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MEN'S LACROSSE

7-3, 4-1 LEC

Head Coach: Myles Berry

WHAT'S NEXT ?

NYMAN NAMED LITTLE EAST OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Chris Nyman (Feeding Hills, MA) earned the honor for his performance during the week of April 17-23.

Nyman was the Beacons' most consistent scorer last week, notching three or more points in all three contests during a 2-1 week. The sophomore racked up 10 points on eight goals and two assists, while picking up eight ground balls.

Controlling Destiny The Beacons went 2-1 on the week, including a win over Little East Conference foe Western Connecticut State to improve their conference mark to 4-1 to ensure a home LEC playoff game on Tuesday, May 2.

UMass Boston trailed 5-4 vs. Western Conn., but scored the final two goals of the third period and the first two tallies of the fourth quarter to take an 8-5 advantage. Junior **Robert Thayer (West Tisbury, MA)** netted a goal with 2:38 left in the third period to knot the score at 5-5 and freshman **Robert Cusack (Braintree, MA)** struck just 52 seconds later to give the Beacons their first lead of the day at 6-5 with 1:46 showing in the third stanza. Freshman **Robert Black (Wolfeboro, NH)** found the back of the net at 13:16 of the final quarter and junior **Christopher Hanafin (Burlington, MA)** scored at the 5:20 mark of the fourth period to give UMB an 8-5 lead.

Western Connecticut State netted the first three goals of the game, but Nyman pulled the Beacons to within 3-2 with a pair of scores before the end of the first half, including his second at 1:21 of the second period. The Colonials took a 4-2 lead at 8:43 of the third quarter, but junior **Chris Peterson (Duxbury, MA)** answered for

UMB at 6:25 of the third period and Nyman netted his third goal to tie the score at 4-4 just 1:18 later. Western Connecticut struck again at 3:37 of the third for a 5-4 edge, but it would be the last time the visitors would lead. Cusack scored the Beacons' final two goals. Junior goalie **Nick Eaton (Rowley, MA)** made 15 saves to earn his school-record 25th career victory.

UMass Boston looked like it would begin the week with a win as well, taking a 5-3 lead early in the second quarter, but Massachusetts Maritime held UMB scoreless for a period of 30:27, while scoring six unanswered goals to turn the tide of the game. Nyman had netted the third straight goal for the Beacons to give them a 5-3 lead with 10:28 left in the second quarter, but the Buccaneers defense got tough and their offense responded as well, taking their biggest lead at 9-5 with 12:18 to play in the match. UMass Boston finally got its offense to click when Hanafin found the back of the net with 10:01 to go in the fourth quarter to pull UMB to within 9-6. Hanafin capped the afternoon's scoring with his fourth tally of the day coming just 38 seconds later at 9:23 to make it 9-7. Mass Maritime netted the first two goals of the game, before Hanafin answered with two of his own to tie the score at 2-2 at 7:27 of the first quarter. The Buccaneers took a 3-2 edge just 36 seconds later, but Nyman responded 71 seconds after that with the equalizer for UMB to make it 3-3. Cusack broke the tie for the Beacons with an extra man score at 3:28 of the opening period, before Nyman's second goal gave them a two-goal cushion. Eaton stopped 12 shots in the game.

UMass Boston scored the game's first seven goals, including six in the opening quarter. The Beacons got all of their early scoring from three players as Thayer netted the first, third and fifth goals of the afternoon, Hanafin found the back of the net for UMB's fourth and sixth scores and Nyman connected for goals number two and seven on the day for UMass Boston. Hanafin finished the day with six points on three goals and three assists, while Thayer tallied four with three goals and an assist and Nyman registered three goals as well. Cusack netted a pair and junior **David Liberatore (Medford, MA)** and sophomore **Andrew Morrison (Marshfield, MA)** both posted a goal. Eaton made 17 saves, playing in his school-record 43rd career game.

April 25 MIT 3:30pm
29 E. CONN. STATE 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April 18 MASS. MARITIME 7-9 L
20 WENTWORTH 13-6 W
22 W. CONN. ST. 10-7 W

CUSACK NAMED LITTLE EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Robert Cusack (Braintree, MA) earned the honor for his performance during the week of April 17-23.

