

'STREAK' From page 16

In game two, Rider lost another game in grand fashion by a score of 12-3. Freshman Andrew Infante was the only Bronco to have multiple hits, and he scored one of the Broncs' three runs. Bluestein pitched five innings giving up nine runs on nine hits with five strike outs.

On Wednesday, Rider lost 15-4 when they hosted New York University. Matt Dorick had two hits and scored two runs in his two at bats. Michael Zummo pitched the entire five-inning game, allowing 15 runs on 11 hits and seven walks.

Bluestein, the club president, has been excited about the season so far, especially the two victories against self-proclaimed rival Princeton University.

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-Ari Bluestein, junior

"We started strong including two wins against Princeton," said Bluestein. "We are struggling right now, but we are still playing hard and having fun out there."

Swavely leads the team in batting average, hitting an impressive .400. Infante leads the team with eight RBIs and Paul Harding has scored the most runs with eight. Eddie Kosek has shown the most

power on the squad. He hit the team's only homerun and is leading the team with five extra base hits.

Bluestein is still humble about the baseball club's inaugural season.

"I am glad that we have enough players to field a team," said Bluestein. "I am also glad that we have won games against teams with more experience."

Bluestein is happy about the effort and commitment he is getting from his teammates.

"The team's morale is still strong," said Bluestein. "When guys struggle they get frustrated, but everybody seems to be enjoying themselves."

This weekend, the club has a three-game series at Rutgers. Then it will be home for a doubleheader against New York University. Rider is currently fourth in the New Penn East Conference standings.

'NBA' From page 15

Stoudemire helped this exciting team compile the best record in the West.

In order for these teams to make the playoffs, many familiar ones with big followings were shut out. It's hard to imagine the NBA playoffs without the Lakers, who established a basketball dynasty in recent years. Other organizations, including the New York Knicks, the Minnesota Timberwolves and James' Cleveland Cavaliers also could not reach the playoffs.

This fresh look to the playoffs is not necessarily a bad thing. The first round could be interesting. The East, which has been deemed the weaker of the two conferences, offers better matchups this year. The best series could be the Indiana Pacers versus the Boston Celtics. Could you imagine Boston celebrating another title?

It's hard to predict this year's finishers because each team presents a different philosophy of play. Will the surprise teams make major upsets in their way through the brackets, or will they get crushed by more experienced teams? Will we see a team without a true star player win, like last season, or will an all-star step up and carry his team to the Championship?

In a race that, at this point, is too close to call, the NBA Playoffs should entertain even those who wish they were able to watch hockey between commercial breaks.

Broncs' Bits

Schedule/Records

(*denotes conference game)

Baseball (10-20, 6-6 MAAC)

4/23

at *Manhattan noon
at *Manhattan

4/24

at *Manhattan noon

4/26

at Monmouth 3 p.m.

4/30

*Fairfield noon

*Fairfield

5/1

*Fairfield 1 p.m.

5/4

at Princeton 3 p.m.

Softball (8-26, 1-7 MAAC)

4/23

at *Manhattan 1 p.m.

at *Manhattan

4/24

at *St. Peter's 1 p.m.

at *St. Peter's

4/28

Monmouth 3 p.m.

Monmouth

4/30

at Princeton 1 p.m.

at Princeton

5/4

Towson 3 p.m.

Towson

Men's Tennis (2-2)

4/22-24

at MAAC Championships

(Flushing, NY)

Women's Tennis (4-1)

4/22-24

at MAAC Championships

(Flushing, NY)

Golf (1-0)

4/22-24

at MAAC Championships

(Orlando, FL)

Men's Track & Field

4/23

at TCNJ

4/28-30

at Penn Relays

Women's Track & Field

4/23

at TCNJ

4/28-30

at Penn Relays

And more sports...

Senior point guard **Jerry Johnson** was honored Wednesday, April 20 in New York City when he was named to the first team All-Met. Johnson had been named to the second team All-Met twice. He finishes his career at

Rider with 2,047 points, eighth highest for a Division I New Jersey player and second in career points at Rider. Johnson won a MAAC Championship in his freshman season, 2002. He led his team to the MAAC Championship Finals in Buffalo this year.

The Sonny Pittaro Field Dedication Ceremony will be held this Saturday, April 30. Ceremonies begin at 11:30 a.m. with a Bronco-A-Que. Hall of Fame head coach **Sonny Pittaro** will throw the first pitch at 12 noon. Rider takes on MAAC rival Fairfield.

Sophomore catcher **Scott Knazek** was named MAAC Player of the Week for all games played between April 11-17. Knazek batted .600 with 12 hits and 10 runs batted in. Two of his 12 hits were game winners that helped the Broncs go 3-1 this past week. He raised his season average to .343.

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