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MEN'S LACROSSE

8-4, 4-2 LEC

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: Myles Berry

Playoff Time! UMass Boston men's lacrosse team split a pair of games last week and finish the regular season with an 8-4 overall record, including a 4-2 mark in Little East Conference play. The Beacons will be the number three seed in the LEC Tournament and will host University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on Tuesday, May 2 at 3:30 p.m.

MIT netted a goal with just three tenths of a second left in the first quarter to give it a 2-1 edge, but it would be its last lead of the day as UMass Boston held the Engineers scoreless over the next 27:13, while scoring seven unanswered goals to take an 8-2 advantage. Sophomore **Chris Nyman (Feeding Hills, MA)** netted three of those goals and freshman midfielder **Robert Black (Wolfeboro, NH)**, freshman middie **Robert Cusack (Braintree, MA)**, junior attackman **Robert Thayer (West Tisbury, MA)** and freshman midfielder **Steve Andrews (Braintree, MA)** each tallied a goal, as well, to give UMB a six-goal advantage until MIT stopped the string with a goal at 2:47 of the third quarter for MIT to cut the deficit to 8-3. The Beacons responded with four straight goals, including two goals from Nyman with UMass Boston down a man. Junior attackman **Christopher Hanafin (Burlington, MA)** netted his 100th career goal at 7:20 of the fourth quarter and added another score just over four minutes later to give the Beacons a 12-3 lead, before the Engineers found the back of the net with two minutes left in the final quarter.

MIT took advantage of an extra-man situation, scoring at 6:58 of the first quarter to open the scoring, but Cusack tied the game at 1-1 for UMass Boston with a goal at the 2:21 mark of the opening quarter.

Hanafin finished with five points for the Beacons, adding three assists to his goal total, while becoming just the sixth player in school history to reach the century mark for career goals. Cusack finished with two goals and four ground balls, while Black chipped in with a goal and an assist. Junior goalie **Nick Eaton (Rowley, MA)** stopped seven shots to earn his 26th career win.

UMass Boston took on Eastern Connecticut on Saturday for a share of the regular-season conference title and looked good early, owning a 5-3 lead following a Cusack goal at 7:18 of the second quarter, but the Warriors scored with 58 seconds left in the first half and found the back of the net with just 3.9 seconds left on the clock to tie the contest at 3-3. Eastern Connecticut took control in the third quarter, scoring five more unanswered goals and another just 13 seconds into the fourth quarter to take an 11-5 lead, before junior attackman Thayer netted UMass Boston's first goal in 18:13 of action to cut the deficit to 11-6 with 14:08 showing in the final quarter, but the Warriors wouldn't let up, scoring four more times to close out the game.

The Warriors got on the board first at 10:29 of the opening quarter, but Thayer answered for the Beacons at 5:31 for the only scoring of the quarter. UMass Boston came alive with three straight goals in the second stanza as Hanafin got things rolling with a goal at 13:54 and Nyman scored at 7:52. Black scored just 34 seconds later to give the Beacons a 4-3 lead with 7:18 on the second quarter clock. Eaton turned away 11 shots for UMass Boston.



Christopher Hanafin

Photo by A.J. Rourke

May
 2 UMass Dartmouth 3:30pm

WHAT
 HAPPENED ?

April
 25 MIT 12-4 W
 29 E. CONN. STATE 6-15 L

MEN'S TENNIS

2-7, 1-4 LEC

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: David Macburnie

Tourney Time The Beacons dropped two matches last week, falling at Curry, 6-3, and at UMass Dartmouth, 5-4.

