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MEW OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: Pershing Reid

WHAT'S
NEXT ?

A Tune-up for the Championships UMass Boston men's and women's outdoor track and field competed at the 2008 MIT Spring Invitational on Saturday, before competing in the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championships this weekend.

MUOLO NAMED LEC FIELD ROOKIE OF THE WEEK AGAIN

Matt Muolo (Stoneham, MA) earned the honor for his performance during the week of April 14-20.

Muolo has excelled in the shot put all season for the Beacons and last weekend was no different at the 2008 MIT Spring Invitational on April 19. The freshman recorded a heave of 13.39 meters in the shot put to place fourth overall and third among Division III competitors and establish a season-best mark.

3:37.71 and the 4X100 meter relay team of Francis, freshman **Fuad Conteh (Sierra Leone)**, senior **Brandon Yarde (Barbados)** and Pierre-Louis registered a third-place showing with a time of 44.11. Freshman **T. Elliot Barraford (Barnstead, NH)** recorded a leap of 5.75 meters to take ninth among DIII competitors in the long jump and Mombeleur took eighth for DIII competitors in the triple jump with a mark of 11.76 meters.

Junior **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** led the UMB women in the field events with a heave of 10.26 meters in the shot put to place fourth, while senior **Tara Sweeney (Lake Havasu City, AZ)** ran a time of 2:27.35 in the 800 meters to finish sixth among DIII runners. Junior **Mariama Njie (Bakau New Town, The Gambia)** placed 12th among DIII runners in the 100 meters with a mark of 13.74, while placing 17th among DIII racers in the women's 200 meters. Sophomore **Joy Risko (Bristol, RI)** also ran well with a time of 1:08.25 in the 400 meters to come in seventh for Division III entrants.

April
26 at Little East/NE Alliance

WHAT
HAPPENED ?

April
19 at MIT Invitational

Freshman **Matt Muolo (Stoneham, MA)** was impressive in the shot put again, taking third place among Division III competitors with a season-best heave of 13.39 meters.

Junior **Emile Pierre-Louis (Arcahaie, Haiti)** qualified for regionals with a time of 11.32 in the 100 meters to place fourth among DIII runners and clocked in with a 22.85 time in the 200 meters to finish sixth for DIII runners and qualify for regionals as well. Junior **Antonio Francis (Manchester, Jamaica)** posted a third-place showing among DIII runners in the 400 meters with a time of 52.19 and came in 10th in the 100 meters with a mark of 11.49. Senior **Mike Leavitt (Brockton, MA)** led the men's distance runners with a time of 10:55.34 in the 3000 meter steeplechase to finish second among DIII competitors, while junior **Ryan Norton (Walpole, MA)** placed fourth for DIII runners with a time of 11:48.85. The 4X400 meter men's relay team of Antonio, junior **Carlos Cabral (Praia, Cape Verde)**, junior **Joseph Mombeleur (Brockton, MA)** and Pierre-Louis was the top DIII finisher with a time of



Photo by AJ Rourke

Freshman, Fuad Conteh



MEN'S LACROSSE

3-8, 1-4 LEC

Head Coach: Matt Rowley

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Samuel J. Sanchez
Cross Country,
Track & Field

Birthday: 10/24/1986

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Year: Junior

Major: Philosophy

Nickname: Sam

What do you like most about UMass Boston? The Professors

Favorite place on campus? Philosophy Lounge

Favorite sports team? Track & Field of course

Favorite athlete? Michael Johnson

Something most people don't know about you? I am a serious philosophy nerd

Favorite vacation spot? Corpus Christi, TX (Beach)

What accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport? Making the

Deans List

Favorite holiday? Halloween

Would you rather live in a log cabin or downtown? I'd live downtown in the fall & spring, then cabin in the summer.

