



Kevin Czuczman '14 on his time in the NHL Bubble

My time in the bubble really was a special time even though it wasn't as long as we'd all hoped for. It was very much a privilege to be playing knowing all that is going on in the world. The NHL and Pittsburgh went above and beyond to make it as seamless and "normal" as possible.

There was something about being with your teammates for most hours of the day and constantly hanging and bonding with them in the hotel that really gave me a feel like I had in college with my classmates. You got to know a lot of the guys on a more personal level that is hard to attain any other way. That was something that really is once in a lifetime and unique, because it is so hard to replicate the times and the closeness you feel with your college teammates. With the fluidity of rosters in pro hockey it really made me appreciate the opportunity we had to be together all as one throughout the tournament.

Also the hockey I thought was incredible. You get the sense that everyone is craving a chance to win the cup and you feel that there's something more you're playing for this year. There's an overwhelming sense of compete throughout, that this year might be extra special. Even though it was shorter than we all expected, I'll always have fond memories of it.