

NORTHEASTERN HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN QUOTES

On upcoming series against UMass:

“UMass beat us twice. They are the only team besides BU that we didn’t win a series against. They are probably thrilled that they drew us, there must be a certain sense of confidence knowing they can play well against Northeastern. I think they’ve got a very, very good hockey team, I don’t know how the series will play out. As far as a personnel goes, we’ve got some guys that have been banged up that is going to be a factor anytime your playing in the playoffs and you have players out its an impact, and we’re going to have to manage that again.”

Comments on Brad Thiessen:

“Everybody has been talking about Brad all year and I think he deserves the visibility and recognition that he’s gotten. He’s our best player most nights. It’s always good to have your goalie as your best player, it has a real healthy effect on your entire team. His stats and his performance this year have clearly represented a good start defensively. I think he’s probably been our most consistent player as well. I can’t say enough about him, he’s a great goalie, a great person, I think he’s great in the locker room and we wouldn’t be having the season we’re having without him.”

Thoughts on getting home ice:

“You fight all year for home ice, and our arena has been a real special place this year. We’ve only had a couple of games when the students weren’t around that we didn’t have 4,500 people in the building. The energy in this building is a huge advantage. We’ve got to be able to use that, it doesn’t matter who you’re playing. Obviously each time presents a different identity when you’re trying to manage that series, but have got to maximize the energy that this building generates with a full house.”