

Team storms through weekend competition

Field Hockey continues domination on the field

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Playing on the road is a tough task in any sport. Dealing with the opposing team, their fans, and the officials can at times be overwhelming. It almost feels like it's your team against the world. There is one thing however, that is comforting, one thing that every team on the road loves to hear; silence. Silence is golden, and in this case, it's 24 karat. The Broncos picked up two conference wins last weekend with a 4-0 victory over St. Francis on Saturday, and a 4-1 win over the University of Maryland Baltimore County on Sunday.

On Saturday, the offense took some time to get going, but scored midway through the first half on an unassisted goal by junior Talia Peverada. Sophomore Katie Conlon scored her fourth goal of the season on assist from fellow sophomore Christina Ang. Freshman Courtney Bertos picked up her team high fifth goal of the season to put Rider up 3-0 and Ang scored the final goal to give her a goal and an assist for the game. The defense was very stingy, changing goalies three times and not allowing a single shot on goal.

The offense didn't let down at all the following day, routing the UMBC 4-1. Ang scored two goals and had an assist while Bertos scored the other two goals. The offense picked it up early as the Broncos took a 3-0 lead going into halftime. Ang scored later on in the game as well to give Rider a 4-0 lead. Rider out-shot UMBC 21-14. Goalkeeper Jen Cushinotto made seven saves.

Due to their stellar play over the weekend, Ang and Bertos received recognition by the Northeast Conference (NEC). Ang was named the Player of the Week, and Bertos the Rookie of the Week for all games played in the final week of September. For Bertos, this is her second time during this month that she received this honor. Ang totaled three goals and three assists in both games. Bertos scored her team high sixth and seventh goals on Sunday. She currently



Rider's field hockey team takes to the field in hopes of continuing its weekend dominance. The Broncos picked up two conference wins last weekend. The team hits the road again this weekend.

leads the NEC in scoring (19 points) and in points per game (2.11).

Despite winning both games handily, the team still has set a high level of excellence they hope to maintain.

"We had a really good weekend, but we were upset we let them score," said Conlon. "It's good that we're not just satisfied with winning, it keeps us hungry."

Rider now is on a three game winning streak and is 6-3 overall, and 4-2 in the NEC. They go on the

road again this weekend for two more conference games. Hoping to maintain the momentum they got from last weekend, the team is confident.

"That win really boosted our confidence," said Conlon. "Hopefully the momentum will carry us into this weekend."

Trying to sustain excellence on the road is very difficult, but the Broncos made it look easy last weekend. As they walked off the field on Sunday, they were treated to the best sound, which is none at all.

Tennis wins home opener

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On Wednesday, the men's tennis team increased their record to 2-2 by defeating Wagner University 7-0. The women did not have a match this week so their record stayed at 1-3.

The goal for both the men and the women's team is to be over .500. Both teams have no seniors and feature several freshmen.

"We are going to consider this year a rebuilding year," says head coach, Ed Torres.

This year will be tough for them, but the years to come will have great success since the team will have been together for so long.

Coach Torres has been coaching for eight years now and is an alumnus of Rider. He played all four years here at Rider while he was in college.

Both teams have got off to a pretty good start and are working hard to reach their goals.

The players for the men's team are: Mike DaSilva, Jeremy Dietz, Andrey Dragun, Andrew Ducz, Elliot Eiche, Mike Greenberg, Neil McConnell, Frank Ruggiero, Chris Stanco, and Daniel Stupp.

The players for the women's team are: Gabby Brown, Meredith Dossin, Carolina Duval, Alison



Junior Frank Ruggiero serves in Wednesday's match against Wagner.

Jones, J. Logan Kapinus, Brandi Plummer, Stefanie Petrasko, Dana Previti, and Jovan Tift.

Broncs' Bits



Records

Men's Soccer (2-3-1)
Women's Soccer (2-6)
Field Hockey (6-3)
Men's Tennis (2-2)
Women's Tennis (1-4)
Golf (5-1)
Volleyball (4-13)

Upcoming Home Games

Men's Soccer

Stonybrook, 10/8, 3:30 p.m.

Men's and Women's Tennis

Iona, 10/5, 11:00 a.m.

Fairleigh Dickinson, 10/8, 2:00 p.m.