

# BU rolls to NCAA final

## Minnesota needs OT to beat BC

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WOMEN'S FROZEN FOUR

MINNEAPOLIS — Ker-rin Sperry made 27 saves as Boston University posted a 4-1 win over Mercyhurst in the Women's Frozen Four last night, to push the Terriers into tomorrow's national championship game against the undefeated University of Minnesota.

The Terriers (28-5-3) controlled the majority of the play, showing excellent puck control and forechecking to limit the Lakers (29-7-1) throughout the game.

"I trust my teammates. They did everything I asked of them tonight, blocking shots, killing penalties," said Sperry. "I don't think Mercyhurst was even able to get a cycle going (all night)."

And BU started its dominance from the opening faceoff. Marie-Philip Poulin won the draw and steamed toward the Mercyhurst net, passing the puck to Jenelle Kohanchuk along the way. Kohanchuk's shot deflected past Lakers goalie Stephanie Ciampa to give the Terriers a 1-0 lead just 13 seconds into the game.

"Inches mean a lot in this game, so it was good to get that goal right out of the gate," said BU coach Brian Durocher.

The Terriers thought they had their second goal five minutes later, but Kathryn Miller's power-play tally was deflected in off a high stick and was disallowed.

The Terriers started the second period with the same pep that they had at the game's start. Louise Warren deftly passed to Isabel Menard while both were streaming toward Ciampa, and Menard shot it past the Peabody native to give BU a 2-0 lead



**IN CONTROL:** BU's Marie-Philip Poulin pushes the puck past Mercyhurst's Kaleigh Chippy during last night's national semifinal in Minneapolis. The Terriers reached their second national title game in three years with a 4-1 victory.

exactly a minute into the second.

At 3:02 of the third, Miller made up for her waved-off goal in the first, connecting with Kohanchuk on a shot that beat Ciampa (29 saves). Six minutes later, Poulin took control of the puck mid-ice and sped forth to score a breakaway goal to put the Terriers up 4-0.

BU took two penalties late, and the Lakers used it to end Sperry's shutout bid, on a goal by Christie Cicero at 18:07.

**Minnesota 3, Boston College 2** — The Eagles (27-2-3) were able to force the undefeated top-ranked team in the country into overtime, but the Gophers (40-0-0) won it at 1:39 of the extra session to win their 48th consecutive game and advance to the national final tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Minnesota's Sarah Davis beat BC goaltender Corrine Boyles after a flurry of shots to give Minnesota the hard-fought win.

Boyles otherwise stood on her head, making 36 saves in her last game in a Eagles jersey.

"She was phenomenal," said BC coach Katie King Crowley. "She made the

saves we needed her to make and I thought she played a tremendous game."

After Emily Field gave the surprising Eagles the lead late in the second period, Minnesota scored two

straight goals in the third to take command. But BC didn't fade away, and Lexi Bender scored with 5:48 left in regulation to force overtime.

