

**HOCKEY EAST QUATERFINALS
COACHES MEDIA TELECONFERENCE
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VERMONT HEAD COACH KEVIN SNEDDON QUOTES

General comments on the season and quarterfinals series with New Hampshire:

“It’s certainly been an interesting season for us filled with challenges, obstacles and adversity. We feel very fortunate to be involved in the Hockey East Championships. It’s been a very tough year for a lot of teams and we’re certainly not taking it for granted to be a part of this. We’re thrilled to be in it and going against one of, if not the best team in Hockey East in UNH. They had a tremendous year and I certainly want to congratulate Dick Umile on a regular season championship and we look forward to the match up. We’ve had some great games against them over the past couple of seasons and we’re looking forward to the challenge, but it’s also a great opportunity for our program.”

General comments on the team’s play:

“Over the last few weekends we’ve played some good hockey. Lowell played tremendous against us this past weekend and made it difficult for us to generate offense. So, we may have taken a little bit of a step back with respect to our offensive confidence. But, I thought we played well against New Hampshire a couple weekends ago and extremely well against Boston University here at home. I feel like our team has sorted through a lot of issues, I’ll term them as, and have really bonded as a family. I think they are ready for this second season to start. They are focused and prepared and we have healed up from a couple of injuries we’ve had. Again, we’re just thrilled to be a part of it because we obviously didn’t know until moments after the Saturday game we were even going to be part of the playoffs, so we want to take advantage of this opportunity.”

General comments on Rob Madore:

“Rob’s had some issues this year with consistency. We had a chat last week in my office about one of the categories we focus on, which is not giving up any soft goals. We all know which ones those are, where you’re not screened or it’s a long shot that is a save you have to have. That was a category we unfortunately have been giving up or losing a number of times this year. Whereas last season, I don’t know if we gave it up more than once or twice. Rob took that as a challenge into the past weekend and I thought he played excellent at Lowell. Obviously they outplayed us, particular on Saturday night where the shots were very lopsided and Rob is the reason we’re playing in the postseason. He was able to help get us that point that we needed to keep playing. I think he’s at a point now where he’s coming off a weekend where he had success and again, we go as he goes. He’s a big part of our team and obviously was last year and he is again this year.”