Brent Hill hired as head scout of U.S. women's national team

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Quinnipiac women's ice hockey assistant coach Brent Hill has been announced as the head scout for the U.S. Women's National Team program Friday according to USA Hockey.

Hill has been a member of the Bobcat coaching staff for six seasons and recently served as an assistant coach for the 2026 U.S. women's national team at the Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics, in which the team secured gold for the first time since 2018.

Hill will scout U.S. women's teams for the Olympics, Women's World Championship, Select Series and Under-18 Women's World Championship, according to USA Hockey.



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Former assisant coach Brent Hill hoists ECAC trophy in Lake Placid, N.Y., March 7.

Men's ice hockey set for Sioux Falls in NCAA Regionals

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Quinnipiac men's ice hockey is set for Sioux Falls, S.D., in the NCAA Regionals March 26-28.

After falling to Clarkson in the quarterfinals of the ECAC Tournament, the Bobcats dropped to No. 10 in the NPI ranking, with a 55.344 power index.

The Bobcats will take on the Providence Friars in the Regional Semifinals, with the chance to advance and play in the Regional Final against the winner of North Dakota and Merrimack.

Last season, the Bobcats entered the national tournament No. 12 in the PairWise rankings, as the No. 3 seed in the Allentown Regional in Allentown, P.A. Similarly, this season, the Bobcats enter the Sioux Falls Regional as the No. 3 seed, with North Dakota (No. 1) and Providence (No. 2) sitting ahead of them.

Let's preview what awaits the Bobcats in South Dakota, with hopes of advancing to the Las Vegas Frozen Four.

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS FROM THE SCORESHEETS

The Bobcats and Friars have a short history against one another, facing off only five times. Against the Friars, the Bobcats post a 2-4-1 record, most recently falling to Providence 2-1 in an exhibition game Oct. 5. However, the last regular season game between both teams was back in 2014, with the Bobcats getting shut out 4-0.

Yet, that was 12 years ago. Two completely different developed programs from the last time facing off.

Looking at this year's squads, both teams ended the regular season with strikingly similar records: the Bobcats going 26-9-3, while the Friars went 23-10-2.

Both teams have faced off against several similar opponents this season, including Alaska Fairbanks, Maine, Merrimack, Boston College and Boston University. While both teams defeated and lost to similar opponents, Alaska Fairbanks would go 1-1 against Providence, while the Bobcats went 0-2 against them.

Despite the outcomes on the scoresheet, diving deeper into both teams' player stats, Quinnipiac clearly has the upper hand by a landslide.

Providence's squad lacks tons of offensive depth, with its leading point scorer, sophomore forward John Mustard, finishing the regular season with 28 points. For comparison, Quinnipiac's freshman forward Ethan Wyttenbach leads the Bobcats and the nation, finishing the regular season with 58 points.

A strikingly drastic difference, to say the least.

Additionally, four other Bobcats wrapped up the regular season with 30+ points, including freshmen forwards Antonin Verreault and Markus Vidicek, sophomore forward Chris Pelosi and junior forward Mason Marcellus.

Coming down to a key aspect of both teams, possessing two semi-consistent netminders.

On the Bobcats' goaltending side, juniors Dylan Silverstein and Matej Marinov hold down the crease. Across the 2025-26 season, Silverstein appeared in 16 games for Quinnipiac, while Marinov held the upper hand with 23 games played.

Appearing in fewer games than his goaltending partner, Silverstein averages 1.93 goals per game, with a .916 save percentage. On the other hand, Marinov averages 2.32 goals per game, along with a .899 save percentage.

While it is unknown which goaltender will earn the spot in the regional semifinals, with the back-and-forth appearances of each netminder, Silverstein recently appeared in the Bobcats two ECAC Quarterfinal matchups, getting swept in the series.

For the Friars, freshman Jack Parsons and senior Philip Svedebäck are the squad's most consistent goaltenders, appearing in 19 and 18 games, respectively.