Cusack earns the weekly rookie honor after registering eight points on six goals and two assists in three games, while coming up with 11 ground balls. The midfielder matched his season-high with three goals vs. Western Connecticut State, while scooping six ground balls



SOFTBALL

10-21-1, 0-10 LEC

Head Coach: Amy Zombeck

WHAT'S
NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Elizabeth Ann
Erlandson**
Softball

Birthday: March 26th

Hometown: East Boston

Year: Senior

Major: Crim

Nickname: Henrietta

What do you like most about UMass Boston: Meal money

Favorite place on campus? Locker #12

Favorite sports team? Ping pong team

Favorite athlete? Stacey Peterson

Something that most people don't know about you? I can do the Rubiks cube

Favorite vacation spot? Harbor Point

Accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport? Making the record book

Favorite holiday? Flag Day

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

Do you have any pets? 2 cats and sometimes a dog

Favorite artist or band? Ella Fitzgerald

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? upside down

What bones have you broken? None

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Favorite Cereal? Oreo O's

Favorite city or town? East Boston

Favorite ice cream? snickers

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? BBQ chicken pizza

Favorite Sesame Street character? cookie monster

Hats or no hats? Depends on the hat

Morning or night? night

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy? creamy

Favorite season? Spring

Favorite Saved by the Bell character? Jesse Spano

Coming Down the Home Stretch

The Beacons are heading into the final week of the regular season and still have some goals on the table. The team swept Lesley University in a doubleheader last week and did two things in the process. It avenged the first loss of the season and also got the 10th win of the season. It's the first time since 1994 that the Beacons have reached double digits in wins and they are now just one win away from tying the school single-season record for victories.

UMass Boston halted a six-game losing streak with a 3-1 win in the first game at Lesley on April 20 and got on the board first when sophomore **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** reached on an error and scored on a single by junior **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)**. The Beacons tacked on two more runs in the second inning to take a 3-0 lead before the Lynx got their only run in the bottom of the inning. Freshman starting pitcher **Nikki Johnson (Leicester, MA)** earned the win, going six innings, while allowing one run (unearned) on six hits and a walk, while striking out one. Classmate **Jenn Santoro (Belmont, MA)** picked up her first career save with an inning of hitless relief.

UMass Boston took a 2-0 lead in the second game at Lesley when senior **Catie O'Reilly (Dorchester, MA)** knocked in a run with a bases-loaded fielder's choice and Johnson later plated a run with a single. The Lynx answered with two runs in the bottom of the frame, but the Beacons came back with two more in the fifth when Wall led off with a single and Ciarletta doubled her home and then later scored herself on a **Brittainy Knight (Buxton, ME)** sacrifice fly to center field to give them a 4-2 lead. UMass Boston added an insurance run in the seventh when Ciarletta cracked a leadoff single and later scored on a Knight single. Lesley scored a run in the bottom of the inning, but it wasn't enough as UMB came away with a 5-3 win. Santoro went the distance, allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits and three walks in seven innings, while fanning a batter.

The Beacons began the week with an 8-0 loss in game one at Southern Maine and found themselves down 6-0, before scoring three times in the fourth inning of the second game to cut the deficit in half. Knight led off the inning with a double and Wall followed with a single to set up a run-scoring single from freshman **Jennifer Widener (Hyde Park, MA)**. Ciarletta knocked in another run with a single and O'Reilly plated another with a bunt single, but it would be all the runs UMB would get as they fell 11-3.

UMass Boston was primed to get its first conference win when Widener cranked her first career home run to snap a 6-6 tie and give the Beacons a 7-6 edge in the top of the eighth inning at UMass Dartmouth, but the Corsairs scored twice in the bottom of the frame to take an 8-7 victory. UMass Boston sent the game into extra innings when sophomore **Alison Lowe (Brockton, MA)** singled and later scored with two outs on the front end of a double-steal to tie the game at 6-6. UMass Dartmouth owned a 3-0 lead, before the Beacons took a 4-3 edge in the fourth when Widener smacked a leadoff double and later scored on a Johnson fielder's choice. Sophomore **Kristen Mullaney (Bridgewater, MA)** kept things going with an RBI single and Knight and Wall also produced runs with singles in the frame. The Corsairs tied the contest with a run in the bottom of the inning and took a two-run lead in the fifth, but a Widener RBI double cut the deficit to 6-5 in the sixth.

