



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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Coming Up

Hockey Weekend
 Women's Hockey
 Dec. 9 at noon
 vs.
 Manhattanville

Men's Hockey
 Dec. 9 at 3 pm
 vs.
 Becker

DECEMBER

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 3-1, 1-0 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

December
 5 at Emerson 7pm
 9 at W. Conn. State 1pm

Whacking the Warriors The Beacons played just one game last week, but it was big enough for the entire week as they defeated Eastern Connecticut State, 93-86, in overtime for the first time since February 19, 1994 to snap a 26-game losing streak to the Warriors.

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Junior, Alicia Querusio

Junior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** came off the bench to net 20 points, including nine in overtime to lead UMB. UMass Boston owned a 76-69 lead with 2:47 to play in regulation, but Eastern Connecticut reeled off eight straight points, capped by a three-pointer to give it a 77-76 edge with 1:33 to go in the second half. The Beacons regained the lead and owned an 80-77 margin when UMB junior guard **Ashley Greene (Brookline, MA)** converted one of two free throws with just 10 seconds left to play in the second session. The Warriors then drilled a three-pointer with only four ticks left on the second half clock to tie the contest at 80-80 and send it into overtime. The teams were tied at 83-83 with 2:54 remaining in overtime, before Tucker netted five unanswered points to give UMass Boston an 88-83 lead with 2:03 to play in the game. Eastern would get no closer than three points the rest of the way. Tucker was 5-8 from the floor, including 3-5 from three-point range to go with four rebounds and four assists for UMB. Senior forward **Denise B. Ridge (Milton, MA)** also netted 20 points and added eight rebounds, three steals and two assists. Junior center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)** posted a double-double of 17 points and 11 boards in addition to a pair of blocks and an assist in 24 minutes, while senior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** finished with 16 points, three rebounds, a steal and a helper.

WHAT HAPPENED ?
 December
 2 E. CONN. ST. 93-86 W ot

WOMEN'S HOCKEY 2-4-1, 2-4-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

December
 8 SALVE REGINA 7pm
 9 MANHATTANVILLE 12pm

The Rest Pays Off The Beacons had not played in 18 days before they met up with Colby College on November 29. The team came away with a 3-3 tie. Sophomore forward **Maria Guanci (Everett, MA)** took a feed from freshman forward **Katelyn Sawyer-Lajoie (Marlboro, MA)** and potted her first goal of the season to give UMB a 1-0 edge at 10:46 of the opening period, but Colby answered with a pair of goals, including the second with just 1:09 to go in the first period. Sophomore goaltender **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** was outstanding in goal for the Beacons, turning away a career-high 41 shots.

UMass Boston spent the weekend in Vermont and it's safe to say that it could be junior **Casey Turner's (Melrose, MA)** favorite New England State. The forward netted a school-record tying four goals to lead the Beacons to an 8-1 win at Castleton State College on Saturday and then tallied a school-record matching six points, including a new program standard with five assists in UMB's 9-3 victory at Saint Michael's College. Sophomore defenseman **Erin Shepherd (Saint Paul, MN)** equalled a career-high with four points on a goal and a personal-best three assists vs. Castleton and added three more points with a goal and two assists at Saint Michael's, while senior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** potted a pair of goals at Castleton State and netted her 80th career score at Saint Michael's. Sophomore forward **Kate Webb (Falmouth, MA)** found the back of the net for her first goal of the year and added an assist at Castleton in addition to a goal at Saint Michael's, while freshman forward **Jennifer Petitti (Quincy, MA)** collected her first collegiate point with an assist at Castleton and then added two more helpers at Saint Michael's. Freshmen forwards **Kimberly Davidge (Blackstone, MA)** and **Katelyn Sawyer-Lajoie (Marlboro, MA)** each picked up their first career goals at Saint Michael's with Davidge assisting on two others and Sawyer-Lajoie also assisting on another. Senior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** also chipped in with a goal and two assists at Saint Michael's and a pair of helpers at Castleton. Senior goalie **Shannon Palmer (Lynn, MA)** turned away 18 shots to earn the victory at Castleton in her first start of the season, while Sams made 16 saves at Saint Michael's.

