

Swimmer sinks record & Iona

By Joseph Fallon

While the men's swimming and diving team dominated Lafayette, the women lost by a slim margin despite a performance of record-breaking strokes.

Rider freshman swimmer Priscilla Modrov, broke the individual 400 medley record at Lafayette Wednesday, Jan. 25. She was ecstatic, but shocked at her accomplishment.

"It felt really good when I found out," said Modrov. "It was such a big surprise; I didn't expect it at all."

It has been a good year for Rider's swimming and diving team. The men's team has won nine meets and lost three, and the women have won five and lost seven. This past Wednesday, the Broncos faced Lafayette, where the men won 194-90, and the women lost 135-164.

"Priscilla was awesome," said senior swimmer Dan Burgess. "She broke the record at Lafayette, and her brother (junior Brandon Modrov) came



Photo by Matt Freedman

The Rider women went all out during Saturday's meet against MAAC opponent Iona. The women won the meet 130-99.

pretty close to breaking a record as well."

The Lafayette meet was both a learning experience and tune-up for the upcoming conference championships next week.

"Wednesday's meet let us know where we are at in terms of skill, and what we need to do," said Burgess. "We can figure out what we need more or less of, how much rest we need, and what we need to work on more."

Also on Wednesday, the

Broncs swam in a format they don't usually use.

"We swam in ultimate format, which is something that we usually don't do," said Fletcher. "We also swam the mile, so we got to see how our mile swimmers were doing."

Swimming in ultimate format increases the amount of events at the meet and changes the length of the swim at some of the events. In some cases that meant a full 16 laps back and forth across the pool.

On Saturday, Jan. 28,

the Broncos faced MAAC rival Iona. The men and women both won, 130-93 and 130-99 respectively, their final regular season meet before they start the conference.

"It was a lot of fun," said Modrov. "The win gave us a lot of confidence. We were able to beat a team that we have to face in the conference, so that helped us."

The MAAC conference championship starts on Thursday, February 16 and the Broncos feel pretty good going into it.

"I'm really excited," said Modrov. "Especially since we were able to beat Marist this year, we were never able to beat them before."

Win or lose the race for the division title, Fletcher said he would still be satisfied with his team's performance this season.

"I think our greatest achievement this year was being a program committed to our principles and standards of making sacrifices so that success in both the classroom and athletics are equally high," said Fletcher.



Paul Szaniawski Commercial waste

Every year on the day after arguably the biggest annual event of our nation's culture, everyone suffers the "Superbowl Hangover."

Some symptoms of this epidemic include, well, hangovers for one, indigestion from too many buffalo wings, low ratings for post-recap NFL shows and something I like to call "Talk about the Commercials at the Watercooler Effect."

Unfortunately, the biggest game of the year is not always the main topic of conversation at the water cooler the day after the Superbowl. Instead, it's the wonderfully expensive commercials. The American public should be ashamed that these commercials have taken over news stories, talk show entertainment programs and our Monday conversations.

The reason we watch — the entertainment that magnetically grabs us and pulls us down onto our La-Z-Boy chairs in the first place — is the football.

The most common sponsor of the Superbowl over the years has been Anheuser-Busch. It usually comes armed to the big bowl of advertising with a plethora of commercials including last year's memorable "designated driver dance" starring Cedric the Entertainer and the parachuting idiots that jump out of a plane for a 12-pack of Bud Light. These were only two of the beer company's eight Superbowl ads.

This year, there will also be sponsors who will continue recurring themes from last year's broadcast. For instance, the Quizno's talking baby and the popular careerbuidler.com's "I work with monkeys" office episodes.

Another sponsor that will have a "sequel" to last year's ad is godaddy.com. The same model is performing a sexy car-wash scene and may not even make it to air pending ABC's and the NFL's decision (Thank you very much, Janet

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Lady Broncos keep their heads up

By Ari Bluestein

After a glimmer of hope over winter break, the women's basketball team has reverted back to playing uglier than a hard flagrant foul.

On Friday, Jan. 27, Rider took on the Marist Red Foxes, the current leaders of the MAAC. Marist took a 43-21 lead into halftime leaving it virtually impossible for the Broncos to come back. Sophomore Janele Henderson had a team high of 12 points while junior Kara Borel recorded a double-

double, scoring 10 points and grabbing a game-high of 10 rebounds.

This past Sunday, Jan. 29, the Rider Broncos hosted the Fairfield Stags in another MAAC contest. After a 14-2 run in the first half, Fairfield was up on Rider by a score of 23-8. However, unlike the Marist game on Friday night, the Broncos found themselves only down 29-16. With the score 35-18 in the second half, the Broncos went on a run of their own scoring eight straight points, cutting the lead to nine.

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- Christine Catalanio, Senior

After the run, however, the Stags closed the door and won 68-53.

In spite of the loss, there were a few Rider players who had solid games. Henderson tied her career high with 18 points while freshman Maury Gillooly scored nine. Also, Borel had an outstanding all-around game with a stat column of eight points, nine rebounds, six assists and four steals. Senior Christine Catalanotto added a veteran effort of eight points.

"We are still really young and we need to execute on offense a little better," said Catalanotto, the lone senior on the team. "We need to work on what we do best. Hopefully everything will come together in these upcoming games."

Despite having this tough season, Catalanotto said the team is trying to keep a good attitude and focus on working hard.

"We are just trying to stay positive in whatever we do. We try to work hard no matter what the situation is. But with the tough season we are having, it is sometimes hard to keep our heads up."

With just eight conference games left in the season, the

Broncs will look to turn things around as quickly as possible and put some wins together to prepare for the MAAC Tournament, which begins on Thursday, March 2. Up next for the Rider women is an away game tonight at Saint Peter's before coming back home to host Siena.

Catalanotto continued to speak positively about her team's chances in the conference tournament and added that the Broncos may still sneak up on some teams in March.

"It doesn't matter what place you end up finishing at in the conference," she said. "In reality, when it comes down to the MAAC Tournament, everybody is 0-0."

As of now, the women's team will make the divisional playoffs, but will not be receiving a first-round bye like the top teams in the conference.

Even still, Catalanio feels that Broncos will put up a fight.

"I think people are going to underestimate us coming into the tournament," she said. "I feel that we are a dangerous team. When we make some adjustments in practice before the tournament, people may be in for a surprise."



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