

COOL CONTENDERS



Photo by Jennifer Kuhn

Two members of the ice hockey team work out during a recent practice. Coming off a loss in the championship game last season, the team returns this year with something to prove. They play two home games this weekend at Lawrenceville.

Ice hockey opens new season tonight

By Andrew Silver
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After a successful season last year, the ice hockey team is raring to go. Although the team fell short in the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Hockey Association championship, it is determined to leave that loss behind them and progress throughout the upcoming season.

"We are feeling optimistic about this season," said Assistant Coach Dr. Jonathan Millen. He said that he has full confidence in the team, along with the rest of the coaching staff. According to Millen, the team has already been through hours of hard work during practice. The coach said that he feels the that the team has put its best effort out there on the ice.

"Our confidence would not be as high if it weren't for our intense practices," said Millen.

Junior defenseman Ted Hynes said that he is certain that the new additions will make up for the recent graduates and the cuts from last season. The third year star said that he was quite impressed with what he noticed from the incoming freshmen.

"It was a shame we had to make a lot of cuts, but the new players are looking very good, so I think all together we are going to improve this year," he said.

Second year defenseman Matt Lanahan said that he thinks that the team feels it has taken one step toward to the right direction.

"We are feeling great," he said.

Second year star Sean Levin said that he and many of his teammates have been waiting all summer long for the return of their competition.

"The team is excited to get to compete on the ice again," he said. "The team is fired up."

This Friday night's match against New York University has been an anticipated date for many of the stars, according to Levin.

The team and the coaching staff are looking forward to playing some of the schools the Broncos are up against. Some of the schools include Monmouth, Princeton, Marist, Seton Hall and many others.

The Rider coaching staff and the players themselves said that the team is prepared to take on all challenges. No matter what school they are facing, the team will approach every game with a positive mindset.

Mike Cianfrani, last year's leading scorer, said he is confident in the team's success.

"I guarantee victory this Friday night against NYU," he said.

Women's soccer hopes strong play will continue

By Mike Caputo
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Many goals have been scored by offensive leaders Sarah Artale and Tami Coyle, but none compare to the goal they need to fulfill their desires, which lies in the beginning of November when Rider hosts the MAAC championships.

Senior goalkeeper Erin Wolleon lays out the goal of the Broncos as "at the very least, making sure we are one of the top four teams in the MAAC."

Although the road to the championships truly begins on Oct. 3, when the Broncos take on the Marist Red Foxes in the first MAAC conference game of 2003, the team has not taken its non-conference schedule lightly.

Rider took its 2-1-1 record

into the Governor's Cup tournament at Albany on the weekend of Sept. 20th with an abundance of confidence. This attitude was displayed as they pounded the host Albany with a score of 5-1. The offensive production continued to shine, as shooting star Coyle scored the first two goals of the game, both assisted by senior Colleen Evans. Other goals were scored by freshman Lauren O'Donnell and sophomore Jennifer Marcella.

"We did what we needed and we put the ball in the net," said Marcella.

The Broncos then engaged in the Governor's Cup championship against the Sacred Heart Pioneers. Offense was a non factor in this match up as the two schools battled to a 0-0 tie

in double overtime. The game was highlighted by the enthralling performance by Wolleon (six saves) and the entire Rider defense.

Coyle's two goals during the game against Albany earned her the MAAC offensive player

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Senior Colleen Evans (left) and junior Leah Craig (above) try to keep the ball away from defenders during Tuesday's 2-1 loss to UMBC. The Broncos had a successful month of September, going 3-2-1. Junior Tami Coyle was named the Rider Female Athlete of the Month. Coyle was named the MVP of the Governor's Cup Tournament held in Albany, N.Y.