



# THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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## MEN'S HOCKEY

0-17-2, 0-12-1 ECAC

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

*Head Coach: John Giuliotti*

**A Schizophrenic Weekend** The Beacons went from one extreme to the other this past weekend. UMass Boston was involved in its tightest game of the season on Friday, resulting in a 1-1 tie in a contest that saw no scoring for the first 40:34 of play. The team followed that effort with a day filled with nothing but offense as it fell to Skidmore College, 8-5.

Following two scoreless periods of action, freshman defenseman **Billy Langmaid (Danvers, MA)** lifted a rocket from the top of the circles that found the back of the net off a feed from sophomore forward **Kyle Simpson (Scituate, MA)**, just 34 seconds into the third period, to give UMB a 1-0 edge. The Beacons spent much of the game with a man in the penalty box and the final two minutes were no different as they looked to kill their 11th straight penalty, but it proved to be one too many as Castleton State College ripped a shot from between the circles that ricocheted off a stick and spun high in the air and looped into the back of the net to tie the game at 1-1 with just 20 seconds to play in regulation. Maybe all of the teams' respective energy was used up with that goal, the Spartans' celebration and the UMass Boston's big letdown, but whatever it was, neither team could score in the five-minute overtime as freshman goaltender **Matthew Lopes (Falmouth, MA)** finished the night with 40 saves to preserve the tie and earn UMB's first point in conference play.

As if to make up for the night before, it seemed as though the goal light was lit up for most of the afternoon. Skidmore College took a 3-2 lead after one period of play before freshman forward **Corey O'Neill (Brewster, MA)** tied the game at 3-3 at 4:02 of the second period and sophomore defenseman **Hunter Dowd (Brick, NJ)** took a shot from mid-ice, following the face-off after the O'Neill goal, and watched it skip up the arm of Thoroughbreds' goalie and into the back of the net just eight seconds later to give UMB a 4-3 edge at 4:10. Skidmore regrouped and blitzed the Beacons with four unanswered goals to close out the period for a 7-4 advantage. The teams traded goals in the final period, including sophomore defenseman **Tim Recio's (Pittsburgh, PA)** first collegiate goal at 11:01 to make it an 8-5 final. Freshman goalie **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)** made 16 saves in relief in the third period.

**February**  
3 at Saint Anselm 7 pm  
4 at N.E. College 4 pm

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

**January**  
27 CASTLETON ST. 4-1 T  
28 SKIDMORE 5-8 L

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

8-11, 2-7 LEC

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

*Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk*

**Some Bad Bounces** The Beacons had the pleasure of hosting the nation's number one team last week, but it wasn't much fun as Southern Maine cruised to a 95-43 victory. UMass Boston gave the Huskies all they could handle for the first seven minutes of action, owning a 14-13 lead with 13:15 showing in the first half, but the Huskies went on a 27-6 run to take a 40-20 advantage with 2:34 left in the first half. Southern Maine took a 45-24 lead into the intermission. The Beacons shot just 18.5% (5-27) in the second half, as the Huskies outscored them 22-4 over the first 8:08 of the second stanza to take a 67-28 lead. UMass Boston never got closer than 37 points the rest of the way. Sophomore center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)** led the Beacons with 13 points and six rebounds in 16 minutes of action, while junior point guard **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** dropped in 10 points, grabbed four boards, dished for three assists and made three steals.

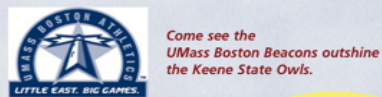
It was a tale of two halves for Beacons as they tried to rebound at Suffolk University in a non-conference tilt. UMass Boston trailed the entire first half and found itself down, 33-25, before closing out the stanza with seven unanswered points to close to within 33-32 at the intermission. UMB took a 36-35 lead with 17:29 showing in the second half and led for the next 14:21 with a margin by as many as nine points, but a three-pointer put the Rams back on top at 56-55 with 3:08 left in the second half. The teams traded the lead the rest of the way until sophomore guard **LaKeisha D. Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** hit a jumper for the Beacons to knot the contest at 59-59 and send it into overtime. Suffolk scored the first six points in OT and UMass Boston was unable to recover as it fell, 72-63.

The Beacons took an early 13-7 lead with 13:09 to go in the first half at Western Connecticut, but the Colonials came back with an 11-3 burst to take an 18-16 margin with 5:17 showing in the first session. Western Connecticut maintained a 30-26 lead with 18:24 left in the second stanza and increased its lead to 48-35 with 11:38 to play. UMass Boston chipped away and pulled to within 53-50 with 2:46 remaining in the game, but it would be as close as they would get. Junior point guard **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** led the Beacons with 12 points and seven rebounds, while adding an assist and Tucker contributed with 11 points, four rebounds, three assists and a steal. Freshman forward **Leanne Meninger (Everett, MA)** also chipped in with 11 points, four boards and a block in 18 minutes off the bench.

