



THE BEACON Newsletter

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FRIDAY
DECEMBER 28

43RD ANNUAL
CODFISH BOWL

MEN'S HOCKEY
vs.
SUFFOLK
AT 5:00 PM

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DECEMBER

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 4-4, 0-2 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S
NEXT ?

January
8 at Lesley 8 pm

WHAT
HAPPENED ?

December
11 MOUNT IDA 77-68 W

Ending 2007 on a High Note The women's basketball team was the only UMass Boston team playing last week and it came away with a victory to go into the nNew Year with a win-streak.

Senior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** came off the bench to match her season-high of 18 points to lead the Beacons to a 77-68 win over Mount Ida College on December 11.

UMass Boston dominated the boards by a 55-39 margin and used it to its advantage with 23 second-chance points to Mount Ida's 10 on the night.

The teams were tied at 12-12 with 12:25 showing in the first half, before the Mustangs reeled off seven straight points to take a 19-12 lead with 9:48 left in the opening half. Mount Ida maintained a 25-19 lead with 5:44 to go in the first half, but the Beacons put together a 15-2 run to take a 34-27 advantage with 1:53 remaining in the first session and owned a 36-32 lead going into the intermission.

The Mustangs made a lay-up 27 seconds into the second half to pull to within 36-34, but that would be as close as they would get for the rest of the night as UMass Boston netted the next six points to take a 42-34 lead with 16:46 on the second half clock. Mount Ida later canned a three-pointer to cut the deficit to 44-41 with 14:18 to go in the second stanza, but the Beacons responded with eight straight points to increase their lead to 52-41 with 12:19 to play in the game. The Mustangs netted the next four points to keep the margin under 10 points at 52-45 with 11:35 remaining in the contest, but UMass Boston put the game away with a 15-3 stretch, fueled by six points from freshman forward **Norma Cumbee (Malden, MA)**, to take a commanding 67-48 lead with 7:22 left in the game. Mount Ida chipped away for the remainder of the game, but got no closer than seven points.

Tucker was 6-8 from the floor, including a make on her first five field goal attempts in addition to sinking all five of her free throws and her only three-point field goal attempt to go with grabbing five rebounds, making two steals and dishing for an assist in 24 minutes for the Beacons. Freshman point guard **Stephanie Vasquez (Salem, MA)** netted a season-high 13 points on 6-8 from the field and added three rebounds, a steal and an assist, while sophomore guard **Caroline Ashe (West Roxbury, MA)** contributed with nine points, nine boards and three assists in 18 minutes of action. Cumbee finished with a season-best eight points, seven assists and two steals to go with a block and a rebound and senior guard **Myrna Tangar (Randolph, MA)** was active with four points, five rebounds, seven steals and three assists.



Freshman, Norma Cumbee

Photo by AJ Rourke

MEN'S HOCKEY 3-4-1, 1-3-1 ECAC

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

WHAT'S
NEXT ?

December
28 SUFFOLK 5 pm
29 CONS/CHAMP 2/5 pm

WHAT
HAPPENED ?

December
No games

Who Needs a Beanpot? UMass Boston will host the 43rd Annual Codfish Bowl, the second-oldest college hockey invitational in the country, on December 28-29 with Fitchburg State College taking on Southern New Hampshire University at 2:00 p.m. on the first day of the first round and the Beacons playing Suffolk University at 5:00 p.m., later that night. UMass Boston hasn't won the Codfish since 1997. Could this be the year?



WOMEN'S HOCKEY 4-4-0, 3-3-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Starting a New Tradition The women's ice hockey team will host the First Annual Women's Ice Hockey Codfish Bowl on January 5. The tournament will be played the weekend following the original Codfish Bowl to be hosted by the men's ice hockey squad.

State University of New York at Oswego will take on Trinity College (CT) at noon on January 5 in the first round and UMass Boston will follow with a match-up against State University of New York at Cortland on 3:00 p.m. The consolation game will be the following day at 12:00 p.m. and the championship tilt will be at 3:00 p.m.

January
5 SUNY CORTLAND 3 pm
6 CONS/CHAMP 12/3 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

December
No games

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Maria Guanci
Ice Hockey

Birthday: July 18, 1987

Hometown: Everett, Ma

Year: 2009

Major: Exercise and Health Science

Nickname: Ree

What do you like most about UMass Boston? The Meninger Sisters

Favorite place on campus? Quinn

Favorite sports team? Bruins

Something most people don't know about you? I sometimes pretend that I'm a celebrity.

Favorite vacation spot? Cape

What accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport? Getting a UMass uniform.

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Bacon bits or croutons? Croutons

Log cabin or downtown? downtown

Do you have any pets? yes, a dog Sheena

Favorite movies? Friday Night Lights, Beauty and the Beast

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Remember the name

What bones have you broken? none

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Favorite Cereal? Lucky Charms

Favorite city? Everett

Favorite ice cream? Vanilla w/Peanut butter

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? Candy

Who is your favorite Sesame Street character? Oscar the Grouch

Hats or no hats? hats

Morning or Night? morning

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy? creamy

Favorite Season? Winter

Who is your favorite Saved by the Bell character? Mr. Belding

MEN'S BASKETBALL

1-8, 0-2 LEC

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

An Annual Gift On Friday, the men's basketball team will make its annual holiday visit to Boston Medical Center. Every season before Christmas, the coaching staff and players load up a van with toys and drive to the pediatric ward of the medical center. The Beacons distribute gifts, sign autographs and spread holiday cheer to youngsters. The annual trip is as rewarding for the players and coaches as it is for the children. The team's visit to Boston Medical Center is the longest-running, uninterrupted, gift-giving effort among Boston Medical's many holiday season donors. The men's basketball team also distributes toys to the UMass Boston Daycare Center.



January
2 GUSTAVUSADOLPHUS 2pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

December
No Games

M & W INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: Pershing Reid

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Taking a Break The Beacons will be letting their brains do the workouts over the next few weeks as they prepare for finals and will turn again on the first Saturday of the New Year at the Roxbury Community College Invitational.

January
5 at Roxbury Comm. Invit.

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December
No Meet