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## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

5-3-0, 5-3-0 ECAC

### WHAT'S NEXT ?

*Head Coach: Maura Crowell*

Photo by A.J. Rourke



Senior, Amanda Boucher

**Taming the Huskies** The Beacons were triumphant in their home-and-home series with University of Southern Maine last weekend, winning in Gorham, 7-1 on Friday and then returning for a 4-0 victory at the Clark Athletic Center on Saturday.

Senior goaltender **Amanda Boucher (Billerica, MA)** was outstanding for UMass Boston, allowing just one goal in the two games, while stopping 37 shots. Boucher made 23 saves on Saturday to register her second shutout in eight days and the third of her career.

The Beacons took a 4-0 lead at Southern Maine with junior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** opening the scoring at 12:53 of the first period. Sophomore forward **Christina Lynch (Salisbury, MA)** potted her first collegiate goal for the eventual game-winner at the 12:02 mark of the second period and junior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** followed with her fourth goal of the season at 15:47. Ciarletta tallied her second goal of the night less than two minutes later at 17:27 for a 4-0 lead. The Huskies put one on the board at 10:59 of the third period, but sophomore forward **Casey Turner (Melrose, MA)** answered just 44 seconds later for a 5-1 lead. Senior forward **Molly Norton (Milton, MA)** made her return to the ice after missing two games with an injury and netted UMB's sixth goal at 18:14 and just 45 seconds later, sophomore defenseman **Rose Devlin (Quincy, MA)** found the back of the net for her first goal of the season.

Ciarletta got things started on Saturday as well, following a ceremony where Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D. and former men's ice hockey player and most recent 100-point scorer, Jeff Mead, presented her with a plaque to commemorate her 100th point from the previous week, she netted a goal at 8:11 of the opening period for a 1-0 Beacons' lead. Freshman forward **Maria Guanci (Everett, MA)** scored UMB's second goal at 12:38 of the middle period on the power play and senior defenseman **Kristin Wilson (Grand Forks, ND)** tallied her first career shorthanded goal with just three seconds to go in the second stanza for a 3-0 lead. Turner capped the scoring with her seventh goal of the season coming at 11:08 of the third period on the power play.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

5-3, 2-0 LEC

### WHAT'S NEXT ?

*Head Coach: Charlie Titus*

**Conquering the Conference** The Beacons were 1-1 last week, but their win was a convincing 85-71 victory over Western Connecticut State to improve their Little East Conference mark to a perfect 2-0, making them just one of two teams with an unblemished record in LEC play.

UMass Boston owned a 57-55 lead with 8:30 left to go in the second half, before going on a torrid 19-5 run, fueled by five points each from junior forward **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** and senior forward **Charles Yuan (Lynn, MA)**, to take a 76-60 advantage with 3:31 remaining in the game. The Beacons cruised to victory from there. Barros led UMB with a game-high 26 points to go with six rebounds, six assists and four steals, while sophomore guard **Amigo Paniagua (Dorchester, MA)** scored 18 points, grabbed five boards, dished for two assists and blocked a shot. Sophomore point guard **A.J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** netted a career-high 13 points and added six assists, four rebounds and a pair of steals, while senior forward **James L. Hall (Jacksonville, FL)** gave the Beacons a lift off the bench with nine points, including a thunderous one-handed dunk off an alley-oop pass. He also made a game-high five steals in addition to four assists and three rebounds in just 19 minutes of action.

Poor shooting contributed to UMass Boston's 82-78 loss on the road at Salem State College, despite a career-high 20 points from sophomore forward **Mark Doran (South Boston, MA)**. Doran added eight rebounds, two steals and a block. Paniagua chipped in with 17 points, eight rebounds, three assists, two steals and a block, while Barros dropped in 11 points to go with five rebounds, five steals, two assists and a blocked shot.

