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WOMEN'S HOCKEY 11-8-0, 9-5-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

February
9 SAINTANSELM 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
1 at Castleton State 4-2 W
2 at Plymouth State 6-0 W

Heating Up The Beacons won a pair of contests on the road last weekend and have won five of their last six games.

Photo by AJ Rourke



Junior, Maria Guanci

Sophomore forward **Maria Nasta (Andover, MA)** put UMass Boston on the board at Castleton State on Friday with her team-leading 16th goal of the season on a helper from freshmen forwards **Rachel Sousa (Woburn, MA)** and **Lauren Duran (Woburn, MA)** at 5:30 of the first period, but the Spartans knotted the game at 1-1 at the 11:46 mark of the first period. Sousa and freshman defenseman **Hannah Davis (Oakdale, MN)** set up Duran for a power play goal at 13:57 of the opening period for a 2-1 UMB edge and sophomore forward **Sandy Parlato (Needham, MA)** later found junior forward **Maria Guanci (Everett, MA)** for a goal at 12:58 of the second period and a 3-1 lead for the Beacons. Castleton State pulled to within 3-2 at 8:18 of the third period, but Guanci fed Parlato for the last goal of the night with just 1:50 left in the game for a 4-2 UMB win. Junior goalie **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** made 29 saves to earn the victory.

The Beacons registered their second shutout of the year at Plymouth State on Saturday, behind freshman goaltender **Aly Garnett's (Winthrop, MA)** 20 saves for her first career shutout. Sousa put UMass Boston on the board with her 11th goal of the season on a helper from Duran and freshman defenseman **Jazz Webber (Winslow, ME)** with just four seconds left in the first period for a 1-0 edge. Senior forward **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** found Guanci for her second career short-handed goal of the year just 54 seconds into the second period and senior defenseman **Rose Devlin (Quincy, MA)** fed O'Connor for her second goal of the year to give UMass Boston a 3-0 margin. Sophomore forward **Katelyn Lajoie (Marlboro, MA)** netted her fourth goal of the season on an assist from Davis and Webber at 16:37 of the second period for a 4-0 Beacons' lead. Nasta and sophomore blueliner **Katelyn Pohlman (Newton, MA)** combined to assist freshman forward **Teresa Horn (New Boston, NH)** on her second goal of the season at the 12:57 mark of the third period and Parlato potted her third goal of the season, courtesy of a helper from Guanci and sophomore defenseman **Amanda Cianciulli (Billerica, MA)** at 17:13 of the final period.

M & W INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: Pershing Reid

WHAT'S NEXT ?

February
8&9 at BU Valentine Invit.

Feeling the Love in the Air The Beacons had last week off, but will be running again this weekend when they compete in the Valentine Invitational at Boston University.

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
No Meet



THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Jessica Leigh Sams
Ice Hockey

- Birthday:** 11/23/86
- Hometown:** Bellingham, MA
- Year:** JR.
- Major:** Art History
- Nickname:** Sams
- What do you like most about UMass Boston?** The challenging academic programs and the great athletic programs
- Favorite place on campus?** The Hockey Rink or weight room
- Favorite sports team?** Bruins
- Favorite athlete?** Tim Thomas
- Something most people don't know about you?** I took ballet
- Favorite vacation spot?** anywhere by the beach
- Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport?** Being the first female goalie to start a game at my H.S.
- Favorite holiday?** Christmas
- Do you have any pets?** Two English Mastiffs, Tucker & Molly
- Favorite movies?** Mystery Alaska
- Pregame song to get pumped up?** The Game, Motorhead
- Bones have you broken?** All of my fingers and toes
- Pepsi or Coke?** diet coke
- Favorite Cereal?** Cheerios
- Favorite city?** Boston
- Favorite ice cream?** Phish Food
- How many foreign countries have you been to?** Canada and Puerto Rico
- Favorite Sesame Street character?** Snuffleupagus
- Hats or no hats?** no Hats
- Morning or Night?** morning
- Favorite Season?** Fall, start of hockey!
- Favorite Saved by the Bell character?** A.C. Slater

Winning Like Warriors

The women's basketball team was beaten at UMass Dartmouth, 76-63, on January 29, but dominated the offensive glass and took down visiting Eastern Connecticut State, 64-60, on Saturday.

CUMBEE NAMED LITTLE EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Norma Cumbee (Malden, MA) was named Little East Rookie of the Week for her performance during the week of January 28 to February 3.

In two games, the freshman averaged 11.5 points, 3.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and a steal per game. She netted double-digits in both games with 11 points at UMass Dartmouth to go with five boards and a steal and 12 points vs. Eastern Connecticut State in addition to six assists and a steal.

assists and a steal, while senior guard Myrna Tangar (Randolph, MA) just missed a double-double with nine points and 11 rebounds in addition to four assists and a pair of steals.

