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MEN'S LACROSSE

6-6, 3-3 LEC

Head Coach: Myles Berry

WHAT'S NEXT ?

A Familiar Host UMass Boston men's lacrosse finished its regular season with a pair of games last week and will once again host a Little East Conference tournament match as the number four seed. Plymouth State University will visit the Clark Athletic Center field on Tuesday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m. to kick off the playoffs.

Senior goalie **Nick Eaton (Rowley, MA)** stopped 16 shots and netted a goal and added an assist to lead the Beacons over Salve Regina, 7-5, on April 24. Eaton assisted on UMass Boston's first goal, for his first point since 2003, when he found freshman midfielder **James McCarthy (Newton, MA)** with 2:45 left in the opening quarter to give UMB a 1-0 edge. Eaton netted his first collegiate goal when he marched all the way up the field from his goalie position and scored at 12:36 of the fourth quarter to give the Beacons a 5-3 lead. UMass Boston took a 2-0 lead when junior middle **Nick Thomo (Brookfield, MA)** found the back of the net at 9:48 of the second quarter, but the Seahawks netted the next two goals to knot the contest at 2-2 with 13:15 to go in the third quarter. Senior attackman **Robert Thayer (West Tisbury, MA)** took a feed from senior defender **David Liberatore (Medford, MA)** and scored 1:14 later go regain the lead for the Beacons at 3-2, but Salve

May
 1 PLYMOUTH STATE 3pm
 3 at LEC Tourney Semis
 5 at LEC Tourney Final

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April
 24 SALVE REGINA 7-5 W
 28 at E. Conn. State 11-19 L

Regina took advantage of an extra-man situation and scored at 8:05 of the third quarter to even the score at 3-3. UMass Boston reeled off four straight goals to take a 7-3 advantage, thanks to goals from sophomore midfielder **Bobby Cusack (Braintree, MA)**, Eaton, senior attackman **Christopher Hanafin (Burlington, MA)** and Thomo. Salve Regina closed out the match with the final two scores to pull within 7-5, but it would be as close as it would get. Thomo led the Beacons with a pair of goals, while Cusack, Thayer, Hanafin and McCarthy all netted goals as well. Sophomore attackman **Peter Kovach (Cohasset, MA)**, sophomore defender **Matt Dunn (Milton, MA)** and Liberatore all registered assists and Thomo and sophomore **Rich Stone (Quincy, MA)** each scooped up six ground balls for UMB.

UMass Boston's defense wasn't as sharp at Eastern Connecticut State as the team fell, 19-11 in a league match-up. Thayer had tied the score at 9:41 of the first quarter with his 17th goal of the season, but the Warriors started a trend that the Beacons would witness throughout the day -- a run of goals. Eastern netted five unanswered goals, including one with one second left in the first quarter, to take a 6-1 lead. Hanafin traded scores with the Warriors to make it a 7-2 game and scored two more goals at 9:39 and 8:48 of the second quarter to pull UMB to within 7-4 and keep the Beacons within striking distance, until the Warriors reeled off nine straight goals to put the contest out of reach at 16-4 with 52 seconds left in the third quarter. UMass Boston's offense came alive, scoring four of the game's next five goals, including three from Hanafin and one from Liberatore to cut the deficit to 17-8 with 7:57 showing in the final quarter. Eastern Connecticut capped its scoring with two goals to take a 19-8 advantage, before Thayer, Thomo and Kovach tallied the finals goals of the day to make it 19-11. Eaton made 10 saves on the day.

Photo by A.J. Rourke



Senior, Christopher Hanafin



BASEBALL

14-16, 5-7 LEC

Head Coach: Brendan Eygabroat

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Matt Dunn
Lacrosse

Birthday: 4/3/87

Hometown: Milton, MA

Year: Sophomore

Major: Fitness Inst. & Mang.

Nickname: Dunny

What do you like most about UMass Boston? the curly fries

Favorite place on campus? Training room

Favorite sports team? Pats

Favorite athlete? Francis William Ward III

Favorite vacation spot? Texas

Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport? Playing with Hanafin + Lib + Carleton

Favorite holiday? St. Patrick's Day

Bacon bits or croutons? Croutons

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

Do you have any pets? Hedgehog

Favorite movie? Grandma's Boy

Favorite artist or band? Kenny G

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Boondock Saints Theme

What bones have you broken? None

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Favorite Cereal? Capt Crunch

Favorite city or town? Boston

Favorite ice cream? Cookie Dough

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? Carbo Wabo

Favorite Sesame Street character?

