This Week’s Score/Records

Men’s Soccer (0-6)
9/17
Buffalo 3 Rider 2 (2OT)
9/22
Monmouth 2 Rider 1
Women’s Soccer (4-1-1)
9/18
Rider 2 Monmouth 2 (2OT)
9/21
Rider 4 Army 1
Field Hockey
(7-1, 1-0 NEC)
9/19
Rider 2 Columbia 0
9/21
Rider 3 Monmouth 0*
Women’s Volleyball (5-6)
9/17 (Craberry Classic)
Rider 3 LaSalle 2
9/18 (Craberry Classic)
Rider 3 FDU 1
Navy 3 Rider 2
Men’s Tennis (1-1)
9/23
Rider vs. Monmouth (late)
Women’s Tennis (1-0)
Golf
9/18
9/21
Rider 302 Monmouth 309
Rider 302 Lafayette 343

This Week’s Schedule

(Denotes conference game)

Friday, 9/24
Women’s Volleyball vs. Princeton 5PM
Women’s Soccer at Maine 7PM
Saturday, 9/25
Women’s Volleyball vs. Delaware 11AM
M/W Tennis at Siena 12PM*
Men’s Soccer vs. Loyola 1PM*
Women’s Volleyball vs. Seton Hall 5PM
Golf at Cornell Invitational
M/W Cross Country at Paul Short Invitational
Sunday 9/26
Women’s Tennis at Marist 12PM
Women’s Soccer at Northeastern 1PM
Golf at Cornell Invitational
Tuesday 9/28
Men’s Tennis at Wagner 3PM
Men’s Soccer vs. Delaware 4PM
Women’s Volleyball vs. Saint Francis (NY) 7PM
Field Hockey at Lafayette 7PM
Thursday 9/30
Men’s Tennis vs. Saint Peter’s 3PM*

...And More Sports

Former head baseball coach Sonny Pittaro was honored at retirement dinner on Saturday. The dinner was sponsored by the “Friends of Rider Baseball” organization. All of Pittaro’s 34 teams were represented by at least one alumnus. Family, friends and colleagues also attended this event.

Athletic director Curt Blake made the announcement that Pittaro would be inducted into the Rider Athletics Hall of Fame. Later in the evening, Rider President Mordedchai Rozanski announced that the new baseball field currently under construction will be named after Pittaro.

Rider men’s basketball announced its schedule this past week. The schedule includes tough non-conference foes including Drexel, Monmouth and Fairleigh Dickinson at home. Bucknell, Delaware, UMass, Pennsylvania and a tournament at Wisconsin-Green Bay rounds out the non-conference portion of the schedule.

The Broncs will be televised a total of four times including the February 5th game at Alumni Gym against local rival Saint Peter’s, which will be shown on ESPNU as part of its promotion called “rivalry week.” The other three televised games will be on the Madison Square Garden Network (MSG) through the MAAC Television Network.

The athletics department announced that it is to induct five into the Rider Hall of Fame.

The inductees will be Pittaro, Craig Wicken (99) of men’s soccer, Jen Dahl (97) of softball, Nicholas Spadaccini (50) of football and Terence Wheat (386) of cross country and track.

The ceremony will take place January 29 during Hall of Fame Day at Alumni Gym when men’s basketball hosts Siena.

Christina Ang of the field hockey was named player of the week in the NEC for games played between September 13-19. Ang scored four goals during that week.

Tami Coyle of the women’s soccer team was named MAAC player of the week for games played between September 13-19. Coyle scored two goals and had an assist during that week.

The field hockey team received honors in the national polls. Rider was hited as the 10th best defense in the nation along with being ranked 18th in scoring. The team’s margin of victory was ranked 17th best in the nation.

Other than cracking the top 25 in the nation in offense and defense, it is also only the second time in which the Broncs received votes in the STX/NFHCA Division I National Poll. The poll lists the top 20 and also the next 15 that received votes to be in the top 20. Rider was 14th on the list among the second list.

The Broncs have a 7-1 record, which is the eighth best in the nation out of Division I schools.

Intramurals announced this week that flag football will be played in the spring semester.

Fall 2004 Season

Tennis
Roller Hockey Club
3 on 3 Basketball
Ultimate Dodgeball

Sign up for sports at Daly’s

Standings of the Week

NEC Field Hockey
Team NEC Overall
Rider 1-0 7-1
Quinnipiac 1-0 2-6
Siena 1-0 1-5
Lock Haven 0-0 8-1
Sacred Heart 0-0 4-4
St. Francis 0-0 0-7
Monmouth 0-1 4-5
Fairfield 0-1 1-7

Robert Morris 0-1 6-6

World of Sports Complex last fall. Although the Broncs will be lacking outstanding goal- tender Brian Gill this season he is only among four seniors who were lost to graduation. The young, defensive team that it was last year is getting older, wiser, and much more aggressive. This alongside the surge of confidence at the end of last season, will consequently deliver the improvement and excitement needed for Rider soccer this season.

The building of a new baseball field on the back of campus will bring much life to the often desolate feeling that the west end of Rider brings especially to players and fans.

Along with high profile sports such as soccer, field hockey and baseball, the often ill- appreciated teams such as tennis and even track will benefit greatly from this innovation. As more and more people will be attending baseball games at what students refer to as “outer space,” the new field will be responsible for reinforcing interest and a fanbase for the other sports, especially those running parallel to baseball season.

Finally for those who get excited about the future, Rider will be co-hosting the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament First and Second Rounds in 2006. As much as Sovereign Bank Arena has attempted to make itself stand out in the region, it still has difficulty putting a significant amount of rear ends in the seats. This does nothing but good things in general for the arena and most importantly for Rider athletics. The men’s and women’s basketball games scheduled at Sovereign Bank Arena will get much more attention once the NCAA Tournament makes its way to Trenton.

As I said, changes at Rider will be contagious … wonderfully contagious.

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