

**HOCKEY EAST QUATERFINALS
COACHES MEDIA TELECONFERENCE
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BOSTON COLLEGE HEAD COACH JERRY YORK QUOTES

Opening Remarks:

“I’d like to congratulate the other seven coaches for making the playoffs. We’re the only league now in college hockey that you have to make the playoffs. In 1994-95, we had to play a play-in game just to try to make the playoffs and we didn’t even get in to the playoffs. I think it really adds to the dynamics to the regular season. I’d also like to add a special tip-of-the-hat to Dick [Umile] for winning the regular-season title. That’s a hard process to go through and he did it. So congratulations to him.”

On Boston College:

“Our club has played very well down the stretch. We’re getting contributions from a lot of people. The one thing that strikes me – and we have our own Vezina Trophy concept at BC – is that we’ve allowed the least number of goals in the league. That’s something we’re very proud of and probably one of the reasons we have home ice and finished in second place in the league. With that fact, we know we have some really good offensive players who can move the puck extremely well, but, the defense, we can really hang our hat on that. The two goaltenders – freshman Parker Milner and John Muse who came off pretty-major surgery last summer, have really good numbers and certainly deserve a lot of the credit for that. We’re young on defense. We have four freshmen defensemen who will play this weekend and one sophomore. So, five of the six players behind the blueline are still young, but they’re growing and getting a lot better as the year goes on. We’re very pleased with that. I think major contributions have come from a lot of different people. Most of the accolades have gone towards our dynamic forwards – Brian Gibbons, Cam Atkinson and Joe Whitney. They’re really fun to coach and make a lot of really good offensive plays. But I think our three senior forwards deserve a lot of credit – Matt Price, Ben Smith and Matt Lombardi – for being tenacious, hard-nosed players and excellent leaders. Carl Sneep on defense, our last senior, has had a good year. He really made a jump from last year. So, we feel pretty good going into the playoffs.”

On BC goaltenders Parker Milner and John Muse:

“It’s really something that we have not had over the last few years. We’ve been a one-goaltender team. We feel very excited about the emergence of Parker Milner this year to join John Muse. We’ll monitor them during this week of practice, but it’s going to be a tough call. Whoever we pick – either John or Parker – we feel very good about in goal. The league itself, most coaches have settled on one goaltender. But at this stage, we’re deep on defense and deep on goaltending. It’ll be interesting to see which one we pick. They’re both capable of bringing us on a long run in the tournament and I feel good about that.”

On Massachusetts forwards James Marcou and Casey Wellman:

They certainly are special players and they get an awful lot of attention from other coaches when we play UMass. Their defenseman – [Justin] Braun and goaltender [Paul] Dainton – they have joined that group. It’s an ever-expanding group with the Minutemen. We have to be concerned with a lot of different people. But, you’re right, when Marcou and Wellman are on the ice, they can really make things happen. Throughout this league, there are players like that. That’s why it’s hard to win games in our league. There are a lot of good players and you really have to be aware of them and have to battle defensively to keep those players from making a real impact on the game.