



# THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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## Coming Up

Basketball  
 Senior Day

February 17

Women's & Men's  
 Basketball  
 vs.  
 R.I. College

1:00 & 3:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

12

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## WOMEN'S HOCKEY 13-9-1, 10-7-0 ECAC

*Head Coach: Maura Crowell*

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

February  
 16 at New England Col. 7pm  
 17 at Saint Anselm 2:30pm

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

February  
 6 TRINITY (CT) 3-2 W ot  
 9 at MIT 11-1 W  
 10 at Holy Cross 6-2 W

**Seventh Heaven** Since the first year of the program, it seems as though the women's hockey team is always topping itself. The Beacons were perfect again last week and have won a school-record seven straight games. The team gave its fans a bit of everything, beginning with a thrilling 3-2 overtime win over Trinity on February 6, an 11-1 blowout victory at MIT and a convincing statement-making 6-2 triumph at Holy Cross.

UMass Boston is doing what every team would like to be doing as they get closer to the post-season -- it's peaking.

Freshman forward Kimberly Davidge's (**Blackstone, MA**) shot from the top of the circles found the back of the net with 1:10 left to play in overtime to give the Beacons the win over Trinity. Junior defenseman **Rose Devlin (Quincy, MA)** and senior blueliner **Melissa Wigmore (Duxbury, MA)** fed Davidge for the winning score. UMass Boston owned a 2-0 lead early in the third period, before the Bantams got on the board with a power play goal at 4:04 of the third period to cut the deficit to 2-1. Trinity knotted the score at 2-2 when a shot was redirected in the air between the pipes coming at the 6:43 mark of the third stanza. Senior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** converted a helper from classmate **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** with just 49 seconds left in the second period to crack the scoring column and give UMass Boston a 1-0 edge. The Beacons rode the momentum into the third period and took a 2-0 margin when Davidge netted her first goal of the night, thanks to a helper from freshman defenseman **Katelyn Corsino (Belmont, MA)** with 2:14 gone in the period. Sophomore goaltender **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** was outstanding in net, stopping 33 shots on the night to earn the victory for UMass Boston.

The Beacons scored early and often at MIT with three goals in the first period and three more in the second for a 6-0 advantage, heading into the third period. The Engineers finally got on the board with a power play goal at 2:54 of the final period, but UMass Boston would score five more times. Ciarletta led the charge with a school-record matching six points on three goals and three assists, while Belmonte notched five points on a pair of goals, including a school-record sixth power play score, and three assists. Freshman forward **Jennifer Petitti (Quincy, MA)** seems to make the most of every game that she plays, and this night was no exception as she netted her first collegiate goal at 15:51 of the third period and then added her second goal with 10 seconds left in the contest to go with an earlier assist for a three-point effort. Freshman forward **Kimberly Davidge (Blackstone, MA)** also recorded her first multiple-goal outing of the year with a pair of scores. Senior goalie **Shannon Palmer (Lynn, MA)** stopped four shots in a period and a half to earn the win and improve her career mark to 18-5-1, while classmate **Katie Frossard (Milton, MA)** played the final 30:09 and made eight saves.

The pivotal game of the week was in Worcester, and UMass Boston was up for the challenge, taking a 1-0 lead just 2:32 into the contest when junior forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** collected a loose puck and netted her second goal of the season with Belmonte assisting. Ciarletta gave UMB a 2-0 lead with Wall and Belmonte assisting. For Belmonte, it was point number 150, making her just the 14th player to reach the plateau. Junior forward **Casey Turner (Melrose, MA)** took a feed from sophomore forward **Kate Webb (Falmouth, MA)** for a 3-0 margin. Holy Cross put the puck in the net with 2:48 left in the second stanza with a power play goal to make it 3-1 and pulled to within 3-2 when it scored at the 8:13 mark of the third period, but the Beacons responded with three straight goals. Turner found freshman forward **Katelyn Sawyer-Lajoie (Marlboro, MA)** just 1:24 after the Crusaders' goal to increase the UMB lead to 4-2 and Ciarletta followed with two more goals coming at 11:04 and 13:37 with Belmonte assisting on both of them and Wall on the final tally. Ciarletta's hat trick was the second in as many days and the fourth time in her career she has tallied hat tricks in back-to-back games as well as her third three-goal game of the season and the 11th of her career. Sams was solid again, making 31 saves on the day.

