

**HOCKEY EAST MEN'S COACHES MEDIA TELECONFERENCE  
QUOTE SHEET  
(TUESDAY, FEB. 10, 2009)**

**BOSTON COLLEGE HEAD COACH JERRY YORK QUOTES**

***Opening Remarks:***

We're going down the stretch. We have eight games left in our regular season. It's time for us to make a move if we're going to secure home ice for the playoffs.

The next two weekends, we're playing Lowell and New Hampshire. Both teams are right there with us [in the league standings]. They're either tied with us or just above us. It's a critical stage as far as movement in our league.

Our club is playing better as we progress. The last two outings we've had, we've shown some ability to close games. We defended a late power play with a 1-0 lead against UMass (last Friday). Last night, we were tied with one minute left against Harvard. This is something we haven't been able to do during the course of year. We haven't closed out games. So, it's encouraging for us as a club and for our staff.

***On offensive production, particularly from Benn Ferriero, Ben Smith and Joe Whitney, who have come on strong:***

We always talk about team production. As you look closely at our club, these are three leaders for us offensively. It's important for them to produce on offense. Each is a catalyst for our hockey team. I think I've seen some great improvement.

Benny [Ferriero] scored twice last night [against Harvard] and has four goals in the last seven games. That's a good jump for him. If he gets hot, he can be as good a difference-maker as we've had over the last number of years. Joe Whitney feels better about himself as well. He's moving pucks with a lot of confidence. Ben Smith has been fighting through an injury all year. He's going to have it operated on right after our season. He has a sports hernia. They're letting him play because he can't hurt it at all. But, he looks like he's a little more confident, but he is battling an injury.

***On goaltender John Muse:***

Any team that is going to make a run at the end needs to have strong goaltending. I feel very confident about John. His confidence level is up. I think he has been pretty consistent during the course of the year. We haven't scored a lot of goals for him at critical times. We haven't made good defensive plays in front of him at critical times. But, he's been consistent. I like how John has played. He is certainly one of our keys if we're going to have success down the stretch. He's very durable. He has played an awful lot of games in a row for us and we expect him to even get better in February, March and April.

***On home-and-home series with Lowell:***

They impress me as a club. They scored an OT goal to defeat our club at Conte Forum (Jan. 16). We know what kind of work we have in front of us. Blaise [MacDonald] has

quietly done something special with that program. On the brink of maybe eliminating hockey from the school, they have bounced back. Now, they are in the mix for home ice and an NCAA berth. It's going to be a good battle for us. We're going to find out a lot about our team.

***On Hockey East as a whole:***

We're producing some very good hockey teams. We all started extremely well outside our league, and then we tailed off a little bit as a league. Now, I think we're showing some more resurgence ... We take great pride in that. It makes it harder to win games over the last few years because we've had some really strong national-caliber teams. The two top teams are Northeastern and BU. Right behind that, if Vermont, New Hampshire and ourselves get hot, we could get four or five teams in the NCAA Tournament. It's a good, strong league.

***On leadership and comparing last year's stretch run to this year:***

We had great leadership from our seniors last year ... Matt Greene, Pat Gannon and Dan Bertram on the forward lines and Mike Brennan (on defense). I think our seniors this year know what that involved in making that run. It's fresh in their minds. How hard you have to play and well you have to play to win games. We're faced in a similar situation this year. Hopefully, we can draw back from that stretch last year. I feel really good about our senior class. If they can play as well as I think, we can make a run here. It's certainly not going to be easy. We have to beat some very good teams down the stretch.

**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.