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Boston College beats UMD 3-2 to reach Frozen Four

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Teddy Doherty scored two goals, Thatcher Demko made 26 saves and Boston College held off the University of Minnesota Duluth 3-2 on Saturday night in the NCAA Northeast Regional final to advance to the Frozen Four.

The Eagles (28-7-5) reached their record 25th Frozen Four. They won the last of their five national titles in 2012.

“I think it was one of our objectives and we measure our team by the number of trophies we win, not necessarily how many games we win,” Boston College coach Jerry York said. “We are successful in those trophy games and now we have a chance to win another one.”

Ryan Fitzgerald gave Boston College a 3-0 lead with 13:25 left when he beat Kasimir Kaskisuo with a wrister from the circle that went over the goalie's left shoulder.

The Bulldogs (19-16-5) got goals from Austin Farley and Karson Kuhlman late in the third period, but couldn't push across the equalizer despite a power play in the final minute.

Boston College will face the East Regional winner, Quinnipiac, on April 7 in

the Frozen Four in Tampa, Fla.

Doherty opened the scoring at 14:06 of the first period when he skated in from the circle and beat Kaskisuo with a wrist shot that went off the goalie's glove.

The Eagles scored again early in the second period when a puck went off Doherty's skate into the net after Kaskisuo had drifted to the front of the crease.

“Coming in this weekend, we had a lot of believability within our team,” Doherty said. “We have the best goalie in the country for sure and, with that, anything can happen. I'm so proud of our team. I'm proud of the upperclassmen for getting us through this and it's going to be another great experience going down to Florida.”

BC looked to be cruising toward the Frozen Four when Farley broke up Demko's shutout bid with a power-play goal with 7:11 to play.

Kuhlman made it a one-goal game 2:45 later when he poked one past a sprawling Demko, and Miles Wood's interference penalty gave the Bulldogs a 6-on-4 advantage in the

final minute.

They nearly tied it in the closing seconds, but forward Austin Cangelosi swept the puck away from an open net as Demko desperately dove back into position.

“How many people thought we were done when it was 3-0?” UMD coach Scott Sandelin said. “I'm really proud of our team. I think obviously we could've went a different way, but this group has really battled all year and certainly grown.”

The Bulldogs reached the regional final by knocking out defending champion Providence 2-1 in overtime Friday night. BC beat Harvard 4-1 in its semifinal game.

The Eagles improved to 14-1 in NCAA tournament games in Worcester.

“I have always liked the regional games because you get a hat and a T-shirt and I think that is important,” York said. “I picked that up from (New England Patriots coach) Bill Belichick, who is always talking about these things as a hat, t-shirt game, so we started using that about 10 years ago. And we kind of look forward to those types of hats.”

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In front from left, the Columbia blue team's Maddie Filiipiak of the Class of 2015 dribbles in the lane past the lime team's Lisa Sirotiak of the Class of 1995 and Nicole Friend of the Class of 2003 in Saturday's Alumni Basketball Women's Division championship game in the Falls High School gym.

Minnesota AD search to use outside firm, 16-person committee

BY DAVE CAMPBELL  
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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The University of Minnesota will use a 16-person committee to search for and hire an athletic director, one response to the mistake made four years ago.

President Eric Kaler carefully assembled the mixture of faculty members, current and former Gophers athletes, statewide business leaders and one head coach, a deliberation rooted in the debacle that unfolded last year with the resignation of Norwood Teague.

Finalist interviews will be conducted by a group four times as large as the one that sat down with Teague.

Interim athletic director Beth Goetz took over last August after Teague left in disgrace following a report from two high-level university administrators that he sexually harassed them at a senior leadership retreat. Goetz was hired as Teague's deputy three years ago.

“We are lucky to have a woman who's been a good interim AD. She's going to be a candidate for the job, but she is a not a lock for this,” Kaler said last week.

The process will be completed in late spring or early summer.

The president expressed an openness to a “non-conventional candidate” but stressed a “need to have some pretty profound knowledge of college athletics” including the NCAA structure, the Twin Cities media marketplace and Minnesota's academic mission.

“Do those people exist? I'm sure they do and I hope to meet one of them in the next couple months,” Kaler said.

One potential unorthodox candidate, former Gophers football player Pete Najarian, a financial analyst who regularly appears on CNBC, has some public support. There will be calls from boosters to hire an alumnus, but Kaler said he doesn't see that as an essential requirement.