UMass Dartmouth jumped on UMB early in the second game, taking a 5-1 lead after two innings with the Beacons' run coming on an error in the second. UMass Boston cut the margin to 5-3 in the third when Ciarletta came through with a two-run double. The Corsairs answered with a run in the bottom of the inning and added five more in the fourth to take an 11-3 advantage. The Beacons managed just one more run the rest of the way.

Western Connecticut took a 2-0 with runs in the first and third innings, but UMass Boston came back in the third when Johnson worked a one-out walk and Widener followed with a single to set up a two-out, two-run triple by Ciarletta to tie the contest at 2-2. The Colonials answered with two runs in the fourth to take a 4-3 margin, but Wall collected a one-out single in the fifth, stole second and came around to score on a Ciarletta double to pull UMB to within 4-3, but Western Connecticut scored six times in the seventh to put the game away.

The Colonials wasted no time taking control of the second game with six runs in the first inning and added single runs in the third and fourth to take an 8-0 advantage. Wall and Knight each drew walks in the bottom of the inning for the Beacons and senior **Molly Norton (Milton, MA)** smacked a single to right field to plate UMass Boston's only run to make it 8-1.

April

25 KEENE ST. (DH) 3:30pm
27 MASSMARITIME(DH) 3:30pm
29 at Plymouth St. (DH) 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April

18 at So. Maine 0-8 L
18 at So. Maine 3-11 L
19 at UMass Dartmouth 7-8 L
19 at UMass Dartmouth 4-13 L
20 at Lesley 3-1 W
20 at Lesley 5-3 W
22 W. CONN. ST. 3-10 L
22 W. CONN. ST. 1-9 L



BASEBALL

13-12, 4-5 LEC

Head Coach: Brendan Eygabroat

WHAT'S NEXT ?

A Beacon Split The Baseball team split four games last week, including a Little East Conference doubleheader split with Plymouth State.

UMass Boston began the week with a 13-8 loss to LEC foe University of Southern Maine. The Huskies erased a 6-5 deficit with two runs in the sixth and broke the game open with three runs in both the seventh and eighth innings to take a 13-6 advantage. The Beacons tried to rally in the ninth when junior **Bob Kniffen (Halifax, MA)** collected a leadoff single and later scored on a one-out triple from junior starting pitcher **Bryan Curran (Brockton, MA)**. Curran scampered home on a sacrifice fly by junior left fielder **Jaime Soto (Peabody, MA)** to make it 13-8, but it would be all the runs they would get.

The Huskies opened the scoring with two runs in the first and owned a 4-0 lead after three innings of play. UMass Boston erupted for six runs in the fourth to take its only lead of the day at 6-4. Curran cracked a triple to open the inning and scored when Soto reached on an error. Freshman **Adrian Piña (Hyde Park, MA)** followed with a single and freshman **Stephen Garcia (Chelsea, MA)** loaded the bases when he was hit by a pitch. Sophomore **Ryan Oshima (La Jolla, CA)** forced in a run with a walk and Kniffen followed with a two-run single to make it 4-4. Junior **Billy Gannon (Milton, MA)** then came through with a two-run single of his own to give the Beacons the lead.

UMass Boston rebounded two days later and avenged an early-season loss to Suffolk University, pounding the Rams, 18-8. Curran and freshman **Richie Montecalvo (Medford, MA)** each rapped out RBI singles in the first and the Beacons added two more runs on the benefit of two Suffolk errors in the second to take a 4-0 lead. The Rams got on the board with a run in the fourth, but UMass Boston exploded for a nine-run fifth inning to pretty much put the game away. Gannon, Curran and Soto all singled to open the inning and load the bases on way to a seven-hit attack in the frame. Piña, Oshima and Kniffen all contributed with run-scoring singles and Soto later knocked in two more runs with single in his second at-bat of the inning. Oshima and freshman **Chris Oram (Lynn, MA)** each singled home runs as part of a five-run sixth to give the Beacons a commanding 18-1 advantage before Suffolk rallied for four runs in the sixth and three more in the eighth, but it wasn't nearly enough as junior **Michael Mish (South Hadley, MA)** picked up the win after allowing five runs

KNIFFEN NAMED LITTLE EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Bob Kniffen (Halifax, MA) earned the honor for the week of April 17-23.

