>College Totals</b>			<b>130</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pro Totals</b>			<b>299</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>

**Career Notables:** Played four-years of college hockey at Ohio State University, where he finished with (31-20-51) and PIM in 130 games...During his senior year his team managed to make it to the CCHA Mason Cup Championship...After his collegiate career, Daymen began playing professional for RGV after a brief stint in Scotland...Named to the CHL All Star Team in 2005...Moved on to play for Charlotte (ECHL) in 2006-07 and notched his second 20-plus goal pro season...Returned to the CHL with the Rocky Mountain Rage in 2007 and won the CHL goal-scoring title...Established new career highs in 2007-08 by leading the CHL with 48 goals and tying for seventh in the league with 84 points overall...His league-high 23 power play goals equaled a mark that has not been surpassed in the CHL since the 2000-01 campaign...Re-signed with the Rage as a player/assistant coach on July 25, 2008...



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# RGV KILLER BEES PLAYER BIOS

### 15 Shaun Landolt

Center  
6-1, 205  
Shoots right  
10/2/1984, Cloverdale, BC

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2000-01	Moose Jaw Warriors	WHL	49	4	4	8	40	4	0	0	0	0
2001-02	Moose Jaw Warriors	WHL	27	8	7	15	56	8	0	0	0	10
2002-03	Moose Jaw Warriors	WHL	45	8	16	24	53	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	Calgary Hitmen	WHL	30	7	9	16	18	5	0	1	1	6
2003-04	Calgary Hitmen	WHL	65	16	20	36	45	7	0	3	3	12
2004-05	Calgary Hitmen	WHL	68	17	25	42	89	12	5	4	9	14
2005-06	Pensacola Ice Pilots	ECHL	57	12	16	28	65	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Toronto Marlies	AHL	4	0	0	0	4	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Youngstown Steelhounds	CHL	64	15	27	42	60	6	2	0	2	4
2007-08	Vipiteno	Italy	42	20	29	49	48					
2008-09	Victoria Salmon Kings	ECHL	67	12	20	32	46	9	2	3	5	4
Junior Totals			284	60	81	141	301	36	5	8	13	42
Pro Totals			234	59	92	151	223	15	4	3	7	8

**Personal:** Parents are Jim and Trish Landolt; two siblings, Ryan and Jessica Landolt...Plans to be a firefighter after hockey career ends... Has a college degree in human resource management...Lists chicken and potatoes as his favorite pregame meal...Favorite players are Steve Yzerman and Doug Weight...Favorite pro team is the Vancouver Canucks...

**Career Notables:** Drafted in the 8<sup>th</sup> round (237<sup>th</sup> overall) by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft...Served as team captain for the 2nd half of the year for the Pensacola Ice Pilots (2006).

### 16 Brett Clouthier (cloo-CHEE-ay)

Forward  
5-5, 230  
Shoots left  
6/9/1981, Ottawa, ON

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1998-99	Kingston Frontenacs	OHL	64	8	14	22	227	5	1	1	2	4
1999-00	Kingston Frontenacs	OHL	65	13	26	39	266	5	2	0	2	17
2000-01	Kingston Frontenacs	OHL	68	28	29	57	165	4	1	0	1	10
2001-02	Albany River Rats	AHL	62	4	0	4	109	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	Albany River Rats	AHL	74	6	7	13	220	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	Adirondack IceHawks	UHL	2	1	0	1	0	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	Albany River Rats	AHL	39	1	0	1	122	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	Cincinnati Cyclones	ECHL	12	3	3	6	14	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Albany River Rats	AHL	46	0	4	4	168	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Augusta Lynx	ECHL	11	1	1	2	14	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Binghamton Senators	AHL	79	2	4	6	202	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Sheffield Steelers	EIHL	35	9	11	20	174	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Manchester Phoenix	EIHL	21	5	14	19	103	2	1	0	1	2
2007-08	Manchester Phoenix	EIHL	52	13	15	28	195	2	0	4	4	0
2008-09	Manchester Phoenix	EIHL	69	12	22	34	175	--	--	--	--	--
Junior Totals			197	49	69	118	658	14	4	1	5	31
Pro Totals			502	57	81	138	1496	4	1	4	5	2



