Field Hockey fails to score despite 14 shots on goal

By Eamon Ducey

Rider’s field hockey team found out how difficult conference games can be when its offense was shut down by the Eagles of Robert Morris College (RMC).

RMC was the first team to shut out the Broncs this season. In fact, RMC was the first Northeast Conference team to shut out Rider since the 2001 conference championship game, when Rider lost to Quinnipiac University 1-0.

“We are in a slump [offensively],” said sophomore Emily Egan. “We are working hard in practice to fix it.”

Rider was able to get 14 shots on goal, but Eagle goalie Kate Dunlop turned away all attempts.

Sophomore forward Stephanie Walker, the Broncs’ leader in goals with seven, was held to two shots on goal. Junior Meaghan Schweers, who has six goals on the season, was able to fire five shots on goal, but none of them could reach the back of the cage.

RMC was able to capture lightning in a bottle when it was able to score on its sole shot on goal. The Eagles’ Jessica Hammerskam scored the goal 20 minutes into the game and was assisted by Sarah Schroet.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, Rider played another 1-0 game against out-of-conference foe La Salle University, but this time they came out on top.

Freshman Tricia Crotty scored her second goal of the season three minutes into the second half. Senior Courtney Bertos assisted on the goal.

“Julie has been great on defense,” said Egan. “Tricia might be the fastest player on the team. She has great stick work. She has made a big impact on the team.”

Rider restarts its conference schedule today when it travels to Siena. On Sunday, the Broncs have to trek to Sacred Heart University who are undefeated in the NEC.

The Broncs are looking forward to their conference schedule after they won the NEC regular season championship and post-season tournament.

“It feels pretty good to play games that matter,” said Egan.

The Broncs have five seniors graduating.

Christina Ang, Maddy Boulden, Katie Conlon, Stephanie Corradino, and Katie Sebastian were the seniors leading this year.

Ang has been hardest to replace. She had 21 goals last season, which is the Rider’s single season record. She is the all-time leader for goals (66) and points (144) in a career at Rider.

The team will need to break its “shame” in time for Sunday. Sacred Heart has not allowed a goal in its first two NEC games.

Men’s soccer gets the monkey off its back

By Joe Haubrich

Don’t let the men’s soccer team’s 1-5-2 record fool you.

The team scored its first goal of the 2005 season in a 2-2 tie against George Washington before picking up a 1-0 win against Delaware on Tuesday. Early losses might disappoint the best teams, but the 2004 MAAC finalists stayed positive.

“This season we’ve played tough teams out of conference,” said sophomore goalkeeper Jesse Forsythe. “We wanted to challenge ourselves.”

As if losing and being unable to score a goal wasn’t enough, Forsythe suffered a stress fracture in his right foot after getting action in only one game. He was left on the bench watching his team struggle early on.

“It’s always tough watch-