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## BASEBALL

7-9, 2-0 LEC

*Head Coach: Brendan Eygabroat*

## WHAT'S NEXT ?

### MICHAEL NAMED LITTLE EAST PITCHER OF THE WEEK

**Tom Michael (Manchester, NH)** earned the honor for his performance during the week of March 24-30.

The junior pulled off the doubly impressive distinction of earning a victory and a save in the same week and threw 12 innings over two appearances, while allowing eight hits and two walks, while striking out 10 batters to register a 1.50 earned run average and hold opponents to a stingy .190 batting average

### It's not how You Start

UMass Boston baseball won its 2008 season opener over Simpson College (IA) in Mesa, AZ behind a strong pitching effort from senior **Nick Conway (Methuen, MA)**, but then lost its next six games, before finishing its Western swing with a 2-3 mark to finish the Spring trip with a 3-9 record, including a win in its final game. The Beacons shook off their early-season struggles and went on to rip off five straight wins last week for their longest winning streak since 2004. UMass Boston defeated Clark, 4-2, Johnson & Wales, 8-6 and swept a Little East Conference doubleheader from Western Connecticut State, 12-1 and 5-3, all on the road.

Conway has been outstanding in three starts for the Beacons, posting 2-1 record with a 1.71 earned run average in 21 innings over three starts, including a pair of complete games, while striking out a league-leading 27 and allowing just three bases on balls. The senior needs just four strikeouts to become the first pitcher in school history to reach the 200 plateau and is holding opponents to just a .200 batting average. Junior **Tom Michael (Manchester, NH)** has really stepped up on the mound as well, making four appearances and earning both a victory and a save, while fanning 19 batters in 19 2/3 innings to rank among the league leaders. He threw his first complete game to get a win over Clark and has posted a 2.75 ERA on the season, while owning a .308 (16-52) batting average at the plate. He has served as UMass Boston's leadoff hitter, while holding down right field and tops the squad with 14 runs scored, while swiping seven bases. A pair of freshmen relievers have also shined for the Beacons with left-hander **Mark Grant (Danbury, CT)** going three and a third innings without allowing an earned run over five appearances and classmate **Frank Yavorosky (Phillipston, MA)** coming up with a save in eight innings of work over six appearances. The righty has posted a 2.25 ERA as well.

Freshman catcher **Timothy Fontaine (Worcester, MA)** has been UMass Boston's most consistent hitter with a .408 (20-49) batting mark and leads the club with five doubles. He's proven his worth behind the dish as well, gunning down four would-be base-stealers to tie for the LEC lead. Junior transfers **Eric Salvador (Middleboro, MA)** and **Casey Rice (Canandaigua, NY)** have also been producing for the Beacons. Rice is hitting .303 (10-33) with a team-high 12 runs batted in, while starting 10 of 12 games at second base and Salvador owns a .333 (14-42) mark to go with a .442 on-base percentage and 10 RBI. Senior third baseman **Mike Dorval (Belchertown, MA)** has provided some power with three home runs, while driving in seven runs and hitting .324 (11-34). He leads the team with a .676 slugging average and has scored 10 times.

April		
1	at Salem State	3pm
2	at Bridgewater St.	3pm
3	at Worcester St.	3pm
5	at E. Conn. St. (DH)	2pm

## WHAT HAPPENED ?

March		
14	Simpson	8-1 W, 6-14 L
15	Concordia	5-12 L, 6-12 L
16	College of NJ	3-5 L
17	Montclair State	8-13 L
19	Albertus Magnus	2-5 L, 7-4 W
20	Williams	7-9 L, 6-11 L
21	Roger Williams	5-15 L, 14-9 W
25	at Clark	4-2 W
26	at Johnson & Wales	8-6 W
30	at W. Conn. St.	12-1 W, 5-3 W



Senior, Mike Dorval

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THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Christopher Oram**  
Baseball

- Birthdate:** 10-6-1985
- Hometown:** Lynn, Mass
- Year:** Junior
- Major:** Criminal Justice
- Nickname:** O-ram, O
- What do you like most about UMass Boston?** Athletics
- Favorite place on campus?** Campus Center
- Favorite sports team?** Boston Red Sox
- Favorite athlete?** Ted Williams
- Something most people don't know about you?** Talk a lot outside of school and baseball
- Favorite vacation spot?** New Hampshire
- Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport?** Being named Captain
- 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?** 4 dogs
- Favorite movies?** Slapshot and 61\*
- Favorite artist or band?** Brad Paisley
- Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up?** Boston by Slaine
- What bones have you broken?** Right hand and Nose
- Favorite city?** Boston
- Favorite ice cream?** Grasshopper
- If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain?** Skittles, Swedish Fish or Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Favorite Sesame Street character?** Cookie Monster because nobody can really understand him
- Hats or no hats?** Hats
- Morning or Night?** Night
- Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?** Crunchy
- Favorite Season?** Summer
- Favorite Saved by the Bell character?** Kelly

