

2010 Hockey East Semifinal
Boston University Post-game Quotes

Head Coach Jack Parker

Opening Statement

The only thing that jumps about at me is that we had a team out there that was playing at the top of their game, and we had another team that was not. I was very impressed with how hard and quick and smart Maine played. I was disappointed in our efforts. The difference (was) in the speed of the game and the focus. We were back on our heels all night until the third period. I thought we played pretty hard in the third period. I thought we would be a real fast team – I thought both teams would come out flying. One of them did.

On taking penalties...

We have been talking about that all year, but we couldn't get it out of our game. It was not just this evening that we took a lot of stupid penalties. We've taken a lot of bad penalties this year. We want to play physical, but we've got to be much smarter than that. We've got some guys who were probably frustrated with the way we were playing, and that's probably what caused the problem. We had a chance on a breakaway, but they scored right back after that. I thought one of the only things we did tonight was kill penalties well. I don't know how many we had, but I know they had two power-play goals. The last one was when we were in desperation down the other end trying to get one ourselves. (We're facing) The best power-play in the nation, and we take a third of the game off killing penalties. It's insanity. A good definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. We did the same thing over and over again all year long.

Kevin Shattenkirk

On tonight's game being a reflection of the BU season...

Tonight, we showed both teams we were this year. In the first two periods, we just didn't bring it. We weren't ready for how well Maine was playing. We didn't match their intensity. We lost our battles. Finally, when the third period came around, we started kicking it into gear, but we didn't have much time left. In any playoff game, you can't do that. Maine played well defensively and held onto the lead, and they got that goal at the end – it was only a matter of time. We set ourselves up for it.

Eric Gryba

On Maine responding to Boston University's second goal...

They just kept pressing. They didn't let off the gas the whole game. They came at us. We had a few glimpses of hope that we would turn things around, but they just kept coming. Hats off to them. They played a heck of a college hockey game. They're a great team, and I wish them all the luck the rest of the season.

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Head Coach Tim Whitehead

General Comments

I don't think the score really reflects the tightness of the game, but we're really pleased to extend our season at least one more day and take on BC here in Boston. It's going to be a great challenge that we're really excited about.

On Dave Wilson's strong play through the playoffs:

Did I expect it? Yes and no. It's a very pleasant surprise. The one thing about Dave, is he really persevered and I'm so proud of his ability to focus when we needed him the most. He's a really great guy and to see how he's risen up in a really tough situation has been great. Every game was an elimination game for him. You never really know when guys are going to rise up like that in unexpected moments. So yes, it was a bit surprising but no, because I've seen other guys rise up in other situations, which he certainly has done for us this postseason.

Gustav Nyquist

On Joey Diamond's goal to put Maine up 1-0:

Honestly, it gave us a lot of momentum. He showed unbelievable poise with the puck, faking the goalie down and going around him. It was a really good goal and gave the whole team a momentum boost when a guy like that scores a really nice goal like that.

Dave Wilson

On his comfort level after three wins in four playoff games this year:

I feel pretty comfortable out there, I'm just trying to have fun, really. As long as I have fun and relax, I can make those saves. I saw [Gaudet] coming down at me so I tried to get out and challenge him on that breakaway. But like I said, I was just trying to relax and have fun out there.

David de Kastrozza

On fourth goal after delayed BU goal decision to make it 3-2:

[BU] had just that second goal and were getting momentum back on their side. Josh van Dyk came down the wall and we had a 3-on-2 and dropped it to me and I shot the puck. Nothing fancy or anything, it just tipped off and went off his shoulder.

On Maine's physical approach to the game:

We knew that in order for us to be successful we wanted to get on them quick and punish their defensemen that are really offensive and by hitting them, it'd slow them down and make them think twice about coming up the ice.