



# THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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## Coming Up

42nd Annual  
 Codfish Bowl  
 December 28 & 29

UMass Boston  
 vs.  
 Suffolk 5 PM

Framingham St.  
 vs.  
 Skidmore 2 PM

DECEMBER

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## MEN'S HOCKEY

1-6-1, 0-5-0 ECAC

WHAT'S  
 NEXT ?

*Head Coach: Peter Belisle*

### DONOVAN NAMED ECAC EAST GOALIE OF THE WEEK

**Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** was named ECAC East Goalie of the Week for his performance during the week of December 4-10.

The freshman was outstanding, stopping 64 of 67 shots that he faced for a .955 save percentage, while owning a 1.51 goals against average. The highlight of the week was easily the goaltender's 29-save 2-0 shutout over Becker College on December 9.

### No More Monkey

The Men's Ice Hockey team took a huge weight off its back on Saturday with a 2-0 victory over Becker College. It was the first win for the Beacons since February 12, 2005, snapping a 36-game winless streak. Freshman goaltender **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** was outstanding between the pipes, stopping all 29 shots he faced for the first UMass Boston shutout since

January 16, 1999. The Beacons got on the board when freshman forward **Cody Austin (Highland, MI)** took a feed from freshman forward **David Allen (Londonderry, NH)** and scored just 71 seconds into the game to give UMB a 1-0 edge. Freshman forward **Jake Carlson (Hermantown, MN)** gave UMass Boston an insurance goal when Austin and Allen combined to find him streaking down the right side for a shot from the right circle that found the back of the net for his first collegiate tally at 1:42 of the third period. For Allen, his two assists are the first of his career.

The Beacons put up a good fight earlier in the week in Babson Park, but fell to Babson College, 4-2 on December 6. UMass Boston trailed, 1-0, before freshman forward **Drew LaCombe (Burlington, MA)** tied the contest just 1:06 into the second stanza with sophomore defenseman **James Hall (Middletown, NJ)** and freshman **Ryan Daust (Marquette, MI)** assisting. The Beavers potted the next two goals to take a 3-1 margin, but LaCombe struck again as Daust and sophomore blueliner **Wade Collins (Corinth, NY)** combined for the assist at 12:28 of the final period. It would be as close as UMB would get as Babson added an empty netter late in the period. Donovan made 35 saves on the night.

December  
 28 SUFFOLK 5:00 pm

WHAT  
 HAPPENED ?

December  
 6 at Babson 2-4 L  
 9 BECKER 2-0 W

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

3-3, 1-1 LEC

WHAT'S  
 NEXT ?

*Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk*

### Bumps on the Road

UMass Boston was not treated very well by its hosts this week, making unsuccessful visits to Emerson College and Western Connecticut State. The Beacons faced a 14-point halftime deficit in Emerson's new gymnasium, but could only manage to play the Lions even in the second session, falling 65-50. Senior forward **Denise B. Ridge (Milton, MA)** led UMass Boston with a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds, while adding a block. Senior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** netted 12 points to go with five rebounds and two assists, while junior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** dropped in 11 points, grabbed three boards, handed out two assists and made a steal.

The Beacons didn't fare much better in Danbury, CT with a 78-64 loss to Western Connecticut State, despite shooting .914 (32-35) from the free throw line. UMass Boston trailed by just five at the break and pulled to within three early in the second half, but quickly fell behind by double-digits. Tucker came off the bench to lead the Beacons with 23 points in addition to pulling down three rebounds and passing for an assist and Ridge contributed with 16 points, eight rebounds, a steal and an assist.

December  
 12 at Mount Ida 6 pm

WHAT  
 HAPPENED ?

December  
 5 at Emerson 50-65 L  
 9 at W. Conn. St. 64-78 L



Senior, Denise B. Ridge

Photo by A.J. Rourke



## WOMEN'S HOCKEY 3-5-1, 3-5-0 ECAC

*Head Coach: Maura Crowell*

### WHAT'S NEXT ?

## THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Christopher Gaffney**  
Ice Hockey

**Birthday:** 2/21/84

**Hometown:** Danvers, MA

**Year:** Junior

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**Nickname:** Gaff

**What do you like most about UMass Boston?** Spinning bikes in weight room

**Where is your favorite place on campus?** Rink

**Favorite team?** Bruins

**Favorite athlete?** Lanny McDonald

**Something most people don't know about you?** wanna be a cop

**Favorite vacation spot?** somewhere warm

**Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport?** playing in college

**Favorite holiday?** Christmas

**Bacon bits or croutons?** Bacon

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

**Do you have any pets?** yes, donkey

**Favorite movie?** Roadhouse

**Favorite artists or band?** Pink Floyd

**Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up?** ACDC

**Bones you have broken?** collar bone

**Pepsi or Coke?** coke

**Favorite Cereal?** Reese's Puffs

**Favorite city or town?** Boston

**Favorite ice cream?** chocolate

**Favorite Sesame Street character?** Oscar

**Hats or no hats?** hats

**Morning or night?** night

**Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?** extra creamy

**Favorite Season?** winter

**Favorite Saved by the Bell character?** Lisa Turtle

**Pulling a trick out of her Hat** UMass Boston ran its unbeaten streak to four games with a 4-2 win over Salve Regina on Friday, but were defeated by nationally ranked Manhattanville College, 5-0, the next day.

