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SUBJECT: Favorite Sports Team Write Up

TITLE: Boston University Terrier's Men's Ice Hockey

1. Team Overview

The Boston University Terrier's Men's Ice Hockey Team is the NCAA Division 1 men's ice hockey team representing Boston University. In their 102-year history, the Terriers have grown to occupy a respected place in both Boston culture and among hockey fans. Emerging victorious in five national championships, five conference championships, and thirty Beanpot Tournaments, the Hockey East member has earned the reputation of a point of origin for a host of professional hockey players. Boasting a legacy of three Hobey Baker Award recipients, the Terriers hockey program is the proud alma mater of many NHLers and AHLers including Charlie Coyle, Charlie McAvoy, Matt Grzelcyk, and 2020 NHL Eastern Conference Champion Kevin Shattenkirk.

BU Men's Ice Hockey enjoys a considerable fan following from its home at Agganis Arena in the heart of Terrier Town and maintains an extensive alumni network. This star-studded network is no stranger to headlines. This summer, Assistant Captain Cam Crotty (BU '20) signed an entry-level contract with the Arizona Coyotes; several of his 2019-2020 season teammates have already signed pro contracts, fielded draft offers, or are strong contenders in the approaching 2020 NHL Draft. This month, Goaltender Jake Oettinger (BU '19) of the Dallas Stars became the first goalie in 55 years to make their NHL debut in a round preceding the Stanley Cup Final, stopping each shot he faced.

The Terriers enjoy a long-standing rivalry with its neighboring Boston collegiate ice hockey teams, most notably the BC Eagles. In 2015, BU took home the Beanpot Trophy following a hard-fought 4-3 win over the Northeastern Huskies in overtime.

2. Iconic Players

Jack Eichel

Jack Eichel is an American professional hockey player and BU Hockey alumnus. During his 2014-2015 rookie season at Boston University, the 6'2 center was recognized as a CCM First Team All-American, Hockey East Tournament MVP, Hockey East First Team All-Star and Hockey East Player and Rookie of the Year. Leading the nation in points, assists, and plus-minus, Eichel was awarded the 2015 Hobey Baker Award, the third recipient of the trophy in BU's history. Eichel was selected second overall in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft by the Buffalo Sabres and currently serves as team captain. To add to the 23 year-old's impressive hockey resume, Eichel celebrated his second season wearing the 'C' for the Sabres while playing his third consecutive NHL All-Star Games. During the 2019-2020 season, Eichel was tenth in the league in NHL goals, with 68 points in the regular season.

Links

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgHz5wOfrtY>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jf-U5CVP8Dc>

Keith Tkachuk

Keith Tkachuk is a former professional hockey player, U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, and BU Men's Ice Hockey alumnus. Active from 1991-2010,

Keith Tkachuk was an elite scoring forward on the 1990-91 Terriers team, scoring 40 points in the team's 1990-1991 season. Tkachuk's 17 goals and 23 assists were the perfect prerequisites to his NHL Draft Year where he was selected nineteenth overall by the Winnipeg Jets. Throughout his 19-season NHL career, Tkachuk, a five-time All-Star, would advance to score 1,065 points in 1,201 games with the Jets, Arizona Coyotes, Atlanta Thrashers and St. Louis Blues. He is one among only four American-born hockey players to score 500 career NHL goals. Tkachuk represented the United States in the Olympic Winter Games four times, winning a silver medal in the 2002 Games and assisting the U.S. team in their victory of the 1996 World Cup of Hockey.

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1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MI5cfXbOCHs>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLqkUyeSAhQ>

3. Iconic Team Moment

The annual Beanpot Tournament occupies a cherished and nearly sacred place in the hearts of Bostonians and hockey fans alike. Each February, fans hailing from the four major college hockey schools in Boston, Massachusetts gather at TD Garden to celebrate the cross-section of school rivalry and college sports.

Since the local tradition's genesis in 1952, the Boston University Terriers have brought home the Beanpot Trophy on 30 occasions. An iconic moment in the history of the Terriers Men's Hockey Program came during the final round of the 2015 Beanpot when the Terriers showed the Northeastern Huskies who was top dog in overtime. Led by

team captain and current Boston Bruin Matt Grzelcyk, BU's 4-3 win over Northeastern is the crown jewel of the BU Men's Hockey Program's recent achievements.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNhdJ8FLexE>

4. Team Fan Groups

The BU Spirit Squad consists of several Boston University student groups who bolster school spirit at sport games, community events, and throughout BU's campus as ambassadors of BU Athletics. Over 100 Terriers donate time outside of the classroom as Spirit Squad members. One student group affiliated with the Spirit Squad is the Boston University Pep Band. The BU Pep Band is the powerhouse of the game day experience inside of Agganis Arena at all home hockey games. An energetic student-led ensemble, the Pep Band is the cornerstone of the 'Dog Pound' student section.

The Boston Hockey Blog is a digital outlet for fans of Boston University Men's Ice Hockey. A partner of BU's student-run newspaper The Daily Free Press, the Boston Hockey Blog provides coverage of Terrier hockey by fans for fans. Since its creation in 2009, the Boston Hockey Blog has grown from blog content to include game previews and recaps, opinion pieces, and even a podcast.

Link: <https://hockey.dailyfreepress.com/category/game-recaps/>

5. Team-Relevant Content Creators

"Spittin' Chiclets"

For hockey fans, Mondays and Thursdays mean "Spittin' Chiclets."

Broadcasting via Barstool Sports, hosts and former NHLers Paul 'Biz' Bissonnette and Ryan 'Whit' Whitney team up with diehard Bruins fan Rear Admiral to share

outlandish and outspoken opinions about all things hockey. Presenting listeners with an irreverent and comedic angle on sports commentary, the trio focuses on current events in the NHL while touching upon the AHL, popular culture, and stories from their past experiences playing professional hockey. Spittin' Chiclets can be accessed via the Barstool website, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and all major podcasting platforms.

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChV3NHKFYgxe4k1ajuk_bbw

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SpittinChiclets/>

Instagram: @spittinchiclets

Katherine Ellis Media

Katherine Ellis is a rink-side reporter for Terrier Hockey and student at Boston University's College of Communications (BU '21). An intern at Boston 25 News Sports Department, Katherine has made a name for herself in the world of sports media working alongside entertainment personalities such as Camille Kostek, professional sports leagues, and the New England Patriots Cheerleaders. Katherine has most recently partnered with Barstool Sports and their affiliate CHICKS. Katherine's portfolio can be viewed on her professional website and Instagram page.

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6. Personal Statement

My name is Lauren Davies and I am a May 2020 graduate of Boston University's College of Communication with a background in Advertising and Psychology. As a

Boston native, I grew up an avid hockey fan, seasonally attending Beanpot games with family and friends, always cheering for the Terriers from the BU section of the Garden. When I committed to BU my senior year of high school, I was thrilled to share Boston's Commonwealth Avenue with one of my favorite sports teams. Throughout my time in Title Town, I breathed in support from this community, finding love and mentorship from friends and professors that matched my fiery passion for the academia. Four years later, I'm graduating with a stockpile of Beanpot photos and memories proving that the 'college experience' is worthwhile even when your alma mater doesn't have a football team!

Now as a Boston University alumnus, I am eager to roll up my sleeves and add to BU's legacy in my own way, seeking opportunities for leadership in the communication and sports media industries to challenge my perspectives. I hope to put my talents and passions together in order to become a meaningful and disruptive voice in the world of media, ultimately earning a JD with a specialization in sports and entertainment.