



**2010 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championships  
Sunday, May 30, 2010 – M&T Bank Stadium – Baltimore, Md.  
Notre Dame Press Conference Quotes**

**Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan**

**Opening Statement on Monday's NCAA championship against Duke**

"We're thrilled to be here but we know we've got quite a challenge with Duke. We've been saying that Duke is so good they got themselves in the tournament and us in the tournament. They're a very experienced team, very poised and have a lot of different playmakers."

**On playing Duke now vs. earlier in the season**

"Every team evolves over the course of the year and I think that's what they have done. I think they're interestingly healthier than they were at the beginning of the year when usually it's the opposite at this time of year. I think they have gotten healthy in some spots that will help them."

**On the team's play in the postseason**

"Our team has been unbelievable over the past three weeks about playing without the intrusion of ego and playing very selfless lacrosse. They've been accepting what we've asked them to do and understanding that it's not going to be the same guys' game every day, you've got to take what they're giving you every day. And if you are, as a team you're going to be a lot tougher to defend, even if that means you on a particular day don't get something. Our guys were willing to take whatever plays come to us that day."

**On the team's midseason struggles**

"I got to a point where I didn't like watching our team play. And since I have to do that almost every day I thought that we were going to have to do something different if this going to work."

**Notre Dame junior defenseman Kevin Ridgway**

**On defending Duke's offense**

"I think everyone just understands their roles and what they are supposed to do. Everyone has bought into that system and we've really come together. We just have to stick to what we do and do what works for us."

**On what drew him to Notre Dame**

"What drew me to Notre Dame was I thought we could win a national championship with the people that were coming in and the people that were already in place. For a defenseman, we're not very flashy but we get the job done."

**On not playing for a traditional powerhouse lacrosse school**

"We don't really worry about other schools, we just worry about ourselves. We're not really trying to prove anything to anyone else, we're just trying to go with what we've got."

**Notre Dame senior goalie Scott Rodgers**

**On team defense**

"We don't have one guy trying to make a flashy play. We think of ourselves like a machine and everyone has their part. When all the parts are working, we're pretty unstoppable."

**On playing against Duke attackman Ned Crotty**

"The toughest part about playing against Ned is that he's a nice guy. You don't get any bad vibes off of him, he doesn't make you angry out there. He makes all the feeds in the world; he can make any feed"

Head Coach John Danowski



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"We're just extremely honored to represent Duke University. This game is a result of a lot of hard work and a lot of ups and downs in the season, which happens to every team. We are playing an opponent who beat us soundly at home, playing an opponent that has two ACC wins under their belt, Maryland and Duke. We are extremely aware of the challenge. We look at it as that we are the major underdogs coming in. They've earned the right, they're playing great and they have a tremendous resume in our conference. I think they are the only team in the country to have any win over an ACC team."

**Duke senior faceoff specialist Sam Payton**

**On what has changed about Duke since the first meeting against Notre Dame**

"I think a number of things have changed mainly with experience with what we went through in the early part of the season. We dropped a few games and when we played them we were coming off a high of beating the US National Team. I don't think we had the experience of have a loss and having to work hard to where we are now. I think our mindset is just different knowing that we've worked very, very hard to get here where in that point in the season we haven't accomplished much.

**Duke senior defender Parker McKee**

**On how you fight against urgency having so many seniors**

"I think yesterday we came out fired up and everyone was ready to go. We definitely led from the front with the seniors. We had a lot of energy early. That's something we have to ride. We've always been senior heavy. That's going to help us win games. The fact that we have the experience of being here 3 years and losing, it's invaluable. You can't quantify that.

**On if they are more relaxed now**

"The feeling in the locker room before the Virginia game was something I have never felt before, especially the last three times we were in the dance. Everyone was calm and relaxed, being happy. To come out and feel very comfortable out there was natural and something you can't really coach. It's something that's really developed over the last month or so and we've really enjoyed spending time with each other. It's been fun.

**On if he agrees that Duke is the underdog**

"They beat us, just like North Carolina beat us earlier in the season, just like Virginia beat us, we want to come back and beat a team that beat us. We definitely are the underdogs and we are going to approach it like that. That's going to keep us more focused."

**Duke junior attacker Zach Howell**

**On how you attack Notre Dame**

"It's going to be a tough matchup because their defense is firing on all cylinders right now. They want to play us in the box; they want to pack it in and try to put their goalie to see our shots. It's going to be important for our offense to really work hard for good shots. Other teams have tried to do so, but haven't been able to accomplish that. It's going to be a challenge.

**On if you should take as many shots as you can or have better shot selection against Scott Rodgers**

"I think it's a combination of both. You want to get on the goalie early. You want to have high percentage shots and smart shot selection. From there, you want to generate as many shots as you can.