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Head Coach Jeff Jackson

On being back to the Frozen Four:

"I'm very fortunate to be part of six of these, three of them winning a championship and two of them finishing second. It is a thrill for all of us, and I am especially thrilled because of this group of kids. It has been one of my more rewarding years of coaching and that's due to these guys here, and the enthusiasm these guys brought here."

On one-game format:

"That's the nature of NCAA tournaments. When you get in to one-game situations, it is just a matter of which team goes out and plays play 60 solid minutes of great discipline, as far as not taking unnecessary penalties, and does a great job of creating scoring chances, and denying scoring chances. One shift can be the difference in a game."

On comparing this year to past Frozen Four teams:

"Every team is different, and it has to do with the makeup of the players you are coaching, and the character and the personality of the people involved. This group has been different than any team I have had in the Frozen Four. If there are any similarities it would be back to the Lake [Superior] State team of 1988, or 92, when we had a really large freshman class. Even back then the freshman class was a little older."

On the goaltending of sophomore Mike Johnson:

"Mike is a character kid, one of the things he is going through is that he had never truly been a number one goalie, and last year he was just thrown into it. He had top five numbers in the country in the first half last year before fading out. This year he took a positive step, he was much better in shape, and worked hard in the offseason. He had some stellar games this year."

Ryan Guentzel

Thoughts on making it back to the Frozen Four

"It's a great feeling, 2008 was a great experience for us, being able to play in the national championship was just a blast. Coming back to St. Paul, right by home town, so looking forward to it."

Thoughts on Joe Lavin's addition to the team

"Joe has brought this attitude that we have followed and instilled in the younger class that we need to work hard, but having that looseness and fun around the rink. We are really fortunate that he came to us."

Thoughts on Coach Jackson, and what makes him so successful

"Well I think his preparation is second to none. He prepares his team from day one each week, and make sure we are focused and ready to play. But he also adapts to the players, I know my first year he was strict, but now he has kind of loosened up and joked around with the freshman, and the freshman brought that attitude, he as even been joking around lately, which is different, but it has been a lot of fun to see that from him."

Advice to freshman

"The main thing I have been trying to get across the freshmen is to enjoy the moment. Your not guaranteed to be in this situation every year. My freshman year we were in the Frozen Four, and obviously that has only happened one other time."

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Thoughts on coming through the Hockey East Conference

"Obviously for me that was really exciting. I don't get to play in front of family and friends as much as I would like to. Playing new teams like that can be a challenge, but I think we handled it well. The focus turns more on you than it does on them because you haven't seen them play. We just played our game and focused on what we needed to do, but we used our skill and our speed, so that was good. Borrowing tickets from these guys, I had like 35 or 40 people there, so that was obviously the highlight of my weekend."

Thoughts on goalie Mike Johnson's play in the regional

"Mike is a guy that works really hard. He is one of the most liked guys on the team. When you are a goalie and in that situation it can be a long year. Mike knew that he was a guy we needed to rely on, he has really bolstered our defense. I think we owe a lot to him, he is a kid with a really positive attitude, and he knows that when you get to this point in the season you can't lose."

Ben Ryan

Thoughts on making it back to the Frozen Four

"I guess being back here for the second time in four years is a great thing for me personally and for the program. Last time we were here we were a four seed and now we are a three seed, so there is a great relief knowing there isn't a whole lot of pressure on us. We had a lot fun out there at practice so I think we are ready."

Advice to Freshman

"As much as you can focus on playing our game and doing what we did to get us here is the most important thing. I think when you get into an atmosphere like this and as a player you feel like maybe you need to do more or play out of your comfort zone. And if we start doing that then I think we will be at a disadvantage. I've been really proud of the guys this year. A lot of guys have taken on smaller roles who probably weren't used to it. Every guy knows their role and has played it well this season."

Calle Ridderwall

On being back in the Frozen Four:

"It's good to be back. Obviously we got a lot of young guys on the team, I think there are only three of us on the team who experienced this. I'm very excited for the whole team, I know being here for the first time is very special."

The addition of Joe Lavin to the team:

"Lavin has done a great job stepping in becoming a captain of the team, and he's been a leader since day one. He was here all summer working with the guys, getting them ready for the season. It's just the little things they do that's been helping us all year, starting in the summer. It's been great and he's been a great addition to the leadership crew that we have."