New Jersey-based Turnkey Search will be paid \$150,000 plus expenses for its work. Gene DeFilippo, a former AD at Boston College and Villanova, will be one of Turnkey's lead consultants on the search. Turnkey recently conducted searches for the AD jobs at Georgetown and Michigan.

The departmental review conducted last year by an outside law firm didn't find major flaws

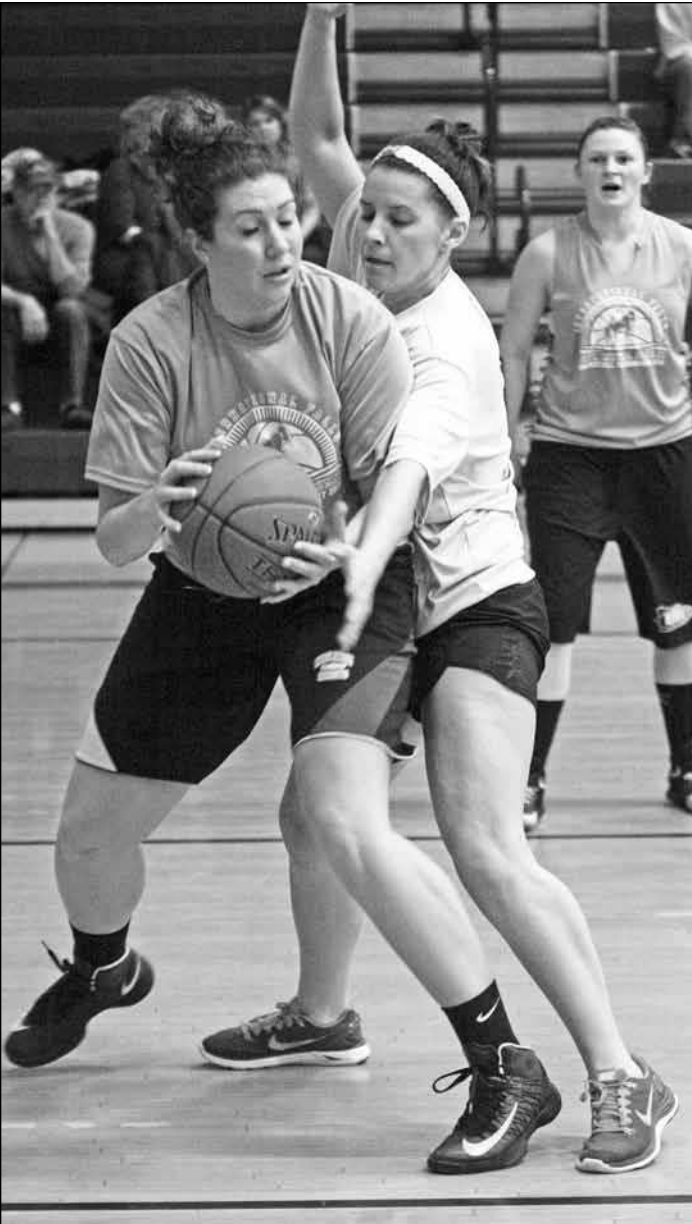
with the vetting of Teague before he was hired, though there was a missed gender discrimination complaint against Teague when he worked at Virginia Commonwealth University. One recommendation from the review was to use a larger committee. Another shift this time, according to Kaler, will be the use of psychological questioning during interviews.

In 2012, after Joel Maturi announced his retirement, Kaler named a 25-member search advisory committee plus a four-person search committee for the process guided by the Atlanta-based firm Parker Executive Search. Then, only the four-member search committee conducted interviews with the finalists.

Teague had a base salary of \$400,000. The median salary for Big Ten athletic directors, according to the university, is \$750,000.

“I would hope to not need to go there,” Kaler said, “but we will need to pay a competitive salary.”

The committee will be chaired by Katrice Albert, the university's vice president for equity and diversity since 2013, and Perry Leo, a professor of aerospace engineering who's been one of two faculty representatives to the athletic department since 2009.



From left, the Columbia blue team's Jessa Youso is guarded in the lane by the lime team's Ashley Hall while the Columbia blue team's Lexi Owen looks on in back in Saturday's Alumni Basketball Women's Division championship game in the Falls High School gym.



The Columbia blue team's Shelby Wolden dribbles in front of the lime team's Zandra R. Berglund in Saturday's Alumni Basketball Women's Division championship game in the Falls high School gym.

Below: From right, the green team's John Reller dribbles on the perimeter while being guarded by the gold team's Ben Lofgren in Saturday's Alumni Basketball Open Division championship game in the Falls High School gym.

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