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## MEN'S BASKETBALL 18-10, 10-4 LEC

*Head Coach: Charlie Titus*

## WHAT'S NEXT?

March  
 4 at SUNY Cortland 8:00pm

## WHAT HAPPENED?

February  
 21 E. CONN. STATE 60-56 W  
 24 vs. R.I. College 76-70 W  
 25 at Keene State 81-67 W

**The Big Dance** The Beacons needed just three wins to gain its first NCAA Tournament berth since 1983. Just three, that's it. First up was Eastern Connecticut State University, a team UMB had beaten twice already this year. If the Warriors were going to win it looked like this would be the night, holding the Beacons to just 24 points in the first half with a tie score at halftime. Eastern Conn., which shot 51.1% (23-45) for the game, built a 35-28 lead in the first 4:29 of the second stanza, before UMB reeled off seven straight points to knot the game at 35-35 with 11:46 to go in the half. UMass Boston kept the burst going, scoring 10 of the game's next 12 points to take a 45-37 lead with 9:27 remaining in the contest, fueled by eight points from junior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)**. The Warriors later tied it at 54-54 with 3:10 remaining, before senior forward **Charles Yuan (Lynn, MA)** knocked down a pair of free throws and sophomore guard **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** converted a lay-up to give the Beacons a 58-54 lead with 1:10 left in the game. Eastern Connecticut sank a jumper with 53 seconds left to make it 58-56 and then called a timeout. UMass Boston worked the clock down on the following possession and turned the ball over as the Warriors came down the court with a two-on-one, but Yuan stepped up with a huge block to get the ball back for the Beacons with 13 seconds left. Barros later made a lay-up with eight ticks left in the game to seal the 60-56 win for UMass Boston. Barros led UMB with 30 points on 10-20 from the floor, including 6-9 from three-point range and added six rebounds, four steals, an assist and a block to his night for the Beacons. Paniagua finished just short of a double-double with 10 points and nine boards in addition to six assists and three steals, while sophomore point guard **A.J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** dished for a game-high nine assists to go with three points, two rebounds and a pair of steals.

Next up was Rhode Island College. The Anchormen had just beaten UMass Boston six days prior and was ranked number eight in the region. The Anchormen used an 11-1 spurt midway in the first half to go up by 12 (35-23) on a lay-up at the 3:09 mark, but the Beacons came back to score the last nine points of the half to cut RIC's halftime lead to 35-32. UMB looked to carry its momentum into the second stanza, but the Anchormen scored the first 10 points of the second half to go up 45-32 with 17:54 left in the second half. The determined Beacons, backed by a vocal contingent of fans from Boston, took its first lead of the second half (66-65) on a floater by senior guard **Eric T. Bateman (Glassboro, NJ.)** at the 4:09 mark. With seconds left on the shot clock, Rhode Island College hit a lay-up to take back the lead (67-66), but freshman center **Rodney Bennett (Boston, MA)** hit a pair of free throws to put UMB back on top 68-67 and the Beacons closed out the half with a 10-3 run for a 76-70 victory and a spot in the conference championship for the first time since 1997. Barros led a balanced scoring attack with a game-high 15 points to go with three steals, two rebounds and a block, while senior forward **James L. Hall (Jacksonville, FL)** was one of three players with 14 points and added eight rebounds, four assists, two steals and a blocked shot off the bench. Paniagua netted 14 points in addition to grabbing seven boards, dishing for two assists and making a steal and Bennett chipped in with 14 points, five rebounds, two assists and a steal.

UMass Boston met the tournament's top seed and host Keene State College in the final and, inspired by some unruly fans of the Owls, used that motivation to cruise to an 81-67 victory and its first-ever conference crown and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. UMass Boston led for the final 36:06 of play and owned a double-digit lead for almost all of the second half to come away with the victory. Keene State opened the contest by knocking down consecutive three-pointers, giving it a 6-0 lead, but the Beacons answered with six straight points of their own to tie the contest at 6-6 with 17:12 showing in the first half. The Owls converted a lay-up at 16:34 to give them an 8-6 lead, but it would be their last advantage as UMass Boston scored five straight points to take a 13-8 lead with 15:08 left in the first half. The Beacons maintained a 28-25 lead with 7:04 to go in the opening half, before going on a 14-6 run to take a 42-31 advantage with 1:12 left in the first half. UMass Boston took a 44-35 lead into the intermission. The Beacons built their lead to 57-40 with 14:36 remaining in the game, on the heels of a 13-5 run to open the second half. UMass Boston owned a 73-58 lead with 3:09 showing in the second stanza, before Keene State netted six straight points to pull to within 73-64 with 57 seconds to play, but it would be as close as it would get. Paniagua led the Beacons with 19 points and finished 8-13 from the floor, while adding four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Titus netted a career-high 16 points on 5-7 from the floor and was named the Little East Conference Tournament Most Outstanding Player. He also added four rebounds, two assists and a steal, while Barros contributed with 13 points, eight rebounds and four steals.

