

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST SEASON OPENING
COACHES MEDIA TELECONFERENCE
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BOSTON COLLEGE HEAD COACH KATIE CROWLEY

Can you talk about your team and your expectations for the season?

“Our kids are really excited to get the season started and see how it ends up. We are fortunate enough to return a lot of our top players and in our opinion, bringing in a talented group of freshman who are ready to contribute. Our top three scorers return as well as our core on defense, including Blake Bolden whom in my opinion is one of the best defenseman in the country. She is our captain this year and I believe she is ready to take on the role and help us move forward this year.”

Can you elaborate more on Blake Bolden's importance to the team?

“She is an offensive defenseman but I think over her years here, she has learned to be disciplined and when to take chances at the right time. Last year she scored a huge goal for us in our NCAA Quarterfinal game after breaking up a one on four rush and going the other way. Not only does she have the hockey sense, she has the strength and fortitude to excel. We are looking to take another step this year, Blake's drive and work ethic helps everyone both on and off the ice.”

What does it mean to have Corinne Boyles back?

“It's great to have her back because she logged a lot of minutes for us last year. We had an injury to our freshman goalie so Corinne really stepped up when we needed her. This year, I think it's going to be a battle between the three goalies. Taylor Blake, a freshman who played at Nobles, is very good and we have Megan Miller coming off an injury and ready to go and compete for the position as well. It's going to be exciting to see the goalies competing and to see who comes out on top.”

Can you talk about the expanded playoff format?

“I think it's great that all eight teams will be in the playoffs this year. Our league has grown tremendously from one to eight over the past few years and it seems like every program has gotten better. We have put ourselves in position to be one of the top leagues in the nation. I'm glad that the playoffs will be held in Hyannis again, it was a great event last year. We got a great fan base and atmosphere down there and made the trip for our girls very exciting.”

Can you talk about a couple of the key returners or incoming freshmen?

“We are going to continue to look to Alex Carpenter and Emily Field to produce offensively. I thought Ashley Motherwell had a pretty good year last year as well and we look for her to be a leader. Incoming freshman Haley Skraupa and Dana Trivigno have had experience with the U.S. U18 teams and Haley has some experience with the U22 team as well. Hopefully that experience can carry over to the college level for them. Emily Pfalzer had a great freshman campaign for us last year on defense and we look for her to continue to make plays back there. Dru Burns doesn't get too much recognition but she has been a mainstay back on defense for us.”

Can you talk about the overall strength of the league?

“It has changed so much that you never know what’s going to happen when you go into another building. There used to be games where you thought you had a win under your belt but that’s not the case anymore, it speaks to the strength of the league now. You have to be ready to play every game. That has been the biggest change for me over the past few years.”