

VERMONT HEAD COACH KEVIN SNEDDON QUOTES

General Thoughts:

Well obviously we felt very fortunate to come away with a very hard fought four points on the weekend. I thought Providence played exceptionally well and I think the weekend boiled down to us taking advantage of our opportunities, there were very few of them to begin with, but we were able to capitalize on our offensive chances where maybe our goaltending stood up a little stronger and we were able to come out with two, 4-1 wins. I think Tim (Army) has done a great job with that team, considering that the first half they played with a lot of energy and renewed confidence in their goaltending. So, we consider ourselves very fortunate to have come away with the four points, and as we know, anytime you can gain a weekend sweep in this league, it's a good sign for your program.

The remaining games, it certainly doesn't get any easier, I think the games tend to be more and more like playoff games as each week clicks down on the calendar. We've got a very tough task at hand in playing a great Merrimack team, and they are building; so, we're kind of taking it like all the coaches have said to, taking one game, one period at a time. Again, I don't think our team has come close to hitting its peak level of performance yet, although that's a positive sign in my mind in that we have a lot more left in the tank, at the same time I want to see that come out more and more as we approach the playoff race here, and I feel good about our team, but we have a lot more to offer.

So much is made of the Beanpot and BU's beating Northeastern and everything, and you guys have sort of been lying in the weeds there the whole time, I was just wondering, do you like being there? Do you like sort of not being the marquee guy right now?

Absolutely (chuckles). We have no problem with the attention being placed on other teams. You know, that's kind of how our program is and maybe even falls in line with our philosophies as coaches, in that I think maybe aside from Vik(tor) Stalberg who has emerged as a legit Player of the Year candidate and Hobey Baker candidate, we have a team made up of a lot of very good players that rely on playing well together versus three or four guys that can make a difference. We tend not to draw a lot of attention to ourselves, and I think that can be a good thing. I think BU and Northeastern certainly deserve the attention that they're getting and BU's had a tremendous season, and Northeastern. Greg (Cronin) deserves a lot of credit for what he has done with that program over the last couple of years. So, we're ok with that, the attention certainly deserves to be on those teams and again, that's not a big part of what we are looking for anyway. So, we just kind of go about our business and hope that it means good things for us at the end.