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MEN'S LACROSSE

5-2, 3-1 LEC

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: Myles Berry

HANAFIN NAMED LEC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Christopher Hanafin (Burlington, MA) earned the honor for his performance during the week of April 10-16.

Hanafin was an integral part of a pair of Little East Conference wins for the Beacons last week, racking up 10 points on seven goals and three assists, while adding eight ground balls.

Plymouth got on the board first just 36 seconds into the contest, but freshman **Robert Black (Wolfeboro, NH)** matched it and Cusack and Hanafin followed with scores of their own to give UMB a 3-1 lead. The Panthers cut the deficit to 3-2, but sophomore **Chris Nyman (Feeding Hills, MA)** restored the two-goal cushion at 4-2. Plymouth State kept the pressure on with another goal with just 1:20 remaining in the opening quarter to make it 4-3, but Hanafin found the back of the net with just 21 ticks left in the first quarter for a 5-3 UMass Boston advantage. The Panthers netted the only two scores of the second stanza and opened the third quarter with another goal to take a 6-5 edge, before the Beacons reclaimed the lead. Junior goalie **Nick Eaton (Rowley, MA)** stopped seven shots to earn the victory for UMass Boston. Junior long stick middle **David Liberatore (Medford, MA)** also contributed with eight ground balls and an assist.

The Beacons opened the week with an 11-6 win in Gorham, ME vs. Southern Maine. Hanafin scored three of UMass Boston's first four goals with Nyman in on the other goal to give the Beacons a 4-1 lead with 5:49 to go in the second quarter. The Huskies scored two straight goals to close to within 4-3, but UMass Boston scored four straight times, thanks to goals from junior **Robert Thayer (West Tisbury, MA)**, Black and a pair from Nyman to give the Beacons an 8-3 advantage. Southern Maine answered with two goals to make it 8-5, but Thayer netted two more goals and freshman **Hunter Dowd (Brick, NJ)** capped the scoring for UMass Boston to give it an 11-5 margin.

Eaton turned away eight shots to gain the victory.

Taking Care of Business

The Beacons won both of their conference games this week, to improve to 3-1 in the Little East.

UMass Boston ended the week with a heck of a game in Plymouth, NH, as junior attackman **Christopher Hanafin (Burlington, MA)** scored with 1:53 left to play to give the Beacons the winning margin of 9-8. Following three straight Plymouth State goals, UMass Boston found itself down, 6-5, but Beacons' freshman midfielder **Robert Cusack (Braintree, MA)** sandwiched two goals around a score from Hanafin to give the Beacons an 8-6 lead. The Panthers answered with two scores of their own, including the game-tying tally at 5:41 of the fourth quarter.

EATON NAMED LEC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Nick Eaton (Rowley, MA) earned the honor for his performance during the week of April 10-16.

Eaton is named the league's top defender after posting a 7.00 goals against average in 120 minutes of play, while stopping 15 shots for a .517 save percentage. The Ipswich High School product also picked up 11 ground balls on the week.

MEN'S TENNIS

1-4, 0-2 LEC

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: David Macburnie

Hoping for a better Serving The UMass Boston men's tennis team dropped three matches last week, getting singles victories from senior **Jan Drazen (Plzen, Czech Republic)** with a 6-3, 6-3 triumph at second singles vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology and senior **Dat Nguyen (Dorchester, MA)**, who took second singles at Suffolk, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-2. Drazen combined with freshman **Daniel Bueno (Curitiba, Brazil)** to get an 8-4 win at number two doubles vs. Wentworth and sophomore **Glen Schleeauf (Milton, MA)** also combined with Bueno to win at second doubles at Suffolk, 8-2.

April
 18 SALEM STATE 3pm
 22 at R.I. College 1pm

WHAT
 HAPPENED ?

April
 11 WENTWORTH 2-7 L
 13 at Suffolk 2-6 L
 15 BRIDGEWATER ST. 0-9 L



SOFTBALL

8-15-1, 0-4LEC

Head Coach: Amy Zombeck

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



William Robert Gannon
Baseball

Birthday: 02-26-85

Hometown: Milton, MA

Year: Junior

Major: exercise science

Nickname: Billy

What do you like most about UMass Boston: The batmobile in the Athletic Center

Favorite place on campus? Quinn Cafe

Favorite sports team? Red Sox

Favorite athlete? Jason Varitek

Something that most people don't know about you? Play the Drums

Favorite vacation spot? South Beach

Accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport? All World Series Team 2005

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Would you rather live in a log cabin or downtown? log cabin

Do you have any pets? Yes, a Dog named Britty

Favorite movie? Scarface, Goodwill Hunting, Troy Wedding Crashers

Favorite artist or band? Tom Petty

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Anything by DMX

What bones have you broken? Elbow, ankle, nose, fingers

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Favorite Cereal? Cocoa Pebbles

Favorite city or town? Boston

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? chocolate

Favorite Sesame Street character? The Count

Morning or night? Night

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy? Creamy

Favorite season? Summer

Favorite Saved by the Bell character? Skreetch

Historical Streaks The UMB softball squad was unbeaten in its first four games of the week to extend its unbeaten streak to seven games for the longest run in school history. Prior to their 2-2 tie in the second game of a doubleheader with Mitchell College, the Beacons had won six straight games, which was also the longest winning streak in school annals.

