



# MERCYHURST

## PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES

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### **Head Coach Michael Sisti**

#### ***Opening remarks ...***

Obviously, bittersweet. I'm very proud of our young team for a great season. I thought we had a decent start, maybe a little nerves. We rushed a couple of plays with the puck and maybe an early goal would have jump-started us. I thought we were okay, a little tentative and then in the second period when we let in that goal we really showed our youth and started doing things a little differently than we like to do them. That certainly rattled us a little bit. It's a tough way back and Wisconsin is very good, very deep and very disciplined. With a lead they're probably the best team in the country. Overall, I don't think it was our best day. I don't want to take anything away from Wisconsin, they're a great team and they deserve to be the national champion. We maybe didn't have enough players playing at their best at times, but again I'm very proud of them. Our team had an amazing season and give Wisconsin some credit for absorbing some punches early.

#### ***On what they've accomplished, the experience and the positives from today's game ...***

I think anytime you lose is just unfortunate, but we talked to the team and told them that we did do a lot this year. For as young as we were and with a 3-4 start, we were banged up down the stretch, but our kids showed great heart and grit to get here. It was certainly a wonderful experience. The venue and the staff really made us feel special and for our seniors and if maybe we don't have the good fortune of getting back, it really was a great experience. I think we'll look back and be able to relish everything we did accomplish, but today it's certainly disappointing. We know how far this team has come and for me personally, how far the program has come. The hurdles we've had to jump over to get to this point make it very rewarding, but it's still disappointing.

#### ***On the effect of nerves early on ...***

Surprisingly, we were less nervous today than Friday. The players were really excited, but we probably played more nervous today than we did in the previous game. Our players were relaxed and very confident, they knew the opportunity they had, but maybe at some key times and some of those early chances there were players who were playing with nerves and were slightly in the moment.

#### ***On the importance of not capitalizing on the chances early on ...***

We were surprised at their defense. We thought we could exploit them and we did in the first period, but we just didn't capitalize. Goals are momentum, especially if you can get them against a team like Wisconsin which doesn't give up a lot of them. So that was important and I think even in the second we were going okay, but a number of things took a lot of win out of our sails.

### **Junior Forward Meghan Agosta**

#### ***On the feeling following the championship loss and the importance of the moment for the program ...***

It's definitely unfortunate that we didn't play our best. I'm very proud of the team. We fought hard, we made it here. A lot of people didn't believe in us, but we showed everyone who Mercyhurst was. Today just wasn't our day and it's just really unfortunate.

#### ***On Vetter's performance in goal and facing her when down ...***

(Jessie) Vetter is a great goaltender and I think you've got to get on her early. We had some chances that we didn't quite bury, but I thought she kept her team in during some key chances where we could have got one or two. She was right there to stop us; she had a heck of a game and she's a great goaltender.

#### ***On the importance of not capitalizing on the chances early on ...***

We had some chances and I think those were key, but we just couldn't bury them. That's the way hockey is, sometimes you get lucky and sometimes you don't. I guess today just wasn't as lucky for us.