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Final Stats

Hockey East Tournament Championship

March 17, 2018

TD Garden | Boston, Mass.





Game Story

Hockey East Championship

No. 3 Providence College Friars vs. No. 4 Boston University | March 17, 2018 | TD Garden

BOSTON, Mass.— Goalie Jake Oettinger stopped all 30 shots and a third period goal by Drew Melanson snapped a scoreless tie to fourth-seeded Boston University to a 2-0 win over third-seeded Providence in the final of the 34th annual Hockey East Championship Saturday evening at TD Garden. BU (21-13-4) captures its ninth conference title, its first since 2015, in its 11th appearance in the final.

The Terriers had the first five shots on goal of the third period and they drew first blood on the second 56 seconds into the stanza on the goal by Melanson, who hammered home a nice feed from the backboards by Jordan Greenway. Good fore-checking by Brady Tkachuk started the play, sliding the puck to Greenway, who set up three goals in Friday's semifinal win over Boston College, and he fed Melancon in the low slot for his fifth of the season.

Bobo Carpenter iced it for the Terriers with 1:22 left with an empty net goal, capping a tightly played tournament that saw 14 of the first 17 games decided by one goal with eight needing overtime.

It was enough for Oettinger who earned the William J. Flynn tournament Most Valuable Player after recording his fifth shutout of the season. He was joined on the Steve Nazro All-Tournament Team by teammates Chad Krysa and Greenway, Providence's Jacob Bryson and Brandon Duhaime, and Northeastern forward Dylan Sikura.

Oettinger was strong early on as the Friars, with several odd-man rushes, had the edge in the scoreless first period out-shooting BU, 18-9. The Terriers picked up the pace in the second with a 12-6 edge in shots with PC goalie Hayden Hawkey robbing Carpenter twice in the late stages of the period.

Hawkey finished with 27 saves for the runner-up Friars who were making their fifth trip to the final, their first since 2001. There were only five minor penalties in the cleanly played contest. PC killed all three of its penalties and went 0-for-2 with the extra skater.

Providence (23-11-4) is assured of an at large bid next week's NCAA Tournament. The Terriers earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Men's Hockey Championship. The bracket will be announced Sunday at 12 p.m. (eastern) on ESPNU and NCAA.com



Goal Descriptions

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Per.	Team	Time (Strength)	No. Player (Goal #)	Assists (Assist #)	Score
3	BU	0:56 (EV)	23 Melanson (5)	18 Greenway (21) // 27 Tkachuk (21)	1-0 BU

Tkachuk battled PC's Desharnais to dig the puck out of the left corner. Greenway crashed the corner to help recover the puck, feeding it back to Melanson inside the left circle where he was able to chip a shot far side over Hawkey's blocker.

3	BU	18:38 (EN)	14 Carpenter (20)	unassisted	2-0 BU
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After a PC turnover in the offensive zone, Cockerill sent the puck down the left boards and chased it, firing a pass across the ice to Carpenter outside the right circle. Carpenter sent a wrister towards the empty net that went wide. PC attempted to recover the puck off the left boards, and botched a pass that left the puck loose between the circles for Carpenter to connect on the empty net.

2-0 FINAL

PC Goals:

BU Goals: Melanson, Carpenter



HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL POSTGAME QUOTES
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BOSTON UNIVERSITY HEAD COACH DAVID QUINN

Opening statement...

Well I can't really put into words how good I feel for the school and it's been a tale of two seasons for us. The last time we played we played Providence, we were 8-11-1 when we tied them and it looked like there was really not a lot of hope. We just started getting better goaltending, our d-corps started playing better, our freshman started to emerge a little more, it just started snowballing. We kept at it. We didn't look at the big picture, we just took every game as it was on the schedule and were dialed in. To have our backs against the wall coming into this tournament, I think this is our ninth title for the school. I was fortunate enough to play in the first one in 1986, fortunate enough to be here for a couple as an assistant, and obviously in 2015. But it was the first time we had to win this thing to get into the national tournament and I think that makes this one a little bit more special than the others. What had to go into it and the adversity we faced and the path that we created for ourselves, it says an awful lot about the guys in that locker room and such a great group to coach. They care for each other. They come to the rink and give it their all every day. Tonight the first period didn't go the way we wanted. I thought we were a little bit nervous to be honest with you. And then all of a sudden the second period started and as Brandon [Hickey] alluded to, we started to actually possess the puck and [in the first period] we're chipping and chasing when we have plenty of time. I think we started to settled down a little bit and once we had a couple good shifts I just let it snowball. You know, as Brandon said, we played a great defensive first period. We were in our end a lot and we kept things on the perimeter, we got physical, they got a shot but there wasn't a second one, and Jake [Oettinger] obviously made some big saves when he had to and it allowed us to get our wits about us and play two really good periods. The second and third periods I thought we played really well and I thought we played smart when we got up 1-0.

