

A Cinderella Story Comes To an End

Glassboro, NJ – February 26, 2007 – Rowan went into a Sunday afternoon championship game of the Great Northeast Collegiate Hockey Conference Playoffs as the perfect Cinderella team. They'd just knocked off the tournament favorites with their patience and persistence, biding their time to win in overtime and now were hoping to complete it all.

Their championship opponents, Muhlenberg, however, weren't cooperating with the Profs ideas on how to capture the title, taking the trophy with a 7-6 victory.

The Profs started the scoring with Chris Keyser's goal and Rowan really looked dominant as the home favorites Muhlenberg just looked uneasy. Berg finally got some chances and tied it, however, not for long when Rowan put another one in net to go up by a goal. Late goal exchanges between both teams gave Rowan a 3 to 2 lead going in to the 2nd period.

The 2nd period was full of chances for both teams, and it looked liked Rowan had the momentum in their favor as the fighting Profs went up 5-3 late in the period. However some questionable calls and pressure from Muhlenberg gave the team the right time to get it all equal at 5.

Heading into the 3rd period and only 20 minutes remaining, Rowan was really pressuring to get an edge but just could not finish their chances. Instead Muhlenberg went up on a goal that looked liked the puck never crossed the goal line. With Muhlenberg pressuring and looking like on top of their game, they added another goal a few minutes later to go up 7-5.

Rowan did not let up and kept up the pressure as they have all game long and finally got a power play goal to pull themselves within one. Fred Brewer scored a beautiful executed play that the goalie for Muhlenberg had no chance on. Anthony Ciccotelli swung around the back of the net with Brewer coming the other way, leaving the puck on a give-n-go for Brewer to pick up and put it in the open net. The goalie had no idea where the puck came from and when he finally realized that he was on the wrong side of the net, it was just too late.

It looked like the tides shifted and Rowan had the momentum but even with the amount of pressure they put on toward the end, they were just not successful enough to see their Cinderella story complete.

Rowan kept their composure and showed everyone their class as they stood on their own blue line watching Muhlenberg receive their trophies.

For all the seniors it was definitively a sad moment to see but so thrilling to have made it so far. The coaching staff was also disappointed but so proud of everyone on the job and teamwork they have achieved.

Great job on a great season, it has opened the eyes of many.