3-0 defeat of men’s soccer, a result of suspensions

By Mike Caputo

Only two days after a 1-0 loss to defending champion Saint Peter’s on Sunday, the Broncs suffered a demoralizing 3-0 defeat at the hands of Philadelphia University on a rainy Tuesday.

This feeling of dejection is not because Philadelphia was a 2-11 team going into its match-up with Rider. There was much more in between the lines of this loss.

Rider entered the game against Philadelphia with only nine players available to play. The other 16 players were suspended as a result of violation of team rules. These suspensions meant that the Broncs were forced to play with a two man disadvantage.

The Broncs (3-10, 3-2 MAAC) managed to display resilience on defense considering it was playing 9 men, who had to elevate their talent was much better.

The team’s success, which can be linked to the superb play of its freshmen, came as no surprise to the team. Disappointed that it didn’t finish in the top three of each tournament last season, the team was reassured by head coach Chet Dalgewicz that they would improve and do well during the fall season.

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“[That performance] would have been a lot of our players,” Kent said.

The nominees for the Rider News October Player of the Month are:

Men
Josh Krumholz (Golf)
Daniel Riveros (Soccer)
John Smith (Cross Country)

Women
Christina Ang (Field Hockey)
Kim Carter (Women’s Soccer)
Jacylin Levi (Volleyball)

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This weekend was a roller-coaster ride for the Broncs, but the good far outweighed the bad. Rider was able to achieve something greater than defeating a MAAC rival, it was able to combat