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PLAYER BIOS**

**17 Grant Goeckner-Zoeller**

Forward  
6-1, 215  
Shoots left  
5/20/1983, Los Angeles, CA

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2001-02	Topeka Scarecrow s	USHL	31	6	12	18	16	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	Rochester Mustangs	USHL	28	4	14	18	6	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	Sioux City Musketeers	USHL	60	27	33	60	60	4	0	1	1	2
2003-04	Princeton University	NCAA	31	5	15	20	30	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Princeton University	NCAA	30	6	26	32	18	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Princeton University	NCAA	31	15	14	29	16	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Princeton University	NCAA	33	8	18	26	20	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Augusta Lynx	ECHL	8	0	3	3	4	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Dayton Bombers	ECHL	35	5	10	15	23	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	49	21	23	44	40	7	4	3	7	12
<b>College Totals</b>				125	34	73	107	84	0	0	0	0
<b>Pro Totals</b>				92	26	36	62	67	7	4	3	7

**Personal:** Full name is Grant Francis Goeckner-Zoeller...Son of Greg Goeckner and Jean Zoeller...Both went to Yale Law School and are attorneys...Has a younger brother Tyler...Majored in philosophy...

**Career Notables:** Finished fourth in team scoring and third in goals (21-23-44) with RGV in 2008-09...Played first game for RGV at LAR on Dec. 4...Posted four points (3-1-4) on Dec. 12 vs. NMX...Scored GWG with 47 seconds left in regulation at CRP on Feb. 3...Was scoreless in four games prior to that goal... Posted four multi-point games in five-game span from Feb. 24- March 6 (4-6-10)...Posted three points (1-2-3) on Feb. 24 vs. ARZ...Notched second four-point effort (1-3-4) of the season at LAR on Feb. 10...Finished third in team scoring and tied for first in assists at Princeton in 2006-07 while playing in all 31 games...Led Princeton in scoring with 15 goals and 14 assists for 29 points in 2005-06...Named a second-team All-Ivy and a third-team All-ECACHL selection in 2005-06...Named to the ECACHL All-Academic team (2005-06)...Appeared in all but one game for the Tigers (2004-05)...Ranked second on the team in scoring with six goals and 26 assists for 32 points (2004-05)...Named Rookie of the Year while attending Princeton University (2003-04) while appearing in all 31 games (2003-04).



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### 18 Justin Kanigan

Left Wing  
6-5, 237  
Shoots left  
1/4/1983, Castlegar, BC

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1999-00	Saskatoon Blades	WHL	3	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--
2000-01	Saskatoon Blades	WHL	66	4	4	8	111	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	Saskatoon Blades	WHL	22	2	4	6	44	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	Spokane Chiefs	WHL	42	3	5	8	56	9	0	2	2	6
2002-03	Spokane Chiefs	WHL	11	1	0	1	22	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	Vancouver Giants	WHL	3	0	1	1	0	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	U. of Lethbridge	CWUAA	27	6	5	11	0	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	U. of Lethbridge	CWUAA	23	2	3	5	24	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	U. of Lethbridge	CWUAA	35	1	1	2	42	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	U. of Lethbridge	CWUAA	28	2	0	2	81	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	U. of Lethbridge	CWUAA	20	2	2	4	8	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Junior Totals</b>			<b>147</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>College Totals</b>			<b>133</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Personal:** Parents are Phil and May Kanigan, sibling Kris...Hobbies include golf, fishing and tennis...Favorite player is Eric Lindros...Favorite food is chicken and rice...Attained a Bachelor of Kinesiology from the University of Lethbridge...Favorite teams are the Edmonton Oilers and the BC Lions of the Canadian Football League...

### 20 Tom Sawatzke (suh-WATT-skee)

Defense  
5-11, 190  
Shoots right  
1/24/1984, Duluth, MN.