Do you have any pets? A beta fish

Favorite movies? I Heart Huckabees

Favorite artist or band? Taking Back Sunday & Jeff Buckley

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Taking Back Sunday - 180 by Summer

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi if I had to choose

Favorite cereal? Cookie Crisp

Favorite city? Boston, MA

Favorite ice cream? Vanilla

How many foreign countries have you been to? 1

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? Chocolate milk

Favorite Sesame Street character?

Cookie Monster

Morning or Night? Cool weathered nights

Favorite Season? Spring/Track

Favorite Saved by the Bell character?

Zach always the clever one

An Overtime Squeaker The Beacons pulled out a 5-4 overtime victory over Wentworth Institute of Technology on April 17, but were defeated on Saturday by league foe Western Connecticut State University, 14-5.

Junior midfielder **Bobby Cusack (Braintree, MA)** netted his third goal of the afternoon with 17 seconds left in overtime to give UMass Boston the win over Wentworth on April 17. Cusack took a feed at the top of the box from freshman middie **Jared Kinch (Cohasset, MA)** and unleashed a low shot that skipped into the back of the net to provide the difference for UMass Boston. Freshman attackman **John Canty (Milton, MA)** sent the match into overtime for the Beacons when he took a shot from the left side of the box that found the upper-right corner with 76 seconds left in regulation to pull UMB even at 4-4. Sophomore attackman **Dale Nunn (Hillsborough, NJ)** put UMass Boston on the board when he converted a pass from Kinch for a score at the 9:53 mark of the first quarter for a 1-0 edge, but the Leopards popped the equalizer at 8:56 of the second quarter for the only two tallies of the first half to make it 1-1 going into the intermission. Wentworth took a 2-1 lead with 11:32 to go in the third quarter, but Cusack tied the score at 2-2 for the Beacons with his first goal of the day just 15 seconds later. The Leopards got the go-ahead goal for a 3-2 margin, but Cusack struck again for UMass Boston at 11:12 of the fourth quarter to pull it even again at 3-3. Wentworth reclaimed the lead with 7:32 remaining in the fourth period for a 4-3 edge before Canty tied it for UMB. Sophomore goalie **Aaron Pollock (Belmont, MA)** stopped 18 shots, including two in the overtime period, to earn the victory for UMass Boston. Junior defender **Matt Dunn (Milton, MA)** picked up a team-high nine ground balls for the Beacons, while sophomore face-off man **Justin Mahoney (Scituate, MA)** won 10 of 12 face-offs and came up with eight ground balls on the day.

Western Connecticut State netted the first five goals of the game, including the first two within 1:25 of each other, before Mahoney put UMass Boston on the board with 12:28 left in the second quarter to make it 5-1, but the Colonials netted goals at 11:41 and 10:42 of the second period to extend their advantage to 7-1. Cusack took advantage of a man-up situation for the Beacons and found the back of the net with 5:43 remaining in second quarter to cut the deficit to 7-2, but Western Connecticut countered just 66 seconds later and scored again with 1:57 left in the first half for a 9-2 lead. Canty notched a UMass Boston goal, with an extra man, just one minute before the half expired to cut the margin to 9-3 to head into the intermission. The Colonials registered a pair of man-up scores, before senior midfielder **Nick Thomo (Brookfield, MA)** answered with a man-up goal of his own for UMB to put the score at 11-4. Western Connecticut scored the final goal of the third period and the first two of the fourth quarter to take a 14-4 advantage, before Thomo capped the day's scoring with his second goal of the afternoon for UMass Boston coming with 4:03 to go in the contest. Canty added an assist and three ground balls for the Beacons, while Mahoney piled up a game-high 14 ground balls. Pollock stopped 10 of 22 shots in 47:06 of play for UMass Boston, before yielding to junior **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)**, who made two saves and allowed two goals in the final 12:54 of action.