Delving into the two netminders stats, Parsons posted a .923 save percentage, averaging 1.99 goals per game at the end of the regular season. For Svedebäck, the Växjö, Sweden native wrapped up his season with a .918 save percentage, while averaging 2.32 goals per game.

With both squads evenly splitting time throughout the season between their top two goaltenders, it will come down to the wire, which netminder will look to hold down the fort for their respective squad.

JUNIORS CONNECTIONS

Despite Hamden and Sioux Falls being separated by 1,442 miles, two Bobcats have a close connection to the city in South Dakota: Pelosi and Wyttenbach.

During their junior hockey days, Pelosi and Wyttenbach played for the Sioux Falls Stampede in the United States Hockey League.

Pelosi competed for two seasons with the Stampede, in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons. During his first season in Sioux Falls, the Sewell, N.J. native appeared in 43 games, recording 13 goals and six assists, after coming from the Janesville Jets in the North American Hockey League.

Pelosi would return for his second season in Sioux Falls, sporting an "A" on his jersey, going on to record 21 goals and 34 assists in 56 games played.

Wyttenbach would play a lone season in Sioux Falls, a year after Pelosi, appearing in 44 games, recording 24 goals and 27 assists.

For Quinnipiac's No. 1 and No. 3 goal scorers, the Sioux Falls Regional marks a deju-vous moment for the tristate area natives, returning to their pre-collegiate hockey days.

With two similarly appearing squads from the outside, Quinnipiac will need to prove itself and its spot in the nation after a tough ECAC Tournament.

Puck drop is set for 5 p.m. EST from the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center March 26.

Women's tennis bringing the energy into spring MAAC play

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Quinnipiac women's tennis closed out its non-conference slate Sunday with a 7-0 win over the University of New Haven in its first game back at Hamden, moving the team to an impressive 6-0 on home court.

After opening up their spring season playing home games at indoor courts in North Haven, the Bobcats have returned to their official home courts on the Mount Carmel Campus.

"I would say the energy being outdoors, having all six courts in a straight line, it's much more fun and exciting," sophomore Willow Renton said. "In the indoor courts, we're split up between four and two, so we never get to see matches five and six."

Renton was absolutely dominant last season, earning MAAC Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors, along with being named the Most Outstanding Player in the MAAC Tournament.

Anyone who watches Quinnipiac would agree that the 10 players who make up the Bobcats squad love to support each other throughout their matches. Whether it be in warm-ups or the last match, whether they're playing or not, everyone is constantly each other's biggest supporters.

"I think we mainly just focus on team energy," junior Caitlin Flower said on the team's keys to success. "That's our main goal is to just keep that up."

Flower has been very successful throughout her career as a Bobcat, notching her 100th career victory with a singles win and a doubles win with Renton Sunday. The pair have seen great success so far, notching eight wins and participating in the ITA Conference Masters Championships in the fall.

Flower isn't the only one preaching team energy, as Renton agreed with her point.

"All of us are gonna have bad and good days on the tennis court," Renton said. "Keeping our energy up always and always supporting each other is what gets us to winning every match."

Yet, despite going undefeated in North Haven, the squad has failed to record a win on the road, sitting 0-5 in the category.

"I think it's the competition we play," Quinnipiac head coach Paula Miller said. "I play a much harder schedule in Yale, Harvard, (Boston College). They don't come to us."

Despite the stronger competition, Miller praised the team's effort and highlighted her team's determination to win.

"We've been tough on the court," Miller said. "We never give up, even if we're down, we come back. Even if they lose that first set, they have the confidence that they can still win."

Furthering Miller's argument, the team went 3-1 in a set of spring break neutral site matchups, beating St. Thomas University, Marquette University and Western Carolina University. While they haven't officially won on the road, the Bobcats have proven they can win away from home.

"I think that kind of boosted our confidence," Miller said. "Usually, in spring break, we play, we don't usually get as many wins. Everything going forward should be much easier."

