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Hockey Signs Five

The Wayne State University men's hockey team signed five student-athletes to national letters of intent. The five include Bill Collins (Enderby, British Columbia), John Grubb (Minot, North Dakota), Justin Kahle (Farmington Hills, MI), Nathan Rosychuk (High Prairie, Alberta) and Carl Voelker (Sterling Heights, MI).

Collins (6-3, center) comes to WSU after playing for the Prince George Spruce Kings Junior "A" team. Collins scored 50 goals in 60 games, and was the only player to reach 50 goals in the league this past season. Grubb (5-11, right wing) played for the Waterloo Blackhawks and had 19 goals (11 power play goals) and 15 assists for 34 points. Kahle (6-1, defense) also played for the Waterloo Blackhawks where he recorded eight points (three goals, five assists) in 45 games. Rosychuk (5-10, left wing) played for the Grand Prairie Storm where he scored 114 points (61 goals, 53 assists) while leading all the Tier Two Junior "A" hockey teams in goal scoring. Voelker will play for the Warriors after playing with the St. Louis Sting. The 6-1 defenseman had 15 points (three goals, 12 assists) after 32 games.

"I'm really excited about this year's recruiting class," said head coach Bill Wilkinson. "We have a great group of players returning after winning the conference championship last season and these five should only increase our expectations and level of play for next year."

Last year, the Warriors finished the season with an 18-14-1 overall and an 8-9-3 (third place) conference record. In only the second year of the program last season, the Warriors won the College Hockey America conference tournament by defeating the previous conference champion, Niagara in the semi-finals 3-2 in overtime, and host and tournament favorite Alabama-Huntsville in the championship game, 4-1.