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MEN'S LACROSSE

9-5, 4-2 LEC

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: Myles Berry

The Second Season The Beacons defeated UMass Dartmouth, 9-3, at the Clark Athletic Center to advance to the Little East Conference semifinals at Keene State, but were beaten by the Owls, 10-7. UMass Boston's season is still alive, however, as it travels to Norton, MA to take on Wheaton College at 4:00 p.m. in the semifinals of the ECAC Tournament.

Sophomore attackman **Chris Nyman (Feeding Hills, MA)** matched his career-high with five goals to lead the Beacons over UMass Dartmouth. The Corsairs got on the board first at 7:42 of the first quarter, but Nyman knotted the game at 1-1 for UMass Boston when he scored with 1:35 left in the opening quarter. Junior attackman **Christopher Hanafin (Burlington, MA)** gave the Beacons a 2-1 edge just 40 seconds later with a goal coming with just 55.1 seconds left. UMass Boston scored two more unanswered goals to take a 4-1 lead when Nyman netted a goal at 11:25 of the second stanza and junior attackman **Robert Thayer (West Tisbury, MA)** scored less than a minute later at 10:38 in a man-up situation.

UMass Dartmouth cut the deficit to 4-2 for the Corsairs at 3:41 of the second quarter, but freshman midfielder **Robert Cusack (Braintree, MA)** took the ball off the ensuing faceoff and ripped a shot from 20 yards out to answer 18 seconds later and give UMB a 5-2 advantage. Hanafin increased the Beacons' lead to 6-2 when he netted his 50th career goal and the only goal of the third quarter at 3:04. UMass Dartmouth pulled to within 6-3 just 45 seconds into the fourth quarter, but Nyman netted the final three goals of the afternoon for either team to give UMass Boston a 9-3 victory. Junior goalie **Nick Eaton (Rowley, MA)** made 14 saves to earn the win for the Beacons.

Hanafin netted a goal at the 13:37 mark of the third quarter to knot the score at 4-4 at Keene State and Cusack gave UMass Boston a 5-4 edge just 1:18 later, but the Owls held UMB scoreless for the next 18:19, while scoring six unanswered goals to take a 10-5 advantage. The Beacons capped the scoring when freshman middle **Steve Andrews (Braintree, MA)** and Hanafin each tallied the last two goals of the final quarter to make it 10-7.

UMass Boston jumped out to a 2-0 lead when Cusack scored at 11:36 of the first quarter and Hanafin followed just over four minutes later with a goal of his own. Keene State scored the next three goals to take a 3-2 edge, but freshman midfielder **Robert Black (Wolfeboro, NH)** tied the contest at the 6:15 mark of the second quarter on a man-up situation. The Owls took a 4-3 lead with 43 seconds left in the half, before the Beacons tied it and went ahead. Eaton stopped 13 shots in the loss.

May
 10 at Wheaton (MA) 4pm

WHAT
 HAPPENED ?

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 2 UMASSDARTMOUTH 9-3 W
 4 at Keene State 7-10 L

MEN'S TENNIS

1-8, 0-5 LEC

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: David Macburnie

One Last Serve UMass Boston men's tennis finished fifth in last weekend's Little East Conference championships. Senior **Jan Drazan (Plzen, Czech Republic)** and sophomore **Glen Schleeauf (Milton, MA)** combined to play for the Second Flight title, but were beaten, 6-4, 6-1, by Bridgewater State. The pair had beaten University of Southern Maine, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in the semis and Rhode Island College, 8-4, in the first round. Drazan won his first round singles match at Flight Two, 8-0, over Rhode Island College, but was beaten, 6-1, 7-6 (1), in the semis by Bridgewater State. Schleeauf pulled a first round upset in the first round of Flight Five singles, beating the number two seed from UMass Dartmouth, 8-5, but was downed in the semis by Southern Maine, 6-1, 6-2. Senior **Dat Nguyen (Dorchester, MA)** won his first round Flight One match vs. UMass Dartmouth, 8-1, but was defeated in the semis by Bridgewater State, 6-2, 6-1. Despite, losing his first round match in Flight Four play, senior **Jay Lee (Medford, MA)** won the consolation final over Rhode Island College, 8-4. Freshman **Amit Kumar (Bangalore, India)** was defeated in the opening round in Flight Six play, but also rebounded to win the consolation final, 8-0, over Western Connecticut State. Nguyen and Lee teamed at Flight One doubles but were beaten in the opening round. The duo came back to win the consolation final, however, 8-6, over Salem State College.

Earlier in the week, the Beacons were beaten by Southern Maine, 7-2, but Nguyen won at first singles with a 6-2, 6-2 decision and Drazan took down his opponent at second singles, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

SEASON COMPLETE

WHAT
 HAPPENED ?

May
 4 SO. MAINE 2-7 L
 5 at LEC Tourn. 5th Place



BASEBALL

19-15, 7-7 LEC

Head Coach: Brendan Eygabroat

WHAT'S NEXT ?

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Bryan Douglas Curran
Baseball

Birthday: 6-29-1985

Hometown: Brockton, MA

Year: JR

Major: Business Management

Nickname: Beetle or BC

What do you like most about UMass Boston: Baseball

Favorite place on campus? Clark Athletic Center

Favorite sports team? The Beacons

Favorite athlete? Alex Gang

Something that most people don't know about you? I sell candles

Favorite vacation spot? if it's warm and there's Baseball and Girls, I like it.

