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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

14-6-1, 11-5-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

February
 18 at Saint Anselm 7 pm
 19 at N.E. College 12 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
 7 at Amherst 2-5 L
 10 HOLY CROSS 7-0 W
 11 MIT 6-2 W

Unprecedented The UMass Boston women's ice hockey team reached new heights in the program's history with a pair of wins last week. The Beacons' 14 wins on the season are the most-ever in school history as are their 11 wins in ECAC East play. The week got off to a slow start with a 5-2 loss at Amherst College. UMass Boston was down, 3-0, before senior defenseman **Kristin Wilson (Grand Forks, ND)** scored on a feed from junior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** at 3:52 of the second period. It was the 50th career assist for Ciarletta, making her the second player in school history with at least 50 goals and 50 career assists. Sophomore defenseman **Audrey Deguire (Milford, MA)** tallied UMB's other goal with sophomore forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** assisting at 12:30 of the third period. Junior goalie **Shannon Palmer (Lynn, MA)** stopped a season-high 34 shots on the night.

The Beacons had a much easier time of it vs. College of the Holy Cross on Friday night, cruising to a 7-0 victory. Sophomore forward **Casey Turner (Melrose, MA)** led the way with a season-high four points on a pair of goals and two assists, while freshman forward **Kerri Loranger (Billerica, MA)** registered a career-high three points, and her first points since joining UMass Boston for the second semester, on a goal and two assists. Sophomore forward **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** established a career-high with two assists, while senior forward **Molly Norton (Milton, MA)** netted a goal to notch her 50th career point. Ciarletta, sophomore defenseman **Rose Devlin (Quincy, MA)** and freshman forward **Jaclyn Brith (Scituate, MA)** all tallied goals as well. Junior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)**, junior defenseman **Melissa Wigmore (Duxbury, MA)** and **Leanne Corsino (Belmont, MA)** and freshman defenseman **Sarah Cronin (Wakefield, MA)** all picked up assists as well. Senior goaltender **Amanda Boucher (Billerica, MA)** stopped 19 shots to earn her school-record fourth shutout of the season.

The Beacons shined bright again the following day with a 6-2 triumph over MIT. Thanks to first period goals from Belmonte, Brith and junior forward **Katie Reardon (Burlington, MA)** UMass Boston owned a 3-0 lead. The Engineers netted the second period's only goal to make it 3-1, but Turner's 12th goal of the season and Belmonte's second of the day gave UMB a 5-1 advantage at 7:40 of the third period. MIT closed the deficit to 5-2, but Ciarletta capped the scoring with her nation-leading 23rd goal of the year. Ciarletta tacked on a season-best three assists to her goal, while Belmonte included two assists in her point total of four. Brith added an assist to her goal to give her a season-high two points and Norton also registered an assist on the afternoon. Boucher picked up her second win in as many days with 29 saves.

MEN'S HOCKEY

0-21-2, 0-16-1 ECAC

Head Coach: John Giuliotti

WHAT'S NEXT ?

February
 17 at Conn. College 7 pm
 18 at Tufts 7:35 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February
 10 MIDDLEBURY 1-9 L
 11 WILLIAMS 0-5 L

Taking it on the Chin One thing is for sure. Playing the men's ice hockey schedule is not easy. The Beacons have eight teams on their slate that are either nationally ranked or have received votes in the national poll. That being said, the number two team in the nation, Middlebury College, rolled into town on Friday night and rolled out with a 9-1 win. Williams College, ranked 15th in the country, followed the next day with a 5-0 shutout of UMB.

UMass Boston held Middlebury scoreless for the first 13:32 of the contest, but three goals in a span of 2:31 as part of four unanswered scores gave the Panthers a 4-0 lead, before junior forward **Ron Hernandez (Riverside, CA)** took a feed from freshman defenseman **Billy Langmaid (Danvers, MA)** and put the Beacons on the board at 11:34 of the second stanza. Middlebury scored three more in the period and added two in the final period. Freshman goalie **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)** made the start and turned away 41 shots in the first 49:06 of action, while classmate **Matthew Lopes (Falmouth, MA)** played the final 10:54 in relief and stopped the only two shots that he faced.

Following a scoreless opening period, Williams College broke into the scoring column at 3:55 of the second period and tallied two goals in the second period and two more in the third. Lopes made 29 saves for UMass Boston.



THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Denise Ridge
Basketball

Birthday: Aug 30, 84

Hometown: Milton, Ma

Year: Jr

Major: ESPE

Nickname: D

What do you like most about UMass

Boston: The people

Favorite place on campus: GYM

Favorite sports team? UCONN

Favorite Athlete? Shea Ralph

What is something that most people don't know about you? I am Irish and Puerto Rican!

Favorite vacation spot? Puerto Rico

Favorite holiday? Christmas

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

Favorite movie? crazy Beautiful

Favorite artist or band? country!

Favorite pre-game song to get

pumped up? Burn it up, anything upbeat!

What bones you have broken? My forearm, 2 months ago!

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Favorite Cereal? Cheerios

Favorite city or town? Boston

Favorite ice cream? Mint Chocolate Chip
How many foreign countries have you been to? 4

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? Money!

Favorite Sesame Street character?