WHAT HAPPENED ?
 November
 29 COLBY 3-3 T
 December
 2 at Castleton State 8-1 W
 3 at Saint Michael's 9-3 W



MEN'S HOCKEY

0-5-1, 0-4-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Standing on his Head The Beacons were in search of the season's first victory last week and played tough, but came up short. Framingham State took a 1-0 lead in the first period, but UMass Boston matched the tally when freshman defenseman **Steve Ebbola (Wheaton, IL)** fed sophomore blueliner **James Hall (Middletown, NJ)** who then found freshman forward **Drew LaCombe (Burlington, MA)** camped on the right corner of the goal, where he put the puck in the net for his second goal of the year at 16:04 on the power play. The Rams would get the game-winner in the third and freshman goalie **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** finished the night with 29 saves for the Beacons. Donovan was extremely busy over the weekend, making 52 saves vs. Trinity on Friday and then 55 more stops the next day vs. Wesleyan to give him 107 saves in 22 hours. Things started off well enough for UMB on Friday night as freshman forward **Cody Austin (Highland, MI)** put the Beacons on the board first when he intercepted a pass in front of the Bantams' goal and netted his first collegiate tally at 8:04 of the first period. Unfortunately, Trinity followed with four unanswered scores. Wesleyan netted the first three goals on Saturday, before UMass Boston cracked the scoring column when junior defenseman **Andrew Ward (Evanston, IL)** and fellow blueliner **Billy Langmaid (Danvers, MA)** fed sophomore forward **Micahel Muolo (Stoneham, MA)** for his first score of the year at 8:54 of the final period to make it 3-1.

December
6 at Babson 7pm
9 BECKER 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

November
28 FRAMINGHAM ST. 1-2 L

December
1 TRINITY (CT) 1-4 L
2 WESLEYAN 1-4 L

MEN'S BASKETBALL

3-3, 0-1 LEC

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

WHAT'S NEXT ?

A Mixed Bag The best way to describe the Beacons' defensive effort last week is schizophrenic. UMass Boston allowed Emerson to shoot 61% from the floor and were beaten, 85-62, in the Lions' new gym, but then held Suffolk to a paltry 26.6%, just two days later, and came away with a 77-63 victory. The Beacons defense was solid again on Saturday, holding Eastern Connecticut to just 39.6%, but came up a bit short, falling to the Warriors, 60-57.

Junior swingman **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** led UMB at Emerson with 15 points and eight rebounds, while junior point guard **A.J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** dropped in 10 points to go with two steals, two assists and a rebound.

Sophomore center **Rodney Bennett (Mattapan, MA)** posted a double-double of 20 points and a career-high 14 rebounds to lead the Beacons over Suffolk. The Rams drained a three-pointer to give them a 23-22 lead with 5:23 left to play in the first half, but it would be the last lead they would enjoy as UMass Boston closed out the half with a 14-2 run to take a 36-25 lead into the intermission. The Beacons never led by less than six points and by as many as 18 the rest of the way as they cruised to victory. Bennett added five assists, two steals and a pair of blocks to his night for UMass Boston, while freshman center **Wolf Jules (Cambridge, MA)** came off the bench to register season-highs of 13 points and eight rebounds to go with two blocks in just 16 minutes of action. Junior power forward **Eli Manna (Boston, MA)** nearly posted a double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds in addition to a blocked shot.

Eastern Connecticut owned a nine-point halftime lead and led for most of the second half, by as many as 11 points, until senior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** drained a three-pointer and added a free throw to complete the rare four-point play, thus giving the Beacons a 53-52 edge with 5:02 showing in the second half. UMass Boston later took a 57-53 margin following a pair of Paniagua free throws with 2:18 left in the game, but the Warriors converted one of two free throws and added a three-pointer to pull even at 57-57 with 1:24 left to play. Eastern later canned two more free throws to give the Warriors a two-point lead with 13 ticks left. The Beacons called a timeout with nine seconds left, but a traveling call with two seconds to go thwarted their final attempt to tie as the Warriors came away with the victory. Barros led the Beacons with 15 points and added five rebounds, four steals and two assists, while Titus made all five of his field goal attempts to finish with 13 points in addition to a steal. Manna also contributed with six points, nine boards, two blocks, a steal and an assist.

Prior to the game, Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., presented the members of last year's team with championship rings to commemorate last season's Little East Conference title. A championship banner was also unveiled.

December
7 SALEM STATE 7pm
9 at W. Conn. State 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

November
28 at Emerson 62-85 L
30 SUFFOLK 77-63 W

December
2 E. CONN. ST. 57-60 L

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Lauren O'Connor
Ice Hockey

Birthday: 2/14/1986

Hometown: Everett

Year: Junior

Major: Criminal Justice

Nickname: String bean + Q-tip

What do you like most about UMass Boston? Hangin' at Quinn Cafe

Where is your favorite place on campus? Quinn Cafe

Favorite team? Red Sox

Favorite athlete? Maria Guanci

Something most people don't know about you? I like to wear sweatsidos.

