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Coming Up

Friday,
 November 10
 7:00 PM

Women's
 Hockey
 vs.
 Saint Anselm

Home Opener

OCTOBER

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MEN'S SOCCER

11-7-1, 4-3-0 LEC

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: Myles Berry

Photo by Kahrim Wade



Freshman, Igor DaCruz

So, So Close! UMass Boston proved to be the team that no team wanted to play in the Little East Conference tournament -- for good reason. The Beacons were just 2:21 away from advancing to the LEC Championship game, but host Plymouth State University scored at the 87:39 mark of the second half to tie the match at 1-1. UMass Boston owned a 1-0 edge when freshman midfielder **Igor DaCruz (Curitiba, Brazil)** collected the ball in the box, spun and fired one into the back of the Panthers' net at 57:40 of the second half. The contest stood tied at the end of regulation to send the Beacons into their second overtime tilt in four days. Following two scoreless extra periods, the match was to be decided by a best of five in penalty kicks. UMass Boston missed on its first attempt, before sophomore forward **John DiPietro (Haverhill, MA)** and junior midfielder **Maynor Sanchez (Boston, MA)** each converted on their tries. Unfortunately, in the meantime, Plymouth State was successful on all of their kicks and led the tally, 4-2, prior to the Beacons' fourth attempt. UMB's fourth shot was stopped by the PSU keeper to ensure the Panthers advancing to the finals.

SEASON COMPLETED

WHAT
 HAPPENED ?
 November
 2 at Plymouth State 1-1T

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

0-2-0, 0-2-0 ECAC

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: Maura Crowell

Tough Opening Act The women's ice hockey team opened its season in Rochester, NY last weekend, but fell in a pair of games to Rochester Institute of Technology in ECAC East play. The Beacons were shutout in their first match-up, 5-0, on November 4 and were beaten the next day, 5-1.

Sophomore transfer goalie **Jessica Sams (Bellingham, MA)** made her UMass Boston debut in the first game and came away with 22 saves.

The Beacons took a 1-0 lead in the second game when senior forward **Melissa Belmonte (South Boston, MA)** netted a power play goal at 6:55 of the second period with an assist from junior forward **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** and senior defenseman **Melissa Wigmore (Duxbury, MA)**. Freshman goaltender **Amanda Bourque (Cranston, RI)** was outstanding through the first two periods, allowing just one score, while stopping 26 shots to keep the contest tied at 1-1 after two periods of play. Unfortunately, the Tigers exploded for four goals in the final period to come away with the win. Bourque finished the afternoon with 41 saves in her first collegiate contest.

November
 10 SAINT ANSELM 7 pm
 11 N.E. COLLEGE 12 pm

WHAT
 HAPPENED ?
 November
 4 at RIT 0-5L
 5 at RIT 1-5L

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

WHAT'S
 NEXT ?

Head Coach: Chris Fitzgerald

Looking to Qualify The men's and women's cross country squads were idle last weekend to prepare for the NCAA New England Division III Qualifier. The Beacons will be in action on Saturday, October 11 in Springfield, MA at the Veterans' Golf Course.

November
 11 at N.E. Div. III Qualifier

WHAT
 HAPPENED ?
 November
 No Meet



UMASS BOSTON MEN'S SOCCER RECEIVES ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Head Men's Soccer Coach **Myles Berry (Quincy, MA)** was named the 2006 Little East Conference Coach of the Year. He wasn't the only one honored from UMass Boston as senior sweeper **Mike Reda (Medford, MA)**, sophomore center midfielder **Romeo Zeqo (Medford, MA)** and sophomore forward **John DiPietro (Haverhill, MA)** were all tabbed to the LEC All-Conference First Team, while sophomore keeper **Paul Maniscalco (Hanover, MA)** was selected to the Second Team. Berry becomes the first UMB soccer coach to earn the honor.