Photo by AJ Rourke

Junior, Bobby Cusack

April
22 SALEM STATE 3pm
24 at Mass. Maritime 6pm
26 E. CONN. STATE 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April
17 WENTWORTH 5-4W (ot)
19 W. CONN. ST. 5-14 L



BASEBALL

12-17, 3-5 LEC

Head Coach: Brendan Eygabroat

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Getting to Crunch Time The Beacons saw action in four games last week, winning one, while dropping a pair of conference games. UMass Boston dropped a tough one at Babson, 7-6, before rebounding the following day with a 13-3 victory at Eastern Nazarene. The Beacon Nine was defeated in a pair at Keene State, however, 13-2 and 14-8.

Sophomore pinch-hitter **Connor Reinfurt (Manchester, NH)** clubbed a home run to left field to tie Babson at 6-6 in the top of the ninth inning, but the Beavers scored in the bottom of the frame to take a 7-6 win. UMass Boston opened the scoring with a run in the first when junior second baseman **Casey Rice (Canandaigua, NY)** plated a run with a sacrifice fly for a 1-0 edge, but Babson scored twice in the third and added another run in the fifth to take a 3-1 lead. The Beacons grabbed the lead at 5-4 when sophomore third baseman **G.P. O'Kane (Easton, MA)** cracked a three-run double to left field in the sixth inning. The Beavers came right back with three runs of their own in the seventh to retake the lead at 6-5, before UMB tied it.

The Beacons left nothing to chance at Eastern Nazarene putting up seven runs in the third inning to take a 7-0 lead, highlighted by a two-run double from freshman shortstop **Ryan Walsh (Newton, MA)**, a two-run single from Reinfurt and an RBI single off the bat of freshman right fielder **Nicholas Martin (Mattapoisett, MA)**. UMass Boston scored six more unanswered runs with three in the fourth, two in the fifth and one in the sixth, before the Crusaders broke into the scoring column with three runs to make it 13-3. Junior righty **Patrick J. McCarthy (Canandaigua, NY)** earned his first collegiate victory, going four scoreless innings, allowing just three hits and two walks to go with three strikeouts.

The Beacons owned a 2-0 lead over the number 19 team in the nation when they put two runs on the board in the second inning at Keene State. Junior catcher **Eric Salvador (Middleboro, MA)** reached on an error to open the inning and came around to score on a two-run homer by Walsh. The Owls scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to knot the game at 2-2, before they put the contest out of reach with four runs in the seventh and seven more in the eighth for a 13-2 win. Walsh finished the game with three hits, while freshman **Timothy Fontaine (Worcester, MA)** rapped out two hits, including a double. Senior right-handed starter **Nick Conway (Methuen, MA)** picked up a no-decision, giving up two runs on six hits and five walks, while setting down seven batters on strikes. Conway's start was his sixth of the season and the 43rd of his career to place him third on the UMass Boston career list, while his total of 40 innings pitched on the year leaves him just four and two-thirds short of the school's career-record with 229.

The Beacons took a 1-0 edge in the first inning of the second game when junior center fielder **Ryan Oshima (La Jolla, CA)** drew a lead off walk and later scored on a Salvador single to third base. Keene State matched the run in the bottom of the inning and added four runs in the second for a 5-1 margin. UMass Boston cut the deficit to 5-2 when sophomore left fielder **Drew Tambling (Sterling, MA)** singled and later scored on an error in the third inning, but the Owls broke the game open with an eight-run fourth to take a 13-2 advantage. The Beacons closed to within 13-6 with four runs in the fifth, highlighted by a two-run double by Dorval and RBI singles from Walsh and Salvador. Keene State put up another run in the fifth to take a 14-6 lead, before UMass Boston capped the scoring with two runs in the seventh, thanks to run-scoring singles from junior right fielder **Tom Michael (Manchester, NH)** and Rice. Walsh collected three more hits as did Salvador, who also cracked a pair of doubles. Tambling finished with two hits and a pair of runs scored as well.