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2000-01	U.S. National Under-18 Team	NAHL	41	3	0	3	35	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	U.S. Junior National Team	USHL	12	0	4	4	8	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	U.S. National Under-18 Team	NAHL	9	1	3	4	0	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	U. of Wisconsin	NCAA	33	0	6	6	6	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	U. of Wisconsin	NCAA	21	3	5	8	21	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Lincoln Stars	USHL	34	1	9	10	53	3	0	0	0	6
2005-06	Notre Dame	NCAA	32	2	2	4	57	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Notre Dame	NCAA	41	3	5	8	47	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Dayton Bombers	ECHL	39	2	3	5	39	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Phoenix Roadrunners	ECHL	18	1	4	5	8	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Phoenix Roadrunners	ECHL	5	0	0	0	4	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Cincinnati Cyclones	ECHL	49	3	4	7	27	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Reading Royals	ECHL	12	1	2	3	12	--	--	--	--	--
<b>College Totals</b>			<b>161</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Pro Totals</b>			<b>123</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Personal:** Son of Daniel and Laurie Sawatske...Has two brothers (Joe and David) and one sister (Katie)...Graduated from Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Mich., while playing for the National Team Developmental Program...Also attended Duluth East High School in his hometown of Duluth, Minn., as a freshman and sophomore ...Full name is Thomas Paul Sawatske...Has a B.A. in Economics...Favorite pregame meal is chicken parm...Favorites teams are the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Wild...Lists Jamie Langenbrunner as his favorite NHL player because he grew up near his hometown...Lists Pearl Jam, Led Zeppelin and Bob Dylan as his favorite artists...Volunteers with Hockey Players for Kids...

**Career Notables:** Asst. Captain of the Lincoln Stars (USHL) in 2004-05...Selected to play in the USHL's Top Prospects game (2004-05)... Asst. Captain at Notre Dame (2006-07)... Lettered in his sophomore year as member of Duluth East team, scoring four goals with 10 assists for 14 points in 28 games with the Greyhounds



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# RGV KILLER BEES PLAYER BIOS

### 21 Jesse Bennefield (BEN-uh-feeld)

Defense  
6-0, 195  
Shoots right  
7/31/1981, Calgary, AB

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2002-03	South Alberta Institute of Tech.	ACAC	14	12	15	27	28	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	Mount Royal College	ACAC	27	8	18	26	79	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Mount Royal College	ACAC	23	29	17	46	144	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	San Diego Gulls	ECHL	63	30	30	60	118	4	1	0	1	6
2006-07	Rockford IceHogs	UHL	52	22	22	44	107	9	1	1	2	6
2006-07	Milwaukee Admirals	AHL	2	0	1	1	0	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Iowa Stars	AHL	4	0	1	1	4	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Stockton Thunder	ECHL	17	7	6	13	42	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Bakersfield Condors	ECHL	5	0	2	2	26	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Zell Am See Icebreakers	Austria	16	16	9	25	48	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	64	35	36	71	87	7	4	3	7	14
Pro Totals			223	110	107	217	432	20	6	4	10	26
College Totals			64	49	50	99	251	0	0	0	0	0

**Personal:** Mom is Dale ... Sibling Blue, who played minor pro hockey from 2000-2007... Wife is Lindsay... Wants to pursue a career as a police officer when retired from hockey... Related to Mike Green, who played for New York (Rangers) and Florida in the NHL and is now playing in Europe... Lists chicken and pasta as his favorite pregame meal... Favorite teams are the Dallas Cowboys and Calgary Flames... Lists Jeremy Roenick as his favorite player... Is a fan of Tom Petty, The Goo Goo Dolls and Blue Rodeo... Enjoys fishing, four-wheeling and golfing...

**Career Notables:** Led RGV in scoring and set franchise records for goals and points (35-36-71)... One of six players to compete in all 64 regular season games... Had a goal in Game 2... Led team and set franchise records for goals and points (35-36-71)... Was a team record plus-23... Had points in all but 16 games this season... Second on team with 16 multi-point games... Posted a trio of four-game scoring streaks (Oct. 18-31, Nov. 8-21, Nov. 29-Dec. 6)... Scored OT GWG, assisted on GTG and notched season-high 11 shots vs. CRP on Dec. 5... Posted back-to-back three point outings Dec. 5-6... Scored the first goal of the game in three straight from Dec. 12-19... Scored goals in team record six-straight from Dec. 31-Jan. 10... Set franchise record with points (9-7-16) in 12 straight (Dec. 30-Jan. 24)... Collected four points (2-2-4) and scored GWG vs. TUL on Feb. 6... Played for the Rockford IceHogs (UHL) in 2006-07 after San Diego ceased operations and produced 44 points (22-22-44) and 107 PIM in 52 games... He also added a goal and one assist in Rockford's UHL playoff run that culminated with the 2007-08 Colonial Cup Championship... His solid play in 2006-07 earned him two promotions to the American Hockey League, appearing in two games with the Milwaukee Admirals and in four with the Iowa Stars... Named San Diego's Rookie of the year in 2005-06... Won the ECHL Fastest Skater Competition as an All Star in 2006... Has earned All Star selections and has served as an alternate captain in junior, college and pro... Named Mount Royal College Male Athlete of the Year in 2004-05

