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NCAA Regional Semifinal #2: Minnesota (26-13-1) , Boston University (23-14-1)

Head Coach Jack Parker

Opening Statement:

"It was a bizarre game. At times, both teams had good territorial advantages and both teams looked OK. I thought Minnesota had the best of it as the night progressed. I really liked the Minnesota goaltender. I thought he had a nice night for them. We know they had a real good power play and we gave them too many opportunities. There were other times when we did a good job killing our penalties. I told my team I was proud of them because of what they went through and how hard they worked. Even tonight, when things were not going their way, they kept fighting. We gave up some goals we would like to have back. There were a lot of good efforts on this team. It was a good run for an under-manned club. This was a team that stuck together. In the second half of the season when everyone thought we would take a big dive we played pretty well. The better team won tonight."

On penalties in the game:

"I thought the game was well refereed, to tell you the truth. I did not think there were too many penalties that were not penalties. The emotion sometimes takes kids into the penalty box. We took three penalties in the offensive zone tonight. One hundred and eighty feet from your net, you should not be taking penalties. We were fortunate that we killed penalties pretty well all year long. We also had a lot of practice. We also had a lot of power plays."

On Chris Connolly's leadership:

"When we recruited Chris, on his official visit before he came, we were talking about him as a player. One of my assistants said he was going to bring speed and cleverness and stick-to-itiveness. We thought he was going to be a captain of the team as a senior when we recruited him. He knows how to do the right thing. He knows how to be a good teammate and a good captain, which is sometimes not being a good teammate. He is one of the best captains we have ever had. He is the first two-time captain since Jack O'Callahan."

On the season as a whole:

"I would say it was a rewarding season, to see what we went through. There was turmoil and sadness. From December on, they had more fun coming to the rink than anything else. They were uncomfortable otherwise. It was a hard year for the team."