Senior **Dat Nguyen (Dorchester, MA)** played well, going 3-1 on the week, including a 6-3, 6-2 win at Curry at first singles and a 6-3, 6-1 decision at UMass Dartmouth at number one. He teamed with senior **Jay Lee (Medford, MA)** to win at first doubles at Curry, 8-1, as well. After missing some time away, senior **Jan Drazen (Plzen, Czech Republic)** also put together a 3-1 week, beating his Curry foe, 6-3, 6-2 at second singles and winning at number two singles at UMass Dartmouth, 6-2, 7-6 (5). He combined with sophomore **Glen Schleeauf (Milton, MA)** to take first doubles at UMass Dartmouth, 8-1. Freshman **Daniel Bueno (Curitiba, Brazil)** also picked up a point for UMass Boston on the week, gutting out a win at number three singles at UMass Dartmouth, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

May
 4 SO. MAINE 3:30pm
 5 at LEC Tournament 1pm
 6 at LEC Tournament 9am

WHAT
 HAPPENED

? April
 26 at Curry 3-6 L
 29 at UMass Dartmouth 4-5 L



SOFTBALL

12-25-1, 0-14 LEC

Head Coach: Amy Zombeck

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Robert Brian Black
Lacrosse

Birthday: 11/14/86

Hometown: Wolfeboro, NH

Year: Freshman

Major: undeclared

Nickname: Blackie, Black Rob

What do you like most about UMass

Boston: Being right by the city and the ocean.

Favorite place on campus? The Beacon Dome

Favorite sports team? Red Sox and Bruins

Favorite athlete? Billy Ward and Bobby Orr

Something that most people don't know about you? I used to be a decent competitive swimmer.

Favorite vacation spot? St. Petersburg, FL

Accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport? Winning the NNELL championship my senior year of high school.

Favorite holiday? Thanksgiving

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

Do you have any pets? One Golden retriever named Abigail

Favorite movies? Saving Private Ryan, Requiem of a Dream, Super Troopers

Favorite artist or band? 311

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? Opus "Life is Life"

What bones have you broken? My arm and finger

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Favorite Cereal? Golden Grahams

Favorite city or town? Boston

Favorite ice cream? Black Raspberry

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

Favorite Sesame Street character?

Big Bird

Favorite Saved by the Bell character? OTIS

A Delightful Dozen UMass Boston finished its season on Sunday with a losing record, but coming into the year, it was known that a rebuilding process doesn't happen overnight. The Beacons did, however, do something no other softball team at UMB has done, they won 12 games. You have to walk before you run, but it looks like UMass Boston has gone into a jog with an eye on sprinting to the next level.

A double-header sweep of Massachusetts Maritime Academy highlighted the week. UMB took advantage of three errors and two wild pitches to take a 6-3 lead in the second inning, but Mass Maritime pulled to within, 6-5, in the third. Sophomore second baseman **Marcia Beatty (Marstons Mills, MA)** and freshman first baseman **Brittainy Knight (Buxton, ME)** each drew back-to-back bases-loaded walks to bring in two runs and freshman center fielder **Jennifer Widener (Hyde Park, MA)** later cracked a three-run double to left center field to give the Beacons an 11-5 lead after three innings of play. UMass Boston tacked on two more runs in the bottom of the fourth when junior third baseman **Andrea Ciarletta (Watertown, MA)** led off with a triple and came around to score on an error and senior left fielder **Elizabeth A. Erlandson (East Boston, MA)** knocked in the final run with a double to left field to make it 13-5. The Lady Buccaneers were unable to score in the top of the fifth and the game was halted due to the eight-run mercy rule.

Mass Maritime a run in the first inning to make it 1-0, but the Beacons answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning when Knight doubled and later scored on a single from sophomore shortstop **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)**. Wall stole second and third and scored on a wild pitch, while Widener walked and later scored on a Ciarletta ground out to give UMB a 3-1 lead. The Buccaneers tied the contest at 3-3 in the second, before the Beacons took the lead for good.

Freshman hurler **Nikki Johnson (Leicester, MA)** picked up the win for the Beacons, allowing five runs on eight hits and three walks, while striking out one in five innings of work.

