



**POST-GAME QUOTE SHEET
HOCKEY EAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
MARCH 22, 2008
AT THE TD BANK NORTH GARDEN
BOSTON, MASS.
BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES**

BOSTON COLLEGE HEAD COACH JERRY YORK

Opening Statement:

Hockey is played a lot of different ways. Last night, there was more skating and it was more wide open type of hockey. Today was a much more defensive struggle and tight checking game. I thought our team adapted to both styles of play. Good teams have to do that. You can't just be a team that plays the quick, up-tempo game. Many times, you'll run into other opponents that are going to be more close checking and tightly-controlled, and we can play both styles of hockey and come out victorious. Vermont had more jump and created more scoring opportunities than we did early in the game. John (Muse) played extremely well early in the contest, otherwise it could have been a different scenario had we headed into the second period. We were in position because of John's (Muse) goaltending performance. It could have easily been 3-1. As the game went on, I thought we had more poise and were able to make better decisions with the puck. The late power play goal in the second period helped our momentum for sure. The last goal was interesting because Benn Ferriero had a chance to score an empty-netter, and he bypassed to his junior teammate Nathan (Gerbe). That was an unselfish act and I like that in a team. Our senior class has won three of the last four Hockey East Championships, and that's something to be very, very proud of. It's very, very difficult to do and something only Brian Gionta's class has been able to do. I'm very proud of what we've been able to do the last four years.

On penalty kill

Both penalty killing units won the battles. We scored a power-play goal, but for the most part, the PP's didn't have an edge. We were very forceful and string in our penalty kill, but so was Vermont. It was frustrating for our power play, and I'm sure it was frustrating for their power play. PK's were excellent tonight.

On Hockey East Tourney experience for freshman entering NCAA's

Anytime you get on a big stage and play for a championship, the osmosis stays with you. You can't duplicate it in practice or talking about it. You have to be in these type of contests. It will benefit us an awful lot as we go towards whatever site they send us to. Another big stage for us in late March will be really, really good for the kids.

BOSTON COLLEGE JUNIOR NATHAN GERBE

On offensive output this season and in HEA Tournament:

You always want to come in and create more chances for your team. When we were going through a little drought, I had to look in the mirror and question if I was doing the right things and playing an honest game. The coaches kept me straight and working hard, and it's starting to pay off now. You just have to keep working hard and bounces will go with your way. You always have to stay positive about it, too.

On fatigue factor after last night:

Coach told us earlier that you don't always get to play for championships, and that boosted our energy level. Yesterday was a tough battle, but our team came back and we're all excited to get the win.

On third goal:

It was really nice. Whenever you get late goals in periods, it always puts teams down going into the intermission just as it puts your confidence level up scoring late in a period. Vermont kept coming. They're a good team. They worked hard and are well-coached, so you have to give a lot of credit to them.

On experience factor:

We're able to stay calm and poised. Our senior class kept us straight throughout the game. Everyone was a little nervous at the start of the game, but after a while you calm down and start to play your game and not their game.

BOSTON COLLEGE FRESHMAN JOHN MUSE:

On fatigue factor after last night

Some of us were tired this morning, but our trainers got us into the cold pool and the hot tub, and I think it really helped with our legs. As you could see tonight, we had plenty of legs.

On winning Beanpot, HEA Championship and moving on to NCAA's:

I'm really excited as well as our team. I don't take into account winning the Beanpot or Hockey East. You try to treat every game the same and I'm going to do the same for the NCAA's.