Now it's on to Cortland, NY, where UMass Boston will take on State University of New York College at Cortland on Friday, March 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.



## THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Katherine E. Frossard**  
Ice Hockey

**Birthday:** 7/24/84

**Hometown:** Milton, MA

**Year:** Senior (super)

**Major:** Earth + GeoScience

**Nickname:** Katie + "Frossard" "Fro"

**What do you like most about UMass Boston:** My teammates

**Favorite sports team?** Patriots

**Favorite Athlete?** Tedy Bruschi, Trot Nixon

**Something that most people don't know about you?** I've lived in 4 other states

**Favorite vacation spot?** Cape Cod 41

Division St.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport?** making the All

Star team Jr + Sr Year in High School

**Favorite holiday?** 4th of July

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

**Favorite movie?** waaay too many to name

**Favorite artist or band?** Journey

**Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up?** TNT AC/DC

**Pepsi or Coke?** Diet Coke

**Favorite Cereal?** Captain Crunch

**Favorite city or town?** Dennis Cape Cod

**Favorite ice cream?** Sundae School

Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

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

(please!)

**Favorite Sesame Street character?**

Snuffalupagus

**Hats or no hats?** hats

**Morning or night?** Night

**Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?**

creamy

**Favorite season?** Summer

**Favorite Saved by the Bell character?**

Mr. Belding

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY 15-8-1, 12-7-0 ECAC

*Head Coach: Maura Crowell*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

**A Stop in the Semis** The UMass Boston women's ice hockey team defeated visiting University of Southern Maine, 4-1, in the first round of the ECAC East Tournament and advances to play the number one seeded Manhattanville College in the semi-finals on Saturday, March 4 at 3:00 p.m. in Rye, NY at the Playland Ice Casino. It will be the second time in three years that UMB will play in the semi-finals at Manhattanville.

Following a scoreless first period, junior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** took a feed from classmate **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** and lifted a shot from the left circle that snuck in the right side of the net for a 1-0 UMB lead just 1:29 into the second stanza. Junior forward **Katie Reardon (Burlington, MA)** found the puck in front of the net and scored top shelf at 5:42 to give the Beacons a 2-0 lead with senior forward **Molly Norton (Milton, MA)** and sophomore forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** assisting. UMass Boston took a 3-0 lead with sophomore forward **Casey Turner (Melrose, MA)** collecting a rebound and potting her 14th goal of the season at the 10:39 mark of the second period with junior defenseman **Melissa Wigmore (Duxbury, MA)** and freshman forward **Kerri Loranger (Billerica, MA)** getting credit for the helper. Southern Maine got on the board with a shot that just skidded into the left corner of the net at 2:19 of the third period to cut the deficit to 3-1, but Belmonte later capped the game's scoring for the Beacons when Loranger found her on the power play for a wrap-around into the right corner at 14:39 for her second point of the afternoon. Junior goaltender **Shannon Palmer (Lynn, MA)** stopped 12 shots for UMass Boston to improve her record to 7-1-0 on the season.

March 4 at Manhattanville 3 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February 25 SO. MAINE 4-1-W

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 9-17, 3-11 LEC

*Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk*

**One Last Bounce** The Beacons ended their season last Tuesday, but went down with a fight, falling to host Western Connecticut State University, 64-60, in the first round of the Little East Conference Tournament.

The teams played a tight first half with the Colonials owning the largest margin at five points with a 28-23 score with 2:04 left in the first session, but UMass Boston closed out the half with a 9-2 run, capped by a pair of three-pointers from junior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)**, to take a 32-30 halftime lead.

