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Coming Up

ECAC East
 Women's Hockey
 Semifinals

UMass Boston
 at
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Saturday, March 3
 2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

26

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY 14-11-1, 10-9-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Taking Care of Business UMass Boston defeated Southern Maine, 5-2, in the ECAC East quarterfinals on Saturday and will play in the semifinals for the third time in four years of existence with a trip to Rochester, NY to take on Rochester Institute of Technology at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Senior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** netted a pair of goals, including the eventual game-winner, to push her career total to 75.

Belmonte's first goal of the day came on a feed from senior defenseman **Melissa Wigmore (Duxbury, MA)** at 5:37 of the third period and proved to be the game-winner, giving UMB a 3-0 lead. Southern Maine pulled to within a goal when it scored at 9:12 of the final period and again at the 12:56 mark of the third stanza. Belmonte gave UMass Boston some breathing room with her 20th goal of the season, which was also her school-record tying seventh power play score of the season on an assist from junior forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** at 14:37 of the third period for a 4-2 margin.

Junior forward **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** opened the scoring for the Beacons with her first career shorthanded goal coming on a helper from sophomore blueliner **Sarah Cronin (Wakefield, MA)** at 4:17 of the second session. Freshman defenseman **Stephanie Medeiros (Somerset, MA)** set up senior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** for her 98th career goal to increase the UMass Boston lead to 2-0 with 1:48 left to go in the second period. Freshman defenseman **Katelyn Pohlman (Newton, MA)** capped the scoring with an assist from freshman defenseman **Amanda Cianciulli (Billerica, MA)** for a power play tally with 3:03 remaining in the game.

March 3 at RIT 2:00 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February 24 SO. MAINE 5-2 W



Senior, Melissa Belmonte

Photo by A.J. Rourke

MEN'S BASKETBALL 10-17, 5-9 LEC

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

WHAT'S NEXT ?

A Season and a Career Come to an End The Beacons' season came to a close last week, but not without some excitement and history. UMass Boston travelled to Danbury, CT on February 20 to take on Western Connecticut State and left with an 88-82 victory and a date in the Little East Conference semifinals for the second straight year. The Beacons streak of four consecutive LEC playoff wins, dating back to last season, came to an end, however, with a 79-67 loss to Keene State in Providence, RI at Rhode Island College.

Senior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** scored a school-record 48 points to lead UMass Boston over the Colonials. Barros netted 55% of the Beacons points on 14 of 28 shooting from the field, including seven long three pointers, while connecting on 13 of 20 attempts from the free throw line, pulling down a game-high 13 rebounds and making seven steals. He also became just the second player in school-history to eclipse the 1,900-point plateau.

The game seemed to get far out of WestConn's reach after UMass Boston built a 24-point lead with 14:25 remaining in the contest on two free throws by Barros, but the Colonials battled back over the next 13 minutes and drew within three points, 81-78 following a lay-up with 1:37 left. It would be as close as they would get as the Beacons canned seven of 10 freebies including three of four attempts by junior guard **A. J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** in the final 20 seconds. Titus, junior forward **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** and junior forward **Mark Doran (South Boston, MA)** each added 10 points for UMass Boston.

The Beacons took on Keene State on Friday at Rhode Island College, the tournament host, and found themselves trailing 18-9 with 9:58 left in the first half, but went on a 16-6 run, fueled by 13 points on four three-pointers, including a four-point play, in less than three minutes from Barros to give UMB a 25-24 edge with 7:02 showing in the first half. The Owls came right back with a 12-2 burst to built their lead to nine again and went into the break with a 42-37 margin. Doran made a lay-up and added a free throw for a three-point play to pull the Beacons even 46 seconds into the second half, but it would be as close as they would get as Keene State went on a 15-6 stretch to take a 57-48 advantage and led by as many as 16 the rest of the way.

Barros finished with a team-high 19 points to go with six boards and a pair of steals, before fouling out of his last career game with 8:44 to play. Paniagua posted a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds to go with an assist.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February 20 at W. Conn. St. 88-82 W
 23 vs. Keene State 67-79 L



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 15-11, 8-6 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Katelyn Corsino
Ice Hockey

Birthday: 12/6/87

Hometown: Belmont, Ma

Year: freshman

Major: undecided

Nickname: cor

What do you like most about UMass Boston? The location

Favorite place on campus? athletic center

Favorite sports team? The Red Sox

Favorite athlete? Tom Brady

Favorite vacation spot? Anywhere that's warm

Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport? making this team and being able to be a part of a great season with some great girls

Favorite holiday? christmas

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

Do you have any pets? some fish

Favorite movie? How to lose a guy in 10 days, The departed, The devil wears prada

Favorite artists or band? Anything that is country; Kenny, Tim McGraw, Rascal Flatts

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Kelly Clarkson, "Since you've been gone"

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Favorite Cereal? I'm not a fan of cereal

Favorite city or town? BOSTON!