On how much the leadership mattered to the success of the team...

A lot. We're fortunate with the players we get. Albie O'Connell and Scott Young and Steve Greeley and Buddy Powers – these guys have done such a great job recruiting that we've got guys that are drafted and World Junior candidates and Olympic candidates. I think with society today with the internet and the media attention and social media, there's just so much going on in these kids' heads that I think sometimes they go out there and they try to do too much. I thought as the season went on we started understanding what we needed to do to be successful and one we started having some success playing a particular way, I think they said 'oh well this is working maybe we should keep trying this.' Don't underestimate Jake Oettinger. I think Jake would be the first to tell you he didn't have a great first half. And it's not easy being a first round draft pick, wanting to play on the World Junior team. The pressure is real. The pressure is real and everyone is asking me 'How is Jake doing? Is he going to be ok?' And I say 'Well let's see how he reacts when he turns 19 this summer.' I think sometimes people forget how young these kids are. He's an unbelievable kid. I don't think I've ever seen a goalie as well liked as him and I am so excited he was MVP of this tournament.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY FORWARD DREW MELANSON

On his goal tonight...

I don't think I did anything special, I think I was just supporting them, being a good F3 and then Jordan [Greenway] obviously saw me and he made a great play. Bang. Bang.

On his recent goal scoring spate...

Well I play with two great players, so that definitely helps out and puts me in a lot of spots where I can score. But obviously this game is a lot about confidence and I'm starting to build some at the right time right now.



BOSTON UNIVERSITY GOALTENDER JAKE OETTINGER

On having to win multiple one-goal games recently to get into the NCAA tournament...

Well I think everyone in the room knew what kind of position were in and it was do or die. I know not one guy in that room wanted our season to end tonight and we showed it and we were the more desperate team. I was really, really proud of all the guys.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY DEFENSEMAN BRANDON HICKEY

On beating Providence to win the Hockey East Tournament after losing to them in the 2015 NCAA championship...

Yeah, it definitely feels like a little bit of redemption. Especially playing at TD Garden. It's obviously a special thing to go out there and win a championship. But I kind of feel like we slayed our demons a little bit. For the senior class, it felt outstanding. I couldn't be happier for the guys out there for them to get to experience winning a championship here because it's something pretty special and it's something that you'll remember for the rest of your life.

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PROVIDENCE COLLEGE HEAD COACH NATE LEAMAN

Opening statement...

I thought it was a really good college hockey game. I think we had a really good first period, and I thought that was the difference for us, to have that good first period and not really come away with anything. And then they made a good push in the second period and got on the power play there, and I just think we kind of got worn down a little bit.

On if not finishing last night's game until after midnight being a factor tonight...

It's a factor. It's not an excuse. It's a factor. It's not an excuse. They took advantage of that. I thought they took advantage of that by getting pucks deep and by wearing us down, and getting their big guys wearing us down. I thought we got some extended shifts in the D zone, where we bent but we didn't break. Is it a factor? Yeah. Is it an excuse? No. You can't let the circumstances matter. You have to function to get the job done. We had a great first period. We had a terrific first period, and we just weren't really able to sustain that. You've got to give a lot of credit to them. They're a desperate, hungry animal right now. They were playing for their lives, to play next week. I thought they executed their game very well.

On playing a team as hungry as Boston University was tonight...