All seven remaining matches for Quinnipiac are in-conference, with the Bobcats already having played their MAAC opener, scoring a 6-1 win against Sacred Heart March 20.

Eight of the 10 players return from last season, a season where Quinnipiac went undefeated in MAAC play en route to its record-setting eighth conference title.

"This year we have a slightly older team," Flower said. "It's just kind of a little bit of experience."

Quinnipiac leans slightly toward upperclassmen with five juniors and one senior, compared to three sophomores and a lone freshman on the squad's roster.

"They've done this twice already," Miller said. "I think it's just a much stronger team, close knit because we've been together."

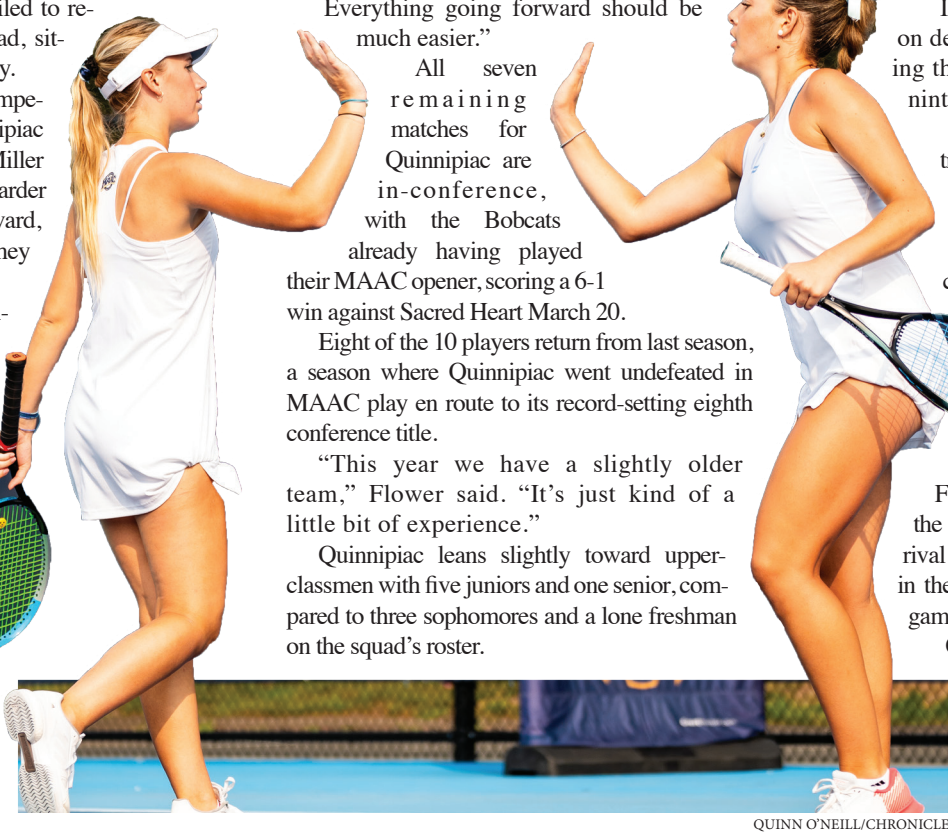
It's not just the returning players that have chipped in to the success of the Bobcats, as freshman Emily Meng has three singles wins and six doubles wins paired with junior Anagha Shankar. Additionally, junior Bowling Green transfer Isabella Baker has contributed seven singles wins of her own.

It's clear that all eyes are set on defending their title and breaking their own record to claim their ninth championship.

The Bobcats will mostly be travelling down the stretch, as four of their seven remaining games will be away. That means they'll have three more chances to defend their still perfect home record.

The second of the home matches is one of particular interest, as Quinnipiac plays Fairfield. Not only are the Stags the Bobcats' closest in-conference rival but the two teams have met in the past four straight MAAC title games dating back to 2022.

Quinnipiac's current focus is on its next match against the Siena Saints on the road, Sunday March 29 at 1:45 p.m.



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