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Broncs’ Bits

Records
Baseball (8-14)
Softball (18-8)
Men’s Tennis (2-2)
Women’s Tennis (0-3)

Upcoming Home Games
Baseball
4/14 Seton Hall 4 p.m.
Softball
4/9 Temple 3:30 p.m.
4/10 Manhattan 1 p.m. (DH)
4/14 Delaware 3 p.m.

And more sports...
The baseball team defeated LaSalle 7-6 on the road. The team scored seven runs in the first two innings and never looked back. The victory is the 750th for Pittaro, who is retiring after this season.

Mchea Medine, a member of the women’s track and field team, set a new Rider record in the long jump of 17’9.75”.

Stats of the Week
7 Years since a male athlete has played two sports at Rider. The last to do so was Matt Miles, who played soccer and tennis.

750 Career wins for baseball head coach Sonny Pirro. The win was earned in baseball’s 7-6 victory on Wednesday over LaSalle.

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athlete from playing two Division I sports.

“I haven’t run into a situation that they [coaches] have prevented,” said Focht. “We are here for the student-athletes and it is their college experience.”

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for her.

In the Broncs pivotal early-season match-up of last season’s MAAC final, Rider swept Saint Peter’s, winning 3-1 in both games. After splitting with St. Joseph’s this Tuesday, it has won 12 of its last 14. Erin McGlynn, Jennifer Cullen and Amanda Tu, who are all hitting over .350, have sparked the offense.

The team has all the ingredients to advance far beyond simply the MAAC tournament. For all the firepower it boasts at the plate, good pitching will always beat good hitting, and the Broncs are rich with talent on the mound. But still no one comes. The campus has turned one of its better teams, perhaps the best, into obscurity. That is my definition of foul ball.

Silly me to assume that people would come watch a good team. I must be crazy.