



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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Coming Up

Ice Bowling
 for Airfare
 February 3

Women's Hockey
 vs.
 St. Michael's 1 PM

Men's Hockey
 vs.
 N.E. College 4 PM

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 12-7, 6-3 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Warming up with Winter UMass Boston took two of three games last week, with its only loss coming at nationally ranked Southern Maine on January 23, 89-62. The other two came right down to the wire, but what else would you expect? The Beacons came back to beat Suffolk on January 25, 71-69, and showed its mettle in a 75-71 victory over Western Connecticut on Saturday to stand alone at third place with a 6-3 mark in the conference standings. The league win total is tied for the most in school-history.

UMass Boston owned an early 4-0 lead over Southern Maine, but the number six Huskies quickly took over and led for the final 38 minutes of play. Junior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** led the Beacons with 20 points in 25 minutes of action, while freshman guard **Caroline Ashe (West Roxbury, MA)** dropped in 15 points in 22 minutes off the bench.

Tucker knocked down a three-pointer with 2:38 left to play in the game to pull UMass Boston even at 63-63 and bring the Beacons all the way back from an 11-point deficit vs Suffolk. The teams would trade baskets over the next 2:32 with senior forward **Denise B. Ridge (Milton, MA)** scoring all six of UMass Boston's points to give the team a 69-67 lead with 17 seconds left, before the Rams made a lay-up for Suffolk to knot the game at 69-69 with six seconds left. The Beacons inbounded the ball to Tucker, who was fouled with 2.6 seconds left in the game and then proceeded to sink a pair of free throws to give UMass Boston a 71-69 lead. Suffolk had a three-point try to end the contest, but it was off the mark as the Beacons came away with the win. Tucker finished with 22 points on 7-14 from the floor and 6-6 from the free throw line and added four rebounds, four assists and a steal, while senior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** netted 12 points to go with three rebounds and two assists. Ridge finished with a game-high 10 rebounds in addition to eight points, two assists and a steal.

Junior guard **Myrna Tangar (Randolph, MA)** made a steal and followed it with a lay-up to give UMass Boston a 69-68 edge over Western Connecticut with 43 seconds left in the game for its first lead since the 7:52 mark of the first half. The Colonials answered with one of two free throws to knot the game at 69-69 with 28 seconds to go in the game, but the Beacons scored six of the next eight points, including four from the line from Tucker to give them the win. Tucker led the Beacons with a season-high 30 points and was 18-19 from the line, while making her first four free throws to extend her streak to 30 straight, before missing, but then sank her next 14 freebies, while adding eight rebounds and five assists. Ridge contributed with 13 points on 4-6 from the field, eight rebounds, three assists and a steal, while sophomore forward **Leanne Meninger (Everett, MA)** finished with 12 points on 5-8 from the floor in addition to seven rebounds and two blocked shots in 24 minutes off the bench.

MEN'S HOCKEY 4-14-1, 2-11-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Hangin' with the Big Boys The Beacons took on a pair of nationally-ranked foes over the weekend, falling at number 11 Castleton State, 5-2, on Friday and at number 17 Skidmore College on Saturday, 4-2.

UMass Boston allowed a pair of first period scores to Castleton State, before freshman defenseman **Russ Peterson (Fraser, MI)** converted a feed from freshmen forwards **Adam Larrabee (Beverly, MA)** and **Drew Lacombe (Burlington, MA)** with 1:08 to go in the opening period to cut the margin to 2-1. The Spartans took a 3-1 lead with a tally at 8:32 of the second session, but junior forward **Kyle Simpson (Scituate, MA)** netted his third goal of the season on a feed from freshman forward **Michael Jordan (Pittsburgh, PA)**, who picked up his first collegiate point on the exchange to pull to within 3-2, but it would be all for the Beacons. Freshman goaltender **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** turned away 41 shots on the night.

UMass Boston outshot Skidmore on Saturday, 30-27, but came up short on the scoreboard as the Thoroughbreds took a 1-0 lead at 3:06 of the second period in a rematch of the Codfish Bowl championship game. The Beacons answered with a pair of goals to take a 2-1 edge when sophomore forward **Rocco Dabecco (South Park, PA)** took a feed from Larrabee and Peterson and netted his second goal at 11:45 and sophomore forward **Michael Muolo (Stoneham, MA)** potted his second goal of the year just over two minutes later at 13:53 with an assist from junior blueliner **Andrew Ward (Evanston, IL)** and freshman forward **Ryan Daust (Marquette, MI)**. Skidmore tied the contest at 2-2 with a power play goal coming with 1:32 left in the second period and scored just 1:22 into the third period to take a 3-2 edge. The Thoroughbreds would tack on an empty netter with 41 seconds left in the game for the final tally. Donovan stopped 23 shots on the day.

February
 3 at Keene State 1:00 p.m.

