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## THE PLAYOFFS!

WOMEN'S HOCKEY  
3/8 \* 5 P.M.  
VS. NEW ENGLAND  
COLLEGE AT RYE, NY

MEN'S HOCKEY  
3/8 \* 3 P.M.  
AT NORWICH UNIVERSITY

### MARCH

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## MEN'S HOCKEY

11-13-2, 5-12-2 ECAC

*Head Coach: Peter Belisle*

### WHAT'S NEXT ?

**Why Not Them?!** The Beacons have shown the ability to play with the big boys this season, beating nationally-ranked Middlebury College earlier this season, taking nationally-ranked Norwich University to the limit in an overtime loss and coming within 17 seconds of a win over nationally-ranked Babson College, before settling for a 1-1 tie. It should have been no surprise to anyone residing at 100 Morrissey Boulevard that UMass Boston would come to play again in the quarterfinals of the ECAC East Tournament at Babson on Saturday night, where the Beacons took down the second-seeded Beavers, 4-1. It was UMass Boston's first playoff win since they took down Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts on February 26, 2000 at the Clark Athletic Center and its first road playoff victory since defeating Babson on February 25, 1989. The team will travel to Northfield, VT to play top-seeded Norwich on Saturday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Both teams had goals waived off in a scoreless first period. Babson put the puck in the net midway through the session, but it was waived off due to a crease violation. Later in the period, UMB freshman forward **Devin Hutchinson (Port Huron, MI)** appeared to score when his slapper from the right side fell out of the pads of the Beavers' goalie and trickled in, but the whistle blew before it crossed the line.

The Beacons finally broke through with two powerplay scores in a 2:02 span midway through the second. Freshman forward **Eric Tufman (Abington, PA)** netted the first when he poked in a loose puck off a rebound of classmate **Matt Astoff's (Macomb, MO)** shot at 11:05, and, after another Babson penalty, freshman defenseman **Brett Calhoun (Tulsa, OK)** ripped a slapshot from the right point off the far post and in at 13:07. The Beacons eventually took that 2-0 advantage into the second intermission. Tufman's goal was his team-leading 18th of the season to give him 36 points on the campaign, the most by a UMB freshman since Joe McCafferty (1981-83, 1984-85) tallied a school-record 77 points in 1981-82.

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Freshman, Brett Calhoun

UMass Boston made it 3-0 early in the third, as freshman forward **Dennis Zak (Rockaway, NJ)** moved in on the left side and wristed a shot inside the near post at 1:37. Things would stay that way until the 13:35 mark, when Babson went with an empty net during a powerplay for a two-man advantage to net its first goal. However, that would be all that sophomore goaltender **Ryan Donovan (Rexford, NY)** would allow, as he shut Babson down over the final six and a half minutes. The Beacons eventually capped off the win when junior forward **Jacob Cline (Covington, GA)** scored an empty-net goal from deep in his own zone at 18:17.

Donovan made 33 saves, including nine in the third period, to earn the victory.

## M & W INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

*Head Coach: Pershing Reid*

**They're not Done Yet** Junior **Mike Leavitt (Brockton, MA)** will compete for the UMass Boston men's indoor track and field team at the ECAC Championships at Harvard University on March 7.

March  
8 at Norwich 3 pm

### WHAT HAPPENED ?

March  
1 at Babson 4-1 W

### WHAT'S NEXT ?

March  
7&8 ECAC Championships

### WHAT HAPPENED ?

March  
No Meet



# WOMEN'S HOCKEY 14-11-0, 11-8-0 ECAC

*Head Coach: Maura Crowell*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

**Bring on the Next Round** For the third straight season, the UMass Boston women's ice hockey team has a date in the ECAC East Tournament Semifinals after a 5-1 home victory over Castleton State College in the quarterfinals.

Senior forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** tied a school-record with a pair of short-handed goals to lead the Beacons. Wall tied Andrea Ciarletta's (2003-07) school-mark that she established on February 6, 2004 vs. Saint Michael's College and also set a new school-record with three short-handers for the season. Wall's first short-handed tally came when she potted a rebound off a shot from senior forward **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** at 17:40 of the first period to give UMass Boston a 2-0 lead. Her second goal was her fourth of the season and capped the scoring when O'Connor fed her with just 1:53 left in the contest to give the Beacons a 5-1 advantage.