Western Connecticut regained its lead at 18:15 of the second stanza with a 36-34 showing, before the Beacons went on a 12-1 stretch to take their largest advantage of the contest at 46-37 with 13:09 to play in the second half. The Colonials answered with an 11-2 burst of their own to knot the score at 48-48 with 8:56 remaining in the game. UMass Boston got the lead back and maintained a 55-53 edge with 5:30 showing on the second half clock, but Western canned a three-pointer 1:03 later to take a 56-55 margin and would not relinquish the lead again as they held onto the victory.

Junior point guard **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** led the Beacons with 14 points, three steals and three assists, while adding nine rebounds and sophomore guard **LaKeisha D. Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** dropped in 13 points in addition to five boards, three assists and a steal. Sophomore center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)** just missed a double-double with nine points and 10 rebounds and added an assist.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February 21 at W. Conn. State 60-64 L

## MEN'S HOCKEY 0-23-3, 0-17-2 ECAC

*Head Coach: John Giuliotti*

**One Last Drop of the Puck** UMass Boston's men's ice hockey season came to a close with an 8-1 defeat at the hands of host Norwich University.

The nationally ranked number four team in the land and the tournament's top seed scored three times in the opening period, twice in the second stanza and 41 seconds into the final period to take a 6-0 advantage before freshman defenseman **Robert Schwartz (Philadelphia, PA)** potted his first career goal to put the Beacons on the board with an assist from sophomore forward **Dave Baczkowski (Maynard, MA)** to make it 6-1. The Cadets tallied the final two goals of the night to cruise to victory.

Freshman goaltender **Matthew Lopes (Falmouth, MA)** turned away 41 shots in 48 minutes, while classmate **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)** made five saves in the final 12 minutes of action.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February 25 at Norwich 1-8 L

# BARROS AND TITUS TAKE TOP LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL HONORS

Head Men's Basketball Coach **Charlie Titus (Roxbury, MA)** was named the 2005-06 Little East Conference Mens Basketball Coach of the Year and junior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** was tabbed the league's Player of the Year, it was announced by the conference. Barros was also named All-Conference First Team along with sophomore guard **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)**. Freshman center **Rodney Bennett (Boston, MA)** was selected to the LEC's All-Rookie and All-Defensive squads as well. It is the first time in school history that the LEC's top named player has resided at UMass Boston and the honor marks the second time that Titus has been named the league's best coach.

After taking a year off from coaching UMass Boston in 2004-05 to concentrate on his duties as a Vice Chancellor for the University, Titus returned this season to lead the Beacons to an 18-10 record, a turnaround from 8-18 a year ago. UMass Boston owned a 10-4 mark in Little East Conference play to establish a school-record for conference wins and captured its first-ever conference championship with an 81-67 victory in Keene, NH over number one seed Keene State College on March 25. By virtue of its conference title, the Beacons earned their first NCAA Tournament bid since 1983. This season marks the 30th for Titus at UMass Boston, including six seasons guiding the Beacons as a club team prior to their ascension to the varsity level as an NCAA Division III program in 1980. The Beacons' longtime mentor earned his 250th career victory in NCAA play with a 76-70 win over Rhode Island College on March 24 in the LEC semi-finals. In his time at UMass Boston, Titus was instrumental in the founding of the Little East Conference in 1986, was named the LEC Coach of the Year in 1997, after leading the team to a 19-11 record and appearances in both the Little East Conference and ECAC New England championship games, and has coached 26 conference All-Stars, including 13 first teamers and seven LEC Rookies of the Year.

Barros becomes the first UMass Boston player to win the Player of the Year award after averaging 20.4 points per game to rank second in the LEC and 37th in the country. The junior has started all 28 games this year and has proven to be one of the most well-rounded players in the league, averaging 3.6 steals per outing to place second among the nation's leaders, 5.9 rebounds to rank 11th in the Little East and 0.75 blocks with 21 in 28 games to place ninth in the league. The swingman led the conference with three Player of the Week selections and averaged 2.1 assists per outing to put him third on the team. Easily the most prolific three-point shooter in school annals, Barros ranks 22nd in all of NCAA III with 3.3 treys made per game and has made at least one trifecta in every game this season and has drained a three-pointer in a school-record 44 consecutive games, while leading the team with a .378 (94-249) percentage this season. He became just the 11th player in school history to net 1,000 career points on January 19 at Bridgewater State College and now has 1,282 career points to rank fourth on the Beacons' all-time list. His 571 points on the season is the third-highest total for a campaign at UMB and his 100 steals are just two short of the single-season mark at UMass Boston. The Saint Sebastians

