TURNING BACK THE CLOCK
Rider elects new Hall of Fame members

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In a sports world where retro is in, it’s important not to only remember former athletes for their uniforms and short shorts. On Saturday, Jan. 31, five new members were added to the Rider Hall of Fame: basketball and soccer player George Abel, basketball player Dick Kuchen, tennis player Rick Strandskov, swimmer Juliet Lancaster and wrestler John Carvalheira. We see great athletes on campus now, but others came before Jerry Johnson, Christina Ang and Nick Catone.

George Abel: In his final game as a Bronc in 1940, he made 21 field goals and scored 51 points, records that still stand today. He was also a starter on the undefeated soccer team.

Dick Kuchen: Kuchen graduated as career leader in rebounding and fourth in career scoring despite playing two seasons with Rider’s career scoring leader Jack Cryan. He also went on to record 200 wins as the head basketball coach at Yale and the University of California.

Rick Strandskov: He finished with a 45-3 career record and his teams went 40-7 with him at the helm. He was named the Athlete of the Year in 1974. He also advanced to the NCAA championships and went on to defeat John McEnroe.

Juliet Lancaster: She was named Rider’s NJAIAW Woman of the Year in 1998. A three-time MAAC champion in 100 breaststroke, she twice won the MAAC 200 breaststroke, setting both Rider team and pool records in both events. She also set the Lafayette College pool record in 200 breaststroke. As a freshman, she won the 100 and 200 breaststroke in Metropolitan Conference Championship. She was also a part of a relay that won the 200 medley.

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