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## APRIL

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## BASEBALL

9-7, 1-3 LEC

*Head Coach: Brendan Eygabroat*

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

### ANDRIANO NAMED LITTLE EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

**Mike Andriano** (Massapequa, NY) earned the honor for his performance during the week of April 2-8.

The freshman pitcher made two appearances on the week, including one start and was outstanding, compiling a 1-0 record, while throwing seven innings, allowing just one unearned run for a 0.00 earned run average on one hit, four walks and four strikeouts. The left-hander held opponents to a meager .043 (1-23) batting average.

### Fantastic Freshman

UMass Boston opened the week with a 9-2 win at Salem State College. Freshman pitcher **Mike Andriano** (Massapequa, NY) continues to impress in his first collegiate season, throwing six innings of one-hit ball and allowing just one unearned run, while walking three batters and striking out four to improve his record to 3-1 on the season. The Beacons took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a run-scoring single by senior shortstop **Bryan Curran** (Brockton, MA) and an RBI double by sophomore **Tom Michael** (Manchester, NH). The Vikings cut the lead in half with

a run in the bottom of the frame, but UMass Boston scored one in the second on a solo homerun by junior **Mike Dorval** (Belchertown, MA) and four more in the third with two coming on a two-run homer by Curran. The Beacons put two more on the board in the fifth, highlighted by an RBI single from Dorval, to take a 9-1 advantage, before Salem State scored a run in the seventh inning. Curran finished with two hits and three RBI, while Dorval

also collected a pair of hits and drove in two runs. Sophomore second baseman **Ryan Oshima** (La Jolla, CA) also contributed with three hits, two runs scored and three stolen bases.

UMass Boston had to wait until Saturday before they stepped on the field again and was swept in a doubleheader in Providence, RI by Little East Conference foe Rhode Island College, dropping the first game, 6-4 and the nightcap, 9-4. The Anchormen took a 3-0 lead going into the top of the fifth inning, but the Beacons pulled to within 3-2 in the inning and tied the score at 3-3 in the top of the sixth when Curran knocked in a run with a single. UMass Boston didn't stop there, scoring a run in the top of the seventh to take a 4-3 edge when a Dorval sacrifice fly brought home the go-ahead run. The lead was short-lived, however, as Rhode Island College scored three times in the bottom of the frame to take a 6-4 lead. Curran and Dorval each finished the opener with a hit and an RBI.

The Anchormen took an early lead in the second game as well, leading 3-0 after five innings, before the Beacons got on the board in the top of the sixth with a run to make it 3-1. Rhode Island College matched the score with a run in the bottom of the inning and added three more runs in the seventh to take a 7-1 lead. UMass Boston scored a run in the eighth, but the Anchormen answered with two more in the bottom of the inning to take a 9-2 advantage. The Beacons rallied for two runs, in the ninth, thanks to a two-run single off the bat of senior **Bob Kniffen** (Halifax, MA), but that would be all the scoring. Senior **Sean Ketterer** (Plymouth, MA) rapped out three hits to extend his hitting-streak to nine games, while Oshima, Kniffen, Michael and junior **Derrick Plante** (Medford, MA) all registered two hits with Oshima extending his hitting-streak to eight games and Michael running his to six straight.

April	
9 at Suffolk	3:30pm
10 at Framingham St.	3pm
12 at Curry	3:30pm
14 E. CONN. ST(DH)	12pm

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

April	
3 at Salem State	9-2 W
4 at Bridgewater St.	PPD
5 WORCESTER ST.	PPD
7 at R.I. College	4-6 L
7 at R.I. College	4-9 L



