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Coming Up

Home Playoff Games

February 20

Women's Basketball
vs.

W. Connecticut St.
7:00 p.m.

February 24

Women's Hockey
vs.

Southern Maine
2:00 p.m.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 15-10, 8-6 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

February
 20 W. CONN. ST. 7 pm
 23 at LEC Semis TBA
 24 at LEC Final TBA

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
 13 SO. MAINE 50-92 L
 17 R.I. COLLEGE 68-69 L

Nipped, but No Matter The Beacons were routed by the league's top team on Tuesday and lost a nailbiter on Saturday to Rhode Island College, but will host Western Connecticut State as the number three seed in the Little East Conference tournament on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. The UMB women will host its first-ever LEC playoff contest.

Junior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** made a pair of free throws to knot the game at 68-68 with 38 seconds left to play, but Rhode Island College responded by making one of two free throws to give it a 69-68 edge with 25 seconds to go in the game. The Beacons gained possession and called timeout with 17 seconds left to set up a final play. Tucker controlled the ball for UMass Boston, but mishandled the ball on a cross over dribble and the Anchorwomen came up with it to hold on for the win.

Rhode Island College owned a 15-8 advantage with 12:09 showing in the first half, but the Beacons went on a 15-5 run, fueled by 10 points from Tucker to give them a 23-20 lead with 6:23 to play in the opening half. UMass Boston held onto the lead going into the intermission with a 31-28 margin. The Anchorwomen busted out of the gate to start the second half, going on a 12-2 burst to take a 40-33 advantage with 16:30 on the second half clock and maintained a 42-35 lead with 15:24 to go in the session, but the Beacons shot back with a 9-2 burst to knot the contest at 44-44 with 11:55 remaining in the game. The Anchorwomen built their lead to 63-56 with 4:22 showing the second half, but UMass Boston wouldn't go away, putting together a 10-3 stretch, paced by six points from junior center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)**, to tie the game at 66-66 with 1:44 left to play. Tucker led the Beacons with 23 points, including 10-11 from the free throw line, to go with two steals and two assists off the bench, while Querusio finished with 15 points on 7-11 from the field in addition to seven rebounds and a blocked shot in only 16 minutes of action.

Southern Maine raced out to an 18-5 lead with 15:36 showing in the first half, but UMass Boston cut the margin to 18-9 with 13:33 to play. The Huskies closed out the half, outscoring the Beacons, 27-8, to take a 45-17 halftime advantage, including a stretch where it held UMB scoreless for 5:48, while netting 12 unanswered points. Southern Maine kept the pressure on in the second half, leading by as many as 49 points. Junior guard **Ashley Greene (Brookline, MA)** led UMass Boston with 11 points and added five rebounds, four steals and three assists, while sophomore forward **Jenn Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** contributed with six points, a season-high 11 rebounds, a steal and two blocks.

MEN'S HOCKEY 5-19-1, 3-16-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

WHAT'S NEXT ?

February
 24 at Norwich 7 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
 16 CONN. COLLEGE 2-4 L
 17 TUFTS 4-3 W

Ending on a High Note The UMass Boston ice hockey team split a pair of games over the weekend, including a 4-3 victory over Tufts on Saturday to give the team its most wins since the 1999-2000 season.

Freshman forward **Adam Larrabee (Beverly, MA)** took a feed from sophomore forward **Rocco Dabeco (South Park, PA)** and freshman forward **Kris Kranzky (Glendora, CA)** and potted his seventh goal of the season with 5:12 left in the game to give the Beacons a 4-3 edge and the eventual game-winner over Tufts. Larrabee was quite busy with his linemates, the entire afternoon. The Jumbos took a 2-0 lead with a goal in the first period and another at 7:33 of the second, before Larrabee, Dabeco and Kranzky hooked up for Larrabee's first goal of the day at 15:26 of the second stanza to cut the deficit to 2-1. Tufts got the goal back just 2:39 into the third period to go ahead, 3-1, but UMass Boston didn't fold in the third period as Larrabee and Dabeco combined to find junior defenseman **Hunter Dowd (Brick, NJ)** for his first goal of the season to pull the team to within 3-2 at 5:06 of the final period. Kranzky put the equalizer away just 26 seconds later, thanks to a helper from Dabeco and Larrabee to knot the contest at 3-3. All tolled, Larrabee finished with a season-high four points, while Dabeco's four assists were a career-high. Freshman goaltender **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** stopped 29 shots to increase his school-record total to 869 and also established a school-standard for minutes played with 1358:07 and games with 24.