April
22 at Curry 3:30 pm
23 at Brandeis 3:30 pm
26 PLYMOUTHST.(DH) 12pm
27 at So. Maine (DH) 12pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April
16 at Babson 6-7 L
17 at E. Nazarene 13-3 W
19 at Keene St. 2-13L, 8-14L

MEN'S TENNIS

4-7, 2-3 LEC

Head Coach: Eric Berg

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Stalled Momentum The UMass Boston men's tennis team had its four-match winning streak snapped last week with a 6-3 loss at Salem State and a 7-2 defeat at UMass Dartmouth, but junior **Paul Braude (West Yarmouth, MA)** extended his personal combined win streak to nine matches, including four straight singles victories.

Braude won at second singles at Salem State, 6-4, 6-0 and teamed with junior **Jovan Jordan-Whitter (Hamilton, Bermuda)** to win at number one doubles, 8-5. Freshman **Reinaldo Lopes (Brussels, Belgium)** earned the Beacons' other point in the match with a 2-6, 7-5, 6-0 win at sixth singles.

Braude had a hand in both of UMass Boston's points at UMass Dartmouth, moving up to win at first singles, 6-3, 6-3 and then at first doubles with partner junior **Ali Al-Sabbagh (West Roxbury, MA)** 8-6.

The Beacons will finish their dual match schedule this week and then compete in the conference championships to be hosted at Bridgewater State College over the weekend.

April
22 at R.I. College 3:30pm
25 at LEC Championships
26 at LEC Championships

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April
15 SALEMSTATE 3-6 L
19 at Mass Dartmouth 2-7 L



SOFTBALL

4-25, 1-9 LEC

Head Coach: Natalia Ardagna

**WHAT'S
NEXT ?**

Busy Beacons The Beacons played eight games in six days last week and capped the week with their first conference win of the season at UMass Dartmouth.

UMass Boston dropped a pair of games at Southern Maine on April 15, 11-3 and 8-2. The Huskies scored eight runs in the first two innings of play, before freshman left fielder **Kristine Faffley (Westmoreland, NY)** hit a one-out single to center in the third and later scored on a single by junior center fielder **Jenn Widener (Hyde Park, MA)**. Junior right fielder **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** followed with a run-scoring single of her own to cut the deficit to 8-2. Southern Maine matched the runs with two of its own in the bottom of the inning to take a 10-2 lead. The Beacons scored their final run of the game in the fourth when junior first baseman **Leanne Meninger (Everett, MA)** drew a two-out walk and later came around to score on a wild pitch. O'Connor paced UMB, going 2-3 with an RBI.

The Huskies scored three times in the bottom of the first in game two and added two more runs in the fourth to take a 5-0 margin, but Faffley led off the UMass Boston fifth and scored on a wild pitch to make it 5-1. Southern Maine tacked on three more runs in the sixth, before junior first baseman **Brittainy Knight (Buxton, ME)** doubled to center to lead off the seventh, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore catcher **Amanda Cianciulli (Billerica, MA)** and scored on a Faffley single to left field to cut the margin to 8-2. Faffley led UMB, going 2-4 with an RBI and a run scored.

The Beacons were swept in Cambridge by Lesley University on April 17, losing the first game, 16-4, and the second contest, 14-8. The Lynx broke the game open with a 12-run second inning and owned a 16-0 lead going into the top of the fourth, where UMass Boston scored three times. Widener, junior designated player **Courtney Haroules (Littleton, MA)** and freshman second baseman **Leigh Hammontree (Westport, MA)** all singled to load the bases with one out to set up an RBI walk by Knight for UMB's first run of the game. Cianciulli followed with a ground out to knock in a run and sophomore shortstop **Maria Nasta (Andover, MA)** plated another run with a single to left field to pull the Beacons to within 16-3. UMass Boston added another run in the fifth when Widener cracked a one-out single to center field and later scored on an error by the catcher to make it 16-4. Widener and Haroules each collected two hits for the Beacons in the game.

