



# Newsletter

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## Baseball • 19-22, 8-6 LEC

Last Week: 5/7, 16-7 loss at Southern Maine; 5/8, 9-6 loss to Keene State College

**REAL QUICK** The Beacons finished their season with a pair of losses in the Little East Conference Tournament, but finished the campaign breaking every significant record in program history.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW** UMass Boston came out swinging vs. nationally-ranked number one Southern Maine last Thursday with three runs in the top of the first with freshman center fielder

**Mark McCormack (Shelton, CT)** leading off with a double to center field and scoring on a single through the middle off the bat of sophomore second baseman **Ryan Walsh (Newton, MA)**. He then stole second base and scored on another single up the middle by sophomore shortstop **Dan Noonan (Westport, MA)**. Noonan moved to second on a fielder's choice and to third on a slow roller just past the pitcher from sophomore catcher **Tim Fontaine (Worcester, MA)**. Sophomore first baseman **Connor Reinfurt (Manchester, NH)** came through with a single through the middle to give UMB a 3-0 lead, but the Huskies wasted no time in answering taking advantage of three walks in the bottom of the frame as part of a two-run inning to pull within 3-2. The Beacons kept the pressure on in the second when freshman right fielder **Ty Buccetti (Wallingford, CT)** worked a leadoff walk and came around to score on a double to center field that skipped off the glove of the center fielder going back on the ball. McCormack later scored after moving to third on a fielder's choice and coming home on an infield error to give UMass Boston a 5-2 margin. Southern Maine rallied for three runs in the bottom of the inning to knot the contest at 5-5 and put up four more runs in the third to take a 9-5 advantage. The Beacons got a run back in the fourth with an RBI single from Noonan, but the Huskies pulled away for the 16-7 win. Noonan and McCormack led the UMass Boston attack with two hits each. Noonan drove in three runs with a pair of singles. McCormack had two doubles to reclaim the season school-record at 18 and also drew a walk to tie Chris King's mark of 24 set in 2005, while knocking in two runs. Walsh and freshman third baseman **Jim Albano (Medford, MA)** had two hits apiece. Sophomore southpaw **Andrew LeBrun (Stoneham, MA)**, who shut out Southern Maine on the same field 13 days prior, pitched into the sixth inning. He gave up nine hits, 10 runs (seven earned) and three walks while fanning three.

Keene State got on the board in the top of the first inning with two runs the following day, but the Beacons answered right away when McCormack singled to left and moved into scoring position on a double to left by Walsh, which also tied McCormack for the single-season UMB doubles record. McCormack came home on a fielder's choice by Noonan and Walsh followed on a single by senior designated hitter **Eric Salvador (Middleboro, MA)** to tie the contest at 2-2. The Beacons continued their hot hitting in the second when junior left fielder **Drew Tambling (Sterling, MA)** led off with a triple down the right field line, a pitch after trying to reach with a bunt, and trotted home on a single up the middle from Albano to take a 3-2 edge. UMass Boston threatened in the third after Noonan led off with a single to center and Reinfurt later stung a ball to left field for a double, but Noonan was cut down at the plate on a perfect relay throw from left field. The Owls countered with four runs in the fourth and one in the fifth to take a 7-3 lead, but Salvador pulled a pitch over the left field fence for the Beacons to cut the margin to 7-5 in the home half of the fifth. The teams traded runs in the eighth with Keene State getting its run on a passed ball. UMB tallied its run on an RBI double off the bat of Tambling. Keene State added an insurance run in the ninth to make it 9-6. Tambling went 4 for 4, finishing a homer short of the cycle to lead the UMB offense, while Salvador had three hits, including a two-run homer and drove in three runs. Albano also contributed with two hits.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BASEBALL

SEASON COMPLETE

## SHINING BEACONS

### KATHERINE WALL

The senior women's soccer player was named the female recipient of the UMass Boston Athletic Director's Award

### MATT DUNN

The senior men's lacrosse player was named the male recipient of the UMass Boston Athletic Director's Award

