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BASEBALL

3-6, 0-0 LEC

Head Coach: Brendan Eygabroat

WHAT'S NEXT ?

Pitching Gets Stronger as Bats Struggle The way the Beacons' baseball nine played through their first four games, you wouldn't think they would be celebrating many wins this season, but over their last five ballgames, the UMass Boston pitching staff made a statement, posting a 1.74 earned run average, while allowing just five walks in 41 1/3 innings of action. Now that the pitching staff has righted itself, the Beacons' bats have to get going to make them a legitimate contender in the Little East Conference.

UMB had not cracked the hit column vs. Benedictine until junior left fielder **Jaime Soto (Peabody, MA)** made it be known that his left arm on the pitching mound wouldn't be the only weapon he would carry this season, as he doubled deep to center field to bring home junior third baseman **Bryan Curran (Brockton, MA)** and sophomore first baseman **Derrick Plante (Medford, MA)**, who had both worked walks earlier in the inning. They would be the only runs the team would get.

The Beacons rebounded the next day with 11 hits, including an impressive display of power as Soto continued to carry a big bat with his first career homer to right field in the second inning. Curran followed the next inning with a two-run shot that scored freshman second baseman **Ernesto Green (San Diego, CA)**, who had singled home junior center fielder **Bob Kniffen (Halifax, MA)** who came home from second, following a double. Junior right fielder **Sean C. Ketterer (Plymouth, MA)** made it back-to-back jacks with a solo homer of his own to give UMB a 5-0 lead, but Carroll College chipped away and then went ahead with a three-run sixth to take a 6-5 lead. Kniffen led off the top of the seventh with a double and Curran was hit by a pitch with one out to put the go-ahead run on first. Following a strikeout, Soto came up with the Beacons one out away from a heartbreaking loss and delivered with a two-run double to right field to give the team a 7-6 lead and the eventual win. Kniffen closed out the contest with one and a third of two-hit relief, while fanning two batters to pick up the win. UMass Boston fell in the nightcap, 10-5, despite another long ball from Ketterer and was simply outmatched the following day by Denison, 23-5. Ouch. The lopsided loss combined with an unwarranted collision at the plate, the following day vs. Albion, was the wake-up call that the Beacons needed as they bared down and got tough for the rest of the trip. UMB battled back and forth with Albion, with each team trading the lead four times. Soto gave the team a 1-0 edge in the bottom of the third with a single to score Kniffen, who had also singled. The Britons matched the run in the fourth, before the Beacons took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fourth. Albion put two more on the board in the fifth for a 3-2 margin, but junior catcher **Billy Gannon (Milton, MA)** singled and later scored on a double play to tie the contest. The Britons answered with a run in the top of the seventh, but Kniffen plated Gannon with a single for a 4-4 game. Albion scored in the top of the 10th for the win, but UMass Boston had gotten its intensity back.

UMB rode a great pitching performance by Plante to a 9-3 victory over Knox College the next day, as the sophomore threw a complete game, allowing no earned runs on seven hits and no walks, while striking out a batter. Kniffen, Curran, Soto and Ketterer took care of the offense with two hits apiece and Gannon knocked in a pair of runs. Game two of the doubleheader saw Soto (three innings), Ketterer (two innings) and junior righthander **Michael Mish (South Hadley, MA)** (two innings) combine to allow just five hits and two earned runs in a 5-3 win for a sweep of the twinbill. Knox got two early runs, but Ketterer tripled and scored to cut the lead in half at 2-1 in the bottom of the second and a four-run third, highlighted by Soto two-run double and a Plante run-scoring single, gave the Beacons a 5-2 advantage.

The next two days would see UMass Boston's pitching shine, but with unlucky results. Sophomore righthander **Nick Conway (Methuen, MA)** was victimized by three unearned runs in the first inning vs. local foe Suffolk University, but a three-run blast over the right field fence from Curran brought home freshman shortstop **Richie Montecalvo (Medford, MA)** (singled) and Kniffen (singled) to knot the contest at 3-3. The game remained tight until Suffolk struck with two outs in the top of the eighth inning on a first-pitch change-up that ended up on the wrong side of the fence in center field for a 4-3 Rams' edge. The Beacons were unable to counter and Conway's gem was for naught. The second-year phenom struck out 12 batters, while walking none and allowing six hits in nine innings of work.

Curran gave UMB another great start the following day vs. Illinois College. Gannon doubled and came around with the Beacons' only run on a Montecalvo single in the top of the second inning, but Illinois College finally broke through in the seventh with a run and tacked on the game-winner in the bottom of the ninth with a close play at the plate that went its way. Curran gave up just one run in seven and a third innings of work on seven hits and no walks, while fanning four.

March
 22 at Fisher 6pm
 23 at Eastern Nazarene 3pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

March
 11 vs. Benedictine 2-8 L
 12 vs. Carroll 7-6 W
 12 vs. Carroll 5-10 L
 13 vs. Denison 5-23 L
 14 vs. Albion 4-5 L (10 inn.)
 15 vs. Knox 9-3 W
 15 vs. Knox 5-3 W
 16 vs. Suffolk 3-4 L
 17 vs. Illinois College 1-2 L



SOFTBALL

1-9, 0-0 LEC

Head Coach: Amy Zombeck

WHAT'S
NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Derrick Adam Plante
Baseball

Birthday: October 6, 1985

Hometown: Medford

Year: Soph.

