

The Coach's Corner (Jan. 30, 2007)

ANNCR: This is "The Coach's Corner" with RIT Tigers hockey coach Wayne Wilson. Here's WYSL 1040's J.C. DeLass.

DELASS: Coach, a sweep over American International last weekend on the road and the power play clicking—Matt Smith continues to do a great job with the extra man.

WILSON: Matt's been having a career year here for us, scoring an awful lot of goals—a lot of important goals—and is a real key factor for us as Atlantic Hockey Player of the Week and as we come out of AIC with really two hard fought, really tough wins for our club. It's getting more and more difficult as we go down the stretch, and everyone's fighting for position within the league and every point really matters. So there are times when you get a little down, you don't think you're playing quite as well, and you still end up with two wins. You still got to feel good about yourself, and it really just seems to be different people at different times stepping up.

DELASS: How about this weekend, home-and-home against Canisius College—always a tough rival.

WILSON: Yeah, it is—it's starting to be a rivalry with them, I guess, with such close proximity, and it's one of the teams we play four times. An exciting series, I think, for fans on both occasions. And so we start off at home on this Friday, and we're going to have our hands full as they're fighting to move up the ladder, and we're just trying to maintain our present position and hold that if we can.

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