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Coming Up

Women's Hockey
 Senior Night

February 6

UMass Boston
 vs.
 Trinity College

7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY 10-9-1, 8-7-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

BELMONTE NAMED ECAC EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA) was named ECAC East Player of the Week for her performance during the week of January 29 to February 4.

In three games on the week, the senior put the Beacons on her back and tallied nine points on seven goals and two assists, including three multiple-goal efforts.

The Bell Was Tolling It's not often that an entire week belongs to a single player, and while it's a team game, UMass Boston senior **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** pretty much put the Beacons on her back last week. Where to start? Well, first the UMB captain netted a pair of goals in the team's 2-1 win over Southern Maine on January 31. Saturday brought another two-goal outing from Belmonte in the Beacons' 4-1 victory over Saint Michael's and Sunday saw the forward record her seventh career hat trick and add two assists for five points in UMass Boston's 7-4 triumph over Castleton State College. Not too shabby.

Belmonte gave the Beacons a 1-0 edge on a feed from classmate **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** at 11:08 of the first period vs. Southern Maine and increased the UMB lead to 2-0 with an unassisted wrap-around goal at the 10:09 mark of the third stanza. The Huskies prevented the shutout with a score coming with 7:12 left to play in the contest. Sophomore goaltender

Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA) turned in a nice effort with 34 saves between the pipes for the Beacons.

It was Belmonte who got things started vs. Saint Michael's, as well, when Ciarletta and freshman defenseman **Stephanie Medeiros (Somerset, MA)** set her up for her school-record tying fifth power play goal of the season at 4:44 of the opening period. The Purple Knights answered less than four minutes later to knot the contest at 1-1, but freshman forward **Katelyn Sawyer-Lajoie (Marlboro, MA)** reclaimed the lead for UMB after converting an assist from junior forward **Casey Turner (Melrose, MA)** and freshman forward **Jennifer Pettiti (Quincy, MA)** at 13:08 of the initial period. Belmonte hooked up with Ciarletta and Medeiros again in the second period and got the same result with another goal at 4:09 to make it 3-1. Freshman blueliner **Katelyn Corsino (Belmont, MA)** capped the scoring with a shot that was redirected off a defender's skate and into the back of the net for her first collegiate goal at 10:35 of the final stanza. Sams picked up the win with 28 saves.

Belmonte (who else?) got things started the next day as well, with a goal coming just 2:44 into the action vs. Castleton State, thanks to an assist from Ciarletta and freshman defenseman **Amanda Cianciulli (BillERICA, MA)** for a 1-0 edge. Ciarletta followed suit with her 13th goal of the season at 14:19 of the first period to become the first player in school history to reach 150 career points and the 12th in NCAA III to reach the milestone. Freshman defenseman **Katelyn Pohlman (Newton, MA)** combined with Medeiros for the helper. Sawyer-Lajoie's second goal in as many days came on a feed from Turner and freshman forward **Kimberly Davidge (Blackstone, MA)** with just 1:37 left in the first period for a 3-0 margin. The Spartans got on the board at 13:02 of the middle period, but Beacons came right back just 74 seconds later when Ciarletta and junior forward **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** set up Belmonte at 14:16 for another goal and Ciarletta potted her second goal of the day 1:16 later for a 5-1 UMB advantage. Medeiros kept the pressure on for the Beacons with her first collegiate goal at 6:10 of the third period, coming a day after she picked up her first career points. The Beacons owned a comfortable 6-1 lead, but Castleton made things less comfortable with three straight goals to pull to within 6-4 with 6:45 to play in the game. Belmonte provided some breathing room with her third tally of the game on an assist from Ciarletta and Corsino with 3:17 to go in the contest. Sams made three saves in the first period for UMB, before yielding to senior goalie **Shannon Palmer (Lynn, MA)**, who stopped 16 shots in the final two periods of play.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 12-8, 6-4 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Ousted by the Owls The Beacons fell in their only game last week with an 81-58 loss at Keene State on Saturday.

UMass Boston trailed 17-10 with 13:40 showing in the first half, before going on a 19-7 run, led by eight points from senior forward **Denise B. Ridge (Milton, MA)**, to take a 29-24 lead with 5:12 showing in the first half. The Owls came back with a 12-3 run to close out the half and take a 36-32 margin at the intermission. The contest remained close right up until the 13:38 mark of the second half with the Beacons trailing, 48-46, but Keene State just took over and never looked back, going on a 33-8 run over the next 12 minutes to put the game away.

Ridge finished the day with 11 points and eight rebounds to go with a pair of assists, while senior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** also netted 11 points and hit a trio of three-pointers to tie her with Linda Caruso (1993-97) as UMass Boston women's basketball's all-time leader in made three-pointers with 141.