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
 23 at So. Maine 62-89 L
 25 SUFFOLK 71-69 W
 27 W. CONN. ST. 75-71 W

February
 2 SAINT ANSELM 7pm
 3 N.E. COLLEGE 4pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
 26 at Castleton St. 2-5 L
 27 at Skidmore 2-4 L



MEN'S BASKETBALL

7-11, 3-6 LEC

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Ashley Greene
Basketball

Birthday: 7/19/85

Hometown: Brookline MA

Year: Junior

Major: Psychology/Criminal Justice

Nickname: Minni

What do you like most about UMass Boston? the friendly campus atmosphere

Where is your favorite place on campus? Clark

Favorite sports team? N.E. Patriots

Favorite athlete? Carmelo Anthony

Something most people don't know about you? I'm growing dreadlocks

Favorite vacation spot? So. Beach Miami

Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport? Right now would be within the top 3 for our conference because it brings a new light to UMass women's basketball

Favorite holiday? New Years

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

Any pets? 2 turtles named Rocky & Squirt

Favorite movie? Love & Basketball, S.W.A.T., Finding Nemo

Favorite artists or band? Alicia Keys

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Sweet Caroline

Favorite Cereal? Frosted Flakes

Favorite city or town? Boston

Favorite ice cream? Chocolate chip cookie dough

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

Favorite Sesame Street character?

Cookie Monster

Hats or no hats? no hats

Morning or night? Morning

Favorite Season? Summer

Favorite Saved by the Bell character?

Zack

From Flat to Ferocious The Beacons didn't begin the week too well with a 73-60 loss at Southern Maine on January 23, but ended it with a statement win over Western Connecticut, 99-90, on Saturday.

UMass Boston found itself behind early at Southern Maine, trailing, 27-10, with 9:08 to play in the opening half, but went on a blistering 16-2 run, fueled by 11 points from senior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)**, to cut the deficit to 29-26 with 3:03 left to play in the first half. It would be as close as the Beacons would get, however, as the Huskies took a seven-point lead into the intermission and led by as many as 14 the rest of the way. Barros finished with 21 points, six rebounds, five steals and two assists, while sophomore center **Rodney Bennett (Mattapan, MA)** contributed with 10 points on 4-8 from the floor to go with five rebounds and two blocks in 25 minutes of play.

Western Connecticut pulled to within 45-43 following a pair of free throws at 19:08 of the second half, but UMass Boston went on a 16-6 run, paced by five points each from Barros and freshman guard **Anthony Matlock (Seattle, WA)**, to take a 61-49 advantage with 14:29 left in the second stanza. The Beacons later increased their lead to 67-52, following a three-pointer from junior guard **A.J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** at 11:26 of the second half, but the Colonials stayed in it with a 16-6 stretch to cut the deficit to 73-68 with 6:03 remaining in the game. It would be as close as they would come as UMass Boston led by as many as 14 the rest of the way. Junior swingman **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** netted a season-high 31 points and was 10-17 from the floor, including 2-2 from three-point range and was 9-12 from the line to go with four steals and two assists, while Barros netted 22 points and was 8-9 from the line in addition to grabbing six rebounds and passing for four assists. He also made a pair of steals to tie him for the UMB career record with 231. Junior forward **Mark Doran (South Boston, MA)** chipped in with 10 points, eight boards, a steal and an assist in 23 minutes off the bench.

February 3 at Keene State 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January 23 at So. Maine 60-73 L
27 W. CONN. ST. 99-90 W

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

7-9-1, 5-7-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Photo by A.J. Rourke



Senior, Melissa Belmonte

Finding the Net UMass Boston was shut out at Manhattanville College on Saturday, marking the first time in school-history that the team had been blanked in two straight games. The Beacons found their shooting touch the following day at Salve Regina with an 8-2 victory.

UMass Boston allowed single goals in the first and second periods at Manhattanville, but sophomore **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** finished the contest with 26 saves.

The Beacons held nothing back at Salve Regina, scoring the first three goals of the day with senior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** scoring at 6:52 of the opening period with an assist from junior forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** on the power play. Senior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** netted her team-leading 12th goal of the season on the power play with a combined assist from Belmonte and Wall at 15:37 and junior forward **Casey Turner (Melrose, MA)** potted the eventual game-winner with her ninth tally of the season at 7:09 of the second period, thanks to an assist from freshmen **Katelyn Pohlman (Newton, MA)** and **Kimberly Davidge (Blackstone, MA)** for a 3-0 lead. The Seahawks got on the board just 10 seconds later, but UMB got right back to work, scoring five more times. Sophomore forward **Maria Guanci (Everett, MA)** found the back of the net at 12:01 with freshman forward **Katelyn Sawyer-Lajoie (Marlboro, MA)** and Turner helping on the power play. Wall netted her first goal of the season, shorthanded, just 62 seconds later and Turner set up Sawyer-Lajoie to give the Beacons a 6-1 advantage with 1:34 to go in the second stanza. Sawyer-Lajoie struck again with her second goal of the afternoon on an assist from freshman defenseman **Jennifer Senecal (Northboro, MA)** and Turner. Belmonte capped the scoring with her eighth goal of the year on a feed from Ciarletta and freshman forward **Jennifer Petitti (Quincy, MA)**. Senior goalie **Shannon Palmer (Lynn, MA)** stopped 16 shots in the first two periods, while classmate **Katie Frossard (Milton, MA)** saw her first collegiate action and made two saves in the final period of play.

January 31 SOUTHERN MAINE 7pm

February 3 SAINT MICHAEL'S 1pm
4 CASTLETON ST. 12pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January 27 at Manhattanville 0-2 L
28 at Salve Regina 8-2 W