

Coach Schafer's Notes for November 5, 2018

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It was good to get back on the win column this weekend and the hard work over the past week paid off with the two victories. That doesn't mean we are there yet, but we saw much improvement over the previous two games and we want to build on the momentum.

On Friday night, our first goal came on the power play at the 7-minute mark. Near the end of an extra-man situation, freshman forward Max Andreev sent a pass to sophomore defenseman Alex Green for a one-timer at the center point. The shot was tipped past the goaltender's blocker by sophomore forward Cam Donaldson to put us up 1-0. A little over six minutes later, junior defenseman Yanni Kaldis scored his third goal of the season when his wrist shot from the top of the circle deflected off a Yale defenseman's stick past the goalie's glove side. After 40 minutes of play we led 2-0 and had out-shot Yale 26-12. Sophomore goalie Matt Galajda made a huge save on the visitors' star forward Joe Snively on a breakaway early in the opening period. That's the kind of stop we expect from Matty because he is an extremely talented goalie.

Sophomore forward Morgan Barron scored his first goal of the season at 1:23 of the second period to give us a 3-0 lead. Nine minutes later, Yale made it a 3-1 with a power-play goal. The Bulldogs closed the gap to 3-2 with another power-play tally, this one coming at 12:07 of the third period; Joe Snively tipped a shot past Galajda's blocker. Barron put the finishing touches on the win with an empty-net goal with 41 seconds remaining on the night.

Galajda was called upon for 16 saves, including nine in the second stanza. The Yale goaltender made 25 saves. We were 1-for-4 on the power play and they were 2-for 4.

On Saturday night, neither team scored in the first period even though we out-shot Brown, 11-4. We were playing well defensively and getting the job done but had nothing to show on the scoreboard. I thought we controlled the second period with three goals even though Brown out-shot us 15-11. Matt had his toughest period, as he was really tested. On the offensive side, we need to show a lot more poise around the net. We hit the Brown goaltender a lot in the chest. We've got to take an extra tenth of a second to bear down on our offensive opportunities. I know that's tough to say when you have scored three goals in a 20-minute period, but we can do better.

Senior defenseman Matt Nuttle scored at 1:10 of the second period. Donaldson fed a pass to Nuttle as he was crashing the middle. His blazer flew over the goaltender's glove into the net. Brown tied the score at 3:48 on a goal that was reviewed but counted. We took the lead for good at 8:39, when freshman forward Michael Regush

made a great effort to score his first collegiate goal. We weren't done, as Barron tallied his third goal of the young season with 2:39 remaining in the period.

Brown made a game out of it with a goal at 3:41 of the third period, but we held on to make a four-point weekend.

Galajda made 23 saves and the Brown goaltender had 31 stops. We were 0-for-6 on the power play and Brown was 1-for-4.

This week we have plenty of work before another out-of-league contest in Marquette, MI, on Friday and Saturday against a Northern Michigan team that has already seen action in eight games (3-5). If you're up in that area, please come and support our team.