

Cu h Sports Special

Winning is everything for lacrosse club

By Mike Caputo

Rider's club lacrosse program has many reasons to be confident going into the 2005 season.

This is hard to believe, considering the Broncs have gone winless in the Garden State Division for the past two seasons, but junior secretary David Edlow has realistic goals.

"Our goal is to win a couple of games and get some fans to come out and support us," he said. "This is especially since we haven't won a game in [two] years."

Sophomore President Jason Lynott is impressed with this

year's additions to the squad. New key players who should have an impact are junior transfer Tim Henderson and freshman vice president Joe Pacitti. Henderson comes from an established lacrosse program from Taylor University.

"He is going to set our offense in the right direction," said Lynott.

Henderson will join fellow newcomer Pacitti and veteran senior John Caemmerer in what should be an intimidating starting attack line for the Broncs. Caemmerer stole the show on offense last year, especially in a 9-5 loss to Rutgers when he put in two goals.

The defense, anchored by Lynott, appears to be the only question mark for the Broncs due to a lack of experience. Beyond Lynott's enforcement, and junior Kevin Lavin in goal, the defense has many new faces because of star defenseman Larry Bilello's unexpected transfer.

"We only have a few actual defensemen who have actually played before," said Lynott. "On top of that, there is a low number of players on the entire team currently and as a result, substitutions are at a minimum."

Although Rider opens up its season on Saturday, Feb. 26

by hosting a round-robin tournament with Briarcliffe and Rutgers, it is already looking ahead to its date with local rival Rowan.

"We have a chance of beating Rowan because they come out to hit and don't actually come out to play the sport of lacrosse," said Lynott.

Lynott says that the key to Rider's success will be whether or not the team executes the basic principles of lacrosse.

"We stick to the fundamentals and taking it to the next step," he said. "If we stick to this, we can overpower a team that is just brute strength."

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match-up with Monmouth at Loucks Ice Center starting at 9:45 p.m.

In a world where Title IX has ushered in a great generation of women in the sports world, Treannie serves as one of the many role models for women, and men for that matter, who set out and achieve their desires. This is something that the "professionals" in the NHL could never compete with.

Rider's real riders

By Mike Caputo

The equestrian team may be small in numbers, but it always manages to put on a good showing, according to team co-captain, senior Mare Somaine.

Led by coach Dawn Morrone, the Broncs are about to embark on the spring portion of the 2004-2005 season. The schedule begins with two regular shows on Sunday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, March 6.

Somaine is confident, especially with how the team has performed recently considering its size and the amount of traveling it must undergo to practice.

"For a team that only has a few showing members, we do very well," she said. "This is especially true since we compete with schools like Delaware Valley College, which has actual riding classes and stables at their school."

New club baseball team covering all the bases

By Nicole Southern

Rider has a newly established club baseball team, fully equipped with some of Rider's most talented and overlooked players. The team is part of the up and coming New Penn East Conference in the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA).

Junior Paul Harding, the Broncs' third baseman and vice president, has high hopes for the team despite its new status and the players' inexperience playing together as a team.

"Realistically we don't expect to be the best team in the league, but that is always an aspiration," he said. "I think we have a lot of key players here and a great core of guys along with a good pitching staff."

Freshman Sean Pantellere, the Broncs' backup third baseman, says the team has a chance to perform well this season.

"I think that we have a great shot at doing well, some of the guys have tried

out for the varsity team and were close to making it," he said.

According to Harding, the team attributes its achievements to the effort that its president, junior Ari Bluestein, puts day-in and day-out.

"He has so much drive, ambition," said Harding. "He can envision things and make them happen."

The president isn't the only one who is putting a lot of effort into making the team the best it can be, according to Pantellere.

"We have worked hard and are doing what it takes to at least get off on the right foot, so that in the next few years we can establish a great club team," he said.

According to Bluestein, although the Broncs do aim to win, the outcome of the game comes second to the team's main objective this year, which is to enjoy the season.

"Our goal is to have fun and win as many games as possible in the process," he said.

Bluestein and Harding, along with the team's third co-founder, sophomore Mike Caputo, now the team treasurer, started the club team this past fall. After putting together a team, they fought for all the resources necessary to make the team a success.

Unfortunately, the Broncs have had a hard time financially, but the University has helped them out tremendously, according to Harding.

"Financially the school has been great, especially with the advent of the SRC and this new movement towards club sports," he said. "The University has been really kind to us, especially SGA and Finance Board."

The team will kick off their season on Friday, March 25 at Princeton University.

"I am looking forward to the first game against Princeton because it has been a long time coming," said Harding. "If these players come out and show intensity when they play, then the sky's the limit."

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Partying in the pool

By Mike Caputo

Want to learn to play water polo, "marco polo" or just plain learn how to swim? Don't fret because the Rider swim club has all of this to offer and more.

Colleges and universities around the nation usually have a physical education requirement added to the academic agenda. These classes can be useful for college students, especially the "learn to swim course" offered at Rutgers and Montclair State Universities. Unfortunately for Rider students, the academic criterion does not leave room for courses such as this.

"The swim club here at Rider intends to fill in this gap that is offered at the other Universities," said Vice

President Deawaika Dolo, senior.

Future plans for the club, founded by current senior President Allen Huang, include potential swim competitions on campus that hopes to incorporate the best swimmers from both the Lawrenceville and Westminster campuses.

The swim club's activities may not have panned out so far, but Dolo assures the University that the organization is working diligently to make this a staple of Rider's club sports.

"We are a new club going through a lot of transitions and we are still in the learning stages," he said. "In the near future, we hope to provide services such as swim lessons, fitness workouts, intramurals and other activities if we get all the necessary resources we need."