Major: Business Management

Nickname: Plantee

What do you like most about UMass

Boston: the athletic program

Favorite place on campus? Campus Center

Favorite sports team? Red Sox

Favorite athlete? David Ortiz

Something most people don't know

about you? I'm a manager at Bertucci's.

Favorite vacation spot? Hawaii

Accomplishment are you most proud

of in your sport? last year I pinch hit and

tied the game up with a single vs. Plymouth State

Favorite holiday? Christmas

Bacon bits or croutons? croutons

Would you rather live in a log cabin or

downtown? log cabin

Do you have any pets? a cat

Favorite movie? Gladiator, Billy Madison

and Dumb and Dumber

Favorite artist or band? Juelz Santana

Favorite pre-game song to get

pumped up? The Whistle Song

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Favorite Cereal? Cap'n Crunch

Favorite city or town? Boston

Favorite ice cream? Cookie Dough

If it could rain something other than

rain, what would it rain? money

Favorite Sesame Street character? Oscar

Hats or no hats? Hats all the way

Morning or night? night

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?

Crunchy

Favorite season? Spring

Favorite Saved by the Bell character?

Screech

Rough Trip Ends on a High Note

The Beacons without having played a game were hoping to be better than a year ago when they won just six games and certainly looked deeper and better on paper. Ten games in five days, that's what UMass Boston had in front of it, but the team just couldn't seem to catch a break, dropping its first nine contests before ending the road trip with a 4-0 win over Saint Joseph's College (ME).

Lesley University took a 7-0 lead in the first four innings before freshman right fielder **Jennifer Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** drove in her first career run with a single to right field to score classmate **Nikki Johnson (Leicester, MA)**. Widener came through again with a run-scoring triple to right center field to score Johnson, who had singled, but it would be the only two runs the Beacons would get.

Rutgers-Newark put the pressure on early with three first inning runs, but junior second baseman **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** tripled and later scored and senior right fielder **Catie O'Reilly (Dorchester, MA)** knocked in a run with a single to right field to make it 3-2 in the top of the fourth inning. The Scarlet Raiders countered with five runs in the bottom of the frame for an 8-2 advantage, but after a pair of walks drawn by senior center fielder **Elizabeth A. Erlandson (East Boston, MA)** and sophomore designated player **Marcia Beatty (Marstons Mills, MA)**, Widener singled to pull UMB to within 8-4. Rutgers-Newark tacked on the final run of the day in the bottom of the sixth for a 9-4 final.

Western New England scored three runs in the bottom of the third to take a 3-0 lead the next day, but UMass Boston answered in the top of the fourth when Ciarletta led off with a walk and scored on a triple to left field by sophomore shortstop **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)**. The Beacons added another run to cut the deficit to 3-2, but it would be all they would get as WNEC came up with single runs in each of the next three innings.

UMB hung tough with Saint Mary's College (IN), trailing just 2-0 through the first four innings, but a six-run fifth ended the game as the eight-run mercy rule was enacted. Ciarletta collected the team's only hit of the day.

The Beacons' fortunes looked like they would turn around the following day vs. Westfield State as they took a 1-0 first inning lead. Westfield matched the run in the top of the third, but UMB put up a three-spot in the bottom of the inning to take a 4-1 lead. O'Reilly singled and later scored on a Ciarletta single to left field and then later scored herself, along with Wall, who had reached on a fielder's choice, when Erlandson stroked a triple to right center. Things were looking up until the Westfield fourth inning. The Owls touched the plate 14 times in the inning to take a 15-4 lead and the shell-shocked Beacons couldn't recover, getting just one more run the rest of the way on an RBI single from O'Reilly.

UMass Boston suffered more late-inning woes the next game vs. Skidmore College as the Thoroughbreds plated 13 runs in the final three innings of play, en-route to a 15-5 victory. The Beacons had tied the game at 1-1 in the first when Beatty singled, stole second and scored on a Wall single. They made it 4-2 after Wall led off with a double and later scored on a two-bagger by Ciarletta in the bottom of the fourth. Following an eight-run Skidmore sixth, UMass Boston didn't quit, scoring three times in the bottom of the inning, highlighted by an Erlandson run-scoring baseknock.

The following day, the Beacons were greeted that morning with an 11-1 loss at the hands of Drew University, but received a better pitching performance the next game against Roger Williams University, losing 3-1. UMB spotted the Hawks three runs before sophomore catcher **Allison Lowe (Brockton, MA)** singled up the middle and scored on a **Molly Norton (Milton, MA)** single to center field to make it 3-1.

The Beacons jumped out to a 2-0 lead vs. Wilmington College (OH) when Widener laid down a bunt single and Wall followed with a single of her own to set up a two-run single to left center by Ciarletta. Wilmington answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning and added three more in the fourth for a 6-2 victory.