### 22 Zak McClellan

Forward  
6-1, 188  
Shoots right  
3/5/1983, Frankenmuth, MI

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2003-04	Bozeman IceDogs	NAHL	48	10	35	45	55	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Michigan State University	NCAA	1	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Michigan State University	NCAA	30	3	2	5	21	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Michigan State University	NCAA	27	0	2	2	8	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Michigan State University	NCAA	41	0	0	0	20	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	64	11	26	37	54	7	0	4	4	4
College Totals			99	3	4	7	49	0	0	0	0	0
Pro Totals			64	11	26	37	54	7	0	4	4	4

**Personal:** Parents are Gary and Carol... Siblings Abby, Ginger and Jaami... Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont... Off season home is East Lansing, Mich... Has a college degree in human resource management... Lists chicken and potatoes as his favorite pregame meal... Lists winning the NCAA championship as his greatest hockey moment... Favorite players are Steve Yzerman and Doug Weight... Favorite teams are the Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers... Likes Slightly Stoopid, O.A.R. and George Strait... Has done volunteer work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters...

**Career Notables:** Finished tied for fifth team scoring (11-26-37) with RGV in 2008-09... One of six players to compete in all 64 regular season games... Had an assist and was plus-2 on March 4 at ARZ... Had three assists on Jan. 9 vs. CRP... Scored shorthanded GWG on Dec. 22 vs. LAR... Collected points in six of first nine pro games (1-6-7)... Four-time Goofus Award winner at Michigan State... Had his own TV show at MSU called "In the Box."



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OF THE YEAR**

**RGV KILLER BEES  
PLAYER BIOS**

**26 Topher Scott**

Forward  
5-6, 165  
Shoots left  
7/23/1985, Buffalo Grove, IL

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2000-01	Chicago Steel	USHL	51	5	7	12	18	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	Chicago Steel	USHL	59	10	17	27	11	4	2	0	2	0
2002-03	Chicago Steel	USHL	24	2	11	13	23	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	Chicago Steel	USHL	60	21	31	52	37	5	0	0	0	4
2004-05	Cornell University	NCAA	35	5	19	24	8	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Cornell University	NCAA	35	6	22	28	12	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Cornell University	NCAA	31	4	21	25	22	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Cornell University	NCAA	36	10	20	30	10	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Elmira Jackals	ECHL	7	1	3	4	0	4	0	1	1	6
2008-09	Texas Brahmas	CHL	13	2	2	4	4	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	33	5	14	19	20	7	2	4	6	2
<b>Junior Totals</b>			<b>194</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>College Totals</b>			<b>137</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pro Totals</b>			<b>53</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher Ryan Scott...Parents are Bob and Debbie Scott...Has a younger sister and twin brothers...Has a degree in sociology...Makes offseason home in Vernon Hills, IL...Cousin Jeff Lovecchio signed with the Boston Bruins in 2008 and plays for AHL Providence...Lists Pasta and Chicken as his favorite pregame meal...Lists Steve Yzerman as his favorite player because of his leadership...Is a fan of the Detroit Red Wings, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bears...Lists winning the National Championship in Bantam Hockey as his greatest hockey moment...

**Career Notables:** Played in first RGV game on Jan. 6 vs. LAR...Acquired from Texas as part of deal for Travis Banga on Jan. 5...Scored twice in OTL at TUL on Jan. 20...Was named captain and MVP his senior season at Cornell University (2007-08)... He was one of 22 nominees for the 2008 Hockey Humanitarian Award, presented annually by the Hockey Humanitarian Foundation to college hockey's 'finest citizen'...Lowes Senior Class Award Finalist...Cockey Humanitarian Finalist... is college totals include 107 points (25-82-107) in 137 contests, never missing a game at Cornell... He captained the Cornell Big Red in his junior and senior seasons and was the team's MVP as a senior...Collected 104 points (38-66-104) in 134 USHL games...