Junior forward Leanne Meninger (Everett, MA) posted a double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead UMass Boston over Eastern Connecticut State University. UMB held a 50-43 advantage on the boards and dominated on the offensive glass with 26 rebounds.

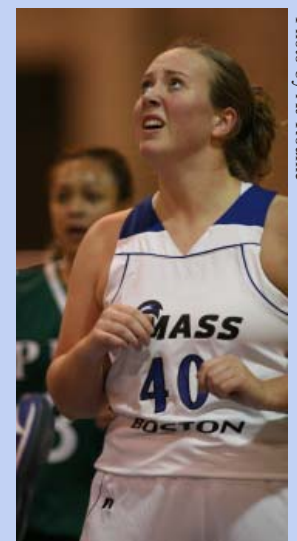
UMB owned a 38-31 lead with 16:06 left in the second half, before Eastern Connecticut State went on a 13-6 run to knot the score at 44-44 with 9:44 to go in the half. Greene followed with a three-pointer at 9:19 for the Beacons, as part of a 9-2 run to take a 53-46 lead with 6:14 showing in the second stanza as they led for the rest of the contest. The Warriors knocked down consecutive three-pointers to pull within 53-52 with 5:09 to play in the game, but it would be as close as they would get the rest of the way as UMass Boston regained its composure and responded with a 7-1 burst, led by seven points from Cumbee, to take a 60-53 advantage with 50 seconds remaining in the contest. The Beacons got out to an 8-2 lead in the first 2:30 of the game, but Eastern Connecticut State came back with a 9-2 stretch to take an 11-10 edge with 12:24 showing in the first half. UMass Boston answered with an 11-6 run, capped by a trey from freshman guard Stephanie Vasquez (Salem, MA) to give it a 21-17 margin with 8:02 to go in the opening half. The Warriors put together a 9-3 run to take their largest lead of the day at 26-24 with 2:26 left in the first half, but the Beacons reeled off six straight points to take a 30-26 lead with 46 seconds left in the first half and would never tail again during the afternoon. UMass Boston owned a 31-29 lead at the intermission. Meninger added three blocks and a pair of steals to her day for the Beacons, while Cumbee finished with 12 points, six assists, a steal and a rebound. Tangar registered her third double-double of the season with 10 points and a career-high matching 17 rebounds in addition to four assists and a steal, while Vasquez came off the bench to net 10 points, grab five boards, dish for two assists and block a shot.

February
7 at Framingham St. 5:30pm
9 at W. Conn. State 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
29 at Mass Dartmouth 63-76 L

February
2 E. CONN. ST. 64-60 W



Junior, Leanne Meninger

Photo by AJ Rourke



Head Coach: Charlie Titus

That's a lot of Games Senior forward **Amigo Paniagua** (Santiago, DR) played in his 100th career game on Saturday, while classmate

Mark Doran (South Boston, MA) played in game number 98 for his tenure at UMB.

The Beacons were beaten at nationally-ranked number five UMass Dartmouth on January 29, 102-73 and fell to Eastern Connecticut State on Saturday, 91-80.

UMass Boston just couldn't get on track in North Dartmouth, trailing 48-14 with 5:59 to go in the first half to the white-hot Corsairs, but went on a 14-1 run, led by eight points from Paniagua, to cut the deficit to 49-28 with 3:05 to go in the first session. UMass Dartmouth took a 59-35 advantage into the intermission and owned an 88-53 lead with 10:23 showing in the second half, before the Beacons put together a 20-6 stretch, paced by 10 points from Paniagua, to make it 94-73, but it would be as close as they would get. Paniagua poured in a season-high 35 points on 12-22 from the field and 10-10 from the free throw line in addition to seven rebounds, six steals and three assists. Sophomore guard **Aaron Jones** (Boston, MA) scored 11 points, grabbed a pair of rebounds, dished for five assists and made a steal, while sophomore guard **Anthony Matlock** (Seattle, WA) dropped in 10 points and added a steal in 20 minutes off the bench.

