Here are the top five events that you missed over the summer in the Rider athletics department.

1. Women’s track and field wins first-ever MAAC title.

   In May, the women’s track and field team won its first title in its 11th year of existence. The men finished runner-up for the seventh straight season.

2. Scott Rich drafted by the Yankees

   Rich, former All-MAAC right fielder of the baseball team was drafted in the 21st round of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by the New York Yankees.

3. Swimming and wrestling are nationally ranked

   Not surprising news, as these two teams have been major competitors in the national ranks during recent years. The men’s swimming and diving team was ranked seventh among Division I mid-major programs while the women’s was ranked 14th in the same poll. The 2004-2005 wrestling recruiting class was ranked tenth overall nationally in the Internat poll.

4. Rider to co-host the 2006 NCAA Basketball Tournament

   Sovereign Bank Arena was presented with the honor of hosting first and second round games of the 2006 NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament. Rider and the MAAC will co-host the event.

5. Baseball field construction begins

   The ground breaking ceremony for the new baseball field on the back end of campus took place on July 27. The field will be playable in time for the 2005 season.

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“We played fairly well,” said freshman Katrina Stehle. “After we came back from Arizona we felt pretty down on ourselves. We definitely picked it up [during the tournament].”

Stehle had nine kills and 10 digs Friday night against La Salle.

“We put our ups and downs together and we still had a great weekend,” said defensive specialist Embrey Minor.

The senior, Jaclyn Levi and sophomore Megan Smith were named to the All-Tournament. Overall, Levi finished with 53 kills and Smith had 37 kills in the three matches this weekend.

“The team came out flat but I think we were just nervous,” said Levi after having 18 kills in Friday night’s victory against LaSalle.

Consistency and team chemistry seem to be the ingredients of what will be needed for success, not only at next weekend’s Bronc Invitational, but for the remainder of the 2004 season as well.

“We need to work on our consistency and ball control [for the conference season],” said Abquitr. “Every team is up focused and prepared.”

The Lady Broncos have an opportunity to continue to improve their 5-6 record when they face Delaware, Princeton and Seton Hall at the Bronc Invitational this weekend at Alumni Gym. Rider opens the tournament up with a match against Princeton tonight at 5.

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