BC got on the board on the

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At Minneapolis, Minn.			
<b>NATIONAL SEMIFINALS — Friday</b>			
No. 1 Minnesota 3, No. 4 BC 2 (ot)			
No. 3 BU 4, Mercyhurst 1			
<b>MINNESOTA 3, BC 2</b>			
BOSTON COLLEGE (27-2-3)	0 1 1 0 — 2		
MINNESOTA (40-0-0)	0 0 2 1 — 3		
<b>First Period</b>			
Scoring—None. Penalties—Davis, MIN (cross-checking), 11:00; Walsh, BC (holding), 13:54; Trivigno, BC (holding), 17:27.			
<b>Second Period</b>			
Scoring—1, BC, Field 16 (Carpenter, Skarupa), 18:13 pp. Penalties—Terry, MIN (tripping), 16:38.			
<b>Third Period</b>			
Scoring—2, MIN, Brandt 32 (Bozek, McMullen), 1:42; 3, MIN, Kortum 15 (Bona, McMullen), 12:12; 4, BC, Bender 3 (Skarupa, Trivigno), 14:12. Penalties—Bolden, BC (hooking), 0:34; Jalosuo, MIN (hooking), 5:08.			
<b>Overtime</b>			
Scoring—5, MIN, Davis 7 (Brausen, Lorange), 1:39. Penalties—None.			
Shots on Goal—Boston College 11-8-8-1-28; Minnesota 9-11-16-3-39. Power-play opportunities—Boston College 1-for-3; Minnesota 1-for-3. Goalies—Boston College: Boyles, 22-5-1 (39 shots-36 saves); Minnesota: Raty, 37-0-0 (28-26). A—3,400. T—2:25. Referees—Bryan Hicks, Cam Lynch. Linesmen—Will Harrop, Jamie Colacino.			
<b>BU 4, MERCYHURST 1</b>			
MERCYHURST (29-7-1)	0 0 1 — 1		
BOSTON UNIV. (28-5-3)	1 1 2 — 4		
<b>First Period</b>			
Scoring—1, BU, Kohanchuk 24 (Poulin, Fratklin), 0:13. Penalties—Bestland, MHR (tripping), 4:41; Lefort, BU (slashing), 8:08.			
<b>Second Period</b>			
Scoring—2, BU, Menard 16 (Warren), 1:00. Penalties—Cicero, MHR (checking), 3:03; Dingeldein, MHR (roughing), 5:14; Warren, BU (roughing), 5:14; Dingeldein, MHR (roughing), 11:40; Lefort, BU (elbowing), 11:40; Stoneburgh, BU, major (grasping the facemask), 11:40; Byrne, MHR (checking), 14:21.			
<b>Third Period</b>			
Scoring—3, BU, Miller 2 (Kohanchuk), 3:02; 4, BU, Poulin 18 (unassisted), 9:57; 5, MHR, Cicero 14 (Bestland, Higson), 18:07. Penalties—BU bench, served by Bayersdorfer (too many players), 12:26; Fratklin, BU (interference), 15:44.			
Shots on Goal—Mercyhurst 6-11-10-27; BU 12-16-5-33. Power-play opportunities—Mercyhurst 0-for-4; BU 0-for-2. Goalies—Mercyhurst, Ciampa 20-2-0 (33 shots-29 saves); BU, Sperry 24-4-3 (27-26). A—3,400. T—2:06. Referees—Leah Wrazidlo, Krissy Langley. Linesmen—Kevin Capocasa, Shane Paskey.			
<b>NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP — Sunday</b>			
No. 1 Minn. (40-0) vs. No. 4 BU (28-5-3), 4			

power play. Reading's Alex Carpenter shot on Noora Raty (26 saves), who let up a rebound that Field roofed to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead with 1:47 left in the second.

Just a few seconds into the third period, BC's Blake Bolden was called off for hooking. On the resulting Gophers man-advantage, captain Meghan Bozek took a slap shot from the top of the right circle that Hannah Brandt tipped past Boyles to even the score 1-1 into the third.

Bolden made a big defen-

sive play to deny one Minnesota break, but the Eagles couldn't hold Minnesota at bay for long. Boyles made the save on a Rachael Bona shot, but heavy traffic in front allowed Becky Kortum to chip in the rebound to give the Gophers a 2-1 lead with 7:48 left in the game.

Soon after, BC's Taylor Wasylik took advantage of a Davis turnover. Haley Skarupa took a shot from the left side that was saved by Raty, but the rebound bounced to Bender who chipped it in with 5:48 left in regulation.

## Revs set for home cooking

By KYLE MCCARTHY

FOXBORO — The long, winding road through preseason excursions and season-opening road trips finally swings through Gillette Stadium this afternoon.

After opening the season with a win at Chicago and a defeat at Philadelphia, the Revolution will host Sporting Kansas City to open their home slate today (4 p.m., CSN).

The local debut offers the Revs a chance to impress in front of their own fans, and add to the encouraging sign of three points from two road matches to start the season.

"It's great to be home for the next two weeks," midfielder Lee Nguyen said. "We've been looking forward to this all preseason. It's the home opener. What is better than to have KC come?"

Other opponents may have carried a bit more cachet or presented

a more straightforward task, but Sporting's arrival does ensure a competitive and difficult affair.

Peter Vermes' side is the two-time defending Eastern Conference regular season champions, but a series of offseason changes have forced this group to evolve a bit heading into 2013. Claudio Bieler has arrived as a Designated Player from LDU Quito (Ecuador), and Benny Feilhaber landed there via trade after the Revs declined his contractual option, while Roger Espinoza and Kei Kamara left for the English Premier League.

Most of the fundamentals look familiar, with the 4-3-3 formation and the trademark high pressure, but the particulars — especially in possession — have changed enough to prompt an uneven 1-1-1 start to the campaign.

Significant danger still looms for the Revs, though. Sporting's skill

and style forces the Revs to display ample care with the ball and hone their work on set pieces — a priority after conceding from a corner kick to drop two points to the Union last weekend.

All of those factors — plus the absences of striker Jerry Bengtson (Honduras) and Sporting duo Matt Besler (United States) and Graham Zusi (United States) due to international duty — complicate matters for the hosts significantly. The goal for the home side, however, remains straightforward — kick off the quest for an improved home record (7-4-6 last season) by collecting all three points.

"Being at home, we want to give the fans something to cheer about; we want to score some goals," defender A.J. Soares said. "This is a place last year where people came and had a really hard time playing. It's going to be the same this year."