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Bacon bits or croutons? Bacon bits

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

Do you have any pets? 3 dogs + 1 bird

Favorite movie? Love Actually, A Cinderella Story and Tristan + Isolde

Favorite artists or band? Panic at the Disco

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? The Canadian National Anthem

Bones you have broken? All my fingers

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Favorite Cereal? Lucky Charms

Favorite ice cream? Mint chocolate chip

Foreign countries you have been to? 1 - Brazil

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? Trapper Keepers

Favorite Sesame Street character? Oscar the Grouch

Hats or no hats? No hats

Morning or night? Night

Favorite Season? Spring

Favorite Saved by the Bell character? Ms. Bliss

Ms. Bliss

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Sophomore, Rodney Bennett



TURNER NAMED ECAC EAST ICE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Women's ice hockey player **Casey Turner (Melrose, MA)** was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference East Player of the Week for the week of November 27 to December 3.

In three games on the week, the junior enjoyed the best week of her career, tallying 12 points on five goals and seven assists to average 4.0 points per outing.

The forward began the week with a pair of assists in the Beacons' 3-3 tie with Colby College on November 29 and capped the week with a huge weekend in Vermont. The Charles River girl's hockey product netted a school-record tying four goals in UMass Boston's 8-1 victory at Castleton State College on December 2 and came back the following day to register a school-record matching six points on a goal and five assists in the Beacons' 9-3 win at Saint Michael's College. Her point total is the most-ever by a junior at UMB and her five assists establishes a new record for any player to wear the Beacon blue.

A graduate of the Hyde School in Connecticut, she leads UMass Boston in goals (5), assists (7) and points (12), while ranking among the ECAC East and national leaders as well. Turner is currently 14th in the nation with 1.14 assists per game and fourth among ECAC East players. Her 1.71 points per effort put her 20th in the country and eighth in the conference, while her 0.71 goals per game is the 12th highest average for any ECAC East player. She has been very good on special teams as well with six power-play points to rank third among league players and two advantage goals to rank her 10th in ECAC East.



TUCKER NAMED LEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Women's basketball player **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** has been named Little East Conference Player of the Week for the week of November 27 to December 3.

In the Beacons' only game of the week, Tucker was instrumental in the team's 93-86 overtime victory over visiting Eastern Connecticut State University on December 2. The win was one of the most significant in the program's recent history, having snapped a 26-game losing streak to the Warriors, who had not lost to UMass Boston since a 57-51 defeat in Boston on February 19, 1994. The shooting guard came off the bench to net 20 points, including nine of the team's 13 points in overtime. She shot 63% (5-8) from the floor, including 60% (3-5) from three-point range and was 7-10 from the line. The junior also added four rebounds and four assists to her afternoon.

The Providence Country Day School product currently leads the Beacons with 13.5 points per game and a 53% (10-19) three-point field goal percentage. She is second on the team with a torrid 58% (15-26) field goal percentage and is converting her free throw tries at a 70% (14-20) clip. She leads the LEC in three-point field goals made per game with 2.5, while ranking third in three-point field goal efficiency, fourth in field goal accuracy and fifth in scoring. The guard is averaging 2.3 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game as well. In her last three games, she is averaging 18.0 points, 2.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists, while shooting 58% (15-26) from the floor, including 53% (10-19) from beyond the three-point arc in addition to a 70% (14-20) mark from the free throw line. She has netted at least 15 points in each of her last three games and was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2006 UMass Boston Tip-Off Classic after netting 19 points in the championship game vs. Curry College on November 18, including nine in the final 1:31 of play.

DONOVAN NAMED ECAC EAST ICE HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Men's ice hockey player **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference East Rookie of the Week for the week of November 27 to December 3.

Donovan was impressive between the pipes, making 136 saves in three games for an average of 45.3 per game. The freshman stopped 52 shots in 54:24 of action vs. Trinity College (CT) on December 1 and came back the next day to make 55 saves in 60 minutes vs. Wesleyan University to give him 107 saves in a span of 22 hours. A former member of the Hartford Wolfpack in the American Junior Hockey League, he also turned away 29 shots, while allowing just two goals in 58:43 vs. Framingham State College on November 28. All tolled, he posted a .938 save percentage and maintained a 3.12 goals against average for the week.

A graduate of Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut, the first-year goalie has seen the majority of time for the Beacons, making five of a possible six starts, while playing 292:24 and making 214 saves for a .926 save mark, which ranks fourth among ECAC East goaltenders.