### MARIA GUANCI

The senior women's ice hockey player was named the female recipient of the UMass Boston William Puerto Award

### RYAN NORTON

The senior cross country and track athlete was named the male co-recipient of the UMass Boston William Puerto Award

### PAUL BRAUDE

The senior men's tennis player was named the male co-recipient of the UMass Boston William Puerto Award

### CASSY HANNEMAN

The freshman volleyball player was named the co-recipient of the UMass Boston Female Freshman Athlete of the Year

### KRISTIN MULRY

The freshman women's soccer player was named the co-recipient of the UMass Boston Female Freshman Athlete of the Year

### MARK MCCORMACK

The freshman baseball player was named the recipient of the UMass Boston Male Freshman Athlete of the Year



## THE BEACON SPOTLIGHT



**Chhan Dara**  
**Tennis**

**Birthday:** 09/13/1988  
**Hometown:** Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Major:** Engineering  
**Nickname:** Asian Sensation  
**What do you like most about UMass Boston?** The harbor  
**Where is your favorite place on campus?** Campus Center  
**Favorite sports team?** The Tennis Team  
**Favorite athlete?** Paul Braude  
**Something that most people don't know about you?** I can speak four languages  
**Favorite vacation spot?** China  
**Accomplishment you are most proud of in your sport?** beating Western-Conn  
**Favorite holiday?** christmas  
**Bacon bits or croutons?** bits  
**Would you rather live in a log cabin or downtown?** downtown  
**Favorite movies?** Rush Hour  
**Who is your favorite music artist?** none  
**Favorite pre-game song to get pumped up?** "I want it that way"  
**What bones have you broken?** none  
**Pepsi or Coke?** Pepsi  
**Favorite cereal?** Frosted Flakes  
**Favorite city or town?** Boston  
**Favorite ice cream?** Vanilla  
**How many foreign countries have you been to?** Four  
**If it could rain something other than rain, what would it rain?** money  
**Favorite Sesame Street Character?** I don't know "Sesame Street"  
**Hats or no hats?** no hats  
**Morning or night?** Night  
**Peanut Butter: Crunchy or creamy?** crunchy  
**Favorite Season?** Summer  
**Favorite Family Guy character?** Stewie

## WALL, DUNN, GUANCI, NORTON AND BRAUDE WIN MAJOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Senior women's soccer player **Katherine Wall (Arlington, MA)** and senior men's lacrosse player **Matt Dunn (Milton, MA)** were named the UMass Boston Female and Male Athletic Director's Distinguished Student Athlete Award recipients at the Second Annual UMBys on May 11.

Wall capped a career that saw her star in three different sports and contribute in 12 athletic seasons, playing soccer, ice hockey and softball. She was named a Little East Conference All-Star three times in both soccer and softball and is among the ice hockey team's career leaders in games played, points and assists, while holding the record for short-handed goals.

Dunn played 57 games during his lacrosse career to rank 10th all-time at UMass Boston. He was a captain for half of his collegiate career for the Beacons and averaged over 50 ground balls a season, while ranking second on the team in ground balls in each of the last three seasons. He anchored the UMass Boston defense and played the final nine games of his career with a fractured wrist.

Senior women's ice hockey player **Maria Guanci (Everett, MA)** was named the Female Recipient of the William Puerto Award, presented to the student-athlete, who displays an exemplary level of sportsmanship, ability and overall contribution to the department and athletic program. Senior men's cross country and track & field athlete **Ryan Norton (Walpole, MA)** and senior men's tennis player **Paul Braude (West Yarmouth, MA)** were named co-recipients of the Male award.

Guanci ranks among the ice hockey program's all-time leaders in games played, goals, assists and points. The Beacons have also won more games during her career than any other four-year period in school history. She carried herself with class and dignity, while on the ice and showed support for her fellow athletes.

Norton has made quite an impact at UMass Boston, both in competition and on campus. He's set personal record times in every event he's participated in, while being a huge supporter of his fellow student-athletes. Whether it was producing videos that summarize the athletic season or cheering his fellow athletes.

