

Three New Coaches on Board

Heading men's hockey, women's basketball, and women's lacrosse

NEW COACHES ARE AT the helm of three Terrier teams this year: Albie O'Connell (CAS'99), head coach of men's hockey, Marisa Moseley (CAS'04), head coach of women's basketball, and Lauren Morton (CAS'08), head coach of women's lacrosse.

O'Connell was associate head coach the last three seasons under David Quinn and a four-time Beanpot winner as a Terrier player.

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As the 12th head coach in program history, O'Connell replaces Quinn (CAS'89), who left in May after five years to take over as bench boss for the New York Rangers.

Drew Marrochello, director of BU Athletics, says O'Connell was the first person he talked to about the job. As he spoke with outside candidates, he adds, instead of comparing them to Quinn, he found himself measuring them against O'Connell.

Considered one of the NCAA's top recruiters as a college coach, O'Connell returned to BU in 2014 as an assistant under Quinn and was named associate head coach before the 2015–2016 season. He has helped develop numerous Terriers into NHL-ready talent, including Olympian Jordan Greenway (CGS'17, CAS'19) and All-Americans Jack Eichel, Matt Grzelcyk (COM'16), Charlie McAvoy, and Danny O'Regan (COM'16).

O'Connell started his coaching career at Berkshire Prep School in 2002, followed by stints at Colby, Niagara, Holy Cross, and Merrimack, and three years each at Northeastern and Harvard.



"This is the opportunity of a lifetime," says Albie O'Connell (CAS'99), BU hockey's new men's head coach, who grew up in Watertown, Mass., playing hockey and dreaming of attending a Beanpot school.

A fifth-round draft pick of the New York Islanders in 1994, he played professional hockey for the Pensacola Ice Pilots (East Coast Hockey League) in 1999–2000, the Basingstoke Bison (British National League) in 2000–01, the Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies (ECHL) in 2001–02, and the Cardiff Devils (BNL) in 2001–02. In 127 pro games, O'Connell posted 54 goals and 78 assists for 132 points.

In 149 career games playing forward for the Terriers, O'Connell totaled 108 points (42 goals, 66 assists) for head coach Jack Parker (Questrom'68, Hon.'97). As a senior captain, he led the 1998–99 squad in scoring with 39 points (9 goals, 30 assists). He played in two Frozen Fours and helped the Terriers claim the Hockey East title in 1997.

"I had a great time here as a player," he says, "and I learned you have to come to work every day and compete."

Gold-Plated Credentials

Just over 15 years after she helped power the BU women's basketball team to its first and only NCAA tournament appearance, Moseley has cracked another first, becoming the only alumna to be named the team's head coach.

She returns to her alma mater with gold-plated credentials: she spent the last nine years as an assistant coach of the powerhouse University of Connecticut women's basketball team. The Huskies reached the Final Four during each year of her tenure and won five national championships. UConn also produced 3 national Players of the Year and 11 All-Americans and boasted a 331-14 record and two of the longest winning streaks in the history of NCAA basketball during that time.

Moseley says her UConn run had given her "a front-row seat in one of the best classes a coach could ever dream of.... I know I

would not be ready for this without those nine years.

“In life, one gets very few chances to come home again,” she says. “And I’m so happy that I have the opportunity to come home again to Boston University.”

“This is truly a watershed day for us,” Marrochello told reporters and staff gathered at an April press conference, where Moseley was welcomed by cheerleaders, the BU marching band, and BU mascot Rhett. “This place is buzzing,” he added, referring to the texts, emails, and calls flooding in as news of the new head coach was officially announced.

Moseley racked up impressive stats during her Terrier playing days. A defensive specialist, the Springfield, Mass., native ended her career as the team’s third-leading shot blocker, with 114 deflections. She was named to the All-America East Conference Third Team for the 2002–2003 season on the strength of her University-topping number of blocked shots and steals. She also was team captain for two years.

Before joining UConn, Moseley was on the coaching staff at the University of Minnesota and at

the University of Denver. She also worked one year as a production assistant at ESPN.

The Toughest Athlete

During Morton’s undergraduate days on the women’s lacrosse team, Marrochello pointed her out on Nickerson Field and told a bystander, “That’s the toughest athlete we have.”

“Toughest on the field?” the bystander asked, “or toughest women’s lacrosse player?”

“That’s not what I said,” Marrochello answered. “What I mean is she’s the toughest of all 585 student-athletes that we have.”

Marrochello recalled that exchange on June 19 as he announced that Morton would bring that toughness back to her alma mater as the new head coach of women’s lacrosse. She comes to BU from Duke, where as an associate head coach she helped groom the Blue Devils for national honors and personal bests over the last four years.

The University introduced Morton at a reception at a sun-splayed Nickerson Field, a venue she knows well: she was the team’s assistant coach in 2011 and 2012, when she helped the Terriers win the America East regular season title.



New women’s basketball coach Marisa Moseley (CAS’04) spent the last nine years as an assistant coach of the powerhouse University of Connecticut women’s basketball team.

During her student days she was a two-time team captain. As a senior, Morton was named the team’s most valuable player and was chosen by the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association as an All-American. She scored 160 goals and was responsible for 92 turnovers during her playing career.

In her playing days at BU, she won two prizes for leadership: the Aldo “Buff” Donelli Leadership Award and the John B. Simpson Award.

“Words can’t describe what it means to be back to a place that I love, that I understand, and that I want to represent,” Morton says.

In addition to Boston University and Duke, Morton has been an assistant coach at Georgetown and on the coaching staff at Lafayette College. She also worked with Philadelphia’s Ultimate Goal Lacrosse, which teaches players ages 12 to 18 skills such as teamwork and communication.

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