February
 6 TRINITY (CT) 7pm
 9 at MIT 7pm
 10 at Holy Cross 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
 31 SO. MAINE 2-1 W

February
 3 ST. MICHAEL'S 4-1 W
 4 CASTLETON ST. 7-4 W

February
 6 at Mass Dartmouth 5:30pm
 8 FRAMINGHAM ST. 5:30pm
 10 at Plymouth State 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

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 3 at Keene State 58-81 L



MEN'S BASKETBALL

8-11, 4-6 LEC

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Eli Manna
Basketball

Birthday: 3/20/84

Hometown: Boston

Year: Junior

Major: Africana - Studies

Nickname: E

What do you like most about UMass Boston? The professors

Favorite sports team? Red Sox

Favorite athlete? Jordan

Favorite vacation spot? Belize or Africa

Favorite holiday? X-Mas

Bacon bits or croutons? croutons

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

Do you have any pets? No

Favorite movie? King of New York

Favorite artists or band? Legion The Shiva

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? DMX

What bones have you broken? Wrist, ankle

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Favorite Cereal? Pops

Favorite city or town? Boston

Favorite ice cream? Cookies & Cream

How many foreign countries have you been to? two

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? drops of humility

Favorite Sesame Street character?

Animal

Hats or no hats? Hats

Morning or night? night owl

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?

creamy

Favorite Season? Spring

The Sleeping Giant

Recent wins over Western Connecticut State two weeks ago and Keene State have crowned the men's basketball team as the squad that league opponents do not want to play right now. The Beacons have had the talent all season, they just needed to put it together and after a 90-86 victory in Keene, NH on Saturday, they might be doing just that.

BARROS NAMED LITTLE EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA) was named Little East Player of the Week for his performance during the week of January 29 to February 4.

The senior poured in 25 points on 5-12 from the floor, including 4-7 from three-point range for a .571 mark and was a 79% free throw shooter, knocking down 11 of 14 tries. He also added four rebounds and a blocked shot to go with a season-high seven steals.

and a block as well as a season-high seven steals which made him the all-time career thefts leader for the Beacons with 238. Junior swingman **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** netted 17 points to go with eight rebounds, an assist and a steal, while freshman guard **Anthony Matlock (Seattle, WA)** dropped in 17 points on 6-9 from the floor, including 5-6 from three-point range in addition to two rebounds in just 15 minutes of action. Junior forward **Mark Doran (South Boston, MA)** also chipped in with 13 points, including 9-10 from the line, to go with three boards, a steal and an assist in 18 minutes off the bench.

February

6 at Mass Dartmouth 7:30 pm

8 at WPI 7pm

10 at Plymouth State 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February

3 at Keene State 90-86 W

MEN'S HOCKEY

4-16-1, 2-13-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Some Good and some Bad

The men's ice hockey team played some solid defense vs. Saint Anselm on February 2 in a 2-0 loss and the Beacons were outstanding through two periods of play vs. New England College, but things just got away from them in the third period, allowing six goals to the Pilgrims.

Freshman goaltender **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** made 36 saves vs. Saint Anselm.

New England College really didn't waste any time, scoring just 46 seconds into the game on Saturday and followed that with another tally at 12:45 of the opening period, but UMB freshman forward **Adam Larrabee (Beverly, MA)** took a feed from freshman defenseman **Russ Peterson (Fraser,**

February

9 at Middlebury 7pm

10 at Williams 4pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February

2 SAINT ANSELM 0-2 L

3 N.E. COLLEGE 3-8 L

Photo by A.J. Rourke



Freshman, Kris Kranzky

MI) and cut the deficit in half with a power play goal coming just 24 seconds into the second period. The score remained 2-1 through two periods of play, but the Pilgrims turned it on in the final period, scoring at 4:33 of the third period to take a 3-1 margin. UMass Boston answered just 19 seconds later when freshman forward **Kris Kranzky (Glendora, CA)** was set up by Larrabee and sophomore forward **Rocco Dabecco (South Park, PA)** to pull the Beacons to within 3-2, but New England College was quick to respond, as well, with its fourth goal of the game coming 13 seconds later. The Pilgrims added two more scores to take a 6-2 advantage, before the trio of Kranzky, Dabecco and Larrabee teamed up for another goal coming off the stick of Kranzky at the 9:35 mark of the final stanza to make it 6-3. New England College put up two more goals to distance themselves and put the game out of reach. Donovan finished with 25 saves in just over 48 minutes of play, while sophomore **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)** stopped seven shots in the final 12 minutes of relief.