The Cookie Monster

Hats or no hats? Hat

Morning or night? Night

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?

Crunchy

Favorite Season? Spring

Favorite Saved by the Bell character?

Shirtless AC Slater

Big Wins The Beacons played six games last week and won three of them. Every game counts, but some more than others. UMass Boston put all three league games into its pocket to run its Little East Conference win streak to four straight to clinch a playoff berth. UMass Boston has two more LEC games left and could head into the tournament as high as the number three seed.

Sophomore pinch-hitter **Tom Michael (Manchester, NH)** cracked a one-out triple to right center field and scored on a **Ryan Oshima (La Jolla, CA)** single to give the Beacons the winning margin of 4-3 in the first game of a doubleheader at Plymouth State on Saturday. UMass Boston got on the board first in the game when senior shortstop **Bryan Curran (Brockton, MA)** drew a one-out walk in the top of the first inning and came around to score on a triple by senior right fielder **Sean Ketterer (Plymouth, MA)**. Senior first baseman **Jaime Soto (Peabody, MA)** followed with a run-scoring double to give UMB a 2-0 lead. The Panthers cut the deficit in half with a run in the bottom of the inning, but Curran reached on a one-out single to center field in the third, stole second and later scored on a single to right field off the bat of Soto to give the Beacons a 3-1 margin. The Panthers came back to tie the game at 3-3 with single runs in the third and the sixth, before Oshima put UMass Boston on top for good. Freshman lefty **Mike Andriano (Massapequa, NY)** earned his team-leading fifth win after going eight innings and allowing three runs on 13 hits and two walks, while striking out four. Junior pitcher **Nick Conway (Methuen, MA)** earned his first save of the season with an inning of one-hit, one walk relief.

Conway toed the rubber for the second game at Plymouth as well, going six innings as the starter, while yielding three earned runs on seven hits and three walks in six innings to go with six strikeouts to earn his third win of the campaign. The Beacons supplied some early run-support, scoring seven times in the first three innings. UMB put two on the board in the first thanks to an RBI groundout by Ketterer and a sacrifice fly by Soto. Oshima knocked in another run in the second with a ground out and freshman catcher **Alnor Rodriguez (Orlando, FL)** provided the big blow in the third with his first collegiate homer to bring home two of the Beacons' four runs in the inning. A **Mike Dorval (Belchertown, MA)** single brought home another run and Oshima singled to plate another for a 7-0 lead. The Panthers came back with three runs in the bottom of the third to cut the margin to 7-3, but Dorval drove in another run with a sacrifice fly to center for an 8-3 advantage. Plymouth State matched the score with one of its own in the bottom of the frame to make it 8-4. UMass Boston broke the game open, scoring the contest's next seven runs with an RBI single from senior centerfielder **Bob Kniffen (Halifax, MA)** in the sixth and a run-scoring base knock by Curran to go with another sacrifice fly from Dorval in the eighth. Sophomore left fielder **Chris Oram (Lynn, MA)** led off the ninth with his first career homer and Curran drove a run in with a single and Ketterer followed with an RBI double for a 15-3 advantage. Plymouth State put together a four-run rally in the bottom of the inning, but it was little too late. Kniffen finished the tilt with four hits, while Ketterer, Oram and Oshima all collected three.

The Beacons began their third game in two days by scoring a pair of runs in Gorham, ME vs. Southern Maine to take a 2-0 lead in the first, but the Huskies answered with three runs in their half to take a 3-2 edge. The lead was short-lived, however, as UMass Boston scored three times in the second, thanks to a two-out, two-run single to right field off the bat of Ketterer and another when Curran stole home on the back end of a double-steal to give UMB a 5-3 lead. The Beacons broke things open in the seventh when Rodriguez drove in a pair of runs with a bases-loaded double to center field and Oram sandwiched an RBI single in between an Oshima two-run double to left center to give UMass Boston a 10-3 advantage. The Huskies got a run back in the eighth, but that would be it as Soto would claim his third win for the season and second over Southern Maine, going the distance, yielding four earned runs on 11 hits and four walks in nine innings, while fanning four.