UMass Boston swept Newbury in a doubleheader, scoring 13 runs in the final four innings of the first game to force the eight-run mercy rule to come into effect after six innings of play. The Beacons started the barrage of runs with five in the bottom of the third, highlighted by an RBI double from junior **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** and a run-scoring single by senior **Elizabeth A. Erlandson (East Boston, MA)** to give UMB a 6-4 lead. Newbury cut the deficit to 6-5 with a run in the fourth inning, but the Beacons answered with two runs in the bottom of the frame, including an RBI double from sophomore **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** to bring home freshman **Jennifer Widener (Hyde Park, MA)**, who sent a drive to the fence for a triple. UMB put four more runs on the board for a 12-5 lead in the fifth when freshman pitcher **Nikki Johnson (Leicester, MA)** and sophomore **Alison Lowe (Brockton, MA)** each contributed with run-producing singles and Wall cracked another double to bring home a run. The Nighthawks cut the lead to 12-6 in the sixth, but the Beacons came up with two more runs in the bottom of the inning, including an RBI single from Johnson, to halt the game with one out in the sixth.

Newbury took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but UMass Boston matched the run on a Widener RBI double. The Nighthawks took a 4-1 lead in the third, before UMass Boston grabbed the lead in the bottom of the frame. Johnson picked up the win for the Beacons, going six complete innings, while allowing six runs (four earned) on five hits and seven walks, while striking out four.

UMass Boston got all the scoring it would need in the first inning of the second game, scoring four times, highlighted by RBI singles from Wall and senior **Catie O'Reilly (Dorchester, MA)** as well as a run-scoring triple into the gap by Ciarletta. Newbury cut the deficit to 4-1 in the second, but the Beacons answered with five more runs, fueled by a two-run single from Ciarletta and an RBI double to left by sophomore **Marcia Beatty (Marstons Mills, MA)**, to give UMB a 9-1 cushion after two innings. The Nighthawks scored their second run of the day in the third and UMass Boston wrapped up its production in the inning as well, putting up six runs, highlighted by run producing doubles from Ciarletta and Beatty and a two-run single by sophomore **Kristen Mullaney (Bridgewater, MA)**. Freshman hurler **Jenn Santoro (Belmont, MA)** improved to 5-5 for the Beacons, going five complete innings, due to the mercy rule, giving up two runs (none earned) on five hits and two walks, while setting down four on strikes.

UMass Boston took the first game from Mitchell College, 9-7, and settled for a 2-2 tie in a game halted by darkness. Mitchell got on the board first with a run in the opening frame, but UMass Boston answered with five runs in the bottom of the second when Ciarletta led off with a triple and beat the throw home following a bunt single by O'Reilly. Freshman **Brittany Knight (Buxton, ME)** later plated a pair of runs with a double to left field and thereafter came around to score on a double to left center by Wall to give the Beacons a 5-1 lead. UMB put another run on the board in the third when Ciarletta led off with another triple to the gap and scampered home on an O'Reilly sacrifice fly to left field to make it 6-1. The Pequots got the run back in the fourth to cut the deficit to 6-2. UMass Boston answered with two runs in the bottom of the frame when Ciarletta cranked a two-run double to the gap to give the Beacons an 8-2 advantage. Mitchell pulled to within 8-6 in the sixth with four runs, but UMass Boston added an insurance run in the sixth when Wall drew a two-out walk, stole second and came around to score on a single to right center from Widener to make it 9-6. The Pequots tried to rally in the seventh, but fell short with just one run.

Johnson won her third straight decision for the Beacons, going seven complete innings, allowing seven runs (five earned) on 10 hits and a walk, while striking out two.

The Beacons took a 1-0 edge in the second game when Widener stroked a two-out single up the middle and came around to score on a double to left center by Ciarletta. The Pequots matched the run in the second inning, knotting the contest at 1-1. UMass Boston reclaimed its edge when Wall cracked a one-out triple to left center and later scored on an error to make it 2-1, but Mitchell came back again with a run in the fifth.

Santoro allowed two runs (one earned) on two hits and five walks in five innings, while fanning a batter on strikes.

The Beacons were swept in a Little East Conference double dip at Rhode Island College, dropping the first game, 8-0, as Wall was the only baserunner in the game for UMB with a walk.

Wall provided the offense in a 7-1 loss in game two with home run number three of the season to left field. Ciarletta also contributed with two hits, including a double and Widener and senior **Molly Norton (Milton, MA)** also collected one hit apiece.

April
18 at So. Maine (DH) 3:30pm
20 at Lesley (DH) 3pm
22 W. CONN. ST. (DH) 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April
11 NEWBURY 14-6 W
11 NEWBURY 15-2 W
13 MITCHELL 9-7 W
13 MITCHELL 2-2 T
15 at R.I. College 0-8 L
15 at R.I. College 1-7 L



BASEBALL

11-10, 3-3 LEC

WHAT'S
NEXT ?

