



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

VERMONT HEAD COACH KEVIN SNEDDON

Opening Statement:

First and foremost, I want to congratulate Boston College on winning the championship. I thought they played a fantastic game and certainly played quote well down the stretch here. I certainly want to give Jerry York and his staff and their student-athletes all the praise. They certainly deserve it tonight - they played fantastic.

I'm just so proud of our team, not only for the way they competed tonight, but for the entire season. They're a tremendous group of young men that I had the pleasure of working with. This program is heading in a great direction. We're certainly going to miss a student-athletes like Mark Lutz and the rest of our seniors, but they have left their legacy here. They've had a great four years. Obviously, there's a lot of tears and emotion in the locker room right now, and that's because of all the hard work they put in throughout their career. Again, I was very pleased with our effort. Unfortunately, we couldn't convert on a lot of opportunities early on, but their goaltender played fantastic, as did ours all weekend. That was really the difference in the game.

On inability to convert in first period:

I thought our first 10-15 minutes might have been the best I've seen our team play offensively. We had tremendous jump in our legs and played with a lot of emotion. We did a lot of things really well. We found ourselves in situations where we had odd-man rushes, which Boston College doesn't give up too often. When we had those opportunities, I think we had to capitalize. I think that was the difference in the game.. If one of two of those goes in, it's certainly a different game. It was frustrating that when we had those opportunities, (John) Muse made the save or we shot wide, and they buried their opportunities. That's the sign of a great team.

VERMONT SENIOR CO-CAPTAIN MARK LUTZ

On approach to game and BC's experience:

That's something we didn't try to focus on too much. We wanted to focus on what we had to do . We know they're a great team with a lots of experience, but we just wanted to take things one step at a time. Tonight was just one more step. We just tried to keep it simple, work our hardest, and see what we could get out of it.

On missed first period scoring chances:

It definitely put us down a little bit. We had chances to get some sparks there and get going, but unfortunately, we weren't able to convert. I'm sure it would have helped us our in the second and third periods, but they were the better team tonight. That's all there is to it.

On goal at end of second period:

To put them up 3-0 was a bit of a dagger. We had to stay positive in the locker room and come out in the third, but we weren't able to muster up quite enough to get ourselves back in the game.

On BC PK:

They're very aggressive team that can frustrate you. We weren't able to get a whole lot going. We had a few looks in the third period, but we weren't able to generate much on the power play. We knew they were going to come hard and we weren't able to break them as well as we thought they could.