Braude has been one of the tennis team's top players during his three-year career at UMass Boston, playing at either first or second singles and number one doubles throughout his career. He spearheaded the University's spirit club, UMass United and has improved the unity among all athletes on campus.

Freshman volleyball player **Cassy Hanneman (Denver, CO)** and freshman women's soccer player **Kristin Mulry (Holbrook, MA)** were named co-recipients of the UMass Boston Breakout Rookie of the Year Award, while freshman baseball player **Mark McCormack (Shelton, CT)** earned the Male Breakout Rookie of the Year honor. Sophomore men's ice hockey player **Matt Atsoff (Macomb, MI)** was the male recipient of the Einstein Academic Individual Award, while senior **Tory Fahey (Milton, MA)** was the female recipient. Freshman men's soccer player **Justin Driesse (Butler, NJ)** and junior women's ice hockey player **Katelyn Pohlman (Newton, MA)** received the male and female Strength and Conditioning Awards, respectively.

## WALSH AND FONTAINE EARN BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Ryan Walsh (Newton, MA) was named a Little East Conference First Team All-Star, while Tim Fontaine (Worcester, MA) was selected as a Second Team All-Star it was announced by the conference.

Walsh earns a spot on the LEC First Team as a second baseman after enjoying one of the greatest all-around offensive seasons in school history. The sophomore led the team with a .424 (70-165) batting average, which ranked sixth among conference leaders and stands as the third-highest batting mark in school history. Walsh set school records for hits (70) and total bases (98), while tying the school mark for doubles in a season with 18. His hit total placed him second among LEC players, while standing 11th in total bases and fourth in doubles. A graduate of Newton North High School, he finished just one stolen base shy of UMass Boston's single-season record with 24 to lead the Beacons and rank second in the league. He was among the LEC's top 10 in on-base percentage with a team-leading .503 mark, hit by pitch with nine to stand seventh, sacrifice flies with a team-high three to place seventh and fielding assists with 104 to stand sixth and rank as the sixth-highest total in school annals. The second-year player scored 48 times for the second-most in school history and ranked 12th among conference leaders, while drawing 20 bases on balls to put him 17th among league leaders. He also smacked a pair of triples to place 19th in the Little East and knocked in 34 runs for the fifth-highest total in school history. Walsh started all 41 games for UMass Boston after making the switch from shortstop to second base prior to the start of the season, and made the most of every game he was in, hitting safely in all but five games. He registered a hit in each of the first three games of the season to run his hitting streak to 20 straight games, dating back to the final 17 games of the 2008 campaign. The six-foot, 180-pound Walsh went hitless in consecutive games just once all season and reached base via a hit, walk or hit by pitch in all but one game on the year. He also had a streak of 46 games reaching base in that manner that stretched from April 8, 2008 to April 16, 2009. Walsh finished the season with a nine-game hitting streak which was one of three streaks of at least nine straight games on the season for him. The second baseman racked up 23 multiple-hit games to lead the Beacons, including seven three-hit games and a pair of four-hit efforts. He closed out the season with a .488 (20-41) hitting mark in his last nine contests with seven multi-hit performances, including six doubles to go with a triple.

Fontaine followed up a sensational freshman campaign with his selection to the LEC Second Team this year as a sophomore. He led all catchers throwing out 18 would-be base stealers and ranked second among the league's backstops with four pick-offs from behind the dish. The South High School product ranked seventh among league leaders with 209 putouts, while starting all 40 games he appeared in. Fontaine enjoyed an excellent season with the bat as well, hitting .311 (52-167) with 35 runs batted in, which was good for the fourth-highest total in school history. The second-year player also totaled 52 hits for the seventh-most in a season at UMass Boston and reached base six times as a result of being hit by a pitch to place 12th among league leaders. He hit safely in 30 of 40 games and put together an 11-game hitting streak from March 19 to April 5, hitting .438 (21-48) with a .471 on-base mark during the stretch. His 16 multi-hit games, including a pair of four-hit efforts, was the fourth-highest total on the team and his 11 outings with two or more runs batted in tied him with Walsh for fourth at UMB.