Head Coach: Brendan Eygabroat

Just Short The Baseball team came up just one run short in each of its conference games last weekend, falling to Rhode Island College, 4-3 and 8-7. UMB began the week with an 11-0 loss at Salem State, but then rebounded to pound Framingham State, 9-3, and crush Curry, 21-5.

The Anchormen came up with a pair of runs in the sixth inning to take a 4-2 lead in the first game, but UMass Boston threatened in the bottom of the ninth when sophomore **AJ Luongo (Malden, MA)** drew a leadoff walk and, following an out, sophomore **Derrick Plante (Medford, MA)** worked a walk, followed by a single to right center by sophomore **Ryan Oshima (La Jolla, CA)** to load the bases. Junior **Bob Kniffen (Halifax, MA)** reached on a fielder's choice to score Luongo and pull the Beacons to within 4-3 with two outs. Junior **Billy Gannon (Milton, MA)** walked to re-load the bases, but junior **Bryan Curran (Brockton, MA)** flew out to center field to end the game.

UMass Boston got on the board first when Plante singled down the right field line to bring home a run for a 1-0 lead after two innings, but Rhode Island College got the run back in the top of the third to make it 1-1. The Beacons took a 2-1 edge when Kniffen led off the bottom of the third with a single and came around to score on the combination of a Gannon single and an RIC throwing error. Rhode Island College knotted the score again with two outs in the fifth. Sophomore righthander **Nick Conway (Methuen, MA)** took the loss for UMass Boston, allowing four runs (three earned) in eight innings, while walking one and striking out nine.



Junior, Bryan Curran

The Anchormen broke a 7-7 tie in the 10th inning when a runner scored from first after a collision at the plate resulted in a safe call and an 8-7 edge for RIC.

The Anchormen jumped out early with four first-inning runs, but the Beacons took advantage of an error in the bottom of the frame to get a run back and scored five more times in the second, highlighted RBI singles from Oshima, Kniffen and Curran to give them a 6-4 lead. Rhode Island College scored single runs in the third and fifth innings to knot the contest at 6-6. Curran got the lead back for UMB with an RBI double in the sixth to make it 7-6, but a two-out triple tied the game for the Anchormen in the ninth inning. The Beacons failed to score a run at Salem State, but junior **Jaime Soto (Peabody, MA)** led them with a pair of hits, including a double.

UMass Boston got back on track vs. Framingham State, striking first with a run in the bottom of the second when Luongo reached second base on an error to begin the frame, moved to third on a single by Plante and then scored on a balk. The Beacons took advantage of another error in the third inning to take a 2-0 margin, before Framingham State cut the deficit in half with a run in the fourth. Soto opened the bottom of the fifth

with a single and later scored on an error to give UMB a 3-1 lead. The Beacons upped their lead to 4-1 when Kniffen cracked a two-out double and Curran traded places with him with a double of his own. The Rams pulled to within 4-3 with two runs in the eighth, but UMass Boston effectively put the game away with five runs in the bottom of the inning, begun by a bases loaded single from junior **Sean C. Ketterer (Plymouth, MA)** to plate a pair of runs. Following an out, Luongo brought two more runs home with a single of his own. Freshman **Chris Oram (Lynn, MA)** followed with a pinch-single and Gannon drew a walk to load the bases again and set up a sacrifice fly by Oshima to make it 9-3.

Plante threw six innings for the Beacons, allowing just one earned run on three hits and three walks, while striking out two to improve his record to 2-0 on the year, while Soto pitched two innings, giving up two runs (none earned) on four hits to go with a strikeout and Kniffen closed out the contest with a scoreless ninth inning.

UMass Boston took a 12-0 lead after three innings, before Curry College scored five times in the bottom of the third. Kniffen got things started with a leadoff double and later scored on a wild pitch, while freshman **Richie Montecalvo (Medford, MA)** singled home a run, freshman **Adrian Piña (Hyde Park, MA)** was hit by a pitch to force in a run with the bases loaded and Plante plated a run with a sacrifice fly for a 4-0 first-inning UMB lead. The Beacons got three runs in the second, highlighted by Montecalvo's first career home run to bring home two. UMass Boston put five more on the board in the third with Gannon driving home a run with a single, Soto knocking in a run with a sacrifice fly and Luongo drawing a bases loaded walk to bring in a run.

The Beacons exploded for eight more runs in the fifth to take a 20-5 lead, highlighted by two-run singles from Gannon and Soto, as well as, a run-scoring single by Piña. Kniffen brought home the final run of the afternoon with a sacrifice fly in the sixth. Junior **Michael Mish (South Hadley, MA)** pitched six innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits and a walk, while striking out one to earn the win for UMass Boston.

April
18 SO. MAINE 3pm
20 at Suffolk 4pm
22 PLYMOUTH ST. (DH) 12pm

WHAT
HAPPENED ?

April
10 SALEM STATE 0-11 L
11 FRAMINGHAM ST. 9-3 W
13 at Curry 21-5 W
15 RI COLLEGE 3-4 L
15 RI COLLEGE 7-8 L (10 inn.)