**MUOLO NAMED LITTLE EAST FIELD ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

**Matt Muolo (Stoneham, MA)** earned the honor for his performance during the week of March 24-30.

In just his second week of collegiate competition, the freshman captured event titles in both the shot put and the discus throw at the Rhode Island College Invitational on March 29. Muolo won the shot put with a heave of 13.01 meters and captured the discus with a throw of 38.38 meters to establish personal-bests in both events.

The Beacons have had a number of individuals stand out over the past two weeks in competition. UMass Boston competed at the Northeastern University Husky Open on March 22 and junior **Antonio Francis (Manchester, Jamaica)** excelled in the sprint events. He finished fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 51.62, sixth in the 200 meters with a mark of 24.05 and seventh in the 100 meters, clocking in at 11.68. Junior **Emile Pierre-Louis (Arcahaie, Haiti)** placed fifth in the 100 meters with a time of 11.63, while classmate **Ryan Norton (Walpole, MA)** also finished fifth in the 3000 meter steeplechase. Senior **Mike Leavitt (Brockton, MA)** registered a time of 32:50.85 in the 10,000 meters to take seventh place, while sophomore **Sam Sanchez (San Antonio, TX)** came up with a 15th-place showing in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10.39.. Freshman **Matt Muolo (Stoneham, MA)** led the men in the field events with a heave of 12.89 meters in the shot put to place seventh, while placing 15th in the discuss with a mark of 37.09 meters.

Freshman **T. Elliot Barraford (Barnstead, NH)** recorded a leap of 5.58 meters in the long jump to place 10th and round out the men's results for UMB.

Senior **Tara Sweeney (Lake Havasu City, AZ)** led the women's side at Northeastern with a time of 2:33.92 to finish seventh in the 800 meters and crossed the finish at 5:21.03 to take 10th place in the 1500 meters. Junior Mariama Njie (**Bakau New Town, The Gambia**) placed 11th in the 100 meters with a time of 14.40 as the Beacons' top sprinter on the day.

UMass Boston track and field came up with a great showing at the Rhode Island College Invitational on March 29, especially from Muolo, who set personal-bests with first-place efforts in both the shot put with a mark of 13.01 meters and the discus with a throw of 38.38 meters. Sophomore **David York (Andover, MA)** registered an effort of 11.34 meters in the shot put to place fifth, while **Mike Murphy** placed third in the high jump with a try of 1.73 meters. Leavitt finished first in his event as well, coming in at 16:08.04 in the 5000 meters. Francis and Pierre-Louis pushed each other in the 100 and 200 meters with Francis edging Pierre-Louis with a second place finish in the 100 on a time of 11.44 compared to 11.45. Francis crossed the finish with a 22.92 mark to place third in the 200, while Pierre-Louis was right behind with a time of 23.31. Sanchez improved on his time in the 800 and finished fourth with a mark of 2:07.08, just ahead of freshman **Mitchell Haley (Dorchester, MA)**, who placed sixth with a time of 2:15.24. Junior **Carlos Cabral (Praia, Cape Verde)** turned in a fifth-place showing in the 400 meters with a time of 54.40 and placed seventh in the long jump with a leap of 5.02 meters. Barraford registered a jump of 5.29 meters to take sixth place. Freshman **Filipe Zamborlini (Minas Gerais, Brazil)** finished fourth in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:55.40 and Norton was right behind with a sixth-place effort and a time of 5:02.08. Sweeney led the women with a first place finish in the 1500 meters, bettering her time from a week prior with a 5:13.59 showing. She also came in third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:38.98 to stay just ahead of senior **Sophia Sieveking's (Werther, Germany)** time of 2:42.47 to take fourth place. Junior **Jennifer Wong (Quincy, MA)** was strong in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.66 to finish third and sophomore **Joy Risko (Bristol, RI)** also turned in a third-place finish in the 400 meters with a mark of 1:07.80. Njie placed fourth in the 100 meters with a time of 13.98 and fifth in the 200 meters with a mark of 28.71.

April  
12 at Mass Dartmouth Invit.  
WHAT HAPPENED ?  
March  
22 at Northeastern Invit.  
29 at R.I. College Invit.