Eastern Connecticut shot a blistering 57.4% (35-61) from the floor, including 51.9% (14-27) from three-point range, en-route to the win at the Clark Athletic Center. The Warriors raced out to an 11-2 advantage with 16:50 to go in the first half, but UMass Boston answered with a 16-7 run, led by a pair of three-pointers from Doran, to knot the game at 18-18 with 10:59 to play in the opening half. Eastern regrouped with an 18-8 stretch to take a 36-26 lead with 5:12 showing in the first half, but the



Senior, Mark Doran

Beacons closed out the half with a 19-11 run, led by eight points from Jones, to pull them to within 47-45 at halftime. The Warriors opened the second half with a three-pointer, 12 seconds into the session, to give Eastern Connecticut State a 50-45 margin, but UMass Boston shot back with a 15-7 burst, led by five points from freshman guard **Anthony Brewster** (Boston, MA), to take a 60-57 lead with 12:44 remaining in the contest. The Warriors canned a three-pointer to tie the score at 60-60 and later hit another trey to give them a 65-62 lead with 11:36 showing in the second half and put them ahead for the remainder of the day. Eastern Connecticut took its largest lead at 87-74 with 36 seconds left in the game. Paniagua led the Beacons with 18 points, eight rebounds, seven assists, three steals and added a block and moved past Ken Hall (1980-84) and into third place on the team's all-time rebound list with 735 and also extended his consecutive free throws made streak to 32. Jones chipped in with 15 points on 6-9 from the floor in addition to four assists and a rebound. Matlock contributed with 11 points on 4-5 from the field, including 3-4 from three-point range and added an assist and a rebound off the bench, while sophomore forward **Ernst Jean** (Malden, MA) added nine points, seven boards, three steals, two blocks and an assist.

February 9 at W. Conn. State 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January 29 at Mass Dartmouth 73-102 L

February 2 E. CONN. ST. 80-91 L

PANIAGUA NAMED LITTLE EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR) was named Little East Player of the Week for his performance during the week of January 28 to February 3.

In two games, he averaged 26.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 4.5 steals and added a block, while shooting 49% (18-37) from the floor, including 43% (3-7) from three-point range and was a perfect 14-14 from the free throw line. The senior exploded for a season-high 35 points vs. UMass Dartmouth.

Photo by AJ Rourke



MEN'S HOCKEY

8-10-1, 3-9-1 ECAC

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Three Wasn't Enough The Beacons put up three goals in each of their games last weekend, but it just wasn't enough in a pair of losses, falling to Skidmore on Friday, 5-3, and to Castleton State on Saturday, 4-3.

Skidmore netted its first goal of the night at 10:29 of the second period to give the Thoroughbreds a 3-1 lead and helped increase their lead to 4-1 at the

14:18 mark of the second stanza. UMass Boston responded when freshman forward **Eric Tufman (Abington, PA)** potted his team-leading 13th goal of the year on the power play with an assist from junior forward **Jacob Cline (Covington, GA)** and sophomore forward **Kris Kranzky (Glendora, CA)** at 16:37 of the middle period to cut the deficit to 4-2. The Beacons pulled to within 4-3 when freshman forward **Vinnie Jacona (East Stroudsburg, PA)** and Cline fed freshman forward **Dennis Zak (Rockaway, NJ)** for his second goal of the season at 6:20 of the third period, but Skidmore got an insurance goal with a short-handed score at 14:12 of the final period for a 5-3 margin. The Thoroughbreds got on the board first at 11:51 of the first period, before sophomore defenseman **Russ Peterson (Fraser, MI)** and junior forward **Rocco Dabeco (South Park, PA)** found freshman forward **David Lun (Grand Rapids, MI)** at the top of the circles for a rocket shot that found the back of the net at 17:02 to tie the game at 1-1 for UMass Boston. Skidmore wouldn't let the period end without another score, however, as it scored with just six seconds left in the opening period for a 2-1 edge. Sophomore goaltender **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** stopped 37 shots for the Beacons.

Castleton State's game-winner came at 7:31 of the third period to cap three unanswered scores to close out the game for the Spartans. Freshman defenseman **Brett Calhoun (Tulsa, OK)** took a feed from Zak and potted his third goal of the season to open the third period and give UMass Boston a 3-1 margin just 1:22 into the final period, but Castleton State answered just 1:32 later on the power play at 2:54 and pulled even at 3-3 with 4:55 gone in the third period. Lun opened the scoring for the Beacons with his first career short-handed goal coming on an assist from sophomore blueliner **Steve Ebbole (Wheaton, IL)** at 5:03 of the first period for a 1-0 edge. Castleton State countered with just 26 seconds left in the first period to knot the game at 1-1. Tufman put UMass Boston ahead on the power play with his team-leading 14th goal of the season, courtesy of an assist from Kranzky and freshman forward **Matt Atsoff (Macomb, MI)** at 9:23 of the second period to make it 2-1. Donovan turned away 37 shots for the Beacons.

February
8 at Saint Anselm 7pm
9 at N.E. College 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
1 SKIDMORE 3-5 L
2 CASTLETON ST. 3-4 L



Freshman, Dennis Zak