In just his fourth season as Head Coach, Berry led the Beacons to their highest overall and conference win total in seven years, posting an 11-7-1 mark, including a 4-3 record in LEC play. The season included a number of big victories, including a 1-0 double-overtime road decision to snap nationally-ranked Clark University's nine-match unbeaten streak in Worcester, MA on October 4 and another key road win with a 2-1 double-overtime victory over Keene State College on October 30 to put UMass Boston into the conference playoffs, featuring the league's top four teams. The Beacons played Plymouth State University to a 1-1 tie just three days later in the semi-finals of the LEC Tournament, but failed to advance when the Panthers owned a 4-2 margin on penalty kicks. Prior to the season, UMass Boston, which was selected eighth out of eight teams in the pre-season coaches' poll, had not beaten a ranked team, advanced to the conference playoffs or registered double-digits in wins since 1999, but achieved all of those marks this year. Berry took over a program, which finished with a 3-13-2 record the year before he began, and after two respectable seasons, has guided the team to a 19-14-3 mark over the past two seasons. He is also the Head Men's Lacrosse Coach for the Beacons and becomes the first coach in Little East Conference history to win the top coaching honor in two different sports, having been named the best lax coach three times, including this past spring to give him the award in both sports in the same calendar year.

Reda caps his career with his first All-Conference honor after leading all league defenders with a career-high 19 points and eight goals, while starting all 18 matches that he appeared in. His point total ranked seventh among all Little East Conference players and sixth in total goals. The Medford High School product converted all four of his penalty kick tries, while helping UMass Boston to allow just 1.63 goals per game to rank fourth among LEC teams. The senior owned a pair of game-winning tallies, including the game-ender at Keene State. He put together a three-match point streak from October 21-30, where he totaled seven points on three goals and an assist and racked up three or more points three times on the season. Reda finishes his career with 70 matches played to rank third all-time, while his 37 career points place him 14th. He also ranks 12th in school history with 15 goals.

Zeqo directed the Beacons' offense from the midfield, leading the squad with 23 points and 10 goals, while ranking third among LEC players in total points and goals. A graduate of Medford High School, he started all 19 contests for UMass Boston and registered a game-winning score on September 5 to open the season at Fitchburg State College. Zeqo was named the Little East Conference Offensive Player of the Week for the weeks of September 3-9 and October 15-21 to own the distinction of being the only player in the league to be named the weekly honor twice. The sophomore tallied three or more points on six occasions, including three matches with multiple goals. In just two seasons and 35 matches with the Beacons, the midfielder ranks fifth with 19 career goals and 12th with 39 points on the school's all-time list.

DiPietro is named to the First Team after missing all but four matches of the 2005 season with a fractured toe. The forward rebounded to start all 19 matches and net seven goals, while adding five assists to give him 19 points on the season. His point total tied for second on the team, while also ranking seventh in the LEC in total points, second in assists and eighth in total goals. The former Haverhill High School star led the Beacons with three game-winning goals, which placed him third among league leaders, including the team's game-winning tally over number 20 Clark. The sophomore has seen action in 23 career matches for UMass Boston, while netting eight goals and assisting on five others for 21 points.

Maniscalco earns Second Team honors for the second straight year and, was arguably, the LEC's best "big game" keeper. The second-year phenom owned a 1.47 goals against average to rank fifth among the conference's keepers, including a 1.33 mark in just league contests, including the playoffs. The Hanover High School product posted a .795 save percentage, good for fifth in the LEC, while leading the conference with 105 saves. His 11 victories on the season established a new school-record for the Beacons as did his 1717:42 minutes of play. He played all but 40:54 of the team's minutes in 19 matches, which is the second-highest total of matches played by a UMB keeper. His save total is the 10th-most in school annals. The sophomore recorded three shutouts on the year, including a six-save effort in 105:08 at Clark and a career-high 14 saves vs. Western Connecticut State University on October 21. Maniscalco stopped six or more shots on eight occasions, including four outings with 10 or more. In just two seasons, he's entrenched himself as one of UMass Boston's best keepers of all time, ranking second with 19 career victories and 3287:42 minutes played. His 36 matches played places him fourth at UMB and he stands fifth with 204 career saves.

THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



Rose Devlin
Ice Hockey

Birthday: 8/12/86

Hometown: Quincy

Year: Junior

Major: Sociology

What do you like most about UMass Boston? athletics

Where is your favorite place on campus? Quinn

Favorite sports team? Red Sox

Favorite athlete? Varitek

Favorite vacation spot? Maine

Favorite holiday? Xmas

Bacon bits or croutons? croutons

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

Do you have any pets? dog daisy

What is your favorite movie? The Notebook

What bones have you broken? none

Pepsi or Coke? diet pepsi

Favorite Cereal? cheerios yogurt blasted

Favorite City or Town? Dublin

Favorite ice cream? cookie dough

How many foreign countries have you been to? 2

If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain? gum drops

Favorite Sesame Street character? elmo

Hats or no hats? no hats

Morning or night? night

Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy? creamy

Favorite Season? winter

Favorite Saved by the Bell character?

