



# Saturday, March 24, 2018

## University of Notre Dame

### Post-Game Quotes

#### **HEAD COACH JEFF JACKSON**

Opening statement: "I'm extremely proud of our guys. They've been resilient all year long. They call them the cardiac kids for a reason. Hopefully it's not my cardiac, but they find a way to win. Regardless of the situation, they find a way to win."

On the competitiveness of the NCAA Tournament field: "Frankly every one of these regionals is scary good, in my opinion. I know the teams in each one of these regionals. They're all good. Michigan Tech was on a roll. They played us hard as any team we played all season long. Gave us everything that we could handle. Providence, I thought going into this game, may have been the hottest team, or one of the better teams playing the game. I have a lot of respect for Nate."

On how last year's Frozen Four experience may be beneficial this year: "I don't know if it's unfinished business. I think the biggest thing is that we were mesmerized by the moment last year...That group of kids had never been there before. We played a team in Denver that had played the year before in it. That experience is hopefully going to help us as we move forward."

"There's so many distractions. There's so many things going on. It's a big deal. But it's a matter of our guys just knowing now how they have to prepare for it. They have to minimize the impact of social media, and the media, and they have to stay focused on our team and play in the game. Having been there last year can only help us."

#### **JUNIOR FORWARD DYLAN MALMQUIST**

On the game-winning goal: "Our game plan the whole night was just to chip pucks by them. Burke went in, chipped it by him. Oggs had a great first touch behind the net. Burke made an incredible pass to me in the slot and I was lucky enough to get a stick on it and put it in the back of the net."

On getting to the Frozen Four back in his home state: "That will be fun, but more importantly, the goal to get our team there is an incredible feeling. We're a really close knit group. To be able to win this was an incredible feeling."

On whether or not there's unfinished business after last year's Frozen Four appearance: "In a way, yeah, I guess. But we're gonna go it with the same mindset, just focus on us, just stick our game plan and just go out and play hard."



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#### **SENIOR FORWARD JAKE EVANS**

On the team's resiliency: "It just comes with our confidence. In between periods, even when we're down, we knew that we just needed to stick with it. We thought that we were playing a pretty good game...Like our coach has been telling us, and the guys have been talking, we got here for a reason... What we've done in the past is the reason for our success. Thinking back to those times and having confidence in our play even into those tight times helps us out."



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## Providence College

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### **HEAD COACH NATE LEAMAN**

On the game versus Notre Dame: "It was a good game. We played our best in the third period. One of their chances went in, and ours didn't. I liked our effort. We battled tonight"

On the team's trouble scoring in the postseason: "I disagree about having trouble scoring. If you think you are going to score four or five goals against the excellence the defensive teams you see in postseason like Clarkson and Notre Dame, you're crazy. We had our chances but just didn't finish."

On the difference in the game: "We had our chances. Conway had two that were great ones that needed to be lifted over the goalie. I think on the second one he (the goalie) had no idea where the puck was, and it just hit him in the pads. We have to get stronger in the net front and win more battles. We are a young group both in age in and underclassmen. Being young we need to develop our bodies more in the off-season."

On Notre Dame and the Big Ten: "They have a veteran D corps. They transition so well as team. Everyone says they are so structured; maybe even overstructured. I disagree with that. They move the puck really well. The Big Ten is a really good league and Notre Dame is the regular season and tournament champions. Hats off to them."

Will this experience help the Friar?: "This stings. This stings losing tonight and in the Hockey East Championship. It's no fun when you are this close. Yes we are young, but you can only get better if you learn from these experiences once the sting is gone."

On his senior class: "Brian Pinho is a warrior. He could have signed, but he came back and that says a lot. I couldn't be more proud of our Senior Class. All of the guys. I really proud of how hard they played. They really emptied the tank."

### **BRIAN PINHO, Senior, F**

On the team's trouble scoring in the postseason: "We just needed to get to the net and sometimes that was a problem, but we had our chances but just didn't bury them."

On looking back at his four years at Providence: "They were the best four years of my like. I can't thank the coaching staff and everyone around the program enough. It's been great to be a part of, and I told the guys in the room after the game that there are really big things ahead for this program."



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### **JACOB BRYSON, Sophomore, D**

On if the Friars could have done anything different in the game: "A big part of our game is keeping things simple. We don't want to rush. We want to make the easy play. Tonight we just couldn't finish our chances."