Cookie Monster

Hats or no hats? Hats

Morning or night? Night

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?
creamy

Favorite season? Summer

Favorite Saved by the Bell character?
Zack

MEN'S BASKETBALL

14-9, 9-3 LEC

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

WHAT'S NEXT ?

BENNETT NAMED LITTLE EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Rodney Bennett (Boston, MA) was named for his effort during the week of Feb. 6-12. The big man averaged a double-double of 11.0 points and 12.0 rebounds, while dishing for 3.0 assists, making 2.0 steals and rejecting 3.5 shots in just 24.5 minutes of action per game. He also shot 45% (9-20) from the floor and 80% (4-5) from the line.

Sharing the Top

The Beacons split a pair of home conference games last week and are now tied for first place with Keene State College in the Little East Conference standings with a 9-3 mark. At the moment, UMass Boston owns the tie-breaker and will be guaranteed the top seed in the post-season conference tournament if it wins the final two games of the conference slate.

The Beacons hung onto a 40-39 edge at the break, but a pair of free throws made by the Corsairs gave them a 41-40 lead just nine seconds into the second half. Junior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** made a lay-up 13 seconds later to take back the lead for UMass Boston and the Beacons would never trail again for the remainder of the contest. Barros finished 7-13 from the floor, including 3-7 from three-point range for a game-high 22 points and added six rebounds, a steal, an assists and a pair of blocks. Freshman center **Rodney Bennett (Boston, MA)** came off the

bench to post a double-double of 18 points and 12 rebounds to go with four steals, four assists and five blocks.

UMass Boston owned a 46-45 edge with 5:56 to play in the game, before Plymouth State held the Beacons scoreless for the next 4:24, while scoring eight unanswered points to take a 53-46 lead with 1:43 to go in the contest. Sophomore point guard **A.J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** would snap UMB's scoring drought with a three-pointer at 1:32 to make it 53-49, but it would be the only points the Beacons would score in the final 5:56 of the game as the Panthers outscored them 14-3 in that same time frame. In a first half that didn't see much scoring at all, the teams were never separated by more than six points the entire session as UMass Boston settled for a 24-22 margin at the intermission. The Beacons netted the first six points of the second half to open up a 30-22 advantage with 18:13 showing, but the Panthers shot back with a 12-2 run to take a 34-32 margin with 15:41 left to play in the second session. Sophomore forward **Mark Doran (South Boston, MA)** led UMass Boston with a game-high 17 points on 8-11 from the floor, while adding six rebounds, a steal and an assist in 22 minutes of action and Barros contributed with nine points, six boards, an assist, a steal and a block.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

9-14, 3-9 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Back in the Win Column

The Beacons snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 75-70 win over UMass Dartmouth on February 7.

The game was tied at 70-70 with 62 seconds left in the second half, before the UMass Boston defense clamped down and junior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** made three free throws down the stretch and junior point guard **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** made two to give the Beacons the final five points of the game for a 75-70 win. UMass Dartmouth had held a 58-52 advantage with 6:40 showing in the second half, before UMass Boston chipped away to tie the contest at 70-70. UMD held a lead in the first half, but the Beacons went on a 13-5 run to close out the half and take a 30-23 halftime lead. Coverdale was 7-8 from the floor for the Beacons, while adding five steals, four rebounds and a blocked shot. Senior guard **Elmina Darville (Randolph, MA)** finished at 7-12 from the field and added five assists, three steals and a rebound off the bench. Reske chipped in with 12 points, five rebounds and a steal.

UMass Boston trailed by as many as 16 points in the second half at Framingham State College on February 9, but fought back to tie the game at 43-43 with 50 seconds left. The Beacons had a chance to take the lead, down by one with five seconds left in the contest, but missed a pair of free throws. Reske led UMB with a game-high 15 points and a rebound, while freshman forward **Leanne Meninger (Everett, MA)** netted 11 points, grabbed two rebounds, made three steals passed for an assist and blocked a shot.

The Beacons owned a 3-1 lead with 17:56 to play in the first half, before Plymouth State scored consecutive baskets to take a 5-3 lead at 16:41 of the opening half. The Panthers never surrendered the lead from that point on. Plymouth later owned a 29-15 lead with 9:35 to go in the first half. UMass Boston came back with a 15-4 burst, fueled by seven points from sophomore center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)**, to cut the deficit to 33-30 with 5:23 showing in the first half. Plymouth State held UMB off and settled for a 46-38 halftime lead. The Panthers held onto a 74-60 lead with 1:51 remaining in the contest, before the Beacons made a late charge with an 11-2 run, led by nine points from sophomore guard **LaKeisha D. Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)**, to bring UMass Boston to within 76-71 with just 25 seconds to play in the game. Tucker led the Beacons with 21 points and added four rebounds, three steals and two assists, while Querusio came off the bench to net 13 points on 6-7 from the floor in addition to four rebounds and an assist in 18 minutes of action.

February

14 at Southern Maine 7:30pm
18 at R.I. College 3 pm

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7 UMass Dartmouth 79-74 W
11 PLYMOUTH ST. 49-59 L

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WHAT HAPPENED ?

February

14 at Southern Maine 5:30pm
18 at R.I. College 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

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7 UMass Dartmouth 75-70 W
9 at Framingham St. 43-44 L
11 PLYMOUTH ST. 71-78 L

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