



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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Coming Up

Men's & Women's
 Basketball LEC
 Doubleheader

vs.

Western
 Connecticut

January 27

Women at 1 PM

Men at 3 PM

JANUARY

22

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 10-6, 5-2 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Streakin Beacons The Beacons are riding a five-game win streak for the first time since the 2002-03 season, but more importantly, they have won four straight conference games for the first time in school history. UMass Boston was 3-0 last week, including a pair of league wins, starting with a 73-54 win over UMass Dartmouth.

Junior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** posted her first career double-double with 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Beacons. She drained a three-pointer with 12 seconds gone in the first half and UMass Boston never looked back as it raced out to a 12-0 lead at the 15:28 mark of the opening half. The Beacons maintained a 29-19 advantage with 6:04 left in the first stanza, before going on a 14-3 run, fueled by a pair of Tucker three-pointers, to give them a 40-20 lead with 1:43 to go in the first half. UMass Boston went into the break with a 44-24 lead as it held UMass Dartmouth to 18.8% (6-32) shooting in the first half. The Corsairs never got closer than nine points the rest of the way. Tucker was 4-7 from three-point range on the night and added five assists, a steal and a blocked shot for the Beacons, while freshman guard **Caroline Ashe (West Roxbury, MA)** came off the bench to net a season-high 15 points on 5-10 from the floor, including 4-7 from three-point range in addition to grabbing five boards, making a steal and passing for an assist in 18 minutes of action.

Tucker was at it again vs. Bridgewater State, netting a season-high 25 points to lead UMB to an 82-78 victory. The Bears made a lay-up with 1:21 left in the game for a 75-74 edge, but UMass Boston reeled off eight unanswered points to take an 82-75 advantage with just five ticks left on the second half clock to put the game away. The teams played within four points of each other through the first 11 minutes of play and were tied at 21-21 with 9:15 showing in the first half, before the Beacons went on a 10-3 run to take a 31-24 lead with 7:17 to play in the first half. Bridgewater State would later close to within one, but UMass Boston built its lead again and took a 41-34 margin into the intermission. The Beacons began the second half with a 9-2 burst to take their largest lead of the contest at 50-36, but the Bears went on a ferocious 17-2 run to take a 53-52 edge with 11:30 remaining in the second stanza. UMass Boston regained the lead and owned a 66-60 advantage with 5:49 to go in the game, but Bridgewater State came back again with a 9-2 stretch, capped by a three-pointer from Melissa Murphy to give the Bears a 69-68 edge. The teams traded the lead six times before the Beacons took the lead for good. Tucker was 8-13 from the floor, including 3-5 from three-point range and was a perfect 6-6 from the free throw line to lead a UMass Boston team that finished 14-15 from the line on the night for a .933 clip. She also added a season-high six assists to go with two steals, while senior forward **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** netted 16 points, grabbed three rebounds, made four steals and dished for an assist.

The biggest win of the week came in Willimantic, CT on Saturday where the Beacons stopped Eastern Connecticut's seven-game win streak with a 79-69 win. The victory also gave UMass Boston its first season sweep over the Warriors since the 1993-94 season. Tucker was instrumental again for UMB with 22 points on 8-16 from the floor, including 2-4 from three-point range and was a perfect 4-4 from the line, while adding five rebounds, three steals and two assists. A lay-up by junior guard **Ashley Greene (Brookline, MA)** at 14:42 of the second half gave UMass Boston the lead for good, 41-40. The points sparked a 12-2 run over the next four minutes that put the Beacons in command by 11, 53-42. Coverdale chipped in with 19 points, four rebounds, two steals and an assist.

January
 23 at So. Maine 5:30pm
 25 SUFFOLK 5:30pm
 27 W. CONN. STATE 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
 16 MASSDARTMOUTH 73-54W
 18 BRIDGEWATERST 82-78W
 20 at E. Conn. St. 79-69W

WOMEN'S HOCKEY 6-8-1, 4-6-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Hosting the Champs UMass Boston welcomed defending national champion Middlebury College to the Clark Athletic Center for the teams' first-ever meeting on January 17. The Panthers, who are ranked number three in the nation, came away with a 5-0 victory with a goal in the first and two in each of the next two periods of play. Sophomore goaltender **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** stopped a career-high 50 shots. Senior forwards **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** and **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** each had five-game point-streaks snapped in the loss.

January
 27 at Manhattanville 1 pm
 28 at Salve Regina 2 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
 17 MIDDLEBURY 0-5 L



MEN'S BASKETBALL

6-10, 2-5 LEC

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

Going into Extras...Again! UMass Boston seems to have the knack of playing to ties in regulation. The Beacons played into overtime seven times last year and are on the pace again this season with four tilts that required least an extra period to finish. UMB capped its week with a triple-overtime thriller at Eastern Connecticut on Saturday, coming out on top, 115-114. It was the second time in three years that the teams have played into triple OT. UMass Boston was definitely up for the dramatics, as sophomore center **Rodney Bennett (Mattapan, MA)** sent the game into overtime with a lay-up with three seconds left to make it 79-79. Junior guard **A.J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** kept the theme going with a lay-up to tie the contest at 93-93 with four seconds left in the first overtime to send the contest into a second OT, where junior swingman **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** canned a three-pointer with 17 seconds left to knot the marathon at 104-104. Eastern took a 114-113 edge with 7.8 seconds left after the first of two free throws was made, but he second try was missed and following a Bennett rebound and a timeout, the Beacons inbounded to senior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** near half court, with four seconds left, who then swung it to freshman guard **Aaron Jones (Boston, MA)**, who found Bennett in the paint for the winning basket as the horn sounded. Barros finished the day with 43 points to give him 40-plus for the second time this season and become the first player in school history with two 40-point outings. He was 13-26 from the floor, including 8-16 from three-point range and was 9-12 from the line to go with seven rebounds, two assists, a steal and a blocked shot. Bennett finished the day with his sixth double-double of the season with 17 points on 8-12 from the field to go with 13 rebounds, three blocks and an assist.

