



THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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Coming Up

UMB Promotion
 February 3

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

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

JANUARY

8

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY 6-5-1, 4-5-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

DAVIDGE NAMED ECAC EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Kimberly Davidge (Blackstone, MA) was named ECAC East Rookie of the Week for her performance during the week of January 1-7.

The freshman registered two points on a pair of goals for the Beacons in two games on the week. The forward netted the eventual game-winner in a 4-2 victory over SUNY-Cortland on January 7.

Conquering Cortland

The Beacons resumed their season with a pair of wins in Cortland, NY over the weekend.

UMass Boston defeated State University of New York-Cortland, 5-4 on Saturday, thanks to a pair of goals from senior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** and two tallies from senior defenseman **Melissa Wigmore (Duxbury, MA)** in addition to freshman forward **Kimberly Davidge's (Blackstone, MA)** second goal of the year. Sophomore goalie **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** stopped 32 shots to earn the victory.

The Red Dragons took a 1-0 lead, but Wigmore tied it at 1-1 just 39 seconds later at 5:15 of the first period and Ciarletta gave the Beacons a 2-1 edge at 11:52, before Cortland tied it at 2-2 with 3:15 left in the opening period. UMass Boston netted the next three goals, including Ciarletta's team-leading 11th of the season, to take a 5-2 advantage with 15:25 gone in the middle period.

The Beacons made it a bit easier on themselves the following day with a 4-2 win. The Red Dragons struck first again just 26 seconds into the game, but freshman defenseman **Jennifer Senecal (Northboro, MA)** answered with her second goal of the year and classmate **Katelyn Pohlman (Newton, MA)** followed with her first collegiate score at the 11-minute mark to give UMB a 2-1 edge. Davidge gave UMass Boston a 3-1 cushion with her second goal in as many days at 4:13 of the second period, before Cortland pulled to within 3-2 at 8:45 of the middle period. Senior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** capped the scoring with her fifth goal of the year coming with just 1:25 remaining in the contest. Sams was tested often again, making 32 saves to take the win.

January
 9 at Conn. College 7 pm
 13 HOLY CROSS 12 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
 13 at SUNY-Cortland 5-4 W
 7 at SUNY-Cortland 4-2 W

MEN'S HOCKEY 3-8-1, 1-6-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Peter Belisle

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Happy Holidays Santa was pretty good to the men's ice hockey team this year. The Beacons defeated Suffolk in the first round of the Codfish Bowl to give them back-to-back victories since 2000 and then, two games later, they knocked off Hamilton College for the first time in over 16 years to give them three wins in four games!

Freshman defenseman **Russ Peterson (Fraser, MI)** had just joined the Beacons about 10 days before he fired a shot past the Hamilton goalie as time expired to give UMass Boston a 2-1 win on Friday night on his first collegiate goal. Freshman goalie **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** is wearing out adjectives to describe his play, but he was simply amazing, matching a season-high with 55 saves to earn the victory. The Beacons trailed after a second-period goal, but freshman forward **Cody Austin (Highland, MI)** knotted the tilt at 1-1 with 3:39 to play in the final period.

UMass Boston followed up its first win of the season before Christmas with a 4-2 win over Suffolk on December 28. Freshman forward **Ryan Daust (Marquette, MI)** posted a breakout performance with a pair of goals and an assist vs. the Rams to lead UMB and was named to the All-Tournament team along with Donovan, who turned away 28 shots to earn the win. Freshman transfer **Kris Kranzky (Glendora, CA)** netted his first goal in a Beacons' uniform as did freshman forward **Adam Larrabee (Beverly, MA)**, who was making his collegiate debut.

Donovan made 41 saves in the Codfish Bowl championship game vs. Skidmore, but the Beacons fell, 5-1.

UMass Boston capped the weekend with a 5-1 defeat to Amherst College, following the big win over Hamilton. Kranzky put the Beacons on the board with a goal in the third period to make it 4-1. Donovan came up with 27 saves in two periods of play, before leaving with an injury, giving way to freshman **Peter Dundovich (Philadelphia, PA)**, who made 11 stops in the final period for his college debut.

January
 12 at Norwich 7 pm
 13 at St. Michael's 3 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

December
 28 SUFFOLK 4-2 W
 29 SKIDMORE 0-5 L

January
 5 HAMILTON 2-1 W
 6 AMHERST 1-5 L



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 5-6, 1-2 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Perkins Pierribia
Basketball

Birthday: 5/12/85

Hometown: Boston

Year: Junior

Major: Economics

Nickname: Poe

What do you like most about UMass Boston? diversity

Where is your favorite place on campus? Campus Center

Favorite sports team? Basketball

Favorite athlete? Kobe Bryant

Something most people don't know about you? very spiritual person

Favorite vacation spot? Home

Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport? Being able to take a year

off and come back and play

Favorite holiday? 4th of July

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

Favorite movie? Troy

Favorite artists or band? Shyne

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Pushin by Bun B

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Favorite Cereal? Cinnamon Toast Crunch