## MEN'S HOCKEY 4-18-1, 2-15-0 ECAC

*Head Coach: Peter Belisle*

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

February  
 16 CONN. COLLEGE 7pm  
 17 TUFTS 3pm

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

February  
 9 at Middlebury 0-8 L  
 10 at Williams 2-5 L

**Some Saving Grace** UMass Boston didn't fare so well in Middlebury College on Friday, falling to nationally ranked Middlebury College, 8-0, but rebounded to give Williams College a scare through two periods.

Middlebury scored just 75 seconds into the contest and added five more scores in the second stanza to put the game away. Freshman goaltender **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** made 22 saves in 35:35, before giving way to sophomore **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)**, who stopped 21 shots in the final 24:22 of play.

The Beacons found themselves looking at a 2-0 deficit at Williams on Saturday, but junior defenseman **Andrew Ward (Evanston, IL)** potted his first goal of the season with an assist from sophomore forward **Rocco Dabecco (South Park, PA)** and freshman forward **Kris Kranzky (Glendora, CA)** at 16:35 of the second stanza to cut the margin to 2-1. Freshman forward **Adam Larrabee (Beverly, MA)** then knotted the score at 2-2 just 1:20 later thanks to a helper from Kranzky and freshman defenseman **Steve Ebbolle (Wheaton, IL)**. The satisfaction was short-lived, however, as the Ephs reclaimed the lead 10 seconds later and netted two more scores in the final period. Donovan was outstanding between the pipes, stopping a school-record 64 shots. He also set the school mark for saves in a season, increasing his total to 819.



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 15-8, 8-4 LEC

*Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk*

**WHAT'S NEXT ?**

### THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Jennifer Petitti**  
Hockey

**Birthday:** December 24, 1988

**Hometown:** Quincy

**Year:** Freshman

**Major:** undecided

**Nickname:** Jen

**What do you like most about UMass Boston?** The people

**Favorite place on campus?** Quinn cafeteria

**Favorite sports team?** Red Sox/Patriots

**Favorite athlete?** Kate Lajoie

**Favorite vacation spot?** Florida

**Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport?** First collegiate goal

**Favorite holiday?** christmas

**Bacon bits or croutons?** croutons

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

**Do you have any pets?** cat

**Favorite movie?** The Grinch

**Favorite artists or band?** Aerosmith

**Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up?** Lets go

**Pepsi or Coke?** Pepsi

**Favorite Cereal?** Lucky Charms

**Favorite city or town?** Boston

**Favorite ice cream?** Coffee

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

**Favorite Sesame Street character?** oscar the grouch

**Hats or no hats?** Hats

**Morning or night?** Night

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

**Favorite Season?** Summer

**Favorite Saved by the Bell character?** Tory

**Back on Track** The women's basketball team has followed the trend of other teams at UMass Boston in 2006-07 -- making history. The Beacons won three straight last week to give them their highest conference win total (eight) and tie the single-season victory mark at 15.

UMass Boston trailed at the end of the first half at UMass Dartmouth and early in the second, but put on a surge at the end of the second half. The Beacons owned a 58-55 margin at the 4:57 mark of the second stanza, but then put the game away with an 18-4 run, fueled by nine points from junior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)**, who finished with a game-high 19 points to go with seven rebounds, three assists and a steal. UMass Boston outscored the Corsairs, 40-24, in the second half, including a three-pointer from senior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** at 18:34 to make her the all-time career leader in three-pointers made, en-route to a 78-63 victory. Freshman guard **Caroline Ashe (West Roxbury, MA)** also contributed with 15 points on 6-10 from the floor, including 3-4 from three-point range in addition to four rebounds.