UMass Boston sent 13 batters to the plate in the third inning of the second game and came away with 10 runs for all of the scoring for both teams for the game. The Beacons got on the board when Wall reached on a fielder's choice and came around to score on a Widener triple to right center. Ciarletta followed with a single to left center to plate Widener and give UMB a 2-0 lead. Senior right fielder **Molly Norton (Milton, MA)** followed with a walk and Ciarletta later scored on a wild pitch, while Erlandson drove home Norton with a single. Senior catcher **Catie O'Reilly (Dorchester, MA)** walked, as did Beatty, to load the bases to set up an RBI single from sophomore designated hitter **Jess Ihle (Boxford, MA)** to increase the UMass Boston advantage to 5-0. Wall forced in another run with a bases on balls and three more runs came home when Widener hit a drive that the center fielder couldn't handle to make it 9-0. Ciarletta brought home Widener with a double to cap the scoring at 10-0, which is where the score remained through Lady Buccaneers' fifth inning to enact the eight-run mercy rule.

Freshman starting pitcher **Jenn Santoro (Belmont, MA)** earned the win for the Beacons with her second shutout of the season, going five innings, while allowing just three hits and a walk, while fanning two batters.

Unfortunately, UMass Boston didn't do much scoring in the beginning or the end of the week, but did manage three hits with singles from Wall and Beatty and a double from Norton vs. Keene State.

Johnson and Knight each collected hits in the first game of a twinbill at Plymouth State and the Beacons out-hit the Panthers in game two, but were on the wrong end of the score. Knight and Ciarletta each finished the second game, going 2-3, including a double from Knight.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April		
25	KEENE STATE	0-9 L
25	KEENE STATE	0-8 L
27	MASS MARITIME	13-5 W
27	MASS MARITIME	10-0 W
29	at Plymouth St.	1-10 L
29	at Plymouth St.	0-5 L



Junior, Andrea Ciarletta

Photo by A.J. Rourke



Head Coach: *Brendan Eygabroat*

Fighting for a Playoff Spot

The Beacons are in a pretty good spot to earn a Little East Conference playoff berth, but it could have been a little easier if not for a

pair of heartbreaking LEC losses in Keene, NH. UMB lost both in the bottom of the ninth innings, but won all three of the other games they played during the week. They head into this week with a 1 1/2 game lead for the final playoff spot and, with a pair of conference wins, would guarantee a playoff berth without any help from any other teams.

The Beacons owned a 2-1 lead in the ninth in the first game at Keene State, but an RBI double and a sacrifice fly gave the Owls the win. Keene took a 1-0 lead in the third inning, before UMass Boston loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh when sophomore **Derrick Plante (Medford, MA)** walked, freshman **Adrian Piña (Hyde Park, MA)** was hit by a pitch and freshman **Chris Oram (Lynn, MA)**. Sophomore **Ryan Oshima (La Jolla, CA)** tied the game with a single to center and junior **Bob Kniffen (Halifax, MA)** gave the Beacons a 2-1 lead with a single to left.

Sophomore righthander **Nick Conway (Methuen, MA)** was outstanding, allowing three runs on eight hits and three walks, while striking out nine in eight and two-thirds innings of work. He now has 71 strike outs on the season for a new school record.

UMass Boston held a 5-3 lead in the ninth inning of the second game, but the Owls scored three in the bottom of the frame, including the game-winner on a fielder's choice to take a 6-5 decision.

UMass Boston took a 1-0 edge in the second when freshman **Richie Montecalvo (Medford, MA)** led off with a single, stole second and later scored on a groundout from Piña. Keene State answered with two runs in the fifth and one more in the seventh to take a 3-1 lead, but the Beacons put three on the board in the eighth for a 4-3 edge, with two runs coming on a two-run double by junior **Billy Gannon (Milton, MA)** and another when junior **Jaime Soto (Peabody, MA)** doubled in Gannon. UMass Boston added an insurance run in the ninth when Piña was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt where Oshima knocked him in with a single to right field.

