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**BOSTON UNIVERSITY HEAD COACH JACK PARKER QUOTES**

**On the team's quarterfinal series with Merrimack:**

"Our series with Merrimack was certainly an up-and-down affair for us emotionally. We were Jekyll, Hyde, then Jekyll again as far as how we played. We played a team that played consistent throughout in all three games. Merrimack was physical, Merrimack was smart and Merrimack played with a lot of intensity. The games looked like they were close because of the scores. In the Saturday game, Merrimack could have won by six, I thought; Kieran Millan played extremely well."

"In general, they were penalty-filled and physical, and special teams wound up being the catalyst for us. Kieran held the Merrimack power play to 1-for-18 and they were the third-best power play in the nation. We got a couple of big power-play goals in the third game and went 2-for-5 and got the win."

**On what the team's mindset is heading into the semifinals:**

"If I knew that, we wouldn't be having the problems we've had this year. We certainly have played much, much better in the second half. We've had a pretty good run, but had some real setbacks, however, at the end of the second half. We made a mess out of a game up in Vermont and certainly made a mess out of a game against Merrimack. I don't mean to take anything from the way [Vermont and Merrimack] played – Vermont steamrolled us up there and Merrimack steamrolled us and should have won the game by a bigger score on Saturday. It looked like we were disinterested those two games. We had a lot of those in the first semester and we've only had only a couple of those in the second semester, so I'm pretty confident that Dr. Jekyll will show up, but who knows?"

"We know we can't afford a Mr. Hyde. If we have a no-show type of game, our season is over. I know we have enough competitors and leadership to make sure that we are focused and ready instead of wondering "I wonder how this game is going to go tonight?"

**On what to expect from a Maine team that advanced to the semifinals with its back-up goaltender:**

"I expect a hard-fought, well-executed game from Maine. They can skate, they've got one of the best first lines in college hockey, they have the best power play in college hockey and they have great goaltending. That's really made them a terrific team this year. Certainly [Scott] Darling is having a great season, but I remember [Dave] Wilson played once against us and he was great (34 saves in 2-2 tie at Maine, 2/14/09). I'm not surprised that he stepped up and became the man for them in a crucial series because some guys are just waiting for their chance. Just because he's the back-up goalie doesn't mean he's not a good goalie. He's the back-up goaltender to a terrific goaltender. If Kieran Millan went down and we had to put [Grant] Rollheiser in, I think we'd be very confident that Rollheiser would be able to get the job done for us, and I think the same holds true for Wilson."

"I don't think that our team will think that this will be an easier game because Darling's not there. They present a lot of problems... and not having their No. 1 goaltender will not be a factor."

**On the Terriers' high number of penalties, especially in the Merrimack series:**

“My assessment is my guys shouldn’t whine so much. I thought that there could have been 17 more penalties called on the first night (of the Merrimack series), and there weren’t, and I think the referees in the second two nights decided they were not going to let the game get out of hand like the physicality from Friday night. I thought they did a good job. A lot of the penalties were matching penalties – ‘You want to sit and jaw with each other? – you’re gone, boys. You want to take a swipe? Ordinarily in the middle of season, they might not be penalties, but we’re not going to let this stuff go here.’”

“There always a tough call here and there that goes against your team or goes for your team. We had a couple of non-calls on Friday that were very fortunate for us and we survived a couple of calls that we were stupid on. I think we have taken a number of stupid penalties all year long. It has not been a disciplined team. Our team has not been disciplined enough as far as penalties are concerned. With that being said, I have always been on the referees to call games tighter. I think that the only team that has more penalties than us is our opponents. We have more power plays than our opponents do because BU games are called a little tighter. They are usually a little more physical and the other team usually gets pretty physical, too. I don’t think that it’s a matter of the refereeing causing us problems, I think it’s a matter of us adjusting to the refereeing. I think the referees will know that this is a game that’s got to be controlled. I don’t mean because we’re going to go after each other, but because we’re supposed to be enforcing the rule book.”

“On any given evening you can decide that this guy calls it a real tight game and this guy doesn’t call very many penalties - that’s always been the case. The teams should adjust to that - we have not adjusted to anybody. That’s my fault more than anybody else’s.”

**On the team’s health, including the injury freshman defenseman Max Nicastro suffered on Saturday:**

“Nicastro took quite a gash on his right forearm on Saturday night and did not play Sunday. He won’t practice for a while here - he may be available [on Friday]. He’s probably – what would the term be by [Bill] Belichick? Doubtful? An upper-body injury. If he’s not back, we’ll play Ben Rosen. If he is back, we’ll be happy to have him back.”

“Other than that, we’ve got a lot of guys banged up. It was a very, very physical series [against Merrimack], especially in the defensive corps. We had Max and then we had Colby Cohen leave the bench for a significant part of time in the third game and David Warsofsky did the same thing. I think [Kevin] Shattenkirk got more time on the ice than any game he’s played in his career. We were playing three defensemen one time killing penalties. Everybody should be back, though, from nursing some nagging injuries.”