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Post-Game Quotes

HEAD COACH JEFF JACKSON

His thoughts on the game as a whole: “We are pleased to have the opportunity to continue our season. It was a tough, hard fought game. A lot of credit goes to Michigan Tech. It [the game] could have gone either way. We got good goal tending and found a way to score timely goals. That’s exactly what happened tonight.”

His thoughts on the way Tech responded to Notre Dame goals and if he was concerned: “Yeah you always are. We’ve been through this a lot (like Andrew said). We’ve had games similar to this. Michigan Tech is a hard team to play against. They only play three lines and we tried to play all 11 forwards on a regular basis and it was more challenging to do that tonight. They are an experience team, and I knew it was going to be a tough, tough game. The first game in a regional is always the toughest, at least from my experience. Not that other games will be easier, but you have to get accustomed to ice, officiating, everything plays into it. It’s more of an acclimation process. I thought we were good at times but I also thought we were tentative at times and hopefully we can come back and be more assertive tomorrow night.”

On the resiliency of his group: “Again, it’s been like this all season long. I tell them after games they have to quit doing this because I’m 62 and I don’t know how much my heart can handle this, but they find a way to score that timely goal. We do have to defend more than we are on offense at times but it’s a matter of making sure that we don’t put Cale at risk for two-on-ones and breakaways, and three-on-twos. We can minimize those situations and score timely goals. That’s how we’ve played all season.”

On the crazy last minute: “Any time you have that kind of shift, guys are exhausted and we were concerned about that no question. We have to hope that we get the right play out of our zone and hope that we get a whistle on a shot on goal, or whatever. They were tired, we had a broken light out there and had tough change right before that and that’s what the long change does to you but we handled it and survived and that’s the only thing that matters to me.”

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His thoughts on how they weathered the stretch toward the end of OT: “We had a good group of guys on the ice and they [Michigan Tech] packed it in. We were fortunate to get the breakaway and Cam Morrison had a good hustle to get the puck in the zone. Their players also may have been tired from such a long o-zone shift but we took advantage.”



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His thoughts, as a senior, knowing that the season could be over. “Well obviously I wanted to end the game right away. We stayed calm and played our system, and once we got the puck out of the zone, we did a good job in the offensive zone on the transition.”

#15 – ANDREW OGLEVIE / FORWARD / FULLERTON, CALIF.

On what the atmosphere was like right after Michigan Tech scored the late equalizer: “Nothing too extraordinary. We have kind of been in these situations all year so we trusted each other to get it done.”