

Broncs' Bits

Scores/Records

(*denotes conference game)

Men's Basketball (16-10, 12-5 MAAC)

2/20
Siena 78 Rider 69*
2/24
Rider 67 Marist 62*

Women's Basketball (8-18, 6-11 MAAC)

2/19
Rider 49 Siena 48*
2/24
Loyola 62 Rider 49*

Wrestling (12-7, 6-2 CAA)

2/18
Rider 34 Boston U. 14

2/19

Rider 41 Sacred Heart 6

Men's Swimming (5-8)

Women's Swimming (3-10)

Ice Hockey

2/18
Rider 8 Monmouth 3

2/19

UMBC 9 Rider 3

Schedule

2/24-2/26

M/W Swimming and Diving
at ECAC Championships

2/25

Baseball (at Coastal Carolina)
vs. Pittsburgh Noon

Softball (at Charlotte)

vs. Campbell TBA

Softball (at Charlotte)

Miami (Ohio) TBA

Ice Hockey (at Vineland, N.J.)

M.A.C.H.A. Playoffs
vs. Pennsylvania 5 p.m.

2/26

Men's Basketball
vs. Niagara 1:45 p.m.

Baseball

at Coastal Carolina 4 p.m.

Softball

at UNC-Charlotte Noon

2/27

Women's Basketball
vs. Marist 2 p.m.

Baseball (at Coastal Carolina)

vs. Pittsburgh 11 a.m.

Softball

vs. E. Tenn. St. Noon

3/1

Softball

at La Salle (DH) 2 p.m.

3/3

Women's Basketball (at Buffalo)
MAAC Tournament TBA

...And More Sports

The women's basketball team avenged its loss to Siena at Sovereign Bank Arena on Monday, Feb. 7, by beating the Saints on Saturday at the Pepsi Arena by a score of 49-48. Senior guard **Becky Hower** hit a free throw with only 0.4 seconds left on the game clock. The Broncs entered last night's game against Loyola in seventh place in the MAAC.

On Sunday, Rider will celebrate National Women and Girls in Sports Day (NWGSD) during the women's basketball game against the first-place Marist Red Foxes at Alumni Gym at 2 p.m. The featured guests on Sunday will be two former players from the Rockford Peaches of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, which was portrayed in the film, *A League of Their Own*. The players are Joan Berger Knebl and Virginia

"Jean" Ventura Manina, members of the 1952 squad. Berger Knebl and Ventura Manina will make a speech, sign autographs and speak with Rider student-athletes.

Head coach **Bill Hodge** of the men's and women's track and field team was the co-winner of MAAC women's coach of the year after his team finished only 3.5 points behind nine time champion Manhattan in the MAAC Indoor Track and Field Championships last Friday at the Armory in New York.

Junior **Chris Coles** of the men's swimming and diving team was named MAAC diver of the year after the Broncs finished second in the MAAC Championships held at Loyola. Also, head coach **Steve Fletcher** was named the MAAC Men's Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

Dave Miller of the wrestling team was named CAA wrestler of the week for all matches played between Feb. 15 and Feb. 21. Miller went 3-0 last week against three CAA opponents. Miller has a 16-1 overall record during the season while battling through many injuries.

The men's basketball team defeated Marist last night by a score of 67-62. As a result of the victory, tomorrow's game will decide the regular season championship in the MAAC. More importantly, tie-breakers may decide the No. 1 seed in the upcoming MAAC Tournament. The top seed receives a double-bye all the way to the semifinal round, a place where Rider has not been since joining the MAAC in 1997.

Standings

MAAC Men's Basketball (as of press time)

Team	W	L
Niagara	13	4
Rider	12	5
Fairfield	10	7
St. Peter's	9	8
Manhattan	9	8
Iona	8	9
Marist	8	9
Canisius	7	10
Loyola	5	12
Siena	4	13

*Standings from
www.maacsports.com*

'SOLUTION'

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going on for six weeks, but when you go down to the final weekend, we know exactly what the deal is," he said.

The best situation that Rider (16-10, 12-5 MAAC) needed to happen last night was a win over Marist and a Saint Peter's victory over Niagara. This

would set up a winner-takes-all championship tomorrow at Alumni Gym. If Niagara was to win yesterday, then Rider would have needed to defeat Marist to have the opportunity to play for a share of the regular season title. If the two teams were to tie for the title, the winner of the No. 1 seed would be the team with the best record against the third place team, since Rider and Niagara would have split both games against each other. Ideally, Rider would need Saint Peter's to finish in third

because it swept the Peacocks during its season series. Confusing enough?

Mouton does not want to listen to all the possible situations. He just has one goal in mind.

"We have to focus on what we have to do," he said. "We can't worry about what other teams are doing. We have to take care of business and get the two [wins]."

The big game tomorrow starts at 2 p.m. with senior day festivities beginning at 1:30 p.m. Jerry Johnson will be

one of five seniors honored before the game, including guard Robert Taylor, forward Armel Minyem, forward Andre Pereira and center Steve Castleberry.

"All five of them have grown tremendously since they have been here," said Harnum. "They have contributed differently on the court, but contributed significantly to our overall program. I feel a strong sense of obligation to them to send them out on a positive note."

The way things have been turning out, anything could happen.

'EQUAL'

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conform to Title IX standards because the amount of male and female athletes needs to be 60/40, like the total student population.

As a result of the problem that would face CSU, institutions across the nation are cutting back on men's programs instead of adding women's programs. The sports that appear to be suffering the most from these cutbacks are wrestling and men's gymnastics. The amount of wrestling programs around the country have been cut more than half, as men's gymnastics programs are virtually non-existent.

Even team sports like baseball have been feeling the effects. Providence College, which was one game from making

the College World Series in 1999, ended its baseball program in order to comply.

Fortunately for Rider, its athletics department is "very much in compliance with Title IX," according to senior women administrator Nancy Roberts. The school recently completed and passed an NCAA Peer Review, which is a three-day study conducted and run by a team of Athletic Directors and Associate Athletic Directors from other schools. Roberts said that Title IX was "one component" needed to attain compliance. She assures that Rider would not resort to contraction.

"We do not believe in dropping men's sports to reach compliance," said Roberts.

While women have been enjoying the benefits after long periods of suffering, men are beginning to feel the pain.



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