



**NCAA Men's Lacrosse Tournament
No. 1 Notre Dame vs. Albany
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Sports Authority Field at Mile High
Albany Postgame Press Conference**

Scott Marr, Albany Head Coach

Opening statement...

"I just have to say that I'm extremely proud of my program and how we conducted ourselves the whole year. I'm so proud of my seniors and where they've taken our program from when they came in as freshmen. We lost every conference game the year before they got here and we haven't lost one now in three years. I can't tell you how proud I am of Lyle and for what he's done for the game of lacrosse. I don't know if we'll see another player like him for a long time. It's really sad to see him go but I'm proud for what he's done for our program and what he's done for the sport. Hats off to Notre Dame. They were outstanding today. They played very strong and physical and good luck to them moving forward."

On Notre Dame's balance...

"We played them last year obviously and just like us we both grew up a lot over the last year. They're very athletic. Just shaking the hands of their players, I could tell that they were really solid athletes. They played a really good game. They slipped up a little in the 3rd quarter when we outscored them 5-0 but they had a few good runs. As Lyle said, it's a game of runs and in the 4th quarter we just couldn't come out of it. For Lyle to say that he had a bad game, any normal player who has five points in a playoff game would say that they had a pretty good game but he had a tough day. They played really good defense. That's what they're known for."

On Notre Dame defending Lyle ...

"He's our quarterback and he had the ball a lot obviously and that kid did well on him. They kind of took away his opportunity to shoot the ball because they came to him and doubled him a little bit. Their goalie probably had four of his better saves against Lyle. He hit him in the knee twice and stuff like that. It was a tough day for him but give them credit. They played really solid defense."

On Connor Fields...

"There's no question that he's been a great player for us all year. He's very consistent and he was able to get on the board in just about every game he played. You see him



shooting the ball a lot this year because he's playing with Lyle but he'll become one of our main ball carriers next year. He's a very versatile player he can carry the ball well, he can put it in the goal, he's a very good passer. I think with him and Justin Ray and Seth Oakes and a couple other guys we have, I think we have room to grow. The learning curve for him was so great, playing with Lyle and seeing how he conducts himself every day. That's one thing about Lyle, he's the most sportsmanlike person I've been around. He's all class the whole time. He doesn't talk to the other players or the referees and he's humble as can be when he scores a goal."

Senior Lyle Thompson, Albany Attackman

On the 4th quarter...

"After they got a couple of possessions we felt like we had it going into it. We were up 9-8 but they came on strong. We fell behind and it felt like we needed to play catchup. I did especially. I was in a situation where I wasn't playing smart. I was forcing things and at the time I kind of had to but I definitely could have played a little smarter. Their defenseman that covered me did a really good job and especially the team defense behind him didn't allow me to shoot the ball once I got my hands free and did a good job of not allowing me to get high quality shots."

On Notre Dame's adjustments in the 4th quarter...

"They scored goals. They put us in a situation where we had to push the ball a lot faster. Like I said before I don't think I played my best game. They did a good job defending. WE came out after the lightning storm and we all talked about what was going well for us which was Connor getting open on the top spot on the right hand side. I was just dodging and finding him open. We kept doing that in the 3rd but they scored those four straight goals and got caught playing catchup and forcing shots."

On Albany career...

"It's been fun. Coming in and having a not-so-good freshman year and building off of that with the team that we had and the seniors, I think we were the core of this whole group from the first America East Championship to the last. I think we were the core of the team and those guys are the work horses. Just being a part of the history of this program has meant a lot to me and I'm just proud to say I was part of it."

On Coach Marr...

"I can't say enough about him. He's been more than a coach to me. He's been a friend and a father-like figure to me, giving advice on and off the field. I talked to the team before the American East Championship about the team we have and the opportunity we have this year and I stressed Coach Marr. I got emotional there because I'm so



thankful for him. He's done a lot for me. He's helped me become the person I am and the father I am."

Freshman Connor Fields, Albany Attackman

On playing with Lyle...

"Like coach said he's done so much for the game. You see people trying the shots that he does with his creativity and vision. I don't think there's a better player than him that's ever even played. Just to play with him, you learn a lot in practice and see what he does and even in games and see what he does and watch film and see what he does. In game time situations the defense just focuses on him and that leaves everyone else open and you just have to find your lanes because he has such great vision that he'll find you."

On Lyle's record breaking season...

"When he broke the points and assists record we were just playing our game out there and doing our normal game. He felt no pressure with the records and it's kind of cool to say that I was on the other end of the goal when he broke the record for points. Just to be playing with Lyle has been a dream come true."