

# PATRIOT LEAGUE SEMIFINALS POST-GAME QUOTES

## NO. 2 NAVY VS. NO. 4 COLGATE

### **Navy Head Coach Richie Meade**

“I want to congratulate Colgate. I thought they played extremely well. I was really impressed with their offensive players. We have competed against these guys for what seems like four years and that was the best I’ve seen Colgate play. They played very well offensively and I think that was the biggest difference of the game.

“All of a sudden at this time of year, they are playing with a lot of poise and they have great chemistry. (Colgate head coach Jim Nagle) has done a great job with them. They are much better offensively than they were a month ago.”

*(Ref.: the difference in Colgate’s offense tonight versus the regular season matchup)*

“They didn’t really do anything different. The first time we played them this year they weren’t as sharp with their passing. They were in a much better rhythm today. We were up 3-0 today and I felt like everything was going our way, but we made some mistakes defensively and that let them get back in the game. They took advantage of all the opportunities we gave them. We didn’t give them very many opportunities in the first game.

“We played pretty good defense over the last few weeks, but we’ve given up some unsettled goals. We hardly gave up any unsettled goals today, but they absolutely beat us in the 6-on-6 situation which has not happened to us very often in the last couple years.”

### **Navy Senior Defenseman Jordan Dinola**

*(Ref.: Colgate’s offense and Brandon Corp.)*

“They really weren’t really doing much different than we thought they would, they were just canning their shots. Corp is a very talented player and there were a couple times where he got the ball and was open. He is a great shooter. We knew he was going to dodge and push the ball a lot and there were a few times where he was able to get underneath our defense and get some good shots off. All of their guys work well off the ball and work well together. They have all been playing together for a long time now and have a lot of chemistry. When you play a team like that, you really have to be at the top of your game.”

### **Colgate Head Coach Jim Nagle**

“Obviously, tonight was a good night for us offensively. I’m happy to be in the same position as last year, heading into the championship game against a tremendous Bucknell team.

*(Ref.: Whether or not this was the best game Colgate has played this year)*

“They held us to one goal for about 50 minutes in our first outing this year. I thought if we just did our thing, we could put up eight or nine goals against a tremendous defensive team, but we ended up having some guys have some tremendous, tremendous nights tonight.

*(Ref.: Whether 12 goals exceeded his expectations)*

“We weren’t coming in thinking that was the kind of game we could win. Things in that second quarter just erupted for us. Last game, I think their goalie had a 90 percent save percentage, but our shots were just dropping tonight and the guys were feeling good. Our game plan was actually to try and shorten the game up a little bit because we thought they were a little deeper than us. We were able to do that and score.

*(Ref.: The second quarter and controlling the ball for the majority of the period)*

“The key for us was the possession game and taking away their transition. That was our game plan going in and I thought that was a pretty simple game plan. You are in a funny situation as a coach when your game plan is to really be patient offensively, and then guys start really feeling it. You don’t really want to pull back the reins on them.”

### **Junior Midfielder Brandon Corp**

*(Ref.: The difference between the regular season game and tonight)*

“I don’t think they (Navy) did anything different tonight. I think we just improved and we played better on both sides of the ball. We came together today.

*(Ref.: Facing Bucknell)*

“It is a championship game and you can’t take anything for granted. They are a dangerous team and we know they will be coming after us and will be very hungry, since we have beaten them the last three times we have played. We will have to bring our “A” game.”

### **Senior Attackman Matt Lalli**

*(Ref.: the revenge factor after losing to Navy in the championship game last year)*

“Navy is always one of the best teams in the country and they have proven themselves more than capable, especially in the Patriot League. Any time you are able to beat a team of the caliber it is great. It isn’t quite the Patriot League Championship, but it still feels good to beat them in the tournament.

*(Ref.: Getting down early, but coming back with seven-straight goals)*

“Coach Nagle always says is to try and have a ‘next play’ mentality. You always want to have an even keel and a level head, not get down or up, and just focus on winning the next play. It is really just important to focus on keeping a straight head and being ready for the next play that comes your way. It was tough getting down 3-0, but we knew it was a long game. We were definitely confident that we would be able to string together some goals and get back into the game.