December  
13 CONN. COLLEGE 7pm

### WHAT HAPPENED ?

December  
9 at Southern Maine 7-1 W  
10 SO. MAINE 4-0 W

January  
3 vs. GA So. Western St. 8pm

### WHAT HAPPENED ?

December  
8 at Salem State 78-82 L  
10 W. CONN. ST. 85-71 W



## THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Kyle Edwin Simpson**  
Ice Hockey

**Birthday:** August 12, 1985

**Hometown:** Scituate

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major:** EEOS

**Nickname:** Homer

**What do you like most about UMass Boston:** The arcade in the Campus Center

**Favorite place on campus:** Quinn Cafe

**Favorite sports team?** Red Sox

**Favorite Athlete?** Sergei Samsanov

**Something that most people don't know about you?** I like to fish

**Favorite vacation spot?** Ft. Myers Florida

**Favorite holiday?** Fourth of July

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

**Do you have any pets?** Cat

**Favorite movie?** Miracle, Boondock Saints

**Favorite artist or band?** OAR or Dispatch

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

**What bones have you broken?** Hand

**Pepsi or Coke?** Coke

**Favorite Cereal?** Frosted Mini Wheats

**Favorite city or town?:** Boston

**Favorite ice cream?** Cookie dough

**How many foreign countries have you been to?** 2 Germany Sweden

**If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain?** Money

**Favorite Sesame Street character?** Oscar

**Hats or no hats?** hats

**Morning or night?** night

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

**Favorite season?** Winter

**Favorite Saved by the Bell character?** Mike the ex-football player

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

6-3, 1-1 LEC

*Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

December 13 MOUNT IDA 5:30 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

December 6 EMERSON 73-68 W

8 FISHER 78-58 W

10 W. CONN. ST. 65-59W

**A Win, Win, Win Situation** The Beacons were a perfect 3-0 last week to give them their best mark to start the season since they went 7-1 to begin the '02-'03 campaign.

UMass Boston began its week with a 73-68 win over visiting Emerson College and only trailed for 1:16 in the entire game. Sophomore center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)** led the Beacons with a career-high 18 points on 8-12 from the floor to go with 10 rebounds in 21 minutes of action. Senior guard **Elmina Darville (Randolph, MA)** netted 17 points, including 7-10 from the line and added four rebounds, four steals and three assists.

UMB came back two days later, and after a slow start, cruised past Fisher College, 78-58, in the schools' first-ever meeting. The Beacons never trailed in the contest as junior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** led them with 20 points on 7-13 from the field, including 3-7 from three-point range, to go with five rebounds, three assists and a steal. Sophomore guard **Ashley Greene (Brookline, MA)** came off the bench to score a career-high 17 points in addition to a personal-best five steals and also added four assists, three boards and a blocked shot. Querusio was impressive again with her second straight double-double, consisting of 15 points and 10 rebounds and freshman guard/forward **Jennifer Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** shined in her first collegiate start with a season-high 16 rebounds, while dishing for a personal-best seven assists to go with six points, three steals and two blocks.

UMass Boston capped the week with a Little East Conference victory over visiting Western Connecticut State, 65-59. It certainly wasn't petty as both teams combined for 65 turnovers, but the Beacons came to play. UMB trailed 26-22 with 1:03 to go in the first half, but went on a 7-2 run to take a 29-28 edge at halftime. The Beacons didn't trail for the rest of the way, but the Colonials wouldn't go away either, staying within 55-52 with 2:20 to go in the game, but it would be as close as they would get the rest of the afternoon. Junior point guard **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** led UMB with a game-high 17 points and six steals to go with four assists, four rebounds and a blocked shot. Querusio contributed again with 11 points, eight rebounds and a steal in just 15 minutes, while Widener posted her first career double-double with 10 points and 11 boards in addition to four assists and a pair of steals.



Sophomore, Alicia Querusio

Photo by A.J. Rourke

## MEN'S HOCKEY

0-7-1, 0-5-0 ECAC

*Head Coach: Michael Bertoni*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

December 28 SOUTHERN NH 5pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

December 7 BABSON 0-7 L

10 at W. New England 1-4 L

**Looking Ahead to the Codfish Bowl** The Beacons had a week they would like to forget, falling to regional powerhouse Babson College, 7-0, and on the road to Western New England College, 4-1 on Saturday night.