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**RGV KILLER BEES  
PLAYER BIOS**

**36 Joel Irving**  
Forward  
6-4, 225  
Shoots right  
1/2/1976, Lumsden, SK

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1994-95	Western Michigan University	NCAA	30	2	3	5	20					
1995-96	Western Michigan University	NCAA	39	7	6	13	58					
1996-97	Western Michigan University	NCAA	34	8	11	19	62					
1997-98	Western Michigan University	NCAA	36	8	10	18	82					
1998-99	Saint John Flames	AHL	5	0	0	0	2	--	--	--	--	--
1998-99	Johnstown Chiefs	ECHL	65	26	20	46	112	--	--	--	--	--
1999-00	Johnstown Chiefs	ECHL	61	25	26	51	152	7	2	2	4	20
1999-00	Saint John Flames	AHL	7	1	2	3	5	--	--	--	--	--
1999-00	Orlando Solar Bears	IHL	2	0	0	0	2	--	--	--	--	--
2000-01	South Carolina Stingrays	ECHL	68	20	24	44	203	18	5	7	12	36
2000-01	Rochester Americans	AHL	1	0	0	0	10	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	South Carolina Stingrays	ECHL	60	18	28	46	140	1	0	0	0	0
2001-02	Rochester Americans	AHL	17	0	0	0	12	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	South Carolina Stingrays	ECHL	57	17	23	40	105	4	3	2	5	14
2003-04	Sheffield Steelers	EIHL	49	23	26	49	50	6	1	3	4	10
2004-05	Odessa Jackalopes	CHL	59	8	18	26	65	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	South Carolina Stingrays	ECHL	10	1	4	5	6	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Bakersfield Condors	ECHL	54	14	25	39	82	12	1	3	4	46
2006-07	Bakersfield Condors	ECHL	29	7	18	25	62	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Utah Grizzlies	ECHL	38	11	17	28	60	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Youngstown Steelhounds	CHL	64	26	37	63	114	5	0	0	0	10
2008-09	Arizona Sundogs	CHL	64	35	34	69	116	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Pro Totals</b>			<b>710</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1298</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>136</b>

**2008-09:** Played in his 700th career pro game on Feb. 26 at Laredo...Led the Sundogs in scoring with 69 points (35g/34a)...Set career highs in goals (35) and points (69)...His 35 goals ranked third-best in the CHL...Led the team with five game-winning tallies...Co-led the team in power play goals with 12...Ranked third on the team in power play assists with 18...Was voted league's 'Best Power Forward' in the CHL's annual Best of the Best poll...Named a starter in the 2009 CHL All-Star Game...Recorded a goal in 8-4 loss to the Colorado Eagles in All-Star Game

**Career Notables:** Selected by Montreal Canadiens in sixth round (148th overall) of 1994 NHL Entry Draft



## 2008-09 CHL FRANCHISE OF THE YEAR

# RGV KILLER BEES PLAYER BIOS

### 51 Nathan Ansell

Defense  
5-9, 180  
Shoots right  
6/26/1986, Sarnia, ON

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2004-05	Western Michigan University	NCAA	35	1	8	9	30	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Western Michigan University	NCAA	38	2	11	13	49	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Western Michigan University	NCAA	34	0	7	7	14	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Western Michigan University	NCAA	37	6	7	13	25	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	61	3	21	24	16	6	0	8	8	0
College Totals			144	9	33	42	118	0	0	0	0	0
Pro Totals			61	3	21	24	16	6	0	8	8	0

**Personal:** Parents are Brad and Teri Ansell...Has a degree in criminal justice and plans on pursuing a job with Border Patrol...Is a Montreal Canadiens fan... Likes listening to Kings of Leon and Bob Marley... Graduate of Saint Francois Xavier Secondary School (2004)...

**Career Notables:** Finished third among RGV defensemen in scoring (3-21-24) in 2008-09...Appeared in 61 of 64 games; did not miss a game since being signed by RGV after starting season in ECHL Fresno...Was an alternate captain at WMU (2007-08)...Named the Neil Smith Most Valuable Defenseman (2007-08)...Scored a goal and added an assist in his final game as a Bronco March 8 (2007-08) ...Named to the All-Tournament team for his performance in the TD Banknorth Catamount Cup Dec. 29-30 (2007-08)...Was whistled for just seven penalties in 34 contests (2006-07)...Played in 100th career game against Alaska (2006-07)...(2005-06) Bronco Player of the Week (2005-06)...Named Perani Cup No. 3 Star in win vs. Nebraska-Omaha (2005-06)...Scored first career goal in playoff win at Northern Michigan (2004-05)...Stealing a pass in the Bronco zone and scoring on a breakaway against All-CCHA First team netminder Tuomas Tarkki (2004-05)...Named Most Valuable Defenseman of the WJBHL, leading the Blast to a regular season championship...Named WJBHL's top rookie defenseman in 2002-03...