Framingham State jumped out to a 16-9 lead with 12 minutes to play in the first half, but UMass Boston came back with a 13-3 run to take a 22-19 margin with 9:03 to go in the first session. The Rams later reclaimed the lead and owned a 26-23 lead with 6:09 remaining, but the Beacons came right back with 12 unanswered points capped by a three-pointer from junior guard **Marcia Beatty (Marstons Mills, MA)** to give them a 35-26 advantage with 2:15 to play in the first half. Framingham State netted the final seven points of the half to cut the deficit to 35-33 going into the intermission. The teams traded the lead five times before sophomore forward **Jenn Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** made a lay-up with 15 minutes to go in the game to give UMass Boston a 45-44 edge. The Beacons held onto a 50-49 lead with 11:28 remaining to play, before going on a 20-6 stretch over the next nine minutes to take control of the contest, thanks to seven points from Ashe and six from junior center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)**, for a 70-55 advantage with 2:23 to go in the stanza. The Rams would get no closer than nine points the rest of the way. Senior forward **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** led UMass Boston with 12 points on 5-9 from the field, while adding five rebounds, a steal, an assist and a blocked shot and senior forward **Denise B. Ridge (Milton, MA)** contributed with 10 points, seven boards and an assist.

The Beacons capped the week with a nail-biter at Plymouth State, winning 76-75 to clinch the first-ever home playoff game for the team. UMass Boston never trailed in the first half and owned a 10-point lead at 63-53 with 8:25 to play in the contest, but the Panthers chipped away and took their first lead of the day, holding a 67-66 edge with 4:15 remaining. Plymouth State owned the lead for the next 3:37. Tucker pulled the Beacons to within 75-74 with a three-pointer at the 1:25 mark of the second half and gave them the lead for good with a jumper in the lane coming with 38 ticks left on the clock. Tucker ended the day with 23 points on 9-15 from the floor to go with two rebounds and three steals in 24 minutes off the bench, while Coverdale chipped in with 14 points, eight rebounds, six steals and five assists.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL 8-14, 4-8 LEC

*Head Coach: Charlie Titus*

**WHAT'S NEXT ?**

**Rocky Road Trip** The Beacons will be glad to be at home vs. Southern Maine on Tuesday night, because the road was just not kind to the team with three losses last week.

UMass Boston led by as many as five points through the first five minutes at UMass Dartmouth, but the Corsairs tied it at 14-14 and then hit a three to take a 17-14 margin at 14:36 of the opening half. UMD never looked back and took a 71-58 advantage with 9:05 to play in the contest. The Beacons put together a 17-10 run to come to within 81-75 with 50 seconds left in the game, but it would be as close as they would get as the Corsairs came away with an 89-81 win. Senior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** netted a game-high 24 points and sank three free throws to become the career-leader in made free throws. He now has 332 for his career. He also added seven boards, three steals, a block and an assist, while junior forward **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** posted a double-double of 14 points and 14 rebounds to go with a career-high eight assists and three steals.

Nationally ranked WPI set the tone right away in Worcester, MA with a three-pointer 13 seconds into the game. The Engineers led the entire way after that. WPI led by as many as 26 points, before taking an 89-67 victory. Paniagua led UMass Boston with 23 points in addition to five rebounds and two assists, while junior guard **A.J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** chipped in with nine points, two rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block.

The road remained bumpy in New Hampshire as Plymouth State jumped out to a 7-0 lead to open the contest. The Panthers would not trail in the contest and owned a 20-6 advantage with 13:18 to play in the first half, but the Beacons showed some life with an 11-2 burst to cut the margin to 22-17 with 10:39 showing on the first half clock. Plymouth State shook off the charge and led by as many as 20 points, before settling for a 43-29 lead at the intermission. UMass Boston closed to within nine points early in the second half, but the Panthers controlled the stanza and led by as many as 40 points, before filing a 96-67 decision. Barros led the Beacons with 29 points and added four rebounds, two steals and an assist, while junior center **Eli Manna (Boston, MA)** contributed with eight points, eight rebounds and a block in 18 minutes of action.