The Beacons jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second game with a run in the first and two more in the third, including an RBI double by Curran and a run-producing single from Soto. The Huskies cut the deficit to 3-1 in the fourth, but Curran led off the fifth with a homer and Dorval later knocked in a run with a single up the middle to give UMass Boston a 5-1 advantage. Southern Maine scored a run in the sixth and tacked on three more in the seventh to pull even at 5-5, where the score would stay until the Huskies plated the winning run in the 12th inning. Curran led the Beacons with a season-high five hits, while driving in two and scoring twice.

The Beacons went back and forth with Eastern Nazarene to begin with week, taking a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a two-run homer by Soto, but the Crusaders answered with three in the bottom of the second. UMass Boston tied the score in the third and took a 4-3 lead on an Oshima RBI single in the fourth, but Eastern Nazarene countered in the bottom of the frame to knot the contest at 4-4. It was all Crusaders after that, as they put up eight runs over the next four innings to take a 12-4 advantage. Oshima and Rodriguez both collected a pair of hits for UMB.

Brandeis took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, but Ketterer cut the margin in half with a run-scoring double to left center and freshman third baseman **Steve Bowers (Portland, OR)** crushed his first collegiate home run to open the fourth to tie the score at 2-2. The Judges reclaimed the lead with a run in the fifth and five more in the seventh to take an 8-2 advantage. Ketterer cracked his second double of the day to drive in two runs and Soto brought home the Beacons' fifth run with a sacrifice fly to left field, but it was all for UMass Boston.

May
1 at Fitchburg St. 3:30pm
3 at MIT 3:30pm
5 W. CT. ST. (DH) 12pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April
24 at El Nazarene 4-12 L
25 at Brandeis 5-8 L
28 at Plymouth St. 4-3 W
28 at Plymouth St. 15-7 W
29 at So. Maine 10-4 W
29 at So. ME 5-6 L (12inn)



M & W OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: Chris Fitzgerald

WHAT'S
NEXT ?

Making their Presence Felt The men's and women's outdoor track and field teams competed in the New England Alliance/Little East Conference meet in Fitchburg, MA for the first time since 2001 and made some noise. The Beacons were led by sophomore **Mike Leavitt's (Brockton, MA)** first place showing in the 10,000 meters with a time of 34:41.67 and senior **Rebecca Perry's (Topsfield, MA)** second-place effort in the 5,000 meters, clocking in at 20:57.64. Leavitt earned All-LEC and

Alliance status and paced the men to a sixth-place finish with 43 points, while Perry was tabbed All-Alliance and helped the women to a sixth-place showing with 24 points.

Sophomore **Emile Pierre-Louis (Medford, MA)** posted top-five finishes in a pair of events, placing second in the 200 meters with a time of 23.08 and fourth in the 100 meters with a mark of 11.66 and attained All-Alliance status for the 200. Freshman **John OSullivan (Green Harbor, MA)** crossed the line right behind Pierre-Louis in the 100 with a time of 11.70 for fifth place and finished fourth in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 18.26. Junior **Dan Earle (Canton, MA)** came in sixth in the 110 hurdles with a mark of 19.07 and placed ninth in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 64.48. Junior **Jared Kalweit (West Barnstable, MA)** clocked in at 50.92 in the 400 meters to take third place and earned All-Alliance honors, while freshman **Jason Hasset (Foxboro, MA)** placed fifth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 13:58.01. Senior **Sam Mark (Oshkosh, WI)** led UMass Boston in the field events with a heave of 11.45 meter in the shot put for a sixth place showing, while making a throw of 31.07 in the discus throw for a 10th place finish. Freshman **Ryan Norton (Walpole, MA)** also registered a top-10 finish with a time of 39:40.14 to place eighth in the 10,000 meters. Pierre-Louis and O'Sullivan also combined with sophomore **Carlos Cabral (Praia, Cape Verde)** and freshman **Daniel Alexis (Cambridge, MA)** to finish fourth in the 4X100 meter relay with a time of 45.11, which gave them All-Alliance recognition. Leavitt, Kalweit, Cabral and freshman **Marcel Rosa (Dorchester, MA)** placed sixth in the 4X400 meter relay with a time of 3:36.08, which also earned the squad All-Alliance accolades.