Accomplishment are you most proud of in your sport? NJCAA World Series All-tournament team

Favorite holiday? Thanksgiving

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

Do you have any pets? a cat

Favorite movies? Jay + Silent Bob Strike Back

Favorite artist or band? Jay-Z

Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up? U don't know (Remix) Jay-Z & M.O.P.

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

Favorite Cereal? Fruity Pebbles

Favorite city or town? Montreal, Canada

Favorite ice cream? Moose Tracks

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

Favorite Sesame Street character? Cookie Monster

Hats or no hats? I'm a ballplayer, C'mon.

Morning or night? Night

Favorite Season? Baseball season

Favorite Saved by the Bell character? Lisa Turtle

PLANTE NAMED LITTLE EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Derrick Plante (Medford, MA) earned the honor for the week of May 1-7.

Plante enjoyed, arguably, the best week of his career, hitting a robust .588 (10-17) in four games, while knocking in four runs, scoring six times, smacking three doubles, drawing two walks and stealing a base to go with a .765 slugging average and a .650 on-base percentage. The sophomore was outstanding in the field, as well, handling all 22 chances at first base without a miscue. Plante hit safely in all four games on the week.

Unprecedented

There have been a few "firsts" for the UMass Boston baseball nine this season and two more came last week. The Beacons had never beaten Little East Conference foe Southern Maine before they pounded them in Gorham, ME, 19-6, last Friday. The win was good for starters, but UMass Boston scored 26 more runs the next day in a double-header sweep to give it a 7-7 record in LEC play, the most wins in league play in school history. The Beacons clinched the number five seed for the conference tournament and will take on number two seed Keene State on Wednesday, April 10 at 12:00 noon in Gorham, ME.

UMass Boston had come close to beating Southern Maine in the past, but this time, it left no doubt, taking a 4-0 lead in the second inning when sophomore **Ryan Oshima (La Jolla, CA)** highlighted the inning with a two-run single down the right field line and junior **Bob Kniffen (Halifax, MA)** later brought home another run with a single. The Huskies got one back in the bottom of the frame, but the Beacons put three more on the board in the third as junior **Bryan Curran (Brockton, MA)** led off with a triple and came around to score on a **Richie Montecalvo (Medford, MA)** single. UMB got another run in the inning, thanks to an RBI single from freshman **Chris Oram (Lynn, MA)**. Two more runs in the top of the fifth increased the Beacons' advantage to 9-1 as sophomore **Derrick Plante (Medford, MA)** helped the cause with a run-scoring single through the right side. Southern Maine scored a run in the bottom of the inning, but UMB wouldn't quit, scoring five times in the seventh to make it 14-2. Oshima took advantage with a bases loaded single to score two of the runs, while Curran plated a run with a sacrifice fly to left field and junior **Sean C. Ketterer (Plymouth, MA)** later singled to bring home another run. The Huskies made their biggest challenge yet with four runs in the seventh to pull to within 14-6, but no matter for the Beacons as they tacked on another run in the eighth and four more in the ninth for a 19-6 lead. Kniffen knocked in a run with a single in the eighth and junior **Jaime Soto (Peabody, MA)** highlighted the ninth with a two-run double. Soto picked up the win on the mound, going 6 1/3 innings in relief, allowing six runs (three earned) on nine hits and six walks, while fanning three.

UMass Boston's bats stayed hot the next day in Danbury, CT as Montecalvo doubled in a pair of runs to give UMB a 2-0 first inning lead. Plante and Kniffen each singled home runs in the third to key a five-run outburst and give the Beacons a 7-0 advantage. Freshman **Adrian Piña (Hyde Park, MA)** knocked in two more runs with a single in the fourth for a 9-0 UMB lead, but Western Connecticut scored its only two runs of the contest in the bottom of the inning to make it 9-2. Ketterer and Plante provided more offense in the fifth as Ketterer brought in a run with a single and Plante drove in two more with a double for a 12-2 Beacons' lead. UMass Boston added another run in the eighth to secure the win for sophomore righty **Nick Conway (Methuen, MA)**, who threw seven innings, allowing two earned runs on seven hits and a walk, while striking out eight. Game two was more of the same, although the Beacons were clinging to a 7-6 edge going into the ninth, before exploding for six runs to put the game away in the final frame. The Colonials took their first lead of the day with a run in the fifth for a 2-1 margin, but Oshima led off the sixth with a triple and later scored on a wild pitch to tie the game and junior **Billy Gannon (Milton, MA)** drew a walk and later scored on a balk to give UMB the lead for good at 3-2. The Beacons added four runs in the seventh, but Western Connecticut countered with three of its own in the bottom of the inning and scored another in the eighth to pull to within 7-6. The Beacons put the game out of reach in the ninth as Plante doubled and scored on a single from freshman **Stephen Garcia (Chelsea, MA)**. Kniffen singled home a run and Curran and Ketterer both knocked in a pair of runs each with a double and single, respectively. Junior right-hander **Michael Mish (South Hadley, MA)** picked up the win, allowing two earned runs in six innings on four hits and two walks, while fanning four.

UMass Boston's only blemish for the week came in a 7-1 loss at MIT. The Engineers took a 4-0 lead before Piña doubled to lead off the seventh and came home on an Oshima single. It was the Beacons only run of the day, however, as MIT put three more on the board in the eighth.

May 10 vs. Keene State 12pm
May 11 at LEC Tourn. TBA

WHAT HAPPENED ?

May 4 at MIT 1-7 L
May 5 at So. Maine 19-6 W
May 6 at W. Conn. St. 13-2 W
May 6 at W. Conn. St. 13-6 W