Favorite ice cream? mint chocolate chip

How many foreign countries you have been to? 1; Italy

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? Candy, so I have something for my sweet tooth all the time.

Favorite Sesame Street character? Elmo

Morning or night? Night

Favorite Season? Summer

Favorite Saved by the Bell character? Screech

Photo by A.J. Rourke



Junior, LaKeisha Tucker

A Season to be Proud of UMass Boston's season came to an end with an 87-52 loss to Western Connecticut State in the quarterfinals of the Little East Conference tournament. The Beacons did finish with a school-record tying 15 wins with a 15-11 season.

The teams were tied at 12-12 with 13:25 showing in the first half, before the Colonials ripped off 11 straight points, capped by a three-pointer to give them a 23-12 advantage with 9:38 left to play in the opening half. UMass Boston responded with five unanswered points from junior center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)** to pull to within 23-17 at 7:16 of the first session, but Western Connecticut shot back with a 13-5 burst to take a 36-22 lead with 2:50 remaining in the first half. The Colonials maintained its lead and took a 38-28 advantage into the break. Western Connecticut busted out of the gate in the second half and never looked back, holding the Beacons to just 10 points over 13:29 into the second stanza, while scoring 31 points to take a 69-38 lead with 6:31 to play in the game. The Colonials cruised to the win from there.

Junior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** led UMass Boston with 13 points, five rebounds, four assists and added a blocked shot, while Querusio finished with 11 points on 5-8 from the floor in addition to three rebounds in 13 minutes of action. Senior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** played in her 102nd career game to tie Andreen Gilpin (1998-2003) for the all-time UMB mark and netted 11 points and added three rebounds.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
20 W. CONN. ST. 52-87 L

MEN'S HOCKEY 5-20-1, 3-16-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

WHAT'S NEXT ?

The First One is in the Books Head Coach Peter Belisle didn't have much time to get his feet wet, but after completing his first season as a Head Coach, he laid the groundwork for a successful program. The team won its highest total of games in seven years and his knack for recruiting quality players really showed in the team's improvement.

The Beacons' season came to an end on Saturday night with an 8-2 loss in Northfield, VT to the nation's seventh-ranked team, Norwich University.

UMass Boston took an early

1-0 lead when sophomore forward **Michael Muolo (Stoneham, MA)** netted a power play goal just 2:36 into the contest with sophomore forward **Marcus Fajardo (New York, NY)** and freshman forward **Adam Larrabee (Beverly, MA)** assisting for a 1-0 edge. The Cadets wasted no time in responding with a goal coming just 23 seconds later to tie it at 1-1. Norwich would score five more times to take a 6-1 advantage, before freshman defenseman **Steve Ebbole (Wheaton, IL)** took a feed from fellow blueliner **Russ Peterson (Fraser, MI)** and potted his first collegiate goal at the 5:18 mark of the third period to make it 6-2. The Cadets added two more goals to cruise to victory. Freshman goaltender **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** stopped 29 shots in 46:26 of action, while sophomore **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)** turned away all five shots that he faced in the final 13:34 of action. Donovan finishes his first year with Beacons with a school-record 898 saves in an all-time program-high 1404:33 minutes of action. He saw action in a school-record 25 games and posted the first sub-4.00 goals against average of a UMB goalie in seven years at 3.97, while posting the third-highest save percentage (.906) in school annals and registering the first shutout at UMass Boston since January 16, 1999.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
24 at Norwich 2-8 L

Photo by A.J. Rourke



Freshman, Russ Peterson



BARROS AND PANIAGUA NAMED TO LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA) and **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** were both named Little East Conference First Team All-Stars for the second straight year, while **Rodney Bennett (Mattapan, MA)** was selected to the All-Defensive squad for the second straight year.

Barros becomes just the second player in school history to be named to the LEC First Team twice and the first player to be named to the league's All-Star First or Second team three times. The senior led the conference with a career-high 23.5 points per game, which ranks him ninth in NCAA III and is the fourth-highest scoring mark in school annals. He netted 634 points in 27 games for a single-season school record and led the league with 3.1 made three-pointers per outing for 84 on the season, which places him 33rd in the nation and is the third-most in a season at UMB. The swingman also topped the league and ranked seventh in the country with 3.2 steals per effort for a total of 86, the fourth-highest total for a UMass Boston player and his .742 (144-194) free throw percentage ranked him 11th among league leaders in accuracy from the line, while his free throws made total places him second all-time among UMB single-season leaders. Barros was named the LEC Player of the Week a league-high three times and proved to be a multidimensional player, averaging 5.9 rebounds and 0.81 blocks with 22 rejections to rank 12th and 11th, respectively, among LEC leaders. The Saint Sebastians product was easily the league's most dangerous scorer, netting 40-plus points on three occasions, including a school-record 48 points to go with a career-high 13 rebounds and added seven steals on February 20 in an 88-82 LEC quarterfinals victory at Western Connecticut State University. The 6'4" guard netted double-digits in all but three contests and poured in 30 or more points six times, while averaging 30.4 points in a five-game stretch from February 10-20. The Beacons most prolific three-point shooter in history, connected on at least one three-pointer in 23 of 27 outings, including three or more 14 times and a career-high of nine treys on November 25 vs. Colby-Sawyer College in the final game of a school-record 48-game streak with at least one three-point field goal made by the wing player. Barros showed that he could live within the three-point stripe, making six or more free throws in a game 10 times, including a school-record 18 in 19 attempts (.944) vs. Plymouth State University on January 9. The team's lone senior came up with at least one steal in all but two games on the campaign and registered multiple-theft games 23 times as well as blocking at least one shot in 17 outings.