Lesley struck for the first three runs of game two in the bottom of the first, but UMass Boston came back with three of its own in the second to knot the score at 3-3 after Knight and Nasta singled to open the inning and Meninger came through with an RBI single to center field. Nasta later scored on an error and Hammontree doubled home the third run. The Lynx responded with four runs in the bottom of the inning and scored three more in the fourth to take a 10-3 lead. The Beacons pulled to within 10-8 with a five-run fifth, thanks to RBI singles from Widener and Meninger, a run-scoring double off the bat of Nasta and a sacrifice fly by Knight. Lesley capped the scoring with two runs in the bottom of the inning and two more in the sixth. Nasta finished the contest with a season-high three hits to go with an RBI and two runs scored.

UMass Boston began the weekend with two losses to visiting Western Connecticut State, dropping the opener, 8-1, and the nightcap, 13-1. Haroules had not allowed a hit through the first three and a third innings of play in the first game, before the Colonials poked a weak ground ball just through the right side of the infield to crack the hit column. They entered the scoring column the following inning with three runs in the top of the fifth for a 3-1 lead. Western Connecticut scored five more times in the sixth to take an 8-1 advantage. The Beacons got on the board first when Faffley led off the bottom of the first inning with a triple to left center field and scored on a sacrifice fly to center field off the bat of Widener to give them a 1-0 edge. It would be their last run of the first game. Haroules gave up eight runs (four earned) on two hits and five walks, while fanning six in seven complete innings. She also led UMB at the plate with two hits in three trips.

The Colonials scored the first run of the second game in the first inning and tacked on two more runs in the second for a 3-0 margin. Freshman center fielder **Alexandria Quinn (Brockton, MA)** beat out a bunt to shortstop to lead off the bottom of the third for the Beacons, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a Faffley single up the middle to cut the deficit to 3-1. Western Connecticut State broke the contest open with eight runs in the fourth, taking advantage of three UMB errors for an 11-1 advantage. The Colonials made the most of two more errors in the fifth inning to add two more runs and cap the scoring at 13. Faffley led UMass Boston with an RBI single and Quinn had a run scored and a single for the hosts.

The Beacons ended their long week with a doubleheader split at UMass Dartmouth on Sunday, falling, 6-1, in the first game, before rebounding to get their first league victory with a 9-7 decision in game two. The Corsairs scored five times in the bottom of the second, before Cianciulli singled to lead off the third for UMB, stole second base and later scored on a single down the left field line by Widener to cut the margin to 5-1. UMass Dartmouth added another run in the sixth to cap the scoring. The Beacons broke out the bats early in game two, getting two runs in the top of the first inning when Faffley and Quinn each singled and later scored on a Haroules two-run single. The Corsairs cut the deficit in half with a run in the bottom of the frame, but UMass Boston didn't hold back, putting four more runs on the board in the second, highlighted by an RBI single from Widener and a bases-clearing double off the bat of Haroules to give the Beacons a 6-1 lead. UMass Boston increased its advantage to 8-1 with two runs, keyed by a run-scoring single from Cianciulli. UMass Dartmouth made things interesting with three runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to pull to within 8-6, but Knight doubled to open the Beacons' seventh and came around to score on a Meninger single to left field to give UMB a 9-6 lead. The Corsairs rallied for one more run in the bottom of the inning, but that would be it. Haroules earned the win, going seven innings and allowing seven runs (three earned) on six hits and six walks, while fanning 10. She also cracked two hits and drove in a season-high five runs, while Quinn, Widener and Meninger also registered two hits on the day.

April
22 KEENE ST. (DH) 3:30pm
24 MASSMARIOME(DH) 3:30pm
26 at Plymouth St. (DH) 1pm

**WHAT
HAPPENED ?**

April
15 at S. Maine 3-11 L, 2-8 L
17 at Lesley 4-16 L, 8-14 L
19 W. CT. ST. 1-8 L, 1-13 L
20 at Mass Dartmouth 1-6L, 9-7W



Freshman, Kristine Faffley