The Beacons began their week with a game at Brandeis and after the Judges took a 1-0 first-inning edge, UMB took a 2-1 lead in the fifth when Kniffen plated a run with a single and Oram, who had reached on an error, later scored on the front end of a double steal. Brandeis tied the game in the sixth, but UMass Boston erupted for eight runs in the eighth inning to take a 10-2 advantage. Oshima highlighted the frame with a two-run single, while Soto, Plante, Gannon and Kniffen all drove in a run each with singles of their own. The Judges managed a run in the ninth, but it wasn't nearly enough. Kniffen finished the day with four hits and two RBI, while junior righty **Michael Mish (South Hadley, MA)** picked up the victory, hurling three innings of three-hit middle relief, allowing one unearned run and striking out a batter.

The Beacons erased a 4-1 deficit with six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning vs. Fitchburg State. Junior starting pitcher **Bryan Curran (Brockton, MA)** singled to lead off the inning and Soto doubled to put runners at second and third. Montecalvo reached on an infield single to load the bases and Plante pulled the Beacons even at 4-4 with a two-run double to left center followed by a throwing error to bring home Montecalvo

with the tying run. Oram gave UMB a 5-4 lead with a single to plate Plante. Freshman **Stephen Garcia (Chelsea, MA)** put runners on the corners with a single and Oshima reached on an error to bring home Oram with the sixth Beacons' run. Garcia later scored UMass Boston's final run when Gannon brought him home with a single to left field to make it 7-4. The Falcons cut the margin to 7-5 in the seventh inning, but that would be the end of the scoring for both teams.

Fitchburg State got on the board in the first inning with a run, but the Beacons matched the run in the third when Oshima reached on an error, went to second on a walk by Kniffen, was sacrificed to third and came around to score on a Curran sacrifice fly to right field. The Falcons answered in the fourth with three runs to take a 4-1 margin before UMB took the lead for good.

Curran picked up the win for UMass Boston, allowing five runs (three earned) on nine hits in six and a third innings, while striking out four. Senior right-hander **Ryan Blanchard (Gloucester, MA)** earned his first save of the season with two and two-thirds innings of scoreless relief, giving up three hits, while fanning three.

The Beacons took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first at Becker College when Curran rapped a two-out single, stole second and scored on an error, but the Hawks had their hitting shoes on, scoring three runs in the bottom of the inning and four more in the second to take a 7-1 lead. UMass Boston cut the lead to 7-3 in the third, thanks to some Becker errors and a few passed balls, but the Hawks put another run on the board in the bottom of the inning to make it 8-3. The Beacons received an RBI double from Curran and a sacrifice fly to right from Montecalvo to cut the deficit to 8-5 in the fifth. The Hawks kept the pressure on, however, with two more runs in the bottom of the inning and another in the sixth to take an 11-5 advantage. UMass Boston responded with six runs in the seventh, fueled by run scoring singles from Curran, Piña and Blanchard, to knot the slugfest at 11-11. The Beacons took the lead for good in the eighth when Montecalvo doubled and scored on a Gannon double to give them a 12-11 edge. Montecalvo came around to score when Soto tripled for a 13-11 UMB lead.

Blanchard picked up the win, going three innings in relief, giving up one unearned run on two hits and a walk, while striking out seven. Kniffen closed the door with an inning of no-hit relief in the ninth, including a strikeout.

May 4	at MIT	3:30pm
5	at Southern Maine	3pm
6	at W. Conn. St. (DH)	12pm

WHAT HAPPENED ?

April 26	at Brandeis	10-3 W
27	FITCHBURGST.	7-5 W
29	at Keene State	2-3 L
29	at Keene State	5-6 L
30	at Becker	13-11 W

MONTECALVO NAMED LITTLE EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Richie Montecalvo (Medford, MA) earned the honor for the week of April 24-30.

The freshman had an outstanding week for the Beacons, hitting .444 (8-18) in five games, while smacking two doubles, scoring five runs and knocking in a run to go with two walks and three stolen bases in three attempts. The shortstop also owned a .500 on-base percentage, slugged .500 and hit safely in all five games for the week.