Paniagua is selected to the First Team for the second consecutive season and becomes the first UMass Boston junior to make that claim. The swingman averaged 14.8 points and 7.0 rebounds per game to rank fifth in the league, while showing great improvement in his stroke from beyond the three-point arc, leading the conference in three-point field goal accuracy with a .483 (29-60) mark. The Dominican Republic native was also dependable from the free throw line, canning 65 of 88 attempts for a career-best .739 percentage and averaged 1.38 steals per effort to stand 12th among LEC leaders in both categories. Paniagua stepped up his playmaking as well, dishing for 2.7 assists to rank 10th in the league. The Dorchester High School graduate began the season by scoring 29 points on 12-18 from the floor at Fitchburg State College on November 21 and netted double-digits in 21 of 26 games, including six outings with 20 or more points and a season-high effort of 31 points to go with 13 rebounds vs. Western Connecticut State on January 27 for one of three double-doubles on the season. The forward's outside shooting was an added weapon to his offensive arsenal, shooting 50% or better from three-point territory in 15 contests, while grabbing at least one steal in 18 games. He also pulled down eight or more boards on 14 occasions, including a season-high 14 at UMass Dartmouth on February 6, 2007. He became the school's 12th player to eclipse the 1,000 career-point plateau on January 4 vs. College of the Ozarks and finished the season with 1,267 career points to rank fifth on the Beacons' all-time list.

Bennett is named to the Little East Conference All-Defensive Team for the second straight year after leading the conference in blocks per game with a career-high 43 rejections in 24 games for an average of 1.8 per game, which ranks 48th among NCAA Division III players. The 6'8" big man also ripped down 6.7 rebounds per game to rank seventh in the league and came up with a career-high 19 steals. The center wasn't too shabby on the offensive end of the floor either, averaging 9.9 points per game, while shooting .522 (95-182) from the floor to lead UMass Boston and rank fifth among conference leaders. The Newton North High School product connected on 70% (48-69) of his free throw attempts and doled out a career-best 44 assists for 1.8 per game. Bennett registered at least one block in 18 of 24 games, including a string of nine contests and swatted at least two or more shots in 13 outings. The sophomore stood tall to match a school-record with seven blocks at Western Connecticut State on December 9 and registered double-digits in either points or rebounds in 13 games and posted a team-high six double-doubles.

UMASS BOSTON'S TUCKER NAMED TO LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

University of Massachusetts Boston women's basketball player **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** has been named a Little East Conference First Team All-Star it was announced by the conference.

Tucker becomes the first Beacons' player to take First Team honors since 2002-03, after averaging 15.3 points per game to lead UMass Boston and rank fourth among the Little East Conference leaders. The junior owned a potent combination of outside and inside offensive skills, making 40 three-point field goals in 26 games for an average of 1.54 per game to rank sixth in the league, while leading the conference with a school-record .868 (112-129) free throw percentage, which ranked as the 12th most-accurate in NCAA III. The guard's .345 (40-116) three-point field goal mark was the fifth-most efficient in the league and her .424 (123-290) field goal percentage ranked her 10th among LEC leaders. When the Providence Country Day School product wasn't

scoring, she was getting others involved with 2.7 assists to place sixth in the Little East. The 5'4" Tucker also grabbed 4.3 rebounds per game to rank third on the team and came up with 27 steals to stand fourth for the Beacons. Her total of free throws made was the fifth-highest in school history and included a stretch where she canned 30 straight from January 16-27 and a string where she made 44 of 45 freebies for a 98% success rate. She netted double-digits in scoring in 19 of 26 games, including 10 games with 20 or more and was named Little Conference Player of the Week on two occasions. She poured in a season-high 30 points, including 18 of 19 from the free throw line to establish a new school-standard for free throws made in a game, on January 27 vs. Western Connecticut State University during a stretch of six games where she averaged 23.5 points per game from January 16-27.