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

Head Coach: Charlie Titus

WHAT'S NEXT ?

A Big Week The Beacons endured one their most challenging weeks, taking on a pair of NAIA opponents and the co-leader (with UMB) in the Little East Conference. Junior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** knocked down a three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Beacons an 80-77 win over Georgia Southwestern State University on January 3 to kick off the second semester. Barros finished the game with a career-high 34 points, while adding eight rebounds, four steals and an assist. Sophomore guard **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** netted 21 points, while grabbing nine boards, dishing for four assists, making a pair of steals and blocking a shot.

The Beacons found themselves in another tight battle the following day as senior guard **Eric T. Bateman (Glassboro, NJ)** converted a lay-up with just two ticks remaining in regulation to tie the contest with Florida Memorial University at 80-80. Sophomore forward **Mark Doran's (South Boston, MA)** lay-up knotted the tilt at 89-89 with 1:11 to play in overtime, but it would be the last points of the night for UMB as Florida Memorial made a lay-up with 14 seconds to go in the game for the win. Barros led UMass Boston with 27 points and a career-high eight steals to go with seven rebounds and three assists. Paniagua came to play again, scoring 22 points and added eight rebounds, a steal, an assist and a block as well. Bateman finished the evening with 13 points, one rebound and one assist off the bench.

UMB's biggest test of the week came last Saturday at Keene State College, but the Owls prevailed, 104-93, to keep their grip on first place. Senior forward **James L. Hall** was all over the place for the Beacons, netting 19 points on 9-16 from the floor, while grabbing 11 rebounds (nine offensive) to register a double-double. He also added seven steals, four assists and a block off the bench. Barros dropped in 21 points in addition to four steals, four assists and three rebounds and Bateman also chipped in with 14 points, six rebounds, three steals and three assists in 20 minutes of action.

January
 10 at Plymouth St. 7:30pm
 14 R.I. COLLEGE 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
 3 vs. GA S.W. St. 80-77 W
 4 at FLA Mem. 89-91 L of
 7 at Keene State 93-104 L

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 7-4, 1-2 LEC

Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk

WHAT'S NEXT ?

A Rousing Debut in Defeat The Beacons four-game win streak came to a halt in Keene, NH as the team fell to Little East Conference foe, Keene State College, 99-68.

The contest did mark the UMass Boston debut for sophomore transfer guard **LaKeisha D. Tucker (Pawtucket, RI)**, who poured in a game-high 24 points to go with two steals and two rebounds in 29 minutes off the bench. Sophomore guard **Ashley Greene (Brookline, MA)** netted 13 points on 4-4 from the floor and 4-5 from the line, while adding four assists, a steal and a rebound and junior guard **Kristen Reske (Duxbury, MA)** dropped in 10 points in addition to two assists, a steal and a rebound. Senior center **Agata Matel (Korycin, Poland)** nearly posted a double-double with a season-high 14 boards, coupled with nine points, to go with a steal and an assist.

January
 10 at Plymouth St. 5:30pm
 14 R.I. COLLEGE 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
 7 at Keene State 68-99 L



THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Tommy Howe
Basketball

Birthday: 10-3-85

Hometown: West Islip, NY

Year: sophomore

Major: Health Science

What do you like most about UMass

Boston: Location

Favorite place on campus: Beacon fitness center

Favorite sports team? New York Yankees

Favorite Athlete? Allen Iverson

Favorite vacation spot? Miami

What accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport? McDonald's All-American Nominee

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Bacon bits or croutons? croutons

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

Do you have any pets? Dog

Favorite movie? Training Day

Favorite artist or band? Nas + Jay-Z

What bones have you broken? none

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Favorite Cereal? raisin bran

