Rider played as well as they had all season when it beat Marist 8-2. The Broncos started it up in the first inning when centerfielder Mike Poalise scored from third on a groundout by third baseman Jon Rehm. Marist was able to tie it up in the second inning, but the Broncos answered back in the top of the third with two runs that resulted from two singles to the outfield. In the fourth and fifth innings Rider added runs to its lead with sacrifice flies from Rehm and shortstop Bryan Wagner, which made the score 5-1 in the sixth. The Red Foxes added another run to make it 5-2, but the Broncos put the game out of reach when they scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning on four hits. The offensive eruption was ignited on a leadoff double by designated hitter Jordan McCreeley.

Finally, after multiple rain delays, the umpires called the game after the eighth inning because of darkness.

Pitcher Joe Moronese was the star of the game, as he pitched the full eight innings. He allowed two earned runs on six hits, four walks and also struck out five Red Foxes. Moronese improved his record to 3-1 on the season and is already only one victory behind last year’s win total. All parts from the lineup contributed to the six-run victory, especially second baseman Jeff Reynolds, who had three hits, two runs and an RBI. Rehm added three RBIs, a run and one hit.

On Monday, Rider played as poorly as the weather was over the weekend, as it only pushed across one run in the doubleheader.

In game one, Marist proved it was capable of scoring runs at any time, as it had already only one victory behind last year’s win total. All parts from the lineup contributed to the six-run victory, especially second baseman Jon Rehm. Marist starting pitcher Chris Traez dominated the Broncos lineup, as he did not allow a run in seven innings.

“He pitched unbelievably,” said Rider head coach Barry Davis. “He shut us down and we really couldn’t do anything.”

The Broncos could only muster three hits off Traez in the 7-0 loss. Leftfielder Jon Leise, first baseman Gene Crimoli and McCreeley were the only Broncos to get hits.

In game two, Rider showed once again that it could play with the Red Foxes, regardless of the 9-1 final score. Marist excelled in every inning except the second, where it scored one run in both the fifth and another in the seventh. Davis feels good about his team’s chances this weekend against MAAC rival Siena.

“After a performance like this, we really hope that we can carry this momentum into our games against Siena,” said Davis.