### 55 Matt Sweazy (SWEE-zee)

Center  
6-1, 185  
Shoots left  
4/11/1984, Toronto, ON

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2001-02	Bramalea Blues	OPJHL	48	17	40	57	66	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	Bramalea Blues	OPJHL	47	31	40	71	59	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	St. Louis Heartland Eagles	USHL	29	10	9	19	38	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Georgetown Raiders	OPJHL	44	18	34	52	117	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	U. of Alabama-Huntsville	NCAA	34	5	7	12	40	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	U. of Alabama-Huntsville	NCAA	34	2	8	10	48	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	U. of Alabama-Huntsville	NCAA	31	9	5	14	46	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	U. of Alabama-Huntsville	NCAA	30	12	10	22	28	--	--	--	--	--
Junior Totals			168	76	123	199	280	0	0	0	0	0
College Totals			129	28	30	58	162	0	0	0	0	0

**Personal:** Parents are Robin and Nanci Sweazey...Attained a degree in business management...Lists chicken parm as his favorite food... Favorite player is Joe Sakic for his great wrist shot...Cheers for the Toronto Maple Leafs, Blue Jays, Toronto Raptors, Pittsburgh Steelers and New Orleans Saints...Enjoys listening to Coldplay, Jay-Z and Radiohead...

**Career Highlights:** Selected as the University of Alabama Huntsville team MVP (2008-2009)



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# RGV KILLER BEES PLAYER BIOS

### 71 Jay Hardwick

Defense

5-11, 206

Shoots left

9/2/1979, Warroad, MN

Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1998-99	Fargo-Moorhead Ice Sharks	USHL	47	2	3	5	58	--	--	--	--	--
1999-00	Lincoln Stars	USHL	47	1	7	8	37	9	1	1	2	2
2000-01	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	NCAA	32	1	2	3	20	--	--	--	--	--
2001-02	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	NCAA	17	0	2	2	4	--	--	--	--	--
2002-03	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	NCAA	39	1	2	3	25	--	--	--	--	--
2003-04	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	NCAA	41	2	7	9	22	--	--	--	--	--
2004-05	Corpus Christi Rayz	CHL	51	0	3	3	27	--	--	--	--	--
2005-06	Corpus Christi Rayz	CHL	63	2	6	8	45	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Corpus Christi Rayz	CHL	57	3	9	12	79	12	0	1	1	6
2007-08	Muskegon Fury	IHL	70	3	3	6	67	6	0	0	0	4
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees	CHL	64	2	6	8	62	7	0	0	0	6
Pro Totals			305	10	27	37	280	25	0	1	1	16
College Totals			129	4	13	17	71	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Totals			94	3	10	13	95	9	1	1	2	2

**Personal:** Parents Brian and Liz...Sisters Maureen, Meaghan and brother Kyle...Wife Sarah, kids Abbey, Will and Emmie...Works as a head greens keeper at Warroad Estates Golf Course in the off season...Favorite pre-game meal is chicken and pasta or Subway...Favorite player is Ray Bourque...Lists the Minnesota Wild, Twins and Vikings as his favorite teams...Lists making the Frozen Four as a college senior as his greatest hockey moment...Is a fan of Dave Mathews band, Neil Young and the Allman Brothers...Lists golf, poker and the stock market as hobbies...

**Career Notables:** Led all RGV D-men in plus-minus (plus-12) during 2008-09... One of six players to compete in all 64 regular season games...Was even or better in 15 of last 16 and 21 of 23...Had an assist on opening night...Had a goal on Dec, 4 at LAR...Scored OT GWG at ODE on Jan. 31...Spent 2007-08 with the Muskegon Fury (IHL), where he posted six points (3-3-6) and 67 PIM in 70 games...A Warroad, Minn., native and University of Minn.-Duluth product, Hardwick played for the Corpus Christi Rayz from 2004-07...He led the Rayz with a plus-20 rating in 2006-07 and was among the team leaders in that category throughout his time in Corpus...