Favorite ice cream? cookie dough

How many foreign countries have you been to? None

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

Hats or no hats? Depends on the occasion

Morning or night? Night

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy? creamy

Favorite season? Summer

WOMEN'S HOCKEY 6-3-1, 6-3-0 ECAC

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Still Streaking The Beacons ventured to Worcester, MA last Saturday and upended host College of the Holy Cross, 7-5, to extend their unbeaten streak to a school-record six games. UMass Boston dominated the first two periods, taking a commanding 6-2 advantage, but the Crusaders answered with three goals in the first 7:29 of the third period in a span of four minutes to cut the deficit to 6-5. Junior forward **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** gave the Beacons some breathing room with her fourth goal of the night to give them a two-goal lead with 1:18 left to play in the contest. Junior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** and freshman forward **Maria Guanci (Everett, MA)** were in on the assist, but what else was new? The pair combined earlier in the day to assist on Ciarletta's second goal of the day to give UMB a 3-0 lead just 1:43 into the second period. Guanci was busy throughout the afternoon, assisting on Belmonte's fifth goal of the season to open the scoring just 1:20 into the first period and assisted on Ciarletta's third goal of the afternoon at 13:11 of the middle period to give the Beacons a 5-1 advantage. Guanci wasn't just setting others up, but taking care of business herself, netting her fourth goal of the year at 12:32 of the second period with sophomore forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** assisting for a 4-1 UMB cushion. Belmonte set up the eventual game-winner when she found senior defenseman **Kristin Wilson (Grand Forks, ND)** at 16:50 on the power play to give the Beacons a 6-2 lead. Ciarletta's first goal of the day increased the UMass Boston margin to 2-0 when Wilson and junior defenseman **Melissa Wigmore (Duxbury, MA)** combined to find her at 16:56 of the initial stanza. Senior goaltender **Amanda Boucher (Billerica, MA)** stopped 28 shots in 47:21 to earn the victory, while junior goalie **Shannon Palmer (Lynn, MA)** made nine saves in the final 12:39 in relief.

January
14 N.E. COLLEGE 12 pm
15 ST. ANSELM 12 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

January
7 at Holy Cross 7-5 W

MEN'S HOCKEY 0-11-1, 0-7-0 ECAC

Head Coach: John Giuliotti

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Deuces are Wild The men's ice hockey team has been nothing, if not consistent with its goal output, netting a pair of goals in each of its last four games. Unfortunately, the opponent has come up with more than that each time. The Beacons have gotten off to good starts in three of their last four games, scoring first in each of them. Freshman forward **Michael Muolo (Stoneham, MA)** potted his first collegiate goal to open the scoring for UMB in the first round of the 41st Annual Codfish Bowl on December 28, but the Beacons fell behind, 4-1, before junior forward **Ron Hernandez (Riverside, CA)** cut the margin to 4-2 with 8:33 gone in the final period. Freshman **Matthew Lopes (Falmouth, MA)** stopped 43 shots for UMass Boston. Sophomore forward **Jason McCrimmon (Detroit, MI)** netted his first career goal to open the consolation game of the Codfish Bowl vs. Connecticut College just 2:09 into the first period, but the Camels answered with four straight scores. Sophomore forward **David Baczowski (Maynard, MA)** pulled the Beacons to within 4-2, but it would be as close as they would get. Freshman goaltender **Chris Testa (Masapequa, NY)** turned away 36 shots in his first collegiate start and Muolo was named to the Codfish Bowl All-Tournament team.

January
13 NORWICH 7 pm
14 ST. MICHAEL'S 3 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

December
28 SOUTHERN NH 2-5 L
29 CONN. COLLEGE 2-6 L

January
6 at Hamilton 2-7 L
7 at Amherst 2-5 L

UMB struck first last Saturday at Amherst College when sophomore forward **Kyle Simpson (Scituate, MA)** scored just 40 seconds into the contest. The Lord Jeffs came right back with four goals, before freshman forward **Corey O'Neill (Brewster, MA)** tallied his first collegiate goal for the Beacons at 10:14 of the third stanza to make it, 4-2. Lopes stopped 49 shots for UMB.

Hamilton College got out to a 2-0 margin last Friday vs. UMass Boston, but Hernandez netted his fifth goal of the season and Simpson found the back of the net for the team's first shorthanded goal of the year to knot the score at 2-2 with 8:42 left in the second period. The Continentals scored with 41 seconds to go in the middle period to take a 3-2 lead into the final period and then put the game away with four unanswered goals in the final period. Lopes came up with a career-best 49 saves for the Beacons.