

**HOCKEY EAST COACHES MEDIA TELECONFERENCE  
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**BOSTON UNIVERSITY HEAD COACH JACK PARKER QUOTES**

***On the Terriers' undefeated start to the season:***

“Needless to say, we’re happy with our record and we’re happy with our standing in the league, but I don’t think we are quite in the lofty spot that everybody has us right now. We are a solid team and a very young team. I would have been happy with two games over .500 instead of undefeated at this part of the year. One of the major reasons why we’re doing so well is that we have a lot of enthusiasm – we certainly have talent – but our inexperience shows up a lot, but when it does, Kieran Millan has been absolutely fabulous. He’s been lights out from day one this season and playing the best he’s ever played here.”

***On the team's power-play struggles:***

“Our power play has been anemic. We’re still trying to get them to figure out that goals are scored at the crease and not from the perimeter. We have some talented guys that move the puck around and they keep moving it around and they shoot from outside and there’s nobody screening and there’s nobody getting rebounds. When we get that solved and keep it more simple, we’ll be better off. We certainly have enough talented players, but sometimes talent can overthink itself out there. I think that’s been our problem, but I do believe we’ll have a good power play before the season’s out. After the first Merrimack game when they went 0-for-10 and we went 0-for-7, I talked to Mark [Dennehy] before the next game and said we should deny all penalties tonight. That wouldn’t have been good for them because they got two power-play goals right off the bat Saturday night.”

***On this weekend's opponent, UNH:***

“I saw them play up at BC and it was a fabulous college hockey game – it was up and down the ice. I haven’t seen much change in UNH over the past years. They’re a terrific team in transition; they’re a terrific team on the initial rush. They can forecheck, they can shut you down defensively and they’re doing well on both specialty teams. I think that the thing UNH has not been credited with for a long time because they’re so good offensively is how hard they play defensively. It’s hard to get shots on them and it’s hard to get at their goaltender.”

***On the team's freshmen:***

“They’ve played really well. [Charlie] Coyle’s been fabulous right from the get-go. [Matt] Nieto is coming into his own right now and he’s going to be a real player in this league. We’ve got two freshman defensemen who were probably the two most important guys coming in because we lost three guys on defense and those two guys have played really well in Noonan and Clendening. We’re real happy with the class. We’d be happier if we had Cisse with us but he’s out for the year now. He got hurt in the first game of the year and had an operation on his ankle and he’s out for the year. He’s a top-notch player so he’ll add to the sophomore class next year, that’s for sure.”

***On Kieran Millan's play:***

“He was Rookie of the Year nationally and in our league and took us to a national championship so that was quite a year for a freshman goaltender. I think he had the same problems that everyone had last year with resting on our laurels and feeling good about ourselves. He had a very inconsistent first half but I think a lot of that had to do with how inconsistent people were in front of him. He played much better in the second half and back to his freshman form. But we went from being 10<sup>th</sup> in the league to 3<sup>rd</sup> and I think a lot of that had to do with Kieran's play. Right now he's playing better than he's ever played. He's been determined from the beginning to come out here in great shape and he's certainly doing that.”

***On Chris Connolly's play:***

“He's very important to us. He's one of our co-captains as a junior – a really good leader. He plays power play, penalty kill and first-line left wing so you expect him to put up some points. He's our top returning scorer from last year and we thought it would be necessary for him – we have a really good freshman class – but our team will only go as far as the sophomores and juniors take us. People like [Corey] Trivino, [Alex] Chiasson, [Wade] Megan, [David] Warsofsky, [Max] Nicastro and our goaltenders are the most important guys on our team and Connolly's really stepped up for us to show the way for those classes as well.”

***On areas to improve:***

“Overall, we could be more efficient with the puck in the attacking zone. We're not possessing as much as we can and we're not getting to the net as often as we'd like. That's one of the reasons we're not scoring as many goals because of our like our power-play production and even during 5-on-5 we're making some nice plays through center ice and we're making some bang-bang plays in the zone but we're not getting it back through and we're getting a lot of shots blocked. We're in the process of getting better and we're looking for progress not perfection and we're making progress every week so hopefully that continues.”