The women’s basketball team said its final good-byes to its NCAA Tournament aspirations and Head Coach Eldon Price last Thursday afternoon as it lost to Loyola-MD, 79-65, in the first round of the MAAC Tournament.

After finishing the regular season with a record 5-24, the Broncs qualified for the tenth and final seed of the tournament. Loyola-MD, the fifth seed with a 13-14 record, had split the two regular season games with the Broncs. But beating the Greyhounds in the Pepsi Arena at Albany proved too daunting of a task for the Broncs.

Rider led 16-15 early in the first half, but it fell victim to a thirteen point run. Rider shot 22-68 in the first half. Rider led 41-35 at halftime. Rider fought back early in the second half, thanks to a high 22 points by junior Leanne Moore, making the score 46-40. But again the Broncs surrendered to a Loyola-MD scoring run, this time a 11-4 run to make the score 57-44 with ten minutes left in the game. Rider looked confused and instead of dictating their own tempo, they fell behind in the first half.

“The first half was the Broncs’ day,” said Rider forward Paula Tedesco. “They shot over 50% and got us out of our transition game. That’s what we try to do.”

The Broncs were able to cut the deficit to single digits at one point, but they couldn’t stop the Greyhounds in the second half. Rider fought back early in the second half, thanks to a high 22 points by junior Leanne Moore, making the score 46-40. But again the Broncs surrendered to a Loyola-MD scoring run, this time a 11-4 run to make the score 57-44 with 10 minutes left in the game. Rider never gave up though; I give my team a lot of credit for that.”

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The Rider News would like to wish Eldon Price luck in all his future endeavors. This was his final season as the women’s basketball coach.

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Jared Vichko
Lightning strikes again

A ny scientist will argue that lightning doesn’t strike twice. But give me two minutes of his or her time and, with a brief synop-

sis of the events of the past two years, I would have them singing a different tune.

This season, the annual meltdown/crumbling that has become Rider basketball unfolded again, falling to Saint Peter’s in the playoffs for the second year in a row.

As sad as it may seem, it appears that no one was shocked by the outcome. After last year’s game, fans were irate and felt robbed. But as I shut off my TV Saturday evening, there was no angry tirade, just acceptance. As soon as Armel Minyem’s shot rolled off the rim, I knew the season was over.

This team is beyond frustrating, beyond reasoning and logic. Inconsistency should be its new nickname. Explain to me how you can beat UPenn and Manhattan and struggle to beat Loyola, which is possibly the worst team in Division I basketball.

In order for things to get better, the team must establish some form of identity. Until the players come together and play as a team, they’ll find the Holy Grail before they find play-off success. Too often they looked confused and instead of dictating their own tem-

The Fordham baseball team has a 2-5 record in the MAAC, the worst record in the conference.

po, they conformed to their opponent’s style.

But to establish an identity, the team must know what it’s going to get from each of its players every night. Center Steve Castleberry started strong, but as the season progressed he faded, particularly on the defensive end. He couldn’t guard the chair he’s sitting in. He was a step behind in...