

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

Overall Comments:

We have things going well record-wise, and we do with attitude as well. We have a pretty good approach to each game and we seem to have a lot of confidence when the games are tight. You can win a lot of games when you're getting good play on special teams; we got some weird play on special teams [in the Beanpot championship] in that we got three shorthanded goals. Overall, we've been doing a good job just killing penalties and doing a real good job on the power play, and that's helped us pile up some W's.

[The Beanpot championship game] was indicative of the type of games we've played a lot this year. A lot of them have been close, a lot of them have been decided by special teams and a lot of them have been decided by effort. It would be hard to figure out which team outworked which team by just watching tape of [the game]. I think the game definitely lived up to its hype. It was a great college hockey game to watch and obviously we were fortunate to get the W.

On preparations for the Terriers' upcoming series against Maine:

We don't have to make a lot of adjustments when we play them. We play similar styles and they're going to come at us pretty hard and they're going to be physical – the same type of game we just played with Northeastern. We almost got used to it – so to speak – and the fact that we played in the Garden in a small rink and they we'll go up to Maine and play in a small rink will help us out, too, as far as making an adjustment.

On playing teams down the stretch that will be fighting for home ice or a playoff spot:

If you go out on the ice and the opposition has a Hockey East sweater on, you're going to have a tough night. I think that will make whoever makes it to the national tournament more battled-tested, not because of the last eight weeks, but because of the entire season.

On freshman goaltender Kieran Millan:

He's steadied the goaltending and then some. We had a good team last year but struggled in the net, and it hurt us. This year it's been a big plus on our club, whether it was Kieran or Grant Rollheiser. [Millan] looked a little nervous to me in the first Beanpot game against Harvard and I was little concerned about how he'd react with the huge crowd in the final, but he more than answered the bell. He was cool, calm and collected, and always in the right spot – that's how he's played in 90 percent of the games this year. What he's done is he's stopped pucks and he's made everything less jumpy for us – nobody's looking over their shoulder when somebody takes a shot, nobody's back on their heels because they're worried about what's going on in the goal. He's almost made everybody else much more calm out there.

On having Hockey East games broadcast by Rogers Sportsnet in Canada:

We're in a battle with Major Junior A for seven or eight years. Frankly, we've been losing that battle because the NCAA kind of ties our hands as to when we can talk to kids and how we can market our product. [Major Junior A] has gone out of their way to attack college hockey and destroy our pipelines. They have done it in a legislative way and a marketing way. They don't want kids playing Tier 2 Hockey unless they don't want them.

We have a much better product on the ice and in the classroom. And yet we're not winning that battle sometimes because kids don't know about us at 16. When they see us on TV across Canada they think 'Boy, that looks like something I might want to save myself for. Why would I want to play one game in Major Junior A and then get sent down when I could keep my eligibility and play [in college]'.