

Maine postgame conference

Coach Tim Whitehead opening statement:

It's disappointing to get that close and not win, but we're impressed with BC as always. They know how to win and they won tonight. I thought they deserved it. They really just kept pressing. We really had our opportunities. We got out of the gate a little tentative. To fall behind to a team like BC 2-0, that made it a touch climb, but these guys didn't quit at all. I thought we had some had some real good moments in the second and especially in the third. To out-chance them in the third I thought was good but we were just a smidgen off tonight and Parker [Milner] was great and Danny [Sullivan] was great, but it was a well deserved win for BC.

Brian Flynn on the season not being over:

That's a big hockey game we just played in. We know that. Going into next weekend into a Regional for the first time since I've been here, there's going to be some of the same pressures. Like coach said, we came out of the gate a little tentative. We dint have the first period we wanted so hopefully we can learn from that and have a better game to the start next game.

Brian Flynn on the Boston College penalty-kill:

They pressure pretty hard so it's tough to get yourself to not over pass and just throw it to the net. You just have to try and throw pucks to the net and get traffic in and score some ugly rebound goals.

Brian Flynn on freshman Johnny Gaudreau:

They have a ton of guys who can out the puck in the net it doesn't matter which other guy on the team scores. We just gave them an early lead and it was tough to climb back from.

Brian Flynn on his second period goal:

I'm not really sure how it started. I think we got a puck deep. Joe [Diamond] won a battle and I kind of came in as the late guy and he found me in the slot and I was able to elevate it back in there.

Brian Flynn on the first two minutes of play:

We came right out of the gate maybe the first couple shifts and we were rearing to go. We came out hard and got some pucks in on the forecheck and then I think after we all got our first shift in. Then we kind of sat back a bit and they were able to make some nice plays.

Coach Whitehead on what it will take to beat BC:

It's hard to say. They're a very strong team at all three positions—goals, D and forwards. As Brian said, they've got a lot of guys who can score so they're very tough to defend. With Johnny Gaudreau getting the quick ones likes that, it's a tough team to come back against. I think typically you want to get the

first one—that usually helps. You’ve just got to defend well and hope to capitalize on specialize teams. That’s a tough team to beat obviously.

Coach Whitehead on the role Spencer Abbott would have played:

It’s hard to say, but obviously you’re not going to replace that guy. We’ve been in that situation before. Our players, I thought, responded well and again. I thought we did get out of the gate pretty good. The first couple of shifts we felt confident and were generating some chances, but I think that’s one of the slots where we didn’t have other lines generating a lot of chances. Really it was BC capitalizing on those chances early--built that lead--and I thought that gave them some really good momentum. They rode that for a while. Then in the second period we regrouped. I thought we were pretty solid for the next two periods but it’s hard to say what the impact would be but obviously it would help us. He’s the best player in the league. That’s going to happen, that’s part of the game so you have to adapt and we still thought we had a good opportunity to win.

Coach Whitehead on getting bodies in front of the net against BC:

I think last night we did a better job of getting in front of [Kieran] Milan and we benefited from that. That was something we tried to do but BC defends really well too. Also, I think they force a lot of outside shots and boxed out well when it front of the net. Part of that was BC defending well and not getting to the front of the net like last night. Two or three of the goals were screens for sure last night.

Coach Whitehead on Spencer Abbott’s playing status:

We just need to take that day by day. With that type of injury its takes some time and hopefully he’s well. At the same time, I think it’s a good experience for our team if we’re going to go in the tournament and he’s not back. We’ve got to learn to play without him. We were able to respond in the third period last night. For the most part tonight, I thought the guys competed hard and made plays. We hope he’s back but at the same time this is an experience for us and we know what we’ve got to do if he’s not back with us.