Friday night looked like the Beacons took take one away from Connecticut College, but the third period did them in as the Camels netted three straight goals, before a late UMass Boston goal made it a 4-2 final.

Connecticut College took a 1-0 lead at 13:21 of the opening period with a power play goal, but freshman blueliner **Russ Peterson (Fraser, MI)** took a feed from freshman forward **Cody Austin (Highland, MI)** and sophomore forward **Marcus Fajardo (New York, NY)** and turned it into a goal to tie the game at 14:13 of the middle period. Fajardo picked up his first point of the season with the helper. The teams began the third period tied, but the Camels wasted no time taking the lead with a goal coming just 20 seconds into the final stanza. Conn. College added another score at the 3:38 mark to take a 3-1 advantage and increased the lead to 4-1 with a power play score at 13:34. Austin found sophomore forward **Michael Muolo (Stoneham, MA)** on the power play for his third goal of the season as time expired to give UMB its second goal of the season as the clock turned to zeroes. Donovan made 21 saves in 53:34 of action, before sophomore **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)** turned away the only shot he faced in 6:26 of relief.



WOMEN'S HOCKEY 13-11-1, 10-9-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Christopher Testa
Hockey

Birthday: July 22

Hometown: Massapequa, NY

Year: Junior academically/Sophomore athlete

Major: Business Marketing

Nickname: Test

What do you like most about UMass

Boston? The girls

Favorite place on campus? Ice Rink

Favorite sports team? New York Islanders

Favorite athlete? Martin Brodeur

Something that most people don't

know about you? I'm an only child

Favorite vacation spot? Anywhere South

Accomplishment you are most proud

of in your sport? Going to the NY State
Championship in 2003

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Would you rather live in a log cabin or

downtown? Downtown

Favorite movie? Miracle

Favorite artists or band? O.A.R.

Favorite pre-game song to get

pumped up? Disturbed - Voices

Bones you have broken? Almost all my fingers

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Favorite Cereal? Frosted Flakes

Favorite city or town? New York

Favorite ice cream? Chocolate

How many foreign countries you have

been to? 1 Canada

If it could rain something other than

rain, what would it rain? Pucks

Favorite Sesame Street character?

Cookie Monster

Morning or night? Night

Favorite Season? Summer

Favorite Saved by the Bell character?

Zack Morris

Happy for Home Ice

The Beacons suffered a tough 4-3 loss at New England College on Friday night and were shut out at Saint Anselm College the next day, 4-0. UMass Boston will put the games behind them and focus on this Saturday's ECAC East quarterfinals game vs. Southern Maine at 2:00 p.m. at the Clark Athletic Center. It will be the second straight year that UMB hosts the Huskies in the first round of the playoffs.

New England College scored a pair of goals within the first three and a half minutes of the game, before senior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** took a feed from classmate **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** and tallied her 18th goal of the season to cut the deficit to 2-1 at 5:19 of the opening period.