Sophomore forward **Sandy Parlato (Needham, MA)** opened the scoring for UMass Boston when junior forward **Maria Guanci (Everett, MA)** and freshman forward **Kristine Faffley**

March 8 vs. N. E. College 5 pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

March 1 CASTLETON ST. 5-1 W

## THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Tara Lynette Sweeney**  
Track & Field

**Birthday:** April 14, 1983  
**Hometown:** Moreno Valley, CA & Lake Havasu City, AZ  
**Year:** Senior  
**Major:** Criminal Justice & Sociology  
**Nickname:** Arizona  
**What do you like most about UMass Boston?** It's by the water and the students are really dedicated  
**Favorite place on campus?** Back of the 1st floor in Wheatley  
**Favorite athlete?** My younger brother - he's a really strong runner  
**Something most people don't know about you?** I practiced martial arts for 8 1/2 yrs.  
**Favorite vacation spot?** California coast  
**Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport?** Exceeding the goals I set for myself.  
**Favorite holiday?** New Year's  
**Would you rather live in a log cabin or downtown?** Log cabin  
**Do you have any pets?** 1 girl ferret  
**Favorite movies?** Dogma, Indiana Jones Trilogy, A League of Their Own  
**Favorite artist or band?** Nelly Furtado, The Corrs, The Beach Boys  
**Pepsi or Coke?** Pepsi  
**Favorite Cereal?** Frosted Mini Wheats (Maple & Brown Sugar)  
**Favorite city?** Solvang, CA  
**Favorite ice cream?** Chocolate  
**If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain ?** Marshmallows  
**Favorite Sesame Street character?** Cookie Monster  
**Hats or no hats?** No hats  
**Morning or Night?** Morning  
**Favorite Season?** Fall  
**Favorite Saved by the Bell character?** Jessie

Photo by AJ Rourke



Senior, Rose Devlin

(Westmoreland, NY) combined to find her for her eighth goal of the year at 15:02 of the opening period for a 1-0 edge.

Sophomore forward **Kim Davidge (Blackstone, MA)** and Guanci set up senior defenseman **Rose Devlin (Quincy, MA)** on the power play for her fourth goal of the season at 11:11 of the second period for a 3-0 UMB lead and sophomore forward **Maria Nasta (Andover, MA)** later lifted a shot that found the back of the net for an unassisted goal and her team-leading 19th of the season at the 15:28 mark of the middle period for a 4-0 UMass Boston margin.

The Spartans got on the board with a power play goal at 12:30 of the final period to cut the deficit to 4-1.

Junior goalie **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** made 23 saves to earn the victory.



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 8-18, 3-11 LEC

*Head Coach: Shawn Renee Polk*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

**Playing Tough to the End** The Beacons' season came to an end on February 26, but not before they put a scare into Eastern Connecticut State in the quarterfinals of the Little East Conference Tournament in Willimantic, CT.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February 26 at E. Conn. State 68-75 L

The Warriors maintained an eight-point lead right up until the 8:23 mark of the first half, when they held a 22-14 margin, but UMass Boston went on an 8-4 run, led by five points from senior point guard **Ashley Greene (Brookline, MA)**, who capped the run with a three-pointer to pull UMB to within 26-22 with 5:21 to go in the opening half. Eastern Connecticut responded with an 11-4 burst to take a 37-26 advantage with 1:42 showing in the first half, before settling for a 38-31 halftime lead. The Warriors built their lead to 68-48, their largest of the game, with 7:35 to play in the game, but the Beacons caught them on their heels, with a blistering 18-2 run, fueled by eight points from freshman forward **Norma Cumbee (Malden, MA)**, to cut the deficit to 70-66 with 2:49 remaining in the contest. Eastern Connecticut regrouped in the final minutes of the game and came away with a 75-68 victory.

Cumbee finished with a career-high 20 points, including 8-9 from the free throw line, to go with five rebounds, two steals and a pair of assists in 27 minutes off the bench, while Greene netted 17 points on 5-7 from the floor in addition to two rebounds and an assist. Senior guard **Myrna Tangar (Randolph, MA)** ripped down a game-high 13 rebounds in addition to scoring eight points and handing out three assists.



