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reason why Rider has been able to make the playoffs. Last weekend she had 81 assists and 15 digs. She won MAAC rookie of the week honors for the second straight week. She currently leads the MAAC in assists with 11.09 assists per game.

"Jennifer is the key to our team playing so well," said Ahlquist. "In the last two weeks she has been making great decisions with the ball."

This is the highest finish the Broncs have had since joining the MAAC in 1997. They will face the number two seed Iona. Iona beat the Broncs handily at Alumni Gym early in the season by scores of (30-27, 30-22, 28-30, 30-16).

"We have matured a lot from the last time we played Iona," said Ahlquist. "We have matured and have become more of a team."

Saturday Rider faces Iona at 3 p.m. Sunday will be the championship game between the winners of Rider vs. Iona and Fairfield and Saint Peter's.

"We are playing our best, but all of the teams have," said Ahlquist. "Everyone will play their best this weekend."

Broncs' Bits

Scores/Records
(*denotes conference game)

Men's Soccer
(6-14, MAAC Runner-up)
11/12 (Semifinal at Rider)
Rider 3 Loyola 1*
11/14 (Final at Rider)
Marist 2 Rider 0*

Volleyball
(15-12, 6-3 MAAC)
11/12
Rider 3 Siena 0*
11/6
Rider 3 Marist 0*

Men's Swimming (1-5)
11/20
Lehigh 139 Rider 104

Women's Swimming (0-6)
11/20
Lehigh 130 Rider 107

Ice Hockey (3-5 MACHA)

Schedule

Friday, 11/19
Men's Basketball
at Bucknell 7 p.m.

Saturday, 11/20
Volleyball (at Siena)
MAAC Semifinal

vs. Iona 3 p.m.*
Wrestling (at Penn)
Keystone Classic 10 a.m.
M/W Swimming
at Delaware 1 p.m.
Women's Basketball
at Rutgers 2 p.m.
Ice Hockey
at Seton Hall 9:15 p.m.

Sunday, 11/21
Volleyball (at Siena)
MAAC Final (TBD)
Ice Hockey
at Wagner 5 p.m.

Tuesday 11/23
Women's Basketball
at Monmouth 7 p.m.

...And More Sports

Four members of the **men's soccer** team received MAAC All-Tournament honors after the championship game on Sunday. These players were seniors **Christopher Trump** and **Sandro DeCristofaro** and freshmen **Mark Ockenhouse** and **Michael Colozzi**.

Freshman **John Smith** of the **men's cross country** team and junior **Beth Bond** of the **women's cross country** team ran in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships, on Saturday at Penn State. **Smith** finished 91st out of 167 runners with a time of 33:08 in a 10,000 meter course. **Bond**



placed 101st among the 171 runners in a time of 23:50 in the 6,000 meter course.

Head coach **Lori Hussong** and assistant coach **Dan Hussong** of the **field hockey** team were selected to coach in the NFCA North/South Senior All-Star Game.

Jennifer Lane of the **volleyball** team was named MAAC Rookie of the Week for the second straight week leading the team to its first ever playoff spot.

Standings of the week

(x denotes playoff berth)

MAAC Volleyball	
Team	MAAC W L
xFairfield	8 1
xIona	8 1
xRider	6 3
xSaint Peter's	5 4
Niagara	5 4
Canisius	4 5
Loyola	3 6
Marist	2 7
Manhattan	2 7
Siena	2 7

*Standings from
www.maacsports.com*

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the National Hockey League and the National Basketball Association. In these leagues, 16 teams make the postseason at percentages that are approximately over 50 percent. On the other hand, eight teams in Major League Baseball (MLB) make the playoffs in a field of 30, where the percentage is almost 25 percent. Before 1995, only four teams in MLB made the playoffs!

The element that separates a 10 team playoff system in the MAAC from the four team playoffs is the implementation of byes. These byes are a key benefit to earning a great regular season record and provide the regular season with importance.

In last season's MAAC Men's Basketball Tournament for example, top seeded Manhattan received a bye all the way to the semifinal round, giving them a much smaller road to make the championship game. Consequently, teams like the 2003 Rider men's soccer team still get that chance to pull a magical run.

Whether or not it is fair, that's life and if it gives teams like men's soccer a chance, then so be it.

'MUD'

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"[Coach Fager] said he was proud," said Tomasso. "He thought we played well. He told us that there's always next year."

Dealing with the loss and watching Marist celebrate on their home field, the members of the soccer team was still disappointed.

"It's tough to lose, especially after getting this close," DeCristofaro said.

Rider had five players named to the all-tournament team including seniors Christopher Trump and DeCristofaro, and freshmen Mark Ockenhouse and Michael Colozzi. This accomplishment only eased some of the pain.

Marist has earned a seat in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Soccer Tournament after their defeat of the Broncs.

"We wish Marist the best of luck," said DeCristofaro.

The men's soccer team quickly has started thinking about next season.

"We made a great run and we really gained a lot of confidence," said Tomasso. "[With the loss] we now have more of a reason to work hard. Some of us have already started to hit the weight room. I think we can definitely be one of the powerhouses in our division next season."

As a senior DeCristofaro thinks the loss will be good experience for next season's squad.

"Now that we've been this far, and lost in the finals, we want to be back, but we don't want to be in this situation again," said DeCristofaro.

Who knows what Fager has in store for next season for the men's soccer program, but now that the team has gained confidence and learned how to win through its playoff run, the rest of the MAAC should take notice and be ready for the Rider Broncs.

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