

MASSACHUSETTS HEAD COACH DON “TOOT” CAHOON QUOTES

On The Second Half Of The Season And the Remainder Of The Regular-Season:

It's not easy to talk about, as the road ahead looks like a mirror image of what we went through a year ago. We had some struggles earlier in the year towards late November that we didn't see last year. Last year, we found it difficult to get the results in this time period of around January that we like to call the “Men's League” with the playoffs on the line. This year though we have played extremely well in January. As many know, most of our games have been 1-or-2 goal differences, which show that our defensive effort has been there. The power play and offense though have been inconsistent and mostly where our struggles have come from. It is just a frustrating situation for us and our players.

On The Performance Of Rookie Casey Wellman:

I don't know if you can expect any freshman to come in and be as dominant as he has been. But from having him in practice and on the team for some time now, it's easy to see that his athleticism is exceptional. He's the son of a professional athlete as his father was a professional baseball player. He's got quick hands, quick feet, and he's competitive. This weekend was really the first where he struggled. Things just didn't seem to work for him, as though he hit a brick wall. I expected that it might happen sooner than it did, but he'll respond – he will look at some video, talk to the position coach, and revitalize himself to be back to playing at the level that he was at prior to this week.

Comments On Turning One-Goal Games into Victories:

We're getting the effort defensively that we need to succeed. We do a great job killing penalties, but we are getting too many. It just depletes the energy and it might explain how we haven't been able to get consistent efforts in the third periods. We have to take fewer penalties and have some fun so we can execute in power play situations. We have to find a way to make it fun for the guys without taking the focus away from the defensive side of things.

Toughts On Paul Dainton's Performance In Goal:

Right now I think Paul is playing as well as he's played since he's been here. He had a good start, but got banged up a bit while Meyers had some success. However he worked his way back to the number one spot each and every game. It'd be nice to see the people in front of him produce a little more so that he can enjoy the fruits of his labor.