



**2008 NCAA Frozen Four
Pepsi Center – Denver, Colo.
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Michigan Press Conference**

Coach Red Berenson

Opening Statement:

A: We didn't get the start that we wanted, but I liked the way that our team regrouped in the second period, and even in the third period and then it was anybody's game when you get into an overtime game. I can't tell you that we played our best game- we didn't. If someone would have told me that it would take five goals to win this game, I would have thought that they weren't thinking straight. Notre Dame doesn't often give up four goals. So it's a game that we didn't expect. Our kids fought hard. I don't want to talk about our season right now, but I can talk about the game, it was disappointing. Our team really wanted to win this and we really thought that we could and we didn't get the chance.

Q: Can you talk about pulling Sauer after the first period?

A: Well I think had I not watched the North Dakota game- I mean he's been our bread and butter goalie all year, but I just didn't like the way that the game was going, it looked like he was fighting the puck. There were two goals that he probably would have stopped any other night. We just watched the number one goalie in the country (Jean Philippe Lamoureux) give up six goals. So it doesn't matter what you've done, we had to change the momentum of the game, so I that helped our team a little bit, it was a tough decision, but you're trying to win the game.

Q: Can you talk a little bit about the overtime, because it looked like you had some momentum coming in from the third period/?

A: We didn't look good in the overtime, don't ask me why. We were on our heels. We're a team that plays to win, and we like overtime. I felt good about our team, our team felt good about it, but we didn't play well. We didn't get the puck in deep, we were passive defensively, and we gave a few odd-man rushes, we just had a sloppy overtime.

Q: Coach, could you talk about the third period goal that gave you that momentum?

A: That was huge. That goal got us back in the game again. Getting the puck into the net is one thing. You're trying to get power plays, but you're going up against the top penalty killing team in the nation, and they showed it tonight, they didn't give up much. We weren't able to capitalize. I can't tell you that they were great plays, but second efforts around the net, rebounds- these games aren't won with good plays, they're won by ugly plays and second efforts.

Michigan Player Questions

Chad Kolarik, Sr, Forward

Q: You would probably love to have that opening 20 minutes back. Was it a slow start?

A: We came out with the intensity that we needed. And then they got that first goal and then a couple lucky breaks on some bad goals.

Kevin Porter, Sr, Forward

Same question:

A: I thought our first few shifts we started out well, we got the puck deep in their end. We just had a couple bad turnovers and guys weren't coming back and they capitalized on their chances.

Q: Kevin, can you talk about the feeling after the first period. Were you guys just a little shell shocked?

A: No, they are a great team and I knew they were going to come out the way they did. They had a couple good bounces and they capitalized on their chances and we just needed to regroup after the second and that's what we did. We came out and I thought we played well the rest of the game.