Senior, Ashley Greene

## MEN'S BASKETBALL 2-24, 1-13 LEC

*Head Coach: Charlie Titus*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

### The Final Stop

UMass Boston had two seniors play in their final respective games for the Beacons on February 26 in the quarterfinals of the Little East Conference tournament at UMass Dartmouth. Senior forwards **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** and **Mark Doran (South Boston, MA)** combined to play in 207 games over the past four years.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

February 26 at Mass Dartmouth 63-131 L

UMass Boston ended its season with a 131-63 loss to the Corsairs, who were ranked fifth in the nation as the top seed of the LEC tournament. UMass Dartmouth owned a 7-4 lead with 17:22 to play in the first half, but the Beacons went on a 9-1 burst to take a 13-8 lead with 15:42 showing in the first half. The Corsairs netted the next seven points to take a 15-13 margin with 14:23 on the first half clock, but sophomore center **Terrell Maddox (Hyannis, MA)** converted a lay-up to pull UMass Boston even at 15-15 with 14:05 left in the opening stanza. The Beacons were within 22-17 with 12:36 to go in the first half, but things started to get away from them as UMass Dartmouth outscored them, 45-19 to close out the half and take a 67-36 intermission advantage. UMass Boston just couldn't seem to put it together in the second half and the Corsairs could do no wrong as they pulled away for the victory, shooting 61.3% (49-80) from the floor for the game.

Sophomore forward **Ernst Jean (Malden, MA)** exploded for a career-high 29 points on 11-16 from the floor to lead the Beacons, while adding three rebounds, three blocks, a steal and an assist. Sophomore point guard **Aaron Jones (Boston, MA)** chipped in with eight points, four boards and two assists, while Maddox also finished with eight points on 3-5 from the field in addition to two rebounds and a pair of steals in 18 minutes off the bench, despite an ankle injury in the first half.



Sophomore, Ernst Jean



## PANIAGUA NAMED TO LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM

Men's basketball player **Amigo Paniagua (Santiago, DR)** was named a Little East Conference Second Team All-Star.

Paniagua becomes just the second player in school history to garner Little East Conference All-Star honors for three straight seasons after being named to the First Team for his sophomore and junior campaigns.

Paniagua caps a stellar four-year career as one of the best all-round players in school history by averaging 15.7 points, 7.3 rebounds, 2.7 assists, 1.8 steals and 0.74 blocked shots per game. The senior ranked among the Little East leaders in all of those categories, ranking third in scoring, seventh in rebounding and blocks, fourth in steals and 10th in assists. The forward dramatically improved his free throw shooting, connecting on 32 straight free throw tries from January 10 to February 2, while establishing a new school-standard with an 88.7% (71-80) mark to rank second in the conference and 18th in the nation for the season. The Dorchester High School product was the Beacons' best all-around player, leading them in scoring, rebounding, steals, assists and free throw shooting. Paniagua netted double-digits in 16 of 23 games, despite missing three contests with an injury and poured in 20 or more points on seven occasions, including a season-high 35 points at nationally-ranked University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on January 29. He was named the league's Player of the Week following that performance and averaged 26.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 4.5 steals and added a block, while shooting 49% (18-37) from the floor, including 43% (3-7) from three-point range and was a perfect 14-14 from the free throw line in two games of the week of January 28 to February 3. Paniagua posted a pair of double-doubles and grabbed seven more rebounds 14 times, including a season-best 14 on December 6 at Salem State College and averaged 10.5 boards during a four-game stretch from December 1-8. He came up with two or more steals in 14 contests and swiped a career-high eight thefts on January 26 vs. Rhode Island College and followed it with six more at UMass Dartmouth on January 29. The post player also rejected at least one shot in 13 games and dished for three or more assists in nine outings, including seven twice.



## UMASS BOSTON'S TANGAR NAMED TO LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Women's basketball player **Myrna Tangar (Randolph, MA)** has been named to the Little East Conference All-Defensive Team.

Tangar was easily one of the most tenacious defensive players in the Little East Conference this season, leading the league with 10.1 rebounds per game, which was good for 46th in the nation, while ranking fifth among the LEC steals leaders with 2.08 per outing. She grabbed eight or more rebounds on 20 occasions, including 15 double-digit efforts and a career-high of 17 vs. Rhode Island College on January 26 and Eastern Connecticut State University on February 2. The 5'7" guard also averaged a robust 15.0 rebounds per game over a four-game stretch from January 26 to February 7 and closed out the season with 14.3 rebounds in the final three games of her career. The senior picked up at least one steal in all but four games, including 17 straight contests from December 11, starting with a career-high seven vs. Mount Ida College and ending on February 19 with two vs. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and came up with two or more thefts in 17 outings. She averaged 3.1 steals over an eight-game stretch from December 11 to January 22. The Randolph High School product started all 26 games for UMass Boston and was one of the best playmakers in the LEC this season as well, dishing for 2.8 assists per game to lead the team and stand seventh among the conference leaders, while handing out three or more assists on 12 occasions, including a career-high eight dimes vs. nationally-ranked University of Southern Maine on January 22. Tangar also averaged 5.7 points per game and was the team's best three-point shooter, knocking down 39% (10-26) of her three-point tries to lead UMB.