**February**  
4 KEENE STATE 1 pm

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

**January**  
24 SO. MAINE 43-95 L  
26 at Suffolk 63-72 L ot  
28 at W. Conn. St. 57-66 L



Come see the  
UMass Boston Beacons outshine  
the Keene State Owls.

The race for the Little East  
championship is **ON!**

**Saturday**  
**February 4, 2006**

CLARK ATHLETIC CENTER

**1pm** Women's Basketball vs. Keene State  
**3pm** Men's Basketball vs. Keene State

### Chance to win:

- FREE SEMESTER PARKING PASS (UMass Boston students only)
- T-SHIRTS and other PRIZES (for kids in on-court contests)
- TWO CELTICS TICKETS for 2/15/06 and a 50/50 RAFFLE (open to all)

Free popcorn and t-shirts to the first 250 guests.

Free parking for the first 100 guests.

Game ticket required for eligibility. Tickets for UMass Boston students available in Student Life, Campus Center 3rd floor, 3300 section (M-Th, 8:30-7:00, F 8:30-5:00).  
For more information contact 617.287.5310

Free popcorn courtesy of Sodexo.  
Free Semester Parking Pass Courtesy of UMass Boston Parking and Transportation Office.

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## THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



### Shannon Palmer Ice Hockey

**Birthday:** January 15th  
**Hometown:** Lynn, MA  
**Year:** Junior/Senior  
**Major:** Criminal Justice  
**Nickname:** Shannon Porter  
**What do you like most about UMass Boston:** Molly  
**Favorite place on campus:** Quinn Cafe  
**Favorite sports team?** UMB women's ice hockey  
**Favorite Athlete?** Wally for hockey, soccer & softball  
**Favorite vacation spot?** The Cape  
**What accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport?** Being a member of the ice hockey team.  
**Favorite holiday?** St. Patrick's Day  
**Bacon bits or croutons?** neither  
**Would you rather live in a log cabin or downtown?** downtown  
**Favorite movie?** The Godfather  
**Favorite artist or band?** Willy/Wally locker room show.  
**Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up?** What if God was one of us.  
**Pepsi or Coke?** diet coke  
**Favorite Cereal?** Life  
**Favorite city or town?** Boston  
**Favorite ice cream?** coffee  
**If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain?** scorpion bowls  
**Favorite Sesame Street character?** oscar the grouch  
**Hats or no hats?** no hats  
**Morning or night?** night  
**Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?** crunchy  
**Favorite season?** winter  
**Favorite Saved by the Bell character?** Screech

Photo by A.J. Rourke



Sophomore, A.J. Titus

## MEN'S BASKETBALL 12-6, 7-2 LEC

*Head Coach: Charlie Titus*

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

### Working Overtime

UMass Boston Head Coach Charlie Titus has finally done it. He's solved the dilemma that plagues coaches from youth sports to the pros. Finding minutes for all of his players -- simple, just play overtime games! Well, that's what it has seemed like this season with a pair of overtime tilts last week to bring the Beacons' season-total to a school-record six contests with an extra period. UMB is now 5-1 in OT games.

The Beacons looked like they had a regulation victory over Southern Maine on January 24, but then the Huskies canned a three-pointer with just one tenth of a second to play and send the game into overtime. Southern Maine made a pair of free throws for an 85-84 edge with 2:13 showing in the extra period, but sophomore guard **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** made a lay-up, then blocked a shot and junior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** converted a lay-up of his own to give UMass Boston an 88-85 lead with 1:42 remaining in the game. The Huskies canned two free throws 18 seconds later to them to within one at 88-87, but the Beacons would outscore USM, 6-0, the rest of the way to secure the 94-87 victory. Barros led all scorers with 23 points and added 12 rebounds for his first double-

double of the season in addition to three steals, two assists and a pair of blocks, while Paniagua finished with 20 points, eight rebounds, three assists, a steal and a blocked shot. Freshman center **Rodney Bennett (Boston, MA)** also contributed with 17 points, nine boards, an assist, a steal and a block in just 19 minutes off the bench.

UMass Boston blitzed Western Connecticut right away, taking a 43-26 lead into halftime, fueled by 17 points from Barros and a 53.1% team shooting effort. Following a pair of good Bennett free throws, the Beacons took a 60-36 lead with 14:49 remaining in the second half and it looked like everyone would go home on time after this one, but no one told the Colonials the plan as they put together a blistering 24-4 run over the next 5:41 to cut the deficit to 64-60 with 9:08 to go in regulation. UMass Boston later owned a 74-69 lead with 4:05 showing in the second stanza, but Western Connecticut netted five straight points, capped by a three-pointer to tie the contest at 74-all with 2:09 left in the half. Barros hit a trey a minute later to give the Beacons a three-point edge and, following two free throws from sophomore point guard **A.J. Titus (Roxbury, MA)** UMB owned a 79-76 lead with 26 seconds left to play in the second half, but the Colonials weren't done as they drained a three-pointer with just six seconds to go for a 79-79 tie and another overtime. The Beacons never trailed in the extra period and led by as many as six points, before settling for the 92-89 victory. Barros finished with a game-high 29 points and added six boards, a steal and an assist, while Paniagua posted a double-double of 22 points and 14 rebounds to go with two assists, a steal and a block. Bennett made the most of his first collegiate start with 13 points, 11 rebounds, a steal, an assist and a school-record seven rejections. Titus chipped in with 12 points, four rebounds, four assists, a steal and a block.