Sophomore **Cassie McKenney (Seattle, WA)** placed third in the 3,000 meter steeplechase for the women's team with a time of 14:50.79, which was good for All-Alliance status, while freshman **Glenny Casado (Methuen, MA)** crossed the finish in fourth place with a time of 13.17 in the 100 meters and was awarded All-Alliance status as well. Freshman **Joy Risko (Bristol, RI)** registered a pair of top-10 finishes with a seventh-place showing in the 400 meters with a time of 67.41 and a ninth-place effort in the 800 meters with a mark of 2:50.55. Freshman **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** led the UMB women in the field events with a fifth-place finish in the shot put with a heave of 9.46 meters, which gave her All-Alliance status, and a 10th-place showing in the discus with a throw of 23.22 meters. Freshman **Onyi Nwakile (Good Shepherd, Nigeria)** recorded an eighth-place finish in the shot put with a heave of 8.29 meters and freshman **Debbie Gieng (Boston, MA)** placed 10th in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 77.42. Casado, Risko and Gieng joined sophomore **Judy Cazeau (Cambridge, MA)** to post a fourth place finish in the 4X400 relay with a time of 4:34.90 and gained All-Alliance status.

May
4-5 NCAA N.E. Regionals

WHAT
HAPPENED ?

April
28 at LEC/N.E. Alliance 9am

MEN'S TENNIS

2-6, 1-5 LEC

WHAT'S
NEXT ?

Head Coach: Eric Berg

Tournament Time The men's tennis team compiled 4.5 points to finish in sixth place at the Little East Conference Championships in Providence, RI on the campus of host Rhode Island College last weekend.

The Beacons gained four points in the first day of competition, thanks to wins at second singles, fourth singles, first doubles and second doubles. Number four seed sophomore **Paul Braude (West Yarmouth, MA)** scored an 8-3 decision in the first round of the flight two singles bracket to advance to the semifinals, but was defeated by the number one seed, 6-2, 6-3. Junior **Glen Schleeauf (Milton, MA)** registered an upset at flight four singles as the number six-seed, easily defeating the number three seed from Rhode Island College, 8-1, before falling in the semifinals to the number two seed from Bridgewater State College, 6-2, 6-3. UMass Boston's flight one doubles tandem of **Alexis Roux (Beirut, Lebanon)** and **Daniel Bueno (Curitiba, Brazil)** won as the fourth seed, taking down a team from Salem State College, 8-4, before dropping their semifinals match to first seed Southern Maine, 6-1, 6-4. The Beacons picked up another point at flight two doubles with the second-seeded duo of Braude and Schleeauf winning over the number seven-seeded Western Connecticut State University when their opponents had to retire with UMB leading the match, 3-2. Braude and Schleeauf looked to be on their way to the bracket finals after winning the first set, 6-1, over six-seed UMass Dartmouth, but dropped the next two sets, 6-1, 7-5. UMass Boston added a half point in the second day of competition when Roux won in the semifinals of the consolation bracket at flight one singles, 8-3, over UMass Dartmouth.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT
HAPPENED ?

April
25 at Curry Canceled
27-28 at LEC Tourn(RIC)
Sixth Place



Sophomore, Daniel Bueno



SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April	
24 at Keene State	2-9 L
24 at Keene State	3-11 L
26 at Mass. Maritime	15-2 W
26 at Mass. Maritime	15-7 W
28 PLYMOUTH ST.	5-8 L
28 PLYMOUTH ST.	4-6 L

Breaking out the Bats There is no question that the Beacons can hit with any team in the conference and the region, but they really exploded with 30 runs in a double header at Massachusetts Maritime on April 26.

UMass Boston scored five times in the top of the second inning in the first game vs. the Buccaneers, highlighted by a run-scoring double by senior catcher **Alison Lowe (Brockton, MA)**. The Beacons took an 8-0 advantage in the third with RBI singles from senior shortstop **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** and sophomore third baseman **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** to go with a run-producing double by sophomore first baseman **Leanne Meninger (Everett, MA)**. Mass. Maritime scored its only two runs of the game in the bottom of the inning, but UMass Boston wouldn't let up, scoring seven runs in the final two innings of play. Meninger cracked her second RBI double of the day in the fourth and sophomore left fielder **Jenn Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** came through with a run-scoring single as UMB took an 11-2 lead. Senior right fielder **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** capped a career day with her fourth hit to knock

in a run in the fifth and freshman **Mariah Wilcox (Conway, NH)**, who had entered the game as a pinch-runner the inning before, capped the scoring with a bases-loaded triple to plate three runs and make it 15-2. Freshman pitcher **Amanda Cianciulli (Billerica, MA)** earned the victory, going five innings and allowing two runs on just two hits in addition to five walks and three strikeouts.