Kniffen was outstanding in the leadoff spot for the Beacons, batting .556 (10-18) in four games, while knocking in four runs and scoring seven times. He also cracked a triple and walked twice to go with three stolen bases and 17 errorless chances in center field. Kniffen owned a .600 on-base percentage and also slugged .667 for the week.

(four earned) on five hits and two walks in six innings of work.

UMass Boston got strong pitching in the first game vs. Plymouth State as sophomore right-hander **Nick Conway (Methuen, MA)** pitched a complete nine innings, while allowing two earned runs on seven hits and two walks, while striking out five to improve to 4-4 on the year.

The Beacons snapped a 2-2 tie with five runs in the eighth when Oshima got things started with a sacrifice fly, which should have ended the inning if not for a previous error, to give them a 3-2 edge. Gannon and Curran later followed with two-run singles, respectively, to give UMass Boston a 7-2 advantage after eight innings of play.

Plymouth State got on the board first with a run in the top of the first inning, but the Beacons answered in the bottom of the frame when Kniffen opened with a triple and scored on a Gannon single to make it 1-1. UMass Boston took a 2-1 margin in the fourth when sophomore **Derrick Plante (Medford, MA)** singled and later scored on a single by Kniffen. The Panthers knotted the game at 2-2 with a run in the fifth.

Plymouth State took a 4-3 edge in the fifth inning of the second game and added two more runs in the seventh for a 6-3 PSU lead. The Panthers capped the scoring in the eighth with another run to make it 7-3, which is where the final stood.

The Beacons took a 3-0 lead in the first inning without the benefit of a hit when Gannon walked and later scored on an error, Curran walked and later came home on a wild pitch and Soto reached on a fielder's choice and later scored on a passed ball. Plymouth State got a run back in the second and pulled even with a pair of runs in the third.

MEN'S TENNIS

2-4, 1-3 LEC

Head Coach: David Macburnie

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Serving up a Win The UMass Boston men's tennis team defeated Salem State College, 5-4, to earn its first Little East Conference victory, but fell at Rhode Island College, 6-3.

Senior **Dat Nguyen (Dorchester, MA)** was perfect on the week, dropping just one game in four sets of singles' action, including a 6-0, 6-1 win at number one vs. Salem State. He combined with sophomore **Glen Schleeauf (Milton, MA)** to take first doubles vs. Salem, 8-1. Freshman **Daniel Bueno (Curitiba, Brazil)** was a 6-4, 6-2 winner at third singles vs. Salem State and senior **Jay Lee (Medford, MA)** won in straight sets at number five vs. Salem, 6-0, 6-1. Freshman **Amit Kumar (Bangalore, India)** took sixth singles, 6-0, 6-4 over Salem. Nguyen won at first singles at Rhode Island College in dominant fashion, 6-0, 6-0 and teamed with Lee to win at first doubles,

8-5. Lee was also a winner in singles play with a 6-3, 6-4 decision at number four.

NGUYEN NAMED LITTLE EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Dat Nguyen (Dorchester, MA) earned the honor for his performance during the week of April 17-23.

The senior posted a perfect week, dropping just one game in four sets of singles action to go 2-0 for the week at first singles, while registering a 2-0 mark at number one doubles.

April
26 at Brandeis 3:30pm
27 FITCHBURG ST. 3:30pm
29 at Keene St. (DH) 12pm
30 at Becker 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April
18 SO. MAINE 8-13 L
20 at Suffolk 18-8 W
22 PLYMOUTH ST. 7-2 W
22 PLYMOUTH ST. 3-7 L

UMass Boston then came through with a

April
26 at Curry 3:30pm
29 at UMass Dartmouth 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April
18 SALEM STATE 5-4 W
22 at R.I. College 3-6 L