UMass Boston was defeated by UMass Dartmouth, 79-66, to start the week. The Beacons owned a 39-34 lead with 2:54 to play in the first stanza, before a 9-2 burst capped by a three-pointer gave the Corsairs its first lead of the game with 23 seconds left in the opening half and UMass Boston would come as close as two points the rest of the way, but it wasn't enough. Barros led the Beacons with 17 points and added eight rebounds, three steals, two assists and a block, while freshman guard **Anthony Matlock (Seattle, WA)** contributed with a season-high 16 points on 6-11 from the floor, including 4-7 from three-point range to go with four rebounds.

UMass Boston lost a tough one to Bridgewater State, 74-71. The Beacons tied the tilt at 68-all on a pair of Barros' free throws at 3:13, but Bridgewater State later took a 72-68 lead with 1:48 remaining in the game. Paniagua drained a leaning three-pointer with 4.7 seconds showing on the second half clock to pull UMass Boston to within 72-71, but the Bears followed with two free throws to make it a three-point game at 74-71 with 2.9 seconds to go. UMass Boston's long inbound pass was stolen and the game was over. Paniagua led the Beacons with 23 points on 9-17 from the floor, including 4-5 from three-point range and added five rebounds and three steals, while Barros ended up with 19 points on 7-13 shooting to go with three rebounds, four steals and an assist.

MEN'S HOCKEY

4-12-1, 2-9-0 ECAC

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

Tough Homestand UMass Boston slipped this past week with three losses, including a 3-0 loss to nationally ranked UMass Dartmouth. The Beacons played with the number 10 team in the nation for most of the contest and trailed just 1-0 after 59 minutes of play. UMass Boston looked to tie the game with a power play and pulled its goalie for a two-man advantage, but the Corsairs managed to fire a shot into the Beacons' empty net with 47 seconds left to play. UMass Dartmouth's third goal was also an empty-netter with 12 ticks left in the contest. Freshman goalie **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** made 37 stops on the night for UMass Boston.

The Beacons looked like a good bet for a win on Friday night after freshman forward **Adam Larrabee (Beverly, MA)** netted his second goal of the year on an assist from sophomore forward **Rocco Dabecco (South Park, PA)** and freshman forward **Ryan Daust (Marquette, MI)** at 11:54 of the first period. UMB held Southern Maine scoreless for the opening period, marking the third straight game and fifth of the last six the Beacons had held the opposition without a goal in the first period. Junior forward **Kyle Simpson (Scituate, MA)** gave the Beacons a 2-0 margin when sophomore forwards **Aaron Burke (Rowley, MA)** and **Chris Flaherty (South Boston, MA)** set him up at 14:38 of the second period. The Huskies answered just 29 seconds later to cut the deficit to 2-1 where the score remained at the end of two periods, thanks to 36 saves from Donovan. Southern Maine erupted in the third period, however, scoring just 1:21 into the session to tie the contest at 2-2 and then two more times in the next 4:29 to take a 4-2 lead. UMass Boston wasn't able to recover and the Huskies added three more scores for a 7-2 final. Donovan finished with 46 saves, while sophomore **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)** turned away five shots in relief.

The Beacons faced a 4-1 deficit with 5:32 gone in the second period vs. Salem State on Saturday, but rallied with three straight power play goals from freshman forward **Kris Kranzky (Glendora, CA)**, Daust and Larrabee to tie the contest at 4-4. The Vikings reclaimed the lead with 57 seconds to go in the middle period and tacked on another score in the third to come away with a 6-4 win. Daust netted the first of his two goals in the first period when he knotted the battle at 1-1 at the 6:32 mark. Donovan finished with 25 saves on the day.

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



James Hall
Ice Hockey

Birthday: July 18, 1986

Hometown: Middletown, NJ

Year: Sophomore

Major: Criminal Justice

Nickname: Halsy

What do you like most about UMass Boston? Campus Center food

Where is your favorite place on campus? Hockey rink

Favorite sports team? Rangers

Favorite athlete? Brian Leetch

Favorite vacation spot? Florida

Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport? Playing college hockey

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Bacon bits or croutons? Croutons

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

Favorite movie? Pulp Fiction, Ace Ventura: Pet Detective

Favorite artists or band? Dave Matthews

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Who let the dogs out

Bones you have broken? Collar bone, forearm

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Favorite Cereal? Cheerios

Favorite city or town? Boston

Favorite ice cream? Vanilla bean

How many foreign countries have you been to? three

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? money

Favorite Sesame Street character?

Oscar the grouch

Hats or no hats? hats

Morning or night? night

Favorite Season? Summer

Favorite Saved by the Bell character?

Slater

January
23 at So. Maine 7:30pm
27 W. CONN. STATE 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
16 MASSDARTMOUTH 66-79L
18 BRIDGEWATERST. 71-74L
20 at E. CT St. 115-114W3ot

January
26 at Castleton St. 7:00 pm
27 at Skidmore 3:00 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
16 MASSDARTMOUTH 0-3L
19 SO. MAINE 2-7 L
20 SALEMSTATE 4-6 L