

**2009 NCAA Frozen Four  
Verizon Center, Washington, DC  
Boston University Player Quotes - Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

***On winning every tournament played during the year and how that experience helps at the Frozen Four***

**John McCarthy** – “A lot of the tournaments that we played this season were with four teams over a weekend. So it gives us a little bit of experience. It’s going to be a tough tournament and we are going to have to play two solid games to come out of here winning.”

**Brian Strait** – “I think our team feels that every tournament is a new challenge for us. Over the course of the season we have won a bunch of them and played really well, but this a new tournament with new teams in it and we need to just figure our way through the challenges so we can get to the top.

**Colin Wilson** – “I think experience is definitely a big part of this tournament and the fact that we’ve won so many championships before shows that we have the players to win a championship and who know what it takes, which is definitely going to be critical the next two games.”

***On the motivation of their senior class after coming so close in 2006***

**John McCarthy** – “That definitely left a bad taste in our mouth. My freshman year we lost to Boston College in the regionals and last weekend we were talking about that. We just took a little extra time in the locker room to make sure, talking to the younger guys about not taking this for granted because you might not have another chance and being sure to bring your “A” game. So we kind of took care of it last weekend.”

***On who has the best playoff beard***

**Colin Wilson** – “Obviously the guy sitting to the right of me (Brian Strait). He and his roommate Eric Gryba both have very thick beards.”

***On how loose they feel***

**John McCarthy** – “We are getting ready to play, but its important not to get too tight before a big game like this. We’ve experienced a lot of tournaments so far this year and I think that adds to it a little bit, but we are trying to keep things relaxed in the locker room. We’ll definitely be focused tomorrow night to play.”

**Brian Strait** – “We’re just enjoying the experience out here. I think we’ve gotten this far and want to enjoy it and we know what’s at stake and I think everyone is going to come with their “A” game. We’re trying to stay loose and as Coach Parker says, “play fast and loose”. And we are going to keep that mentality.”

**Colin Wilson** – “Every team prepares differently, but I think in general we are little bit of a looser team. Personally, I always like to joke around and things like that leading up to a big game. It takes a little bit of the edge off.”

***On not taking any of the teams for granted***

**John McCarthy** – “We’ve been talking to the young guys about how every game is going to be really tough. Vermont beat us twice this year so I don’t think it could be possible to take them lightly. They have a winning record against us this year, but it’s true we have to make sure that nobody takes anything for granted. All the seniors have to make sure that everybody is ready to play.”

**Brian Strait** – “I think from the senior class to the freshman class we all know that we can’t underestimate any opponent at this point in the season. We’re in the Frozen Four. Every team that’s in it deserves to be here and they have all done something to become one of the top four teams in the nation.”

**Colin Wilson** – “It’s the Frozen Four and everybody is here for a reason. They are either hot or they are a good team and we’re not going to underestimate anybody.”