

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY EAST SEASON OPENING
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BOSTON UNIVERSITY HEAD COACH BRIAN DUROCHER QUOTES

On upcoming season in general:

"I think the general theme is that we probably have a little more depth, experience and talent than we've had in the first five years and that's no disrespect to who's played here. We had some stars line up in the recruiting world. I think that especially comes with a transfer and a graduate student. I think as an overall theme of what we have as goals is to earn our way into the NCAAs without having to win the postseason and that obviously means having a good season body of work and not having to win a couple games to win the title and certainly having to deal with a target on our back will be new to us."

Who else are you excited for after Poulin?

"I don't think it's any questions that Jenn Wakefield is an accomplished player coming here for her third season (in the league). She came here following two fantastic years and she was arguably the co-player of the year both years and she's someone you want to watch. And having a student like Catherine Ward who is a built in leader and someone who is very mature makes you excited."

With Jenn, when someone comes from a different program, what sort of adjustment is there?

"I think there can be an adjustment. What's nice was that she was here in the summer and took some classes so she had about six weeks on campus. You've got the early part of September to get acclimated and last but not she least, she's seen these people in the hockey world. She's not coming in cold turkey meeting people from the west coast. She knows these people from different hockey tournaments in Canada. As far as the system, it's a read and react. We don't have X amount of timeouts. Once the puck drops it's up to them and she has the ability to do that."

What are the challenges this year?

"I think there's a couple challenges in mind. We're playing with a target on your back. (Other teams) probably have us circled as one of those four or five games with a little extra motivation. I think everyone blending together and checking their egos at the door. To the old people and the new people, everyone has to get along and play together and deal with the ups and downs. How well they can play for the cause will be very important."

Talk about the goaltending situation.

"It'll be one of the unknowns. Whether it's playing in college hockey and the early part of the postseason, it's all going to be new to whomever is in net. My first thought is you have Fromkin and Sperry who have the pedigrees to be top college goalies. But they have small or no college experience. Braly Hiller will push them and challenge and we'll make decisions with how they do. They'll both start in the beginning and sometimes with what's happened in the past, we might have two goalies."

Thoughts on Holly Lorm as captain

"Her teammates named her captain and for someone who's had three significant injuries, from an ACL, to a wrist injury and a head/shoulder/neck injury. We're fortunate she's back at full tilt. I know she'll be a wonderful leader. She may just have her best year here and that'll be a shot in the arm. Now you're counting on people like Holly to have a career year and that's when teams have big years."

Can you talk about the program's growth in the past six years?

"Each year we've moved up and grown. Two years ago I thought we played one of our best games and BC beat us, but to do it last year and grab the trophy, I like to think we're in the right direction. Stars lined up. We have Fratkin, (Louise) Warren, Sperry and Campbell, who all have the distinctions of being top hockey players and being part of national programs or top prep schools. They could be marquee kids in recruiting classes but are overshadowed from the other three. I like to think we're going in the right direction and worry about playing for the common goal and not all-star teams."

What are your expectations?

"I don't think they'll be any hardware in our office (from the preseason poll) so we have to see if we can make it stand up. That's goal No. 1. It only enhances the small target so we have to make sure we're ready and ready to compete in every game. I think we struggled with that last year in the beginning. I'm honored the coaches feel that way and I hope the team brings their 'A' game every day."