

Alexander about to catch the Fever

Milton's WNBA veteran traded to Indiana Fever

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Next stop, the Hoosier State.

In what she sees as a fresh start, Kayla Alexander was recently dealt to the WNBA's Indiana Fever after five years toiling with the San Antonio Stars.

With the Stars sold and relocated to Las Vegas in the fall, the 27-year-old Miltonian was originally headed to Sin City before the trade.

"I'm excited, really looking forward to it," said the six-foot-four centre, an eighth overall draft pick of the Stars in 2013 who was traded to Indiana along with a third-round draft pick next year for a second-round pick in 2019. "It's closer to home, so my family can come to more games."

Alexander has been assuming the role of spectator herself lately - and relishing every minute of it.

After nearly a decade of playing basketball pretty much year round, she decided to give her body a much-needed rest this winter after originally planning to compete in South Korea and spending a brief stint there.

"It's the best decision I



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Kayla Alexander has been traded to the Indiana Fever.

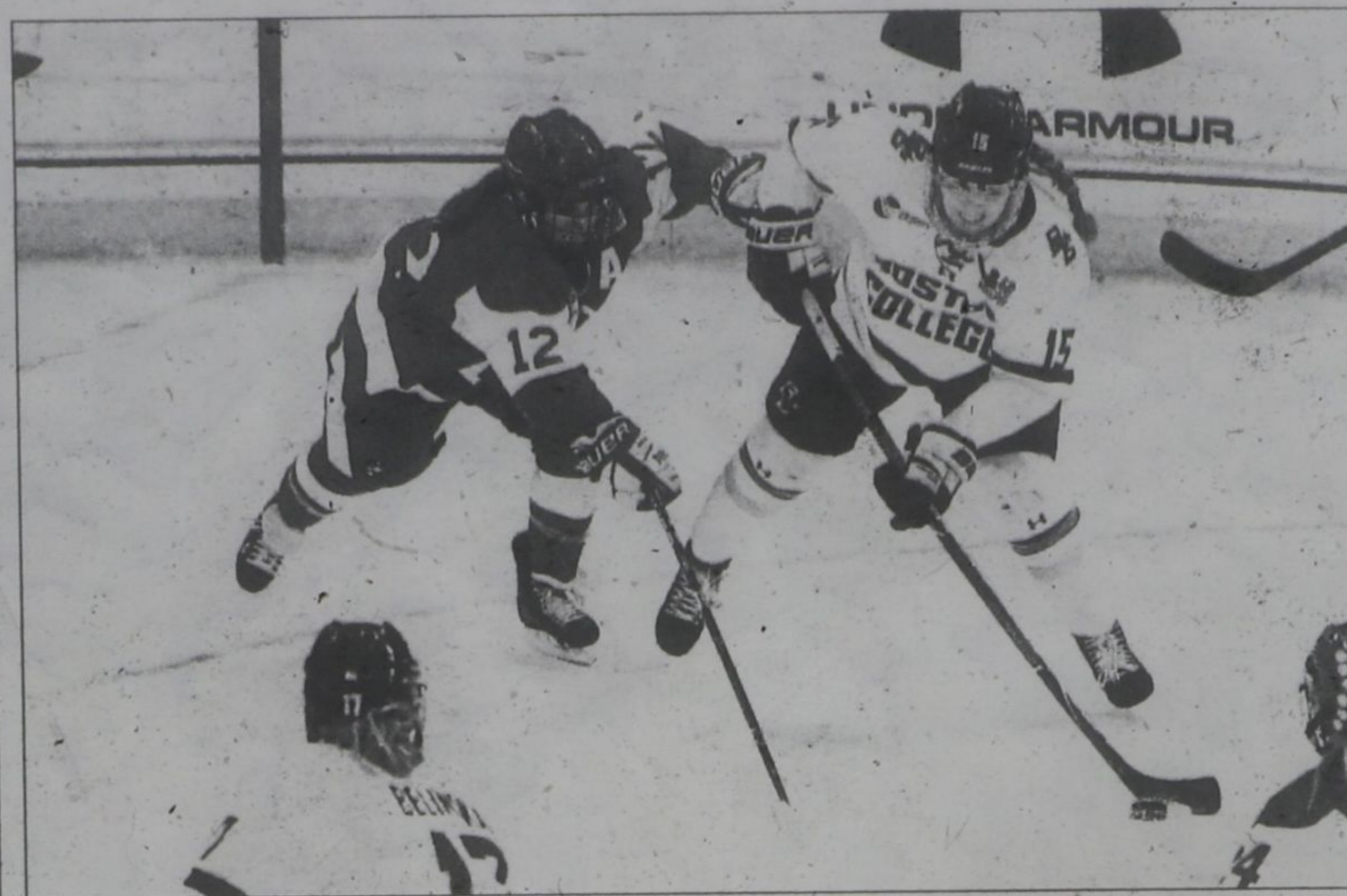
ever made," said the travel lover, who's spent the past few off-seasons playing for teams in Russia and France. "I've been able to watch my brother Kyle play at the University of Tennessee three times and it's been great. I've had more time with my family, and my body's definitely thankful for the rest."

Averaging 6.2 points and 3.1 rebounds last year with the struggling Stars, Alexander is intrigued by the idea of being in a basketball hotbed like Indiana, as well as the fact that such notable players as retired Canadian team member Tammy

Sutton-Brown have come through the Fever program.

"I think it's an opportunity to show what I can do," said Alexander, who closed out her career at Syracuse University as the all-time leader in points (2,024), blocks (350), field goals (736) and free throws (552). "It's a fresh start."

Said Fever head coach and general manager Poke Chatman, "I'm excited to have Kayla join our team. Her size and length, along with her offensive efficiency, will bolster our paint presence on both ends of the floor."



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Victoria Bach (left) competes against Boston University in the Beanpot championship final.

Bach hits 100-goal milestone with Boston University

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As a frequent record-breaker these days at Boston University, Victoria Bach has put herself in pretty select company among the school's all-star offensive standouts.

Last Tuesday (Feb. 13) she didn't join a Terriers scoring fraternity. She created one.

Using a defender as a screen and uncorking a wrist shot that beat Boston College netminder Katie Burt, the 21-year-old Miltonian became BU's first-ever women's hockey player to reach the 100-goal (for

career) plateau.

It came in a heartbreaking 4-3 overtime loss in the Beanpot final.

"It feels great. I spent a lot of time over the summer working on my shot, which has really helped me this season," said Bach, who's just the 22nd player in NCAA history to hit the century mark. "I have also played with some amazing people over the past four years here at BU. Although it would have been nice to get the win, I am super proud of our team and the way we played as a group."

The milestone goal also gave Bach her 58th point of the season.

That eclipses the previous single-season record set Jenn Wakefield in 2011-12.

Bach would add an assist later in the night plus an empty-net goal and assist on the weekend - in a low-scoring sweep of New Hampshire - to finish the regular season with 36 goals and 25 assists, good enough for a spot among the top-five scorers in the NCAA.

The past several weeks have also seen her break the school records for career goals and points and single-season goals.

The Terriers begin the playoffs this coming weekend at Maine.



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