January 31 WPI 7 pm

February 2 TUFTS 7 pm

4 KEENE STATE 3 pm

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

January 24 SO. MAINE 94-87 W ot  
 28 at W. Conn. St. 92-89 W ot

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY 10-5-1, 7-5-0 ECAC

*Head Coach: Maura Crowell*

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

### Unfamiliar Feeling

The Beacons experience of losing has been extremely rare over the past two months. UMass Boston went into Saturday's match-up with nationally-ranked Manhattanville College with just one loss in their last 11 games. The Valiants, however, weren't ranked number five in the nation for nothing, coming into Boston with a 13-game win streak and did something that no other team all season has done -- hold the Beacons scoreless. Manhattanville held tight to a 1-0 edge through two periods, that was threatened by UMB junior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)**, who attempted the program's first-ever penalty shot with 25 seconds to go in the middle period, but her backhanded top-shelf try was turned away. The Valiants' powerful offense finally broke through in the third period, scoring four times to come away with a 5-0 victory. Senior goaltender **Amanda Boucher (Billerica, MA)** stopped 42 shots for the Beacons in her first outing since suffering a knee injury two weeks before.

February 3 at Saint Michael's 7 pm

4 at Castleton State 7 pm

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

January 28 MANHATTANVILLE 5-0 L  
 29 SALVE REGINA PPD



## BELMONTE NAMED ECAC EAST ICE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Women's ice hockey player **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference East Player of the Week for the week of January 16-22. Belmonte becomes the fourth UMB recipient of the award this season.



In three games on the week, the junior tallied seven points on three goals and four assists. She assisted on the game-winning goal vs. State University of New York College at Cortland to register her 100th career point on January 21 to become just the second player in school history to reach the century mark. She also added a goal and an assist in the contest. The forward achieved another milestone the night before, in a victory over visiting SUNY Cortland, when she became the first player in UMass Boston annals to pick up 50 career assists with her first of two helpers on the night to go with a goal. The Fontbonne Academy product began the week with a goal in the Beacons' 5-2 triumph over visiting Trinity College (CT) on January 17.

\* Note: Men's and women's ice hockey honors are released after publication of the *Beacon Newsletter*, hence the week delay of inclusion.

## BARROS NAMED LEC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Men's basketball player **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** was named the Little East Conference Player of the Week for the week of January 23-29. The selection marks the second time this season that Barros has received the honor and the third time for his career.

In two games, Barros nearly averaged a double-double with 26.0 points and 9.0 rebounds, along with 2.0 steals, 1.5 assists and 1.0 blocks per game. The swingman showed outstanding efficiency in shooting the ball as well with a 50% (18-36) mark from the field, including 42.1% (8-19) from three-point range. Barros netted a game-high 29 points on 10-19 from the floor, including 5-10 from three-point territory in addition to six rebounds, a steal and an assist in the Beacons' 92-89 overtime victory over host Western Connecticut State University in a Little East Conference contest to cap the week on January 28. The junior was instrumental in UMass Boston's 94-87 OT win over University of Southern Maine on January 24 with his first double-double of the season coming on a game-high 23 points and a career-best 12 rebounds. He also added three steals, two assists and two huge blocks that came in the overtime period.



## BENNETT NAMED LEC MEN'S BASKETBALL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Men's basketball player **Rodney Bennett (Boston, MA)** has been named Little East Conference Rookie of the Week for the week of January 23-29.

Bennett earns top rookie honors for the second straight week after averaging a double-double of 15.0 points and 10 rebounds per outing in addition to 4.0 blocks, 1.0 assists and 1.0 steals per game in two contests. The 6'8" center showed a nice shooting touch with a 50% (9-18) field goal percentage and a 71% (12-17) figure from the free throw line as well. He scored 17 points on 7-12 from the floor, and grabbed nine boards, passed for one assist, made one steal and blocked one shot in just 19 minutes off the bench in the Beacons' win over Southern Maine. The freshman continued his solid play at Western Connecticut State University and made the most of his first collegiate start with a double-double of 13 points and 11 rebounds, while matching a school-record with seven blocks in addition to a steal and an assist and made his free throws count as well, converting 9-12 from the charity stripe.