## MEN'S TENNIS

0-4, 0-1 LEC

*Head Coach: Eric Berg*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

### JORDAN-WHITTER NAMED LEC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Jovan Jordan-Whitter (Hamilton, Bermuda)** earned the honor for his performance during the week of March 17-23.

He won his only singles match in dual-match play for the Beacons, defeating his MIT opponent, who was ranked 23rd in the Northeast Region, 7-5, 6-7, 10-8 at number one singles on February 29. The Warwick Academy product also teamed with graduate student **Matthias Busch (Bonn, Germany)** at first doubles, but fell at MIT, 8-3.

**Regional Recognition** The UMass Boston men's tennis team has faced some of the stiffest competition it has seen in years to begin its season. The Beacons were defeated on February 29 in Cambridge, MA by the Northeast region's number 10 team MIT, 8-1, but junior **Jovan Jordan-Whitter (Hamilton, Bermuda)** defeated the region's 23rd-ranked singles player for the Engineers, 7-5, 7-6 (8-6), 8-10 and was honored by the Little East Conference as the Player of the Week for his efforts.

The Beacons got into the full swing of their season with three dual matches last week, including a 9-0 loss at Wheaton in the school's first-ever meeting, a 7-2 loss at Curry and a 5-4 defeat at Western Connecticut State to open the conference slate.

Junior **Paul Braude (West Yarmouth, MA)** earned UMass Boston's only singles win at Curry with a 6-3, 6-3 decision at number one, while graduate student **Matthias Busch (Bonn, Germany)** teamed with junior **Amit Kumar (Bangalore, India)** to win at second doubles, 8-3.

Jordan-Whitter and classmate **Ali Al-Sabbagh (West Roxbury, MA)** each won their singles matches at Western Connecticut as Jordan-Whitter went three sets to win, 7-5, 4-6, 10-5, at number one and Al-Sabbagh defeated his opponent at third singles, 6-4, 4-6, 10-8. Busch and Kumar proved to be the right combination again with another win at number two doubles, 8-4, while freshman **Reinaldo Lopes (Brussels, Belgium)** and sophomore **C. Albert Thompson (Compton, CA)** hooked up to win at number three doubles, 8-5.

**April**  
3 at Eastern Nazarene 3pm  
5 SO. MAINE 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

**February**  
29 at MIT 1-8 L

**March**  
25 at Wheaton 0-9 L  
27 at Curry 2-7 L  
29 at W. Conn. St. 4-5 L

## SOFTBALL

1-11, 0-2 LEC

*Head Coach: Natalia Ardagna*

WHAT'S NEXT ?

**Ready to Break Out** The UMass Boston softball team has struggled early in the season, but is looking to heat up with the weather.

Junior third baseman **Lauren O'Connor (Everett, MA)** has been swinging a hot bat, batting .375 (12-32), while knocking in a team-high six runs and owning a team-best .625 slugging percentage. O'Connor has smacked three doubles, a triple and a homer as well. Freshman outfielder **Kristine Faffley (Westmoreland, NY)** has hit well

in limited action with a .389 (7-18) batting average and three stolen bases. Junior transfer **Courtney Haroules (Littleton, MA)** leads the team with nine runs scored, which would make sense, since she leads the team with a .455 on-base percentage. The pitcher/first baseman is hitting .346 (9-26) with a team-high four doubles and is slugging .577 on the season.

Junior first baseman **Brittainy Knight (Buxton, ME)** has been finding her way on base as well, drawing a team-high eight walks to contribute to an impressive .441 on-base average, while driving in four runs.

**April**  
1 at Lasell 3pm  
2 MOUNT IDA (DH) 3pm  
5 at Mass Dartmouth (DH) 1pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

**March**  
17 Nichols 4-19 L  
17 Cal. Lutheran 0-16 L  
18 Buena Vista 2-28 L  
18 Delaware Valley 3-17 L  
19 Manchester 3-13 L  
19 Bethany Lutheran 14-12 W  
20 Amherst 4-15 L  
20 Nazareth 8-12 L  
26 at Salem St. 2-17 L, 0-10 L  
29 at E. Conn. St. 1-23 L, 3-11 L



Junior, Lauren O'Connor



*Head Coach: Matt Rowley*

**A New Era** The UMass Boston men's lacrosse team will be directed by a new coach for the first time in 20 years with first-year head coach Matt Rowley returning to his alma mater to guide the Beacons.

