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Head Coach Michael Sisti

Opening remarks ...

It's like our season, it's certainly been a dramatic ride and we haven't done anything easy. I thought clearly we came here to win a championship, we know its very difficult to do. We went down early, but our team battled back and we were really rolling there for awhile. We battled some injuries throughout the game and lost some key players, but we found the way to win. It got real dramatic there, we took a couple of tough penalties and obviously Minnesota has a great power play, but we weathered the storm. I'm really proud of our players, really happy for them, for our alumni and our fans who came a long way to support us.

On the way the team kept itself in it ...

They're a goofy bunch and like I said earlier, they don't do anything easy. Somehow we co-exist and have great success. After playing two great periods without taking too many penalties, we took seven penalties in the third period. So if you're going to be short 14-minutes out of a 20-minute period against Minnesota without your best defensive defenseman and Agosta in the box, it's going to be a pretty interesting situation. But again we bent and we didn't break and we found a way to get it done and this time of the year it's all about winning hockey games. We've come a long way since September and after all those games we continue to try and make them better. We've done a lot of great things and sometimes not so good, but we got the win and that's all we're worried about. I asked them to play their best and as coaches make us proud and they did it.

Junior Forward Meghan Agosta

On being one step closer to a national title ...

I'm definitely very proud and proud of the team. We worked really hard for the whole year for this and we set our goal at the beginning of the year to become champions. We're one step closer, we have one game left and we can't look to far ahead. The girls are really excited and really proud and we can't wait to play on Sunday.

On how special her goal were tonight ...

Definitely special, but it doesn't matter who scores and gets the points. In the end, it's a team game and it matters if we win. I think we did a great job, Hillary (Pattenden) played outstanding, the defensemen were amazing and when we had chances we kind of buried them. We started off great, the third period wasn't so great, but I think we're going to bounce back from that and be prepared for Sunday's game.

On facing Wisconsin ...

I think people looked at us as the underdogs and you know what, it's Wisconsin. They have a great team but we've got a great team too and we're not going to think about what they're going to bring to the table. We have to worry about what we're going to accomplish to play well. It's one game and anything can happen.

Freshman Goaltender Hillary Pattenden

On turning things around after the early Minnesota goal ...

Obviously I don't want to give up goals, but I gave it up early and I kinda just let it go ... same thing happened against St. Lawrence, but our team bounced back. I just feel like in a game, especially in these games, with more and more shots and saves I just gain confidence and keep rolling with it.

On the pressure in the third period ...

I found that the clock was my enemy and I just kept waiting for it and waiting for it. I tried not to look at it and avoid it. Obviously when you play good teams, they're not going to give it to you, they're going to battle right to the end so I just had to maintain focus and just do what I could.