Men’s soccer stuck in its hole
By Eamon Ducey

The Rider men’s soccer team has dug its typical hole and is having trouble climbing out.

Last year it had a poor start, but was able to pull it together for its conference schedule. This season it has not shown that ability to win its Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) games.

“We need to play hard every game or the season will be over,” head coach Russ Fager said.

Rider could not come up with the magic when it played a grueling 110-minute game. It finished tied 1-1 in overtime with Fairfield on Friday, Oct. 14.

After the first 60 minutes of play the teams were deadlocked at zero. Junior defender Jacob Kratt was able to end the offensive stagnation when he scored his first goal of the season.

“Jacob has been very surprising,” said Fager. “He is a ball winner, he adds a lot of intangibles.”

Fairfield’s T.J. Holly was able to tie the game up with seven minutes remaining.

“We did not protect our lead,” said Fager.

Daniel Riverso made eight saves and allowed one goal. If Riverso could have preserved the shutout it would have been his third of the season.

Rider went searching for a field due to the weather conditions.

By Paul Szaniawski

The Rider Club Hockey team gave its season an early boost by capping a three-game win streak, beating up-the-road league rival The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) down the road at the Loucke’s Ice Center on Lawrenceville Preparatory School’s campus.

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Besides these team leaders, it will also look to underclassmen for contributions. Levin said fortunately Rider’s coaching system has a superior recruitment program, which helped to fill the big gap after last year’s team lost its high scorer, Vince Kovarovic.

So far they have gotten contributions from sophomore defensemen Bobby Worlow and freshman forward Mike Vindigni, who each compiled two goals against TCNJ. The team also counts on freshmen goallies Dan Ford and Bobby Kovarovic.

“Rider lost its high scorer, Vince Kovarovic, last season. We will need to show up for our games with our proper intensity,” Fager said.

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