Mr. Zach Morris

CONDON AND WHITE TAKE TOP LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL HONORS

Head Women's Volleyball Coach **Terry Condon (Rowley, MA)** was named the 2006 Little East Conference Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year. Freshman outside hitter **Kate White (Plymouth, MA)** was honored as the league's Rookie of the Year and was selected to the Little East Conference First Team as well.

In just her second season at the helm of the Beacons, she directed the team to an 18-12 overall record, including 2-5 in LEC play. The win total is the second-highest in school history and included six-match and eight-match win streaks during the season. Condon's first recruiting class paced the team as UMass Boston won its most conference matches since 2001 and defeated LEC opponent Plymouth State University, 3-1, for the first time in school history, snapping a nine-match series losing streak to the Panthers on October 21. Condon took over the Beacons program following a 5-17 season in 2004 and in the past two years has led the team to a 25-28 record to put her fourth on UMass Boston's career coaching victory list. The Beacons defeated five programs they had previously never beaten before this season.

White was a big reason for UMass Boston's turnaround and becomes the school's first-ever First Team All-Conference selection and its second league Rookie of the Year. The freshman led a stellar class of newcomers for the Beacons and was the only player in the conference to be named Little East Conference Rookie of the Week three times. The outside hitter led UMass Boston with a .250 hitting percentage, 317 kills and 356.5 points, while ranking fifth, seventh and eighth among LEC leaders, respectively. The Plymouth North High School graduate saw action in 29 matches and 103 games and proved to be one of the Beacons' top defensive players as well, scooping 2.26 digs per game to rank third on the squad and her total of 32 service aces was the fourth-most on the team. Her 14 total blocks were the third-most for UMass Boston as well. White began the season slowly, but after the first eight matches, she really picked it up, averaging 3.67 kills per game in a three-match stretch from September 9-14. She proved to be extremely consistent, spiking for less than nine kills in a match just twice in the team's final 17 matches. Her most impressive span of the season came during an eight-match stretch from September 23 to October 6 when she averaged a torrid 4.37 kills per game to go with a .336 hitting mark and 3.0 digs per effort to lead UMB to a 6-2 mark. The 5'8" White smashed 10 or more kills in 16 matches, including a season-high 25 in a 3-2 win at Emerson College on October 6. She got down for double-digit digs on 10 occasions and came up with a personal-best of 20 vs. Keene State College on September 23. The first-year player served up an ace in 19 of 29 matches, including a season-best total of three in three outings. She also put together a five-match string with at least one block for a total of eight from September 23-30. White's season kill total was the fourth-highest in school history, while her attack percentage ranks as the second-most efficient for a UMB player in a season and her 233 digs put her 10th on the all-time single-season list for a Beacon.



Photo by Kathryn Wade

UMASS BOSTON'S WALL NAMED TO LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER SECOND TEAM

Women's soccer player **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** was named to the Little East Conference Women's Soccer Second Team, it was announced today by the conference.

The sophomore sweeper lands on the LEC Second Team following a season, where she made the adjustment to the backfield after a year as one of the best midfielders in the league in 2005. The Beacons' best player patrolled the backfield and helped UMass Boston maintain a 4.50 goals against average. Playing a good part of the season with a back injury, she missed one match and her value showed the most in her absence. The team's goals against average was nearly a half-goal better at 4.15 when the Arlington High School product was on the field in matches that she started. The second-year player chipped in on the offensive end as well with five points on a pair of goals and an assist to rank third on the team in points and goals scored. Wall becomes the first UMass Boston women's soccer player to be named a Little East Conference All-Star since Shannon Murphy was selected a First Team forward in 1997.

In two seasons of soccer with the Beacons, Wall has seen action in 30 matches, while netting seven goals and assisting on two others for 16 career points. She was the team's second-leading scorer with 11 points as a freshman. She has also been named to the Little East Conference Softball Second Team in each of her first two seasons as an outfielder and a shortstop and is a forward on the UMass Boston women's ice hockey team as well.



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