Ice hockey is young and restless to win

By Andrew Silver

By expressing a positive attitude, Rider ice hockey is ready to give its best shot for another exhilarating season in the Mid Atlantic Collegiate Hockey Association (M.A.C.H.A.) after another disappointing ending in the playoffs.

The Broncs, who already started their season on the road this weekend at Virginia and Georgetown, are looking forward to their first home game.

“I am real happy with the attitude and the work ethic,” said head Coach Ted Gerry.

Gerry couldn’t stress enough how tough it will be to get over the loss of all time leading scorer Michael Gianfrani to graduation. Even though the team lost some of its players to graduation and transfers, they feel confident in their leadership from some of the remaining veterans.

“We have had great leadership from upper-classmen such as Jeff Schnarr, Nick Diaruzio, Sean Levin and Matt Lanahan and especially Andrew Lee,” Gerry said.

Although veteran leadership is essential, some of the other players must also step it up. According to Levin, a major element to this team is the “team camaraderie and unity,” and even though the team may not have the best players, they cooperate as if they are the best on the ice.

“We’re going to need role-players, unsung heroes [to be successful],” said Levin.

The Broncos are well aware of the tough schedule it is up against this season. It will take both heart and leadership for the team to succeed.

“I’m concerned we lost key veterans but enough leadership should provide us with depth,” said Lanahan, club president.

This year there are nine new freshmen, all of whom have given their best effort in practice so far. Even though they are only freshman, they are going to be asked to step it up.

“We’re going to have them do more than what we would normally ask them for,” said Gerry.

The Broncos lost to Virginia by a score of 6-2. The team bounces back a day later with a 8-5 shoot-out victory over Georgetown.

It is disappointing to say that last year was the worst fan attendance in quite some time. There is need for extra support from many of the Rider students to add to the team’s fanbase.

“We could use support of fans, in a way that use the students like an extra player,” said assistant coach Bob Baumann.

The first home game is tomorrow against Virginia at 9 at the Loucks Ice Center in a rematch from last Friday.

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Conlon shuns the notion of a particular player leading the team, citing the fact that each game is a team effort.

“We’re going to play with heart and leadership for the team to succeed,” said Conlon. “Every person has stepped up when we need them to,” she said. “That’s what makes us so dangerous.”

The victory made the second year in a row that Rider hung a 2-1 loss on Quinnipiac. The Broncos will host Sacred Heart today and still have a tough game coming up against Siena. If Rider can make it through the conference sched-

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Hockey Hooky

In the fall, millions of Americans tune into Monday Night Football religiously throughout the season. In Canada, millions of people tune into Hockey Night in Canada every Saturday during the season. Unfortunately, for those Canadians, there will be no Hockey Night in Canada because there will not be a National Hockey League season this year. Yes, I said unfortunately for those Canadians, because nobody in America seems to care.

Yes, the players and owners are greedy, and fans have every right to feel alienated by this stinginess, but this was also the case of the 1994 baseball strike. It appeared at moments over that summer that life had been prematurely halted. Granted fans had no other sport to turn to during the dog days of summer, but it proved the importance that the game of baseball has on American culture.

This indifference towards the absence of the NHL exploits the dismal state of professional hockey in the United States before the lock-out ever began. When was the last time that you could find a hockey game consistently on broadcast television? Almost never! Only a few of the Stanley Cup games were telecast on broadcast waves. That would be considered a sin in Canada.

According to Steve Rushin’s column in Sports Illustrated, Canada’s equivalent of World News Tonight with Peter Jennings called The National, has the hockey strike as the nation’s top story. In America, it is barely covered on Sportscenter! Yeah, so Canada may not have much to worry about in the news department as the U.S., but the sports media should at least give a more heartily attempt to acknowledge the fact that the NHL lockout will not happen anytime soon.

So as the lights remain out across North American professional ranks when the season is suppose to start next week and absolutely nothing is being done to be