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the beginning and cut the score to 5-4 in the fifth inning after a two-run triple by freshman Jon Leise, but could not put across another run as they ended up losing 6-4. Rider had a 5-2 lead in the fifth inning after a two-run single by junior first baseman Gene Crimoli. Senior third baseman Jon Rehm's steal of home in the top of the seventh inning contributed to Rider's four-run inning that put the Broncs up comfortably by a score of 9-2.

That's when things started to get uncomfortable. Senior pitcher Joe Moronese started to run out of gas after he opened the inning with his fourth strikeout of the game. He gave up four consecutive hits and two runs when head coach Barry Davis brought in closer Hemberger. Hemberger did not do much better, giving up three runs (one earned), but he finally put a stop to the comeback



Photo by Allen Huang

The baseball team plays its inaugural game at the new Sonny Pitarro Field, located on the back of Lawrenceville campus, today at 2 p.m. The game is the first of a three-game series against the Gaels.

and earned his second save of the season.

Dyszal says that the team is not satisfied with the outcome in Florida.

"We only won two games, so obviously we are not happy about it," he said.

After the Florida trip, the Broncs flew up to Hempstead, N.Y., to duel in a doubleheader with the Hofstra Pride. In game one, the Broncs could not hold on to an early 5-1 lead as the Pride won by a score of 6-5. In the second game, Crimoli shined again as he hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning that catapulted the Broncs to a 4-1

lead. But once again, the pitching and defense failed to hold the lead and the Pride prevailed by a score of 10-7. Crimoli was named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) player of the week for games played between March 14 and 20. In six games, he hit .471 with eight hits and 11 RBIs.

Rider opens up its MAAC schedule this weekend with a three-game home series against Iona. Dyszel believes that the team's passion will change along with the schedule.

"Once you come back to being in the conference, it's much more intense," he said.

But Roszkowski thinks Iona poses a challenge for the Broncs today.

"[Iona] was pretty good last year," he said. "And they played Tulane tough this year, who is one of the top teams in the country."

Today's single game starts at 4 p.m. at the Sonny Pittaro Field in the back of the Lawrenceville campus. Tomorrow's doubleheader begins at noon.

"We took our beating down south," said Roszkowski. "But now I think we are ready to go."

'GOLF'

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first competitions of the year. The Broncs were invited to the Lonnie Barton Memorial tournament where they placed fourth out of 18 teams. On day one they shot 327, followed by 323 on day two for a combined score of 650. Concord finished in first place with 634, followed by Indiana University of Pennsylvania (648) and Long Island University (649).

"We were expecting better, but fourth place is not bad considering it was our first tournament and our first time hitting off of grass," said Kent.

"The other teams have been down there for weeks practicing and competing."

Freshman Tyler Brewington shot for a two-day total of 158 (81 on Day 1 and 77 on Day 2), tying for seventh place out of 126 golfers overall. Freshman Josh Krumholz shot 162 (83/79) tying for 17th and juniors Brad Domenico (164) and Dan Winokur (167) placed 25th and 38th respectively. Kent scored 171 (87/84) for 55th place.

The Broncs' only other competition so far resulted in a 314-315 victory over Cornell University last Friday. Domenico topped all golfers with a score of 77 and the

first place medal. Winokur took home second with a 78 and Brewington finished with a 79. Kent and Krumholz each scored 80.

The highlight of the day belonged to Kent, who shot a hole-in-one on the Par 3, third hole.

"It wasn't a terribly long hole, only 155 yards," he said. "I used a seven-iron; it landed about three feet from the hole and spun back. The Cornell coach was right on the green and watched it roll in."

Head coach Chet Dalgewicz has his team focused and determined. They show no signs of slowing down while looking to improve every

outing.

Domenico is satisfied with the team's week in Florida.

"The trip was productive especially because it was the first time we were on grass [this spring]," said Domenico. "It was nice to be down in the warm weather as opposed to the basement at Rider."

Rider's next competition is the Towson Invitational on April 2-3. The season features tournaments at Princeton and Navy before the MAAC Championships on April 22.

"This is the best year that I've seen for Rider golf," said Kent. "Hopefully we can win the MAAC and go on the NCAA [Championships]."

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a talented Fairfield squad that possesses an NBA prospect. Unfortunately for Rider, succumbing to a Niagara team that had multiple advantages, such as an extra day's rest and playing in its hometown in front of 8,000 of its fans, ended up determining the Broncs' postseason fate.

As I wrote in an article in *The Rider News* earlier in this season, there are no mathematics majors on the Rider basketball team and it is not important because their play will determine their fate. I guess I was wrong, because math is what put an undeserved bump in the team's season, for a second time!

Rider has five seniors graduating without experiencing a national postseason tournament of any kind. This includes Jerry Johnson, one of the school's, New Jersey's and conference's all-time scorers, and Robert Taylor, one of the top defensive players in the league. These were leaders on a team that was picked to finish fifth in its conference and ended up tying for first.

In a campus community that is gaining a higher sense of pride correlated with academic and athletic success, I blame the committee for trying to put a dent in that too.

For a school that would have welcomed an NIT bid with open arms and appreciation, unlike a majority of the teams in the mix, the committee is sure missing out. Thanks for your time, but sorry about the decision.

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