

# Men's hockey ready to score

## Team looks to establish consistency this weekend

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Fall has arrived at Rider, and many of the winter sports teams have begun to practice. While these teams have just started to practice, the Ice Hockey Club has been practicing for over a month and has played the last two weekends, splitting games both times.

This hardworking team, bolstered by experienced players and many young stars, has been to the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Hockey Association (MACHA) finals the last four years, winning in 2000. Coaches include Head Coach Ted Gerry, Assistant Coach Bob Baumann, and Faculty Advisor Dr. Jonathan Millen. Baumann is impressed with the team's success so far, as they have 12 new players this year.

"We have a totally different look," said Bauman. "We have a couple of young guys that have come and stepped into the program and have been able to contribute right off the bat."

These new players have been able to help spread the scoring around for Rider, whereas last year, the team had a select few scorers.

These new players have forced teams to shift their focus from just one player to a few more, leaving scoring opportunities open for the rest of the team.

All the offensive improvement has Baumann happy.

"We're very pleased on how we're playing offensively; we're staying out of the penalty box, and we're really happy about that," he said. "We're probably ahead offensively now than we were a year ago, and that's some of the surprises that the freshman have brought to us."

Even though the team has many new faces, their game plan has not changed. They are still focused on offense, and according to Baumann, "if we play our game, it's good enough to win most nights."

The main offensive weapon for the Broncos is junior Mike Cianfrani, who plays center. He has been the leading scorer on the team for the past two years, and while he is listed at only 5'5" and 150 pounds, it is his speed and agility on the ice that allow him to skate



Photo by Jennifer Kuhn

A Rider player takes a shot on goal at a recent practice. The team is hoping to have another successful season. They are 2-2 so far, and have a home game against Princeton on Saturday night.

by much larger opponents to the goal. Last year, he had 18 goals and 24 assists, the most in the MACHA. Cianfrani, a Voorhees, N.J. native, played for Eastern High School and earned MVP honors. As a freshman at Rider, he was co-rookie of the year and had 14 goals with 33 assists. He is still the main weapon on the team, and, as Baumann said, he is a, "very exciting player to watch."

The team has also benefited from two new play-

ers that have taken to the Broncos' system very well so far. They are Vincent Sentin, a freshman, and John Zenders, a transfer student.

Millen said they both have, "done really well" and "stand out as two big additions." Those two players will help lead the way for Rider for a few years now.

The team captains are Kevin Voit, a senior from Mullica Hill, N.J., and Otkay Armagam, a senior from

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Senior Sean O'Hare scored two goals against St. Francis-NY on Homecoming Saturday. The team played one man short for most of Tuesday's loss to Philadelphia University. They play

# Men's soccer gains split

## Team playing well despite loss

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Mens' soccer had a Homecoming victory last weekend against St. Francis College, as its winning streak continued.

"We played very well on Saturday," said junior Jason Brockman. "It was a better reflection of what our team can do."

Senior Sean O'Hare had two goals and sophomore Christopher Trump had one goal and one assist. Rider led 2-0 at the end of the first half.

With 17 minutes left in the second half St. Francis scored a goal to bring the score to 2-1. O'Hare scored his second goal with 10 minutes left to set the final score 3-1.

Goalie Brian Gill had four saves against St. Francis. In their game on Tuesday against Philadelphia, Gill received an injury in the first half and had to be taken out of the game.

Gill was kicked in the head and his jaw was dislocated. He received a mild concussion but says he will be fine.

He was replaced by Augie Perez. Perez then received a red card in the first half with 11 minutes to go for a penalty and had to leave the game.

This left the team down a player for the rest of the

first half and all of the second. Philadelphia scored on their free kick from the penalty.

Perez was replaced by Frank de'Latour. De'Latour made two saves. Although they were at a disadvantage, Rider dominated the second half.

"Even though we were down a player, we didn't let them score and we did," said Brockman.

In the second half Christopher Trump scored the only goal for the team with no assist. Rider outshot Philadelphia 10-9.

"Our goal is to get to the MAAC championships and we expect to," said Brockman.

The team has high expectations for the rest of the season and are proud of their record so far.

"We are confident that we can win the rest of our scheduled games this season," said Brockman. "I believe we are one of the best teams in the conference."

On Friday October 18th, the men have a game at Niagara and on Sunday the 20th they are away again at Canisius.