The Rider News

Athletes of the Week

Christina Ang, a sophomore member of the field hockey team, has been named The Rider News Female Athlete of the Week. Ang was named the Northeast Conference Player of the Week for all games played in the final week of September. Ang compiled three goals and three assists in two games last week. She now has six goals for the season.

Frank Ruggiero, a junior member of the tennis team, has been named The Rider News Male Athlete of the Week. Luggiero won in singles matches on Wednesday 6-3 and 6-1 against Wagner.

And More Sports

Junior goalkeeper Brian Gill and junior forward Sarah Artale were named the Rider University Athletes of the Month for September. Gill recorded two shutouts in his first five games, while letting in just one goal. His goals against average of 0.74 was 19th in the nation before allowing two goals against Princeton.

Artale ranks second in the MAAC in scoring with nine goals and 20 points. She now has 23 career goals, tying her for the Rider record. She scored the game-winning goal in both of Rider’s wins this season, and has a pair of two goal games.

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held in the classroom, privileged athletes also have those same hands filled, usually with money. It’s well known that virtual bidding wars have occurred for privileged athletes. Schools like the University of Nevada Las Vegas are notorious for keeping their players satisfied with wads of cash each week.

As this trend continues into the pro’s, privileged athletes have the mindset that they are immune to the rules. And they think that if they do break a rule, someone will be there to cover their tracks. How many of us would be given the same leeway as Latrell Sprewell? None of us can physically assault our boss, only to be served with a fine and be able to continue work after being suspended.

Privileged athletes should receive more than just a slap on the wrist every time they commit a crime. It is only when we treat him or her with the same regard as everyone else that a change can occur.

Correction:
In the September 27, 2002 issue of The Rider News, the editorial staff omitted Mary Ann Somaine’s title as co-captain in the article entitled, “Equestrian team is riding high.”

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