**February**  
13 SO. MAINE 5:30pm  
17 R.I. COLLEGE 1pm

**WHAT HAPPENED ?**

**February**  
6 at Mass Dartmouth 78-63 W  
8 FRAMINGHAMST. 74-63 W  
10 at Plymouth St. 76-75 W

**February**  
13 SO. MAINE 7:30 pm  
15 at Tufts 7:00 pm  
17 R.I. COLLEGE 3:00 pm

**WHAT HAPPENED ?**

**February**  
6 at Mass Dartmouth 81-89 L  
8 at WPI 67-89 L  
10 at Plymouth St. 67-96 L



## 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 February 5-11.

Ciarletta racked up 10 points in three games, including seven goals and three assists. The senior netted a goal in UMass Boston's 3-2 overtime victory over Trinity College (CT) on February 6, but she was just getting warmed up. The center followed that by matching her own school-record with six points on three goals and three assists in the Beacons' 11-1 victory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology on February 9 and registered another hat trick, in as many days, in the team's 6-2 triumph at College of the Holy Cross on February 10. It marked the fourth time in her career that she has recorded back-to-back hat tricks and was her school-record 11th career effort.

The Watertown High School product currently leads UMass Boston with 21 goals in 23 games for an average of 0.91 per outing to rank second among NCAA Division III leaders, while her 34 points is the second-highest total on the team and places her 12th in the nation with 1.48 per game, which is good for seventh among ECAC East players. Ciarletta is third for the Beacons with 13 assists and 13th in ECAC East. Her five game-winning scores tie her own school record, while ranking third in the nation and the conference and her six power-play goals is also a shared single-season school-record, which ranks sixth in ECAC East and 11th in the country. The senior has collected a school-record matching seven multi-goal games on the season, including three hat tricks and is second on the squad with nine multi-point tilts. She owns three separate point-streaks of four games or longer on the campaign, including a current seven-game stretch, where she has tallied 20 points on 10 goals and 10 assists. For her career, Ciarletta has registered a school-record 163 career points and 97 goals, which rank her sixth and fourth, respectively, on the all-time NCAA Division III career list. She currently owns 37 school records.



## SAMS NAMED ECAC ICE HOCKEY CO-GOALTENDER OF THE WEEK

Women's ice player **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference East Co-Goaltender of the Week for the week of February 5-11.

Sams earns the honor after posting a 1.94 goals against average in two games, covering 123:50 of action. The sophomore stopped 64 of 68 shots on the week for a stellar .941 save percentage to earn a pair of victories. A graduate of Bellingham High School, she made 33 saves to preserve the overtime win over Trinity and turned away 31 shots in an ECAC East victory at Holy Cross.

For the season, Sams has started all 17 games she has played in, while logging 68.2% of the team's minutes with 947:08, which is the third-highest total in school history. She currently owns a 3.04 GAA and a .905 save mark to rank fifth among conference leaders. Sams' 8-6-1 win-loss record gives her the second-highest win total for a UMB goalie in the history of the program. She has stopped 30 or more shots on seven occasions, including a season-high 50 on January 17 vs. defending national champion Middlebury College and her total of 456 saves is the third-most in school history.

## DAVIDGE NAMED ECAC EAST ICE HOCKEY ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Women's ice hockey player **Kimberly Davidge (Blackstone, MA)** was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference East Player of the Week for the week of February 5-11.

Davidge is tabbed the league's top rookie for the second time after tallying four points on four goals in three games. The freshman netted a season-high two goals vs. Trinity, including the game-winner in overtime and matched the feat with two more goals at MIT.

The forward has seen action in all 23 games for the Beacons this season and ranks sixth on the squad with 11 points on seven goals and four assists. She is the second highest-scoring rookie on the team and places 13th among ECAC East freshman in points. The former member of the Minuteman Lady Flames has registered three multi-point efforts on the year, including a season-high three points with a goal and two assists at Saint Michael's College on December 3. She is also one of four players on the team with two or more game-winning tallies.