Sophomore, Ryan Oshima



# SOFTBALL

2-6, 0-4 LEC

*Head Coach: Amy Zombeck*

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

**April**  
 10 at Newbury (DH) 3:30pm  
 11 at Brandeis (DH) 3pm  
 12 at Mitchell (DH) 3pm  
 14 R.I. COLLEGE (DH) 1pm

## THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Brittainy Knight**  
Softball

- Birthday:** May 5, 1987
- Hometown:** Buxton, Maine
- Year:** Sophomore
- Major:** Psychology
- Nickname:** Britt
- What do you like most about UMass Boston?** 50 minute classes
- Favorite place on campus?** Quinn Cafe
- Favorite sports team?** Red Sox
- Favorite athlete?** Cat Osterman
- Something that most people don't know about you?** I'm the youngest of 4 kids in my family
- Favorite vacation spot?** Maine. It is "Vacationland", after all.
- Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport?** My U14 team went to Nationals in Georgia.
- Favorite holiday?** Thanksgiving
- Would you rather live in a log cabin or downtown?** log cabin
- Favorite movie?** Harry Potter
- Favorite artist or band?** Ray Charles
- Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up?** Anything by Melissa Belmonte
- What bones have you broken?** Just my nose in high school. The day before homecoming.
- Pepsi or Coke?** Coke
- Favorite Cereal?** Honey Bunches of Oats
- Favorite city or town?** Boston
- Favorite ice cream?** Mint Chocolate Chip
- If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain?** Candy
- Favorite Sesame Street character?** The Count
- Hats or no hats?** Hats
- Morning or night?** Night
- Favorite Season?** Fall
- Favorite Saved by the Bell character?** Mr. Tuttle

**On the Board** The Beacons picked up their first wins of the season with a pair of one-run decisions at Lasell College on April 3, winning the first game, 9-8, and the second, 5-4. All of game one's scoring came in the first three innings as the Lasers took a 3-0 lead after the bottom of the first inning, but UMass Boston answered with five runs in the third inning to take a 5-3 margin. Lasell pulled to within 5-4 with a run in the bottom of the frame, but it would be as close as it would come. Senior shortstop **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** led the Beacons, going 2-3 with an RBI and a run scored, while sophomore third baseman **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** and sophomore outfielder **Brittainy Knight (Buxton, ME)** each collected a hit and drove in a run. Sophomore pitcher **Jenn Santoro (Belmont, MA)** picked up the win, going seven complete innings and allowing four runs on five hits and five walks, while fanning two.

UMass Boston held on for the win in the nightcap, despite a five-run rally by the Lasers in the final inning of play. The Beacons took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, but Lasell chipped away with single runs in the second and third innings to tie the contest at 2-2. UMass Boston scored the next five runs with one in the third and the fourth and three in the fifth to take a 7-2 advantage. The Lasers closed to within 7-3 in the sixth, but the Beacons scored twice in the bottom of the inning to take a 9-3 lead. Senior catcher **Alison Lowe (Brockton, MA)** led the way with two hits, including a home run, a double and three RBI, while sophomore outfielder **Jenn Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** collected three hits and scored three runs. Ciarletta also chipped in with two hits, a run scored and an RBI. Junior pitcher **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** recorded the win, going seven complete innings and allowing eight runs (five earned) on 12 hits and seven walks, while striking out six.

UMass Boston was swept in its second conference doubleheader of the season, losing the first game at UMass Dartmouth, 11-1, but giving the Corsairs all they could handle, before falling, 11-10, in the second tilt. O'Connor came through with UMB's third straight single with two outs in the first inning to plate a run and give the Beacons a 1-0 edge, but that would be all the UMass Boston scoring for the first game, while UMass Dartmouth put up eight runs in the second inning and later added single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to come away with the win. Wall and sophomore first baseman **Leanne Meninger (Everett, MA)** each contributed with two hits each for the Beacons.

UMass Boston took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when sophomore second baseman **Kate Webb (Falmouth, MA)** and O'Connor each knocked in runs with singles, but the Corsairs cut the deficit in half with a run in the fourth inning. The Beacons took a 7-1 advantage in the fourth inning when Ciarletta and freshman outfielder **Shannan Doherty (Duxbury, MA)** singled and came around to score on freshman outfielder **Kimberly Davidge's (Blackstone, MA)** first collegiate hit, a three-run home run. Wall later doubled and then scored on a two-run homer by Widener. The Corsairs exploded for nine runs in the fifth inning to take a 10-7 lead, but Knight pulled UMass Boston to within 10-9 with a two-run double in the bottom of the inning. UMass Dartmouth added a run in the sixth to take an 11-9 edge, but the Beacons answered the bell again when O'Connor plated the 10th run with a single, but it would be all the scoring for the rest of the day. Widener led UMass Boston with three hits and three runs, while knocking in a pair of runs. Wall, Webb, O'Connor and Ciarletta all collected two hits in the contest.