UMass Boston traded goals at Curry College as freshman attackman **John Canty (Milton, MA)** and sophomore attackman **Johnny Ruiz (Longmeadow, MA)** each netted goals, before Curry took a 3-2 lead at the 9:34 mark of the second quarter. The Beacons then scored three unanswered goals and five of the next six to take a 7-4 advantage. Canty, sophomore middle **Dale Nunn (Hillsborough, NJ)** and junior midfielder **Bobby Cusack (Braintree, MA)** all found the back of the net in the final five minutes of the second quarter, before Curry scored the first goal of the third quarter at 9:08. Junior attackman **Peter Kovach (Cohasset, MA)** and Canty each netted a goal to extend UMass Boston's lead, but Curry scored the final goal of the third period to pull to within 7-5 and then dominated the final quarter with four straight goals to take a 9-7 victory. Sophomore goalie **Aaron Pollock (Belmont, MA)** made 10 saves for UMB.

Ruiz tallied nine points (4-5-9) and Canty racked up eight points (2-6-8) to lead the Beacons in a rout over visiting Saint Joseph's College (ME), 20-1.

UMass Boston netted five unanswered goals in the opening quarter with Canty netting a pair of goals to pace the squad. Saint Joseph's got on the board with at 13:54 of the second period to cut the deficit to 5-1, but it would be the team's last score of the day as the Beacons netted the game's final 15 goals. UMass Boston netted three goals over the next 70 seconds, including a pair of tallies with an extra man from senior midfielder **Nick Thomo (Brookfield, MA)** at 11:11 and Kovach at 10:01 of the second quarter. The Beacons put together four more goals in a span of 2:22, before Ruiz closed out the second stanza with a goal at 2:28 to give UMB a 13-1 halftime advantage and close out the period with five assists from Canty. Nunn and Ruiz each found the back of the net on two occasions in the third quarter to increase the Beacons' lead to 17-3, before junior midfielders **Tim Boyle (Dorchester, MA)**, **Robert Schwartz (Philadelphia, PA)** and **Rich Stone (Quincy, MA)** each netted their respective first goals of the year in the final quarter. Freshman midfielder **Jared Kinch (Cohasset, MA)** also contributed for UMass Boston with five points on two goals and three assists to go with five ground balls, while Kovach finished with three goals and an assist in addition to six ground balls. Sophomore face-off man **Justin Mahoney (Scituate, MA)** picked up a game-high 14 ground balls, while Ruiz came up with eight. Pollock made four saves to earn the victory in 45 minutes of action for the Beacons before junior **Chris Testa (Massapequa, NY)** went untested in the final quarter.

The Beacons were defeated, 12-6, by SUNY-Oneonta in their final game of the week in 36-degree wind-swept conditions at the Clark Athletic Center Field. Oneonta State netted all four of the first period's goals, before Kovach put UMass Boston on the board in the second quarter with a pair of goals in the opening two minutes at 14:41 and 13:49 to pull the Beacons to within 4-2, but the Red Dragons netted the final goal before the intermission at 5:32 and the first of five unanswered goals for Oneonta State to take a 9-2 advantage with 1:07 left to play in the third period. Kinch stopped the visitors' run for UMB with a man-up goal at 13:49 of the fourth quarter, but Oneonta State took a 10-3 lead at 12:58. Cusack answered for the Beacons at 10:26 to cut the deficit to 10-4, before the Red Dragons netted two more goals at 7:38 and 4:46 to extend their lead to 12-4. Thomo netted a goal at 3:11 for UMass Boston and Kinch found the back of the net for his second goal of the match with just 91 seconds left to cap the day's scoring and make it 12-6. Pollock stopped a season-high 14 shots for the Beacons.

**April**  
**1 MASS DARTMOUTH 4pm**  
**3 at Salve Regina 3pm**  
**5 at Keene State 1pm**

**WHAT HAPPENED ?**  
**March**  
**24 at Curry 7-9 L**  
**27 ST. JOSEPH'S (ME) 20-1W**  
**29 SUNY-ONEONTA 6-12 L**

**RUIZ NAMED LITTLE EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Johnny Ruiz (Longmeadow, MA)** earned the honor for his performance during the week of March 24-30.

Ruiz earns the offensive player honor after racking up 13 points on five goals and eight assists in three contests, while picking up 12 ground balls as well. The sophomore averaged 4.3 points, 1.7 goals and 2.7 assists in the Beacons' first week of action for the season.



Senior, Nick Thomo

**CANTY NAMED LITTLE EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

**John Canty (Milton, MA)** earned the honor for his performance during the week of March 24-30.

Canty is named the league's top rookie after collecting 12 points in three games with five goals and seven assists. He also added six ground balls and connected on 46% (5-11) of his shots, while averaging 4.0 points, 1.7 goals and 2.3 assists per game.

Photo by Kharim Wade