Struggling team records fourth victory

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Rider’s volleyball team dropped all three games this past weekend at the Central Connecticut State (CSSU) Invitational. They were shut out twice against both Yale and Central Connecticut and took Stonybrook to the fifth game before losing that match as well.

The three losses drop the Broncs record this year to a disappointing 3-13, compared to a 7-7 record at the same time last year.

While the team did not win a game against Central Connecticut, they played hard and never lost by more than 9 points. Three players deserve special recognition: sophomore Jaclyn Levi had 14 kills, 3 blocks and 6 digs, junior Amy Householder contributed with 11 kills and 13 digs and junior Laura Berger added an impressive 38 assists in the games.

Against Stonybrook, the Broncs again played well, taking the match to a fifth and deciding game. Although they did not win, they put up an impressive fight against a very tough opponent in Stonybrook. Levi did her part once more, with 21 kills and 13 digs to her credit. Berger topped her previous performance with an amazing 45 assists and 11 digs.

In the match against Yale, Rider was again shut out in the win column, but continued to play well. They fought Yale very hard, and never lost a single point. Levi continued to play well, taking the match to a fifth and deciding game. Although they did not win, they put up an impressive fight against a very tough opponent.

Laura Berger added an impressive 38 assists to her impressive tournament total of 110, and Levi contributed with 12 more kills and 7 digs to her credit.

Householder also had an impressive performance, with totals of 29 kills and 39 digs, which was enough to honor her with a spot on the All-Tournament team. Levi was also impressive, with an incredible 47 kills and 30 digs throughout the tournament.

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Still trying to maintain a degree of consistency, Rider’s volleyball team pushed through another practice.

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Athletic Justice

Jared Vichko

People break rules all the time. Usually when rules are broken, the person who breaks them has to pay some type of penalty. This is how rules work – if you break them and get caught, you are punished. It’s amazing that certain athletes have been able to beat this system.

Now I’m not calling every ath-lete a lawbreaker or saying that all the rules are twisted for each athlete. This is directed to only a select few who have been on the receiving end of some form of bias or privilege. To clear up controversy, I’ll refer to these select few as privileged athletes.

Athletes should not be treated differently or have to follow a different code of ethics just because they can put a ball in a hoop, score a touchdown, or hit a home run. What happened this past week with Randy Moss is a classic example of how privileged athletes are catered to in our society. Moss refused to pull over his car after making an illegal turn and pushed the officer on duty with his car.

The sad thing is this coddling of our superstars does not begin on the professional level. It begins much earlier, back in high school or even junior high school. I watched in my very own high school as one player simply came to class, signed his name and walked out, all with no questions asked, and at the end of the semester he received a C. How was this fair to the other kids in his class who were actually working to earn that grade? I’m certain this was not an occurrence unique to my high school. Many people knew athletes in high school who had the rules bented for him or her.

Once these athletes reach college, the rules are still changed, but it’s on a much grander scale. Take the case of the University of Minnesota. In 1999, it was brought to light that a certain academic counselor had written over 400 papers for the members of certain teams. Questions arose when an ath-lete, who rarely came to class, handed in a paper that the professor called one of the ten best he had ever seen.

This blatant disregard for the rules can only hurt the athletes who are benefiting from them. Considering only about one or two percent of college athletes make it to the professional level, this educa-tion that they are receiving is being wasted.

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