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

**April**  
 3 at Lasell 9-8 W  
 3 at Lasell 5-4 W  
 4 at Mount Ida (DH) PPD  
 7 at UMass Dartmouth 1-11 L  
 7 at UMass Dartmouth 10-11 L

## M E W OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

*Head Coach: Chris Fitzgerald*

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

**Taking it Easy** The Beacons did not have a meet last week and will be preparing for their upcoming meet in North Dartmouth, MA at the UMass Dartmouth Corsair Invitational on Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

**April**  
 14 at UMD Corsair Invit. 10am

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

**April**  
 No Meet



## MEN'S LACROSSE

3-2, 1-1 LEC

*Head Coach: Myles Berry*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

**A Conference Split** The Beacons began the week with a thrilling last-minute 8-7 victory at Little East Conference foe UMass Dartmouth on April 3. UMass Boston trailed the Corsairs, 7-6, with 10:51 to play in the fourth quarter, but senior attackman **Robert Thayer** (West Tisbury, MA) was quick to answer UMD's last

goal, scoring just 24 seconds later on a feed from sophomore midfielder **Bobby Cusack** (Braintree, MA) to knot the contest at 7-7. Cusack and Thayer then traded roles when Thayer found Cusack for the eventual game-winner with just 2:44 left to play in the match.

The Beacons took an early 2-0 lead with goals from senior **Christopher Hanafin** (Burlington, MA) and Thayer coming within the first two minutes of the game and just 53 seconds apart, before UMass Dartmouth countered with two of its own, including the second with seven seconds left in the first quarter. UMass Boston came back, in what was becoming typical of the seesaw battle, with a pair of goals coming from freshman attackman **Peter Kovach** (Cohasset) and Cusack to put the Beacons on top, 4-2. The teams traded goals and UMass Boston owned a 6-4 margin, but the Corsairs reeled off three unanswered goals with two coming in the final 1:04 of the third quarter and another at the 10:51 mark of the fourth quarter to give them a 7-6 edge, before the Beacons came away with the victory. Senior **Nicholas Eaton** (Rowley, MA) stopped 15 shots for UMass Boston.

The Beacons looked to carry their momentum into Saturday, but undefeated Keene State had other ideas, scoring a 13-4 victory. Cusack found Hanafin for UMass Boston's first goal of the day at 6:53 of the second quarter to make it 2-1, but the Owls netted six goals in the final 5:20 of the second quarter and added another with 5:56 left in the third quarter to take a commanding 9-1 advantage. Hanafin stopped the KSC string of goals when Thayer found him for the Beacons' second goal of the day at 1:15 of the third quarter to make it 9-2 and figured in UMB's scoring again when he connected with Kovach at 13:19 to pull the Beacons to within 9-3. The teams later traded goals when Keene State scored at 11:50 of the final quarter and Hanafin countered for UMass Boston just 35 seconds later on a man-up goal to put the score at 10-4. The Owls closed out the contest with three straight goals to take the victory. Eaton turned away a season-high 16 shots for UMB to increase his school-record career total to 701. Hanafin led the Beacons with four points on two goals and two assists and is currently fifth on UMass Boston's career points and goals scored list with 175 and 120, respectively, while placing eighth on the school's all-time assist list with 55.

April  
10 MASS. MARITIME 3pm  
12 SOUTHERN MAINE 3pm  
14 PLYMOUTH STATE 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April  
3 at Mass Dartmouth 8-7 W  
7 KEENE STATE 4-13 L



Senior, Robert Thayer

## MEN'S TENNIS

0-2, 0-2 LEC

*Head Coach: Eric Berg*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

**Hounded by the Huskies** UMass Boston dropped its only match of the week, falling at University of Southern Maine, 9-0. Sophomore **Paul Braude** (West Yarmouth, MA) battled at second singles for the Beacons, losing the first set 6-4 and succumbing in the second set, 7-6, including 7-2 in the tie-breaker.

April  
12 SUFFOLK 3pm  
14 at Bridgewater St. 12pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April  
5 at Eastern Nazarene PPD  
7 at Southern Maine 0-9 L



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