Second half stolen from Broncos

By Mike Caputo

Women's basketball hasn't been very exciting over the past few years here at Rider. That was until head coach Tori Harrison stepped up to the challenge of turning a 5-23 team in 2003-04 into a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) contender.

Although Rider's (7-14, 5-7 MAAC) record may not seem so great, it is the noticeable extra effort and electricity that has gone into each and every game including the losses. When the Broncs headed into virtually empty Sovereign Bank Arena (SBA) early Monday evening, they were bringing something with them that they have not possessed in awhile: a three-game winning streak.

"I think the last three wins gave us confidence in ourselves and proved that we can win against big teams," said sophomore guard Kara Borel.

Unfortunately for Rider, the animals did not come out of the cage for Monday night's frustrating 67-66 loss at the cavernous Sovereign Bank Arena (SBA). Iona seized the opportunity to play in front of a largeth than normal crowd of 3,427, which was in reality not anywhere close to that number.

If that game had the same atmosphere as Saturday, certain things may have swung the Broncs' way allowing them to win the game. Those factors include the referee's questionable call at the end of the game.

"We executed well, it's a conference game. It doesn't matter if it's a conference game. It just happened to be a MAAC game for the past decade," said White.

"We will fight at the end of the game and we will fight until the end of the season," she said.

Indoor track on last lap of season

By Eamon Ducey

The men's and women's track and field teams split their dual meet with the College of New Jersey (TCNJ) on Saturday, and can't help but focus on the upcoming Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) championships, which start Friday, Feb. 18.

"I messed up the play, I was supposed to go to the baseline," said Borel. "I tried to make something happen and put pressure on the refs to make a call. It was fortunate."

"We executed well, it had nothing to do with their defense," said Thompson. "It was one of those nights where nothing was falling."

"It's a conference game. It doesn't matter if it's on ESPN one night, MSG another night, it depends on the fact that we are playing a MAAC team for the No. 1 seed in the conference," said Thompson. "It's always good afterward to watch and see us play, but we take every game like it's big time and we need to win every game to stay on top."