Favorite city or town? Georgetown

Favorite ice cream? Cookie Dough

How many foreign countries have you have been to? 3

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

Favorite Sesame Street character? ernie

Hats or no hats? Hats

Morning or night? night

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy? crunchy

Favorite Season? Spring

Favorite Saved by the Bell character? Zack

Zack

The Price was Right

The Beacons spent New Year's in California and then began a three-day, three-game stretch on New Year's Day with a 74-57 loss at Pomona-Pitzer College. UMass Boston fell the next day, 60-44, to North Park University in the 24th Annual Purple and Gold Poet Classic in Whittier, CA. They say it's not how you start, but how you finish and the Beacons saved their best for last, defeating Life Pacific College, 96-50, in the consolation game and then spent the next day as guests at the CBS television game show, *The Price is Right*. Well, wouldn't you know it, but Rich Fields asked junior guard **Myrna Tangar (Randolph, MA)** to come on down! Not only did she, but she decided to stay until the end of the show and won the showcase showdown! You might see her pulling into campus in a new Mustang and conditioning on the court shouldn't be a problem now that she has a new treadmill, but her fingers might be getting a workout as well on her new piano.

As for the basketball, junior center **Alicia Querusio (Somerville, MA)** led the Beacons with 12 points on 6-7 from the floor to with three rebounds in 14 minutes off the bench, while sophomore forward **Leanne Meninger (Everett, MA)** contributed with 10 points, four rebounds and an assist at Pomona-Pitzer. Sophomore forward **Jenn Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** led UMass Boston vs. North Park with a team-high eight points to go with four boards, a steal and an assist and Meninger chipped in with seven points and four rebounds. Junior guard **LaKeisha Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)** was one of five UMB players to score double figures vs. Life Pacific and led the way with 16 points on 7-12 from the field in addition to eight rebounds, five assists and two steals in 22 minutes of action off the bench. Querusio netted 14 points, while grabbing five rebounds, making a steal and blocking two shots in 15 minutes and senior forward **Lydia Coverdale (Malden, MA)** dropped in 14 points and added four rebounds, five steals and two assists.

The Beacons were greeted in the Bay State by Keene State on Saturday in the Clark Athletic Center and were beaten, 77-56. Junior guard **Ashley Greene (Brookline, MA)** was UMass Boston's top scorer with 12 points, while adding two rebounds and an assist in 14 minutes off the bench, while Tangar dropped in nine points to go with four caroms, a steal and an assist in 13 minutes.

January
9 PLYMOUTHST. 5:30pm
13 at R.I. College 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
1 at Pomona-Pitzer 57-74 L
2 vs. North Park 44-60 L
3 vs. Life Pacific 96-50 W
6 vs. Keene State 56-77 L

MEN'S BASKETBALL 4-7, 0-3 LEC

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

WHAT'S NEXT ?

The Rematch UMass Boston spent a few days in the Bahamas and split a pair of games in the Great Bahamas Goombay Shootout, but it just delayed a big match-up that had been circled on the calendar for the past nine months as Keene State rolled into town on Sunday.

It was the first meeting for the Beacons and Owls since UMB captured the Little East Conference title last February in Keene. UMass Boston owned a 31-23 lead with 5:06 to go in the first half, but the Owls closed out the half with a 16-4 run to take a 39-35 lead at the break. Keene State led by as many as nine points in the opening six minutes of the second stanza, but the Beacons knotted the game at 56-56 on a **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** layup with 6:02 to play in the game. The Owls responded by ending the game with an 11-5 stretch to take a 67-61 victory. Barros finished with 18 points to give him 1,517 for his career to move into second on the Beacons' all-time scoring list. Junior forward **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** contributed with 13 points, five rebounds, two steals, a pair of blocks and an assist.

Despite a 67-54 loss to College of the Ozarks on January 4, the night belonged to Paniagua. The swingman knocked down a three-pointer at 10:53 of the first half to pull UMass Boston to within 16-15, but he also became just the 12th player to crack the 1,000-career points plateau for the Beacons with 1,001. He finished the night with a game-high 20 points, three rebounds and three assists, while Barros and sophomore center **Rodney Bennett (Mattapan, MA)** nearly registered double-doubles with Barros netting 10 points and grabbing nine boards, while Bennett scored 10 and pulled down eight. The Beacons took the consolation game of the Bahamas' tournament with a 75-59 decision over Mount Saint Mary College as Barros erupted for a game-high 36 points on 12-20 from the floor. Paniagua chipped in with 13 points, nine rebounds, four assists, a steal and a block, while Bennett dropped in 10 points, ripped down 11 rebounds, made three steals and dished for a career-high seven assists from the center spot.

January
9 PLYMOUTHST. 7:30pm
13 at R.I. College 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
4 vs. Col. of the Ozarks 54-67 L
5 vs. Mt. St. Mary (NY) 75-59 W
7 KEENE STATE 61-67 L