The Beacons didn't stop there as junior defenseman **Rose Devlin (Quincy, MA)** and junior forward **Casey Turner (Melrose, MA)** combined to find sophomore forward **Kate Webb (Falmouth, MA)** for her fourth goal of the season, coming on the power play at 7:52 of the second period to knot the game at 2-2. Webb gave UMass Boston a 3-2 lead with the first shorthanded goal of her career on a feed from senior defenseman **Melissa Wigmore (Duxbury, MA)** at 8:42 of the third period. The Pilgrims wasted no time in responding with the equalizer coming just 19 seconds later on the power play. New England College netted the game-winner with 4:57 left in the game on a shorthanded goal. Sophomore goaltender **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** made 20 saves for UMB.

The Beacons allowed a pair of goals in the opening period at Saint Anselm and two more to the league's top team in the second period as well. UMass Boston outshot the Hawks in the final period, but couldn't find the back of the net. Sams finished with 38 stops on the day.

February
24 SOUTHERN MAINE 2pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
16 at N.E. College 3-4 L
17 at Saint Anselm 0-4 L

MEN'S BASKETBALL

9-16, 5-9 LEC

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

Go West Young Men

The Beacons went 1-2 last week and end the regular season as the number six seed in the Little East Conference tournament. UMB will head to Danbury, CT to take on Western Connecticut State at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20.

UMass Boston blew out Southern Maine on February 13, shooting 50% (35-70) from the floor and committing a season-low eight turnovers in the game. The Huskies made a lay-up at 18:34 of the first half to give Southern Maine a 4-3 edge, but junior center **Eli Manna (Boston, MA)** converted a lay-up on the other end at 17:55 to give UMass Boston the lead for good at, 5-4, as it put together a 13-2 run, fueled by seven points from senior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** for an 18-6 advantage with 12:28 to play in the opening half. The Beacons never led by fewer than 10 points the rest of the way and owned a 43-21 lead at the intermission, while holding the Huskies to just 24.1% (7-29) shooting from the field. UMass Boston maintained a 49-26 advantage with 17:46 remaining in the second stanza, before going on an 18-9 stretch, led by a trio of three-pointers from freshman guard **Anthony Matlock (Seattle, WA)**, to give it a 67-35 lead with 13:23 remaining in the game. Southern Maine never got closer than 27 points for the remainder of the contest. Barros scored a game-high 26 points on 9-17 from the field and became just the second player in school history to eclipse 1,800 career points. He also added five rebounds, four assists, three steals and a blocked shot, while sophomore center **Rodney Bennett (Mattapan, MA)** came off the bench to net 14 points, grab seven boards, make a steal, dish for two assists and block a shot.

The Beacons owned a 14-9 lead with 13:33 showing in the first half, but Tufts took the lead for good with a jumper at 10:59 of the opening half to make it 18-16. The Jumbos would outscore UMass Boston, 24-9, to close out the half and take a 42-25 intermission advantage. Tufts opened the second half with a 25-13 stretch to take a 67-38 advantage and the Beacons never got closer than 15 points the rest of the way as the Jumbos took a 93-76 win. Barros led UMB with 22 points, nine rebounds and two blocks to go with three steals and two assists, while junior forward **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** netted 14 points, grabbed three boards, made four steals and dished for two assists.

League leader Rhode Island College came to town on Saturday and left with a 90-72 victory. The Anchormen raced out to a 14-5 advantage with 16:18 left in the first half. The Beacons responded by going on a 14-5 burst of their own, fueled by 11 points from Barros to knot the contest at 19-19 with 12:38 left in the opening half. Rhode Island College turned it on for the remainder of the first half, closing out the session with a 23-8 run for a 45-27 halftime advantage. RIC cruised in the second half as UMass Boston never got closer than 13 points the rest of the way. Barros led all scorers with 27 points, including six three-pointers to go with 10 rebounds for his first double-double of the season and two assists and a steal and Matlock contributed with 12 points on 4-7 from three-point range in addition to three assists in 20 minutes of action.

February
20 at W. Conn. State 7pm
23 at LEC Semis TBA
24 at LEC Final TBA

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
13 SO. MAINE 96-61 W
15 at Tufts 76-93 L
17 R.I. COLLEGE 72-90 L