High School product has 177 steals for his career to rank fifth on the Beacons' career list and his 58 career rejections place him eighth on the all-time blocks list. Barros has knocked down 94 threes this season, eclipsing the mark he set last year by two and owns the career standard of 241. The small forward has been one of UMass Boston's most consistent scorers, registering double-digits in points in all but two games this year, including 21 games with 15 or more points and a career-high of 34 points vs. Georgia Southwestern State University on January 3. Barros has grabbed five or more rebounds in 19 games, dished for three or more assists nine times and has had less than two steals in just five games this season.

Paniagua follows up his Rookie of the Year selection from a year ago with a selection to the All-Conference First Team as the LEC's third-leading scorer with 17.5 points per game. The guard is also one of the league's most multifaceted players, averaging 7.7 rebounds to rank fourth among the top rebounders and places 10th with 3.2 assists per outing. A graduate of Dorchester High School, he is the team's third-most accurate shooter with a .513 (192-374) percentage, a mark that puts him sixth among LEC leaders and his .726 (77-106) free throw success rate is the 12th best figure in the league. Paniagua places ninth with 0.78 blocks per game with 21 in 27 games and in assist/turnover ratio with a mark of 1.04. The Dominican Republic native's strength has been his ability to do so many things on a consistent basis as evidenced by scoring in double digits in 24 of 27 games and 15 or more points on 18 occasions. He has tallied five double-doubles on the season and has grabbed five or more rebounds in all but five contests this year and 14 times has passed for at least three assists or made two or more steals. Perhaps his best effort as a collegian came on January 14 when he poured in a career-high 36 points on 15-18 from the floor to go with eight rebounds, four steals, six assists and three blocks in UMB's 108-87 win over Rhode Island College on January 14.

Bennett lands on the inaugural All-Rookie and All-Defensive teams after joining the Beacons for the season's second semester. The freshman made an impact right way for UMass Boston as their third-leading scorer with 10.8 points per game and grabbed 6.9 rebounds per outing to rank second on the squad. The Newton North product gained notice in the conference right away, earning Rookie of the Week honors in his first two weeks of action and added a third weekly honor later in the season. His shot-blocking ability made him one of the most intimidating forces on the defensive end, swatting 42 shots in just 15 contests for an average of 2.8 blocks per game to give him the sixth-highest single-season total in school history. The 6'8" big man proved to be reliable in the paint on the offensive end as well, owning a .517 (62-120) field goal percentage to rank second on the team and he also showed a good feel from the free throw line, hitting 68% (38-56) of his free throw tries for the fourth-best mark on the team.

## UMASS BOSTON'S COVERDALE NAMED TO LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM

Junior guard **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** has been named to the Little East Conference All-Conference Second Team it was announced.

The graduate of Malden High School earns the spot on the LEC Second Team after enjoying a season that showcased her as one of the best all-around guards in the league. The junior ranked seventh in the LEC with 11.7 points per game and placed third with 4.5 assists, which was good enough for 60th among the nation's leaders. The point guard was, by far and away, the conference leader with 3.4 steals per outing and placed 37th in the country in thefts, while standing sixth in LEC rebounding with 6.1 boards per game. Coverdale was among the league's best in assist/turnover ratio with a 0.96 mark to sit fifth and was the 11th most-accurate shooter from the field among LEC players with a .429 (106-247) mark. She put on a show, in probably the

most complete game of her career, posting a triple-double with 18 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists to go with four steals and two blocks on December 13 vs. Mount Ida College. The guard was almost a guarantee to come up with a steal, failing to do so in just two games and collected three or more thefts in 20 contests, while closing out the season averaging 4.3 steals per game in her last six outings. Her total of 87 steals is the third-most in school annals as is her 117 assists on the season. The 5'8" backcourt player netted double-digits in points on 17 occasions, including nine efforts with 15 or more points and also showed a knack for going to the line, converting 86 free throws for the eighth-most in school history. She also grabbed five or more boards 17 times and dished for five or more assists in 13 games.