

# Men's soccer wins thriller

## Team scores last second goal to win the game

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It could have been something out of a movie. As the final seconds of the second half ticked away in Rider's Tuesday soccer game against Stony Brook, sophomore Sandro DeCristofaro picked an important time to score his first college goal. With less than one second remaining on the clock, DeCristofaro took a pass in the open field from Ryan Gallagher and put it past the goalie for one of the most dramatic wins in Rider soccer history.

The team mounted a tremendous comeback in the last 7 minutes of the game, tying it at one on a goal by Sean O'Hare, then winning it as time expired.

To make this moment even more magical, the goal was DeCristofaro's first as a Rider Bronc. He is a Medford native and a red-shirt freshman this year. Head coach Russ Fager had this to say about DeCristofaro at the beginning of the year.

"Sandro is fast and has a good attitude—he'll score goals because he out-works people, and always seems to be at the right place at the right time," said Fager.

The only win that even can compare to this game would have to be the double-overtime thriller against perennial soccer power Princeton on Sept. 25. It was Sean O'Hare receiving the pass from DeCristofaro to win the game in double-overtime 3-2. This dramatic win against Princeton was Rider's third ever in 18 meetings, and the first since 1997.

Princeton usually has a very strong soccer team, and a Rider win over them



Photo courtesy of GoBroncs

Sophomore Sandro DeCristofaro scored as the final horn sounded to give Rider a 2-1 win over Stony Brook Tuesday.

has been one of the highlights of this young season. Such an incredible win against Princeton followed up by this dramatic win against Stony Brook can only boost the morale of this young team.

Unfortunately, all was not well for the Broncs soccer team this week. It fell behind Towson 3-0 early before scoring, and ended up losing 4-1. Freshman Dan Harris scored his first of what will hopefully be many goals for Rider in the loss. Another bright spot in the game was the play of junior goalie Brian Gill.

Although he gave up four goals, he did make five saves and helped Rider stay in the game throughout. The Broncs played hard the entire game and never let the score faze them.

Gill had another honor this week, as he was named Rider's Male Athlete of the Month of September. Gill, a Smithtown, N.Y. native, has two shutouts in the early season and, at one point, his goals against average of 0.74 were good enough for him to be ranked 19th in the entire country.

His superb play has kept Rider in several close games, including the two against Princeton and Stony Brook, where he made a combined total of five saves in the wins. If Gill can keep up his stellar play for the rest of the season, there is no reason why Rider could not make a comeback and contend for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title at the end of the season.

Rider plays St. Francis on Saturday as part of Homecoming Weekend.

## Artale breaks school record

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Sarah Artale shattered the record for most goals during a player's career this past weekend.

With half a season left to play, she surpassed the record of 23 on Friday, October 4, scoring her 24th goal of her career. Artale also was awarded the player of the month for September.

The women's soccer team played St. Peters in a conference game on Friday and defeated them 7-0. Junior Colleen Evans scored two goals, Allison Spehar scored two, Sarah Artale scored one, Tami Coyle scored one, and Marianne Hanna scored one.

"We were definitely psyched for the first game and I think that is why we played well," said sophomore Stephanie Best.

"We were happy with the result," said Artale.

On Sunday, October 6, the team lost in a tough game to Manhattan College 3-2. Artale scored both the goals to bring her career total to 26. One of the goals was from a penalty shot and Hanna assisted the other one.

The players felt that they showed what their team was capable in this game even more than in the game that they won because Manhattan is a top contender.

"I think Sunday really showed more of our true

team and what we were up against," said Artale. "It kind of gave us a heads up."

This past Wednesday the women played Drexel. Earlier in the week, some of the players said that this game would be interesting and it was. The team out-shot Drexel but ended up losing 0-2.

"Our record doesn't show how good that we are or that we will be," said Artale. "We know that happens to many teams."

The team has a home game against Loyola on Saturday as part of homecoming. They hope that as many people come out as possible to support them for the game and the barbeque afterwards.

**Mid-Knight  
MAACness  
Tonight, Friday,  
Oct. 11**

**10:30pm - Alumni Gym  
doors open**

**11:00pm - MAACness  
begins!**

## Broncs' Bits



### Records

Men's Soccer (3-4-1)

Women's Soccer (3-8)

Field Hockey (6-5)

Men's Tennis (3-4)

Women's Tennis (2-4)

Golf (5-1)

Volleyball (4-13)

Ice Hockey (1-1)

### Upcoming Home Games

#### Men's Soccer

St. Francis, 10/12, 2:30 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer

Loyola, 10/12, noon

Niagara, 10/18, 4:00 p.m.

#### Volleyball

Niagara, 10/12, 2:00 p.m.

Canisius, 10/13, noon

#### Field Hockey

UMBC, 10/12, noon

St. Francis-PA, 10/13, noon

Monmouth, 10/16, 4:00 p.m.

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