

**HOCKEY EAST QUATERFINALS
COACHES MEDIA TELECONFERENCE
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MAINE HEAD COACH TIM WHITEHEAD QUOTES

Season to this point and match up with UMass Lowell?

“We’re excited to host, obviously. We kind of backed our way into the playoffs, but hopefully we earned it with some wins earlier in the year. It is certainly not the way we wanted to go in, but we will take it. We are looking forward to the start of the playoffs, and hopefully we can extend our season beyond the weekend.”

Did you know when you recruited Gustav Nyquist that he was going to be this good?:

“We did not know for sure, but we certainly had a hunch that he would be really good. Coach Kerluke went over and watched him in Sweden. That was an expensive trip, but it paid off. We had a good hunch that he would be pretty darn good. From experience, you never know exactly, how a kid is going to adjust to college hockey. Gustav’s made a great adjustment. He is such a fierce competitor and so skilled. He’s got great speed and is strong in tight areas. He’s not intimidated, and he brings so much to the table. He is such a great person, too. He’s an honor student, a great guy off the ice and in the locker room. He’s a guy that just loves to compete, just loves playing hockey. He brings so much to our team. We had a hunch that he would be a real good one, but we did not know for sure that he would be this good. He’s been special.”