All three goalies took a turn vs. the Beavers on December 7 as junior goalie **Sean Bertoni (Franklin, MA)** stopped 25 shots in just under 28 minutes of action, before yielding to freshman **Matthew Lopes (Marstons Mills, MA)**, who turned away 24 shots in 25:36 of relief. Freshman **Chris Testa (Brooklyn, NY)** stopped both shots he faced in 6:36 of action to make his collegiate debut.

Saturday night was looking better as freshman forward **Robert Carbone (Bayside, NY)** opened the scoring, with an assist from sophomore **Dave Baczowski (Maynard, MA)** and senior forward **Julian Giantonio (Everett, MA)**, to give UMass Boston a 1-0 lead just 3:23 into the game. The Beacons held onto their edge until 1:32 into the final period when Western New England tied the score. The Golden Bears took the lead at the 6:03 mark and made it a two-goal cushion just 51 seconds later, before scoring their fourth goal late in the period. Bertoni made 18 saves in the game as UMB owned a 30-22 shot advantage.

The Beacons will be in action again when they play Southern New Hampshire University in the second game of the first round of the 41st Annual Codfish Bowl at the Clark Athletic Center on Wednesday, December 28 at 5:00 p.m. Connecticut College will take on University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in the first game at 2:00 p.m.



## CIARLETTA NAMED ECAC EAST ICE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Women's ice hockey player **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference East Player of the Week for the week of November 28-December 4. Ciarletta earned the honor for the fifth time in her career.



The junior tallied five points in two games, but none was bigger than her goal at 5:19 of the first period vs. Saint Michael's College on December 3. The tally gave her 100 career points, becoming the first women's player in school history and the first player, male or female, to reach the milestone since January 22, 1994 when Jeff Mead hit the century mark for the mens team. The junior added another goal that afternoon and collected three points the night before vs. Castleton State College on a goal and two assists.

\* Note: Men's and women's ice hockey honors are released after publication of the *Beacon Newsletter*, hence the week delay of inclusion.

## BARROS NAMED LEC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Men's basketball player **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** has been named the Little East Conference Player of the Week for the week of December 5-11. The selection marks the second time in Barros' career that he has received the honor.

In two games, Barros averaged 18.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 4.5 steals, 4.0 assists and blocked a shot. The small forward capped the week for the Beacons by leading them to an 85-71 win over Little East Conference opponent Western Connecticut State University on December 10 with a game-high 26 points and six assists to go with six rebounds and four steals. The junior contributed at Salem State College, in UMass Boston's 82-78 loss, with 11 points, five rebounds, five steals, two assists and a blocked shot.



## WIDENER NAMED LEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Women's basketball player **Jennifer Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** has been named Little East Conference Rookie of the Week for the week of December 5-11.

In three games, the guard/forward displayed an outstanding all-around game, averaging 6.7 points, 12.0 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 2.0 steals and added a pair of blocks, while shooting 73% (8-11) from the free throw line to lead the Beacons to a 3-0 week. The freshman made the most of her first collegiate start on December 8 vs. Fisher College, making the switch from guard to forward, and ripped down a season-high 16 rebounds, while netting six points, dishing for a personal-best seven assists, making a season-high three steals and registering a season-best two blocks. The Fontbonne Academy product posted her first career double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds to help UMass Boston in its first Little East Conference win over Western Connecticut State University on December 10. The 56" Widener added four assists and two steals as well. She began the week by pulling down nine boards vs. Emerson College on December 6, while adding four points, four assists, a steal and no turnovers in 19 minutes of action off the bench.



## BERTONI NAMED ECAC EAST ICE HOCKEY GOALTENDER OF THE WEEK

Men's ice hockey player **Sean Bertoni (Franklin, MA)** was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference East Goaltender of the Week for the week of November 28-December 4.

Bertoni was named the league's top goaltender after posting a 2.88 goals against average, allowing six goals in 125 minutes of play. The junior stopped 86 shots on the week for a .935 save percentage and helped snap the Beacons' three-game losing streak with 40 saves to preserve a 2-2 tie at Framingham State College on November 29. Bertoni was outstanding at nationally ranked number nine Trinity College (CT) on December 2, holding the Bantams to just one goal through the first 49:11 of play until they broke through for three more goals in the final 10:49. He finished the night with 46 saves.