I don't know, both teams want to win a championship, you know? I loved our guys' heart tonight. I loved our guys' heart all weekend, and it's really, as I told them after the game, it's not the worst thing in the world for us to learn how to win one of these games, but we also learned tonight how to lose one of these games. And we have to take the lessons from both of these games into next weekend, and learn what we did well to get us a win, because I thought the game with Northeastern was every bit as good as the game tonight, and then what we didn't do well tonight. There's just a couple plays, simple plays, where we've got to get pucks in behind them, and we just tried to do a little bit too much. They came down and hemmed us in, and gave us extended shifts, and that played a big part in getting us tired.

On playing well defensively against two very different teams in Northeastern and Boston University...

Yeah, I mean, again, that's another plus of this weekend, is that you saw a really high-flying, speed, stick skill line, in the [Adam] Gaudette line, and then a really grinding line with [Jordan] Greenway and [Brady] Tkachuk, where they try to muscle you and get you to the net. I thought for the most part we defended both of those lines well, within our season games also. So, for me, it's, we have to do a better job in our transition, and getting to the net and scoring some goals. But, that was a bonus of the weekend, because no matter who you see next week, you're right, they're going to have a good first line. It's that time of year, where everyone you're playing is going to be a really high-end team.

On the challenges of facing Jordan Greenway's line who can hold defenders off...

That's just it. They can hold you off. As much as you can, you've got to keep them away from the net. You've got to try to force them away from your net when you get a chance, and our smaller D, Spenser [Young] and [Jacob] Bryson, had to try to win those battles with their feet, while our bigger guy Vinny [Desharnais] could more use his body a little bit.

On what has to happen on the offensive end heading into the NCAA Tournament...

We're a funny team. We've been shut out a number of times this year. But, I feel like our team can score. I feel like the biggest thing we did in the first period was, we missed the net a lot. And, that's probably, we've got to be more mentally sharp there, because I thought we missed the net with some of our really good chances in the first period. But we know what makes us tick, and I'm not really concerned at all about our goal scoring. We came into the game tonight, we scored just as many goals this year as BU. So, it's funny. We were both at the exact same number. So, I feel like we're okay in that area. We just had to be a little bit sharper hitting the net tonight.

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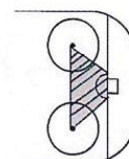
Grade – A Scoring Chances – Hockey East Championship

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Requirements:

1. Clean possession (or potential for)
2. Clear path to opening
3. Shot within grade-A range



PERIOD	TIME (on clock)	TEAM	No.	DESCRIPTION	RESULT
1	18:20	PC	19	One-timer from top of crease	save
1	17:47	BU	3	Backhand at bottom of left circle off 2-on-1	save
1	16:27	PC	29	Left post wrap around	save
1	16:07	PC	5	Loose puck at right dot, one-timer	save
1	6:32	PC	22	Deflection off 2-on-1 pass at top of crease	save
1	4:59	BU	14	Wrister from left dot	save
1	3:35	PC	15	Wrister from bottom of left circle	wide
1	2:52	PC	15	One-timer in slot	High
2	17:07	PC	9	Turned and fired from dot	Save
2	14:54	BU	15	Wrap around at left post	Wide
2	12:27	BU	27	Wrister from left circle	wide
2	12:22	BU	18	Wrister from left hashmarks	wide
2	10:26	BU	10	Wrap around at right post	block
2	8:46	BU	23	Wrister from left hashmarks after 3-on-2	Save
2	7:53	PC	12	Tip in slot	wide
2	6:19	BU	9	3-on-1 wrister from left dot	Save
2	2:29	BU	14	Snap shot from top of crease	wide
2	2:25	BU	14	Turn and fire from right dot	Block
2	2:11	BU	9	Wrister from lower right circle	save

2	2.8s	BU	7	Backhand off rebound in slot	Save
3	19:04	BU	23	One-timer from inside left circle	BU 1 st goal
3	17:20	PC	26	Snap shot from top of crease, left side	wide
3	15:09	BU	17	Rebound wrister in slot	wide
3	13:05	BU	11	Stuff attempt at right post	save
3	12:41	PC	10	Backhand from right circle	wide
3	11:06	BU	14	Pointblank backhand at top of crease (left side)	save
3	2:14	PC	29	Tip in slot	wide
3	1:22	BU	14	Wrist shot from right circle into empty net	BU 2 nd goal
3	26.2s	BU	27	Wrist shot from left circle towards empty net	block