Senior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** registered her ninth hat trick of her career to lead the Beacons over the Seahawks in a tight game. Salve Regina took a 1-0 edge just 1:40 into the contest, but UMB sophomore defenseman **Erin Shepherd (Saint Paul, MN)** took a feed from senior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** and fired a shot from the top of the circles that found its way past the goalie to tie the score at 1-1 with 15:41 showing in the first period. Ciarletta's first tally of the night gave UMB a 2-1 lead when Belmonte combined with junior forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** to find her in front of the net on the power play, where Ciarletta found an open side of the net to deposit the puck with 1:03 left in the first period. The Seahawks wasted no time in getting the equalizer, scoring just 16 seconds later to knot the contest at 2-2 at 19:13 of the opening period. Ciarletta's second goal of the night proved to be the game-winner when she sent a rocket high between the pipes at 9:16 of the second period to break a 2-2 tie, giving UMass Boston the edge. Her third goal of the evening and team-leading seventh of the season came with just eight seconds left in the game when she took a feed from freshman forward **Kyle Mack (Needham, MA)** and flicked a shot that deflected off a Salve Regina skater and into the back of the net for a 4-2 Beacons' margin at 19:52 of the third. Senior goaltender **Shannon Palmer (Lynn, MA)** stopped 13 shots for the Beacons to remain perfect at 2-0-0 on the season.

UMass Boston was stopped on Saturday by the nation's sixth-ranked team, Manhattanville, in a 5-0 loss. The shots were even on the day, but the Valiants made the most of their chances, while denying the Beacons on six power-play opportunities. Sophomore goaltender **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** turned away 27 shots for UMass Boston.

December 12 at Southern Maine 7 pm

### WHAT HAPPENED ?

December 8 SALVEREGINA 4-2 W  
9 MANHATTANVILLE 0-5 L

## MEN'S BASKETBALL 3-5, 0-2 LEC

*Head Coach: Charlie Titus*

### WHAT'S NEXT ?

**Nipped at the Buzzer** The Beacons were winless on the week, but it wasn't without excitement. Junior forward **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** drilled a three-pointer with seven seconds left in the second half at Western Connecticut State to pull UMass Boston to within 70-68. Following one of two good free throws for the Colonials, Paniagua came up big again with another trifecta to knot the game at 71-71 all with no time left on the clock to send the contest into overtime. Freshman forward **Clyde Crosby (Boston, MA)** made a lay-up with 1:37 left in the game to give the Beacons an 80-77 lead, but Western Connecticut tied the tilt at 80-80 with a three-pointer with 27 seconds showing on the clock. The Colonials took their final lead with a jumper with just four ticks remaining in the game. Senior guard **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** led all scorers with 32 points to go with seven rebounds, two assists and a season-high seven steals. Paniagua finished with 16 points, eight boards and five assists, while sophomore center **Rodney Bennett (Mattapan, MA)** posted a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds, while making three steals, dishing for three assists and matching a career-high with seven blocked shots.

UMass Boston owned a 43-42 edge over visiting Salem State College on December 7, but the Vikings went on a suffocating 24-5 run to open the second half to take a 66-48 advantage with 12:44 left to play in the second half. The Beacons never recovered and trailed by as many as 29 points the rest of the way, before falling, 97-74.

Salem State owned an early 12-11 edge with 15:03 showing on the first half clock, but UMB reeled off seven unanswered points to take an 18-12 lead with 13:06 remaining in the first half. UMass Boston maintained a 27-21 lead with 8:29 left in the first session, but Salem State went on a 10-2 burst to give it a 31-29 margin with 6:02 to play in the first half. The Beacons took back the lead on an alley-oop dunk from junior forward **Mark Doran (South Boston, MA)** to Bennett at 3:59 of the first period for a 35-34 edge and later increased it's lead to 43-36 with 63 seconds left in the first half, paced by six points from Barros, who netted all 17 of his points in the first stanza. Barros also added four rebounds, two steals, an assist and a block, while Doran finished with 11 points, seven boards, two assists and a steal in 24 minutes of action. Freshman guard **Aaron Jones (Boston, MA)** netted a season-high 10 points on 3-5 from the floor, while grabbing four rebounds, dishing for four assists and making a steal in 21 minutes off the bench.

January 4 vs. Col. of the Ozarks 5pm

### WHAT HAPPENED ?

December 7 SALEMSTATE 74-97 L  
9 at W. CT St. 80-82 L ot