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# RGV KILLER BEES PLAYER BIOS

### GOALTENDERS

#### 29 Andy Franck

Goalie  
6-1, 195  
Catches left  
7/4/1981, Cleveland, OH

Season	Team	Lge.	GP	Min.	W	L	OTL	SO	GA	GAA	SV	SA	SV%
1999-00	Cleveland Barons	NAHL	STATISTICS UNAVAILABLE										
2000-01	Cleveland Barons	NAHL	STATISTICS UNAVAILABLE										
2000-01	St. Louis Sting	NAHL	STATISTICS UNAVAILABLE										
2001-02	Sioux City Musketeers	USHL	38	2135	25	10	1	3	89	2.50	1022	1111	0.920
2002-03	Mercyhurst College	NCAA	STATISTICS UNAVAILABLE										
2003-04	Mercyhurst College	NCAA	27	1477	14	8	2	0	80	3.25	744	824	0.903
2004-05	Mercyhurst College	NCAA	26	1474	9	12	3	3	71	2.89	688	759	0.906
2005-06	Wheeling Nailers	ECHL	55	3214	33	15	5	5	122	2.28	1378	1500	0.919
2006-07	Wheeling Nailers	ECHL	59	3465	27	26	4	3	187	3.24	1736	1923	0.903
2007-08	Youngstown Steelhounds	CHL	41	2442	26	10	4	0	116	2.85	1118	1234	0.906
2007-08	Providence Bruins	AHL	9	553	7	1	1	0	25	2.71	202	227	0.890
2008-09	Oklahoma City Blazers	CHL	32	1856	15	12	3	1	83	2.68	701	784	0.894
College Totals			53	2951	23	20	5	3	151	3.07	5664	6240	0.908
Pro Totals			249	14481	131	84	22	12	684	2.83	10799	11908	0.907

**Personal:** Son of Charlie and Teresa Franck...Sister is Haley... Married on September 6, 2009 to Jackie...Grew up in Lakewood, Ohio and makes off season home in Cleveland...Attained a marketing degree from Mercyhurst College...Plans to pursue a coaching career after hockey...Favorite NHL player is Patrick Roy...Cheers for the Colorado Avalanche, Cleveland Indians, Cleveland cavaliers and Cleveland Browns...A fan of Pearl Jam, The Beatles and Pink Floyd...Lists pasta with shrimp or chicken as his favorite pregame meal.

**Career Notables:** CHL All-Star selection for the OKC Blazers (2008-09)...CHL All-Star selection for the Youngstown Steelhounds (2007-08)...Earned AHL callup to Providence in 2007-08...ECHL All-Star selection for the Wheeling Nailers (2005-06)... Five-time Atlantic Hockey Goaltender of the Week in 2003-04...Led Sioux City to USHL Clark Cup Championship in 2001-02 and was named playoff MVP.

#### 34 Wylie Rogers

Goaltender  
5-10, 192  
Catches left  
3/16/1985, Fairbanks, AK

Season	Team	Lge.	GP	Min.	W	L	OTL	SO	GA	GAA	SV	SA	SV%
2003-04	Victoria Salsa	BCHL	20	1091	7	9	1	0	71	3.90	605	676	0.895
2004-05	Univ. of Alaska-Fairbanks	NCAA	31	1768	15	12	4	3	85	2.88	818	903	0.906
2005-06	Univ. of Alaska-Fairbanks	NCAA	25	1358	12	9	1	3	60	2.65	671	731	0.918
2006-07	Univ. of Alaska-Fairbanks	NCAA	26	1313	6	15	4	0	67	3.06	548	615	0.891
2007-08	Univ. of Alaska-Fairbanks	NCAA	30	1795	9	15	5	1	78	2.61	923	1001	0.922
2007-08	Utah Grizzlies	ECHL	5	491	0	5	3	0	33	4.03	287	320	0.897
2008-09	Rio Grande Valley	CHL	34	1886	18	10	3	0	98	3.12	972	1070	0.908
College Totals			112	6234	42	51	14	7	290	3.12	2960	3250	0.911
Pro Totals			34	1886	18	10	3	0	98	3.12	972	1070	0.908

**Personal:** Son of Bill and Judy Rogers ...Has one older brother, Charlie...Enjoys golf, fishing, and watching movies...Majored in business management with a minor in English...Runs Wylie Rogers' Alaskan Edge Goaltending School in the offseason...Lists spaghetti with meatballs and chicken as his favorite pre-game meal...Lists Byron Dafoe as his favorite player...Is a fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots...Is a fan of New Found Glory, Papa Roach and the Matt Lewis Band...

