

ROLLING ALONG **4th straight win for field hockey**



Photo by Jennifer Kuhn

Junior Maddy Boulden tries to control the ball as fellow junior Christina Ang looks on during Saturday's 4-0 win over Longwood. The Broncs have won their last four and are now 5-2.

Despite weekend stumble, volleyball still playing well

By Mike Caputo
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Rider women's volleyball team has been prone during the last couple of seasons to dig itself into holes, but the team is now bumping the competition and spiking down all critics.

The Broncs have surged to a 7-6 record in the first month of the 2003 season and have already surpassed the 2002 season win total of six.

The recent success can be pointed towards the experienced leadership of seniors Lauren Niewender, Amy Householder and Erica West. These three stuck it out through the years and plan to leave the Rider volleyball program on a good note.

"Overall our team has improved immensely," said Niewender.

There is much more to the team beyond the sensational seniors, according to Head Coach Emily Ahlquist.

"They have evolved into a cohesive unit and are all leaders," she said.

The abundance of young talent also contributes to the winning attitude of the Broncs, such as fierce junior Jaclyn Levi and sophomore standout Stefanie Lombardo.

An impressive showing at the competitive LaSalle Invitational kicked off the 2003 season during the last weekend of August. The Broncs finished with a 2-2 record by splitting

the games on each day.

On day one, the Rider squad fell to St. Francis in a three close games and stormed back later in the day to defeat Morgan State in five games.

Day two, once again, started with a loss, this time against the host LaSalle. Nevertheless the Broncs managed to bounce back and beat Lafayette in four games. Levi and Householder combined for an outstanding 45 kills and 55 digs on day one while Niewender starred with a combined 19 kills on day two.

The team went home to host two important tournaments known as the Cranberry Classic held on the weekend of

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By Andrew Straub
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Rider's field hockey team continues to roll past its out-of-conference foes, going 3-0 for the week with victories over Longwood, Colgate and Fairfield.

With a non-stop shot barrage and a brick wall defense, Rider has outshot its opponents 65-22 in the past three games, sparking a four-game winning streak.

"The offensive output is really due to the defense; they have really stepped it up lately and have pushed the ball up so much that its hard for the offense to not be explosive," said junior Katie Conlon.

The most exciting game of the week was Wednesday, Sept. 17, when Rider visited Fairfield. Junior Christina Ang scored an unassisted goal with 2:12 left to give Rider a 2-1 victory.

Junior Maddy Boulden gave the Broncs the 1-0 lead 10:10 into the game after receiving a pass from her sister, freshman Ashley Boulden, and shooting it past Fairfield's goalkeeper Lauren Thomas.

The goal by Ang was the 30th of her career, making her the fifth highest scorer at Rider, and her 66th career point, seventh highest ever in Rider history.

Freshman goalkeeper Krysta Bearish is well on her way to a fantastic career, making seven saves in the win.

The game on Saturday, Sept. 20, was absolutely domi-

nated by Rider, winning easily 4-0 over Longwood.

Standout Ashley Boulden scored a goal and had an assist to lead the Broncs in scoring.

Rider's first goal came with 17:23 left in the first half, scored by freshman Kristy Cannarella. The score would remain 1-0 going into the half.

Ang notched yet another goal 10 minutes into the second half, making this her second game in a row with a score. Just a little over eight minutes later, sophomore Courtney Bertos scored her team-high fifth goal of the season, with the assist coming from Ashley Boulden. She added the final goal with 5:54 remaining.

Rider's defense was again solid, as the team only allowed Longwood two shots, both stopped by Bearish, giving Rider the shutout.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, Rider played a hard-fought game against Colgate, having to hold a one point lead for most of the second half.

The Rider offense played a fundamentally sound game. Maddy Boulden scored on a well-executed pass from Conlon 13:14 into the game. Sophomore Ally Hunter scored an unassisted goal at the end of the first half, giving Rider a comfortable 2-0 lead at half-time.

Colgate came out running at the start of the second

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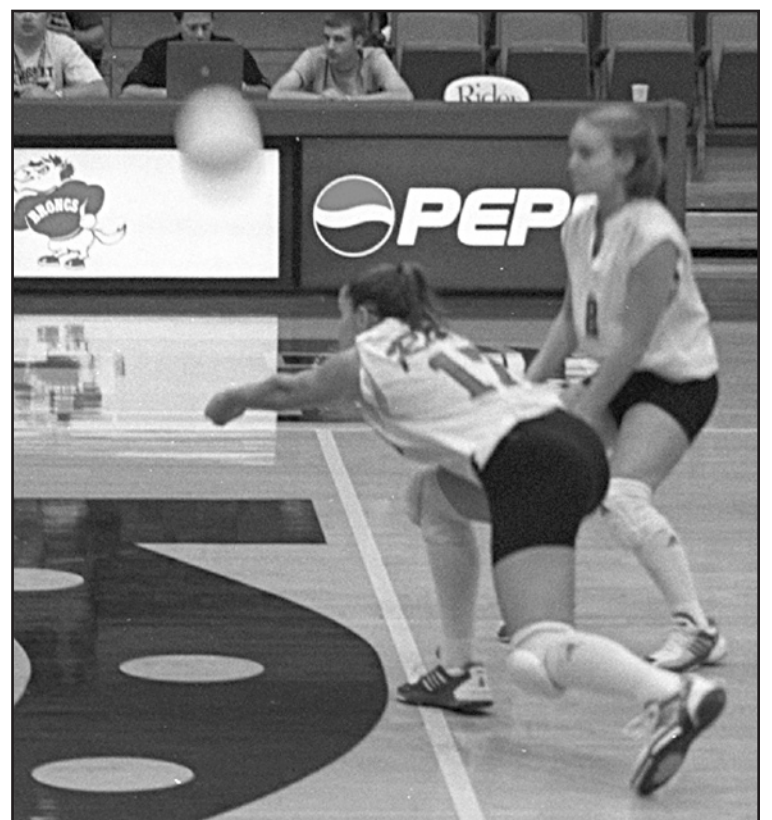


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Junior Jaclyn Levi stretches to hit the ball against Sacred Heart last weekend. Sophomore teammate Embery Minor is ready to back her up.