Cianciulli earned the win in the second game as well, going seven complete innings and allowing six earned runs on nine hits and three walks, while fanning three in a 15-7 triumph in Buzzards Bay. The Beacons made good use of the long ball to take a 4-0 lead in the first inning when Ciarletta crushed a two-run homer followed by a solo shot from O'Connor and later another solo homer by sophomore right fielder **Brittany Knight (Buxton, ME)**. The Buccaneers got a run back in the bottom of the frame, but UMass Boston tacked on six more runs in the next four innings. Wilcox launched a three-run homer in the second and freshman **Kimberly Davidge (Blackstone, MA)** paced a two-run third with an RBI single. Lowe knocked in the team's 10th run with a single in the fifth, before Mass. Maritime put two more on the board in the bottom of the inning to make it 10-3. The Beacons scored a run in the top of the sixth and the Buccaneers countered with two in the bottom of the inning before UMB capped its scoring with four runs in the seventh, highlighted by more home runs from Wilcox and Knight to give the Beacons a 15-5 advantage. Mass. Maritime added two runs for a final score of 15-7. Ciarletta and Wilcox each finished the day with three hits.

The Beacons faced a 5-0 deficit in the first game of the week at Keene State on April 24, but freshman center fielder **Shannan Doherty (Duxbury, MA)** led off the sixth with a triple to right field and scored on a Widener double to left. UMB added another run to cut the deficit to 5-2, but that would be it as the

WILCOX NAMED LITTLE EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Mariah E. Wilcox (Conway, NH) earned the honor for her performance during the week of April 23-29.

The freshman batted .533 (8-15) in six games during the week, while slugging a mammoth 1.133 to go with a robust .563 on-base percentage. She made five starts and saw action in the outfield and as the designated player, while knocking in nine runs and scoring four times. Wilcox made the most of her hits with half of them going for extra bases, including a double, a triple and a pair of home runs. She also drew a walk and stole a base in her only attempt.

Owls scored four times in the sixth to take a 9-2 lead and eventual win. Ciarletta finished with a pair of hits to lead the Beacons.

UMass Boston busted out of the gate with three runs to open the second game in Keene, when O'Connor highlighted the inning with a two-run homer. The Owls answered with 11 unanswered runs to take an 11-3 victory. Junior **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)**, Ciarletta and Lowe all joined O'Connor with hits for the Beacons.

UMass Boston owned a 4-2 lead going into the top of the fifth inning in the first game vs. Plymouth State, but the Panthers scored three times in the inning to take a 5-4 edge. Plymouth State added two more runs in the sixth for a 7-4 lead. The Beacons got a run back in the bottom of the frame when Knight led off the inning with her third home run of the season to left field to pull them to within 7-5, but it would be as close as they would get as Plymouth State tacked on another run in the seventh inning to make it 8-5. The Panthers got on the board first with a pair of runs in the first inning, but UMass Boston cut the deficit in half when O'Connor doubled to center field to begin the inning, moved to third on a ground out and scored on a fielder's choice by Knight. The Beacons took their first lead of the game with a three-run fourth when Lowe singled to left field to lead off the inning and Knight followed with a single to center. Wilcox later doubled down the left field line, with one out, to plate Lowe, but Knight was cut down at home on the relay from left field. Wilcox advanced to third on the play and came home on a single through the right side by Doherty to give UMB a 3-2 margin. Doherty stole second base and later scored on an error to give the Beacons a 4-2 lead.

The Panthers struck first in the nightcap with a run in the first for a 1-0 edge, but the Beacons took a 2-1 lead in the third when Wilcox smacked a one-out single to right field, and after an out, Ciarletta singled through the left side to set up an RBI double to left field by O'Connor to knot the contest at 1-1. UMass Boston took the lead when Lowe bunted and Ciarletta was thrown out at the plate, but following the play, O'Connor took advantage of a vacated home plate and scored behind the Plymouth State catcher. The Panthers scored five unearned runs in the fifth for a 6-2 advantage. The Beacons got two runs back in the bottom of the inning when Widener reached on an error and scored on a double to left center field by Ciarletta and added another run later in the inning with the benefit of an error to pull them to within 6-4, but the rain came down prior to the start of the sixth inning and halted the game for good.



Photo by A.J. Rouike

Senior, Andrea Ciarletta