**Career Notables:** Made 30 saves in Game 3 vs. CRP for his and RGV's first-ever postseason shutout and series win...Went 10-2-2 in his last 14 regular season decisions dating back to Jan. 6...Posted a 2.40 GAA and a .924 save percentage during that span...Backed up Chris Boucher for the better part of a month after a minor injury in practice on Jan 22...Set Alaska-Fairbanks record for highest save percentage in a season (.918) during his sophomore campaign and was a three-time CCHA Goalie of the Week over the course of his junior and senior seasons... As a rookie at UAF in 2004-05, he earned the team's Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year Awards, as well as being named to the CCHA (Central Collegiate Hockey Association) All-Rookie Team after going 15-12-4 with a 2.88 GAA and .906 save percentage.



## COACHING STAFF

### **Chris Brooks**

#### **Head Coach, Director of Hockey Operations**

Chris Brooks, who turns 37 in September 2009, returns to the Killer Bees for his second season behind the bench. In his first season as a pro coach, he guided the club to a 35-24-5 record and its first ever playoff series victory. The team's 35 wins were the most in team history. He joined the Bees from Western Michigan University where he served for nine years. He began his career with the Broncos as an assistant coach and was promoted to associate head coach in 2006.

WMU's recruiting classes from 2002-08 produced eight NHL draft picks (Matt Clackson, Chris Frank, Mike Erickson, Pat Dwyer, Vince Bellissimo, Max Campbell, Ryan Watson and Luke Witkowski). In addition to those players many others have gone on to sign free agent deals with NHL and minor league clubs.

The Stratford, Ont., native's roles at WMU included coordinating the Broncos recruiting efforts, preparing scouting reports, evaluating game video and organizing the Bronco Summer Hockey schools. He also managed the practice plan and team travel. In addition, Brooks has served as an evaluator for USA Hockey at Michigan Select Festivals since 1999.

As a player, Brooks lettered four seasons at WMU (1992-96) and finished as the eighth-leading scorer in school history, compiling 57 goals and 127 assists for 184 points. A playmaker with excellent on-ice vision, Brooks led WMU in assists four straight seasons and twice captured the team scoring title (1992-93, 1994-95). He was a member of two NCAA tournament teams at WMU (1993-94, 1995-96) and was recipient of the CCHA's Rookie of the Year Award in 1993. Brooks also received Honorable Mention CCHA All-Academic status.

As a professional, Brooks made stops in Amarillo (WPHL), Mobile (ECHL), Springfield (AHL) and Kalamazoo (UHL). He led the WPHL in scoring and assists during the 1996-97 season, posting 110 points (45-65-110) in 64 games. He was also named the league MVP that year. After an 82-point campaign with Mobile (ECHL) the following season, he returned to Amarillo and again led the team in scoring (48-57-105) and was the league leader in goals. He also started his coaching career that season, serving as a player/coach, while also being named team MVP and appearing in his second WPHL All-Star Game.

Chris received a bachelor's degree in communications from WMU in 1996 and a masters degree in communications with an emphasis in coaching in 2007. He and wife Jeannine, a WMU graduate, are the parents of a daughter Bryar and a son Barrett.

### **Sean Gillam**

#### **Assistant Coach**

Sean Gillam, 33, is in his fourth season as a full time assistant coach. His No. 7 hangs in the Dodge Arena rafters after being retired by the club on January 5, 2008. A former defenseman, he first came to the Rio Grande Valley in 2003 to serve as a player/assistant coach. He also held the role of captain in the 2004-05 season.

A third-round pick of the Detroit Red Wings in 1994, Gillam appeared in 662 professional regular season and playoff games in the AHL, ECHL, IHL, and CHL. Before coming to the Valley, he made pro stops in Adirondack (AHL), Mississippi (ECHL), Orlando (IHL) and Jackson (ECHL). In Jackson, he held the role of player/assistant coach and captain.

He played major junior hockey for the Spokane Chiefs (WHL). Gillam combined for 40 goals and 142 assists for 182 points in 281 career games with the Chiefs and left Spokane as the franchise's all time leader in games played.

Gillam retired after a 10-year playing career to step behind the bench on a full time basis. A native of Lethbridge, Alberta, Sean resides in the Valley with his wife Leigh and son Shane.