UMass Boston saved its best for last, however, as freshman righthander **Jenn Santoro (Belmont, MA)** threw a complete-game shutout, allowing just three hits and three walks, while striking out two in leading the Beacons to a 4-0 win. UMB took a 1-0 edge when Wall singled, stole second and scored on an O'Reilly single to center field in the third inning. Widener doubled to put runners at second and third and Wall followed with a sacrifice fly to center to score Erlandson and Widener later came around to score on an O'Reilly single for a 3-0 Beacons' lead in the fifth. UMass Boston added another run in the sixth for the win, while showing a good sign of team character with a no quit attitude.

March
27 BRANDEIS 3pm

WHAT
HAPPENED ?

March
12 vs. Lesley 2-7 L
12 vs. Rutgers-Newark 4-9 L
13 vs. W. N.E. College 2-6 L
13 vs. St. Mary's (IN) 0-8 L
14 vs. Westfield St. 5-15 L
14 vs. Skidmore 5-15 L
15 vs. Drew 1-11 L
15 vs. Roger Williams 1-3 L
16 vs. Wilmington (OH) 2-6 L
16 vs. St. Joseph's (ME) 4-0 W

TITUS, BARROS RECEIVE REGIONAL BASKETBALL HONORS

University of Massachusetts Boston Head Men's Basketball Coach **Charlie Titus (Roxbury, MA)** was named the 2005-06 National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Northeast Region Men's Basketball Coach of the Year and junior swingman **Tony Barros (Dorchester, MA)** was selected to the NABC Northeast Region First Team after having been named to the D3hoops.com Northeast Region Second Team.



After taking a year off from coaching UMass Boston in 2004-05 to concentrate on his duties as a Vice Chancellor for the University, Titus returned this season to lead the Beacons to an 18-11 record, a turnaround from 8-18 a year ago and the second-highest win total in school-history. His efforts earned him Little East Conference Coach of the Year honors for the second time in his career. UMass Boston owned a 10-4 mark in Little East Conference play to establish a school-record for

conference wins and captured its first-ever conference championship with an 81-67 victory in Keene, NH over number one seed Keene State College on March 25. By virtue of its conference title, the Beacons earned their first NCAA Tournament bid since 1983 and faced State University of New York College of Cortland in the first round, but were defeated 68-54. This season marked the 30th for Titus at UMass Boston, including six seasons guiding the Beacons as a club team prior to their ascension to the varsity level as an NCAA Division III program in 1980. The Beacons' longtime mentor earned his 250th career victory in NCAA play with a 76-70 win over Rhode Island College on March 24 in the LEC semi-finals. In his time at UMass Boston, Titus was instrumental in the founding of the Little East Conference in 1986, was named the LEC Coach of the Year in 1997, after leading the team to a 19-11 record and appearances in both the Little East Conference and ECAC New England championship games, and has coached 26 conference All-Stars, including 13 first teamers and seven LEC Rookies of the Year.

Barros adds his regional awards to his Little East Conference Player of the Year and First Team All-Conference honors after averaging 19.9 points per game to rank second in the LEC and 44th in the country. The junior started all 29 games this year and proved to be one of the

most well-rounded players in the league, averaging 3.5 steals per outing to tie for second among the nation's leaders, 5.8 rebounds to rank 12th in the Little East and 0.72 blocks with 21 in 29 games to place 10th in the league. The swingman led the conference with three Player of the Week selections and averaged 2.1 assists per outing to put him fourth on the team. Easily the most prolific three-point shooter in school annals, Barros ranked 24th in all of NCAA III with 3.3 treys made per game, made at least one trifecta in every game this season and has drained a three-pointer in a school-record 45 consecutive games, while ranking third on the team with a .368 (95-258) percentage this season. He became just the 11th player in school history to net 1,000 career points on January 19 at Bridgewater State College and has 1,289 career points to tie for third on the Beacons' all-time list. His 578 points on the season is the third-highest total for a campaign at UMB and his 101 steals fell just one short of the single-season mark at UMass Boston. The Saint Sebastians High School product has 178 steals for his career to rank fifth on the Beacons' career list and his 58 career rejections place him eighth on the all-time blocks list. Barros knocked down 95 threes this season, eclipsing the mark he set last year by three and owns the career standard of 242. The small forward has been one of UMass Boston's most consistent scorers, registering double-digits in points in all but three games this year, including 21 games with 15 or more points and a career-high of 34 points vs. Georgia Southwestern State University on January 3. Barros grabbed five or more rebounds in 19 games, dished for three or more assists nine times and has had less than two steals in just six games this season. In 74 career games, he is averaging 17.4 points per game to rank fourth on the school's career scoring average list, while his 219 career made free throws are the seventh-most. His .381 (242-636) career three-point field goal mark ranks fourth-best at UMass Boston, while making at least one three-pointer in 72 of 74 games, including 65 contests with two or more made. He has netted double-figures in points in 61 games, including five double-doubles.

