

No. 1 seed New Hampshire vs. No. 4 seed Boston University
WHEA Championship~ Semifinal #1
March 8, 2008 at Freitas Ice Forum

New Hampshire Head Coach Brian McCloskey

Opening Statement:

“I think we benefited today from some spectacular individual efforts. It was a good team effort on our part. I thought it was a close game until we broke it open in the second period, and that was a combination of a couple things. One was terrific individual efforts by some of our key players that allowed us to get a lead. They have done it for us all year on the score sheet.”

It seems that some of your goals came in quick scoring spurts, what would you attribute to that?

“Teams that score a lot benefit off of momentum and that power play goal we scored in the second period gave us that momentum. Special teams has been big for us all year. BU had some chances but they didn’t have much puck luck. Overall I think our team moved the puck very well and I think that has been our trademark all year.

Boston University’s Coach Brian Durocher:

What are your general reflections on today’s game versus the University of New Hampshire?:

“It became one sided after a pretty good twenty minutes, our team versus a great, very talented UNH team. We tried to see if we could get the energy back in the second period, but unfortunately they got a couple of bang bang goals. One was a deflection off of a power play that skated through nothing and that might have been the luck they didn’t have against us in the regular season game when Allyse was able to see pucks or get a piece of them, or they weren’t deflected in the net, they were deflected wide, but that one goes in and then they make a real good play on the third goal. Our kids jump forward and try to keep it in the zone and it gets caught in the boards and they give a nice pass to Jen Wakefield, who is fast, big, strong, and talented and took the puck away and that’s the one that kind of found its way in as well with a bang bang play, but maybe again that Allyse had gotten to in the regular season, which kept all of our games very competitive. Our hats are off to them, and we wish we could have had kept our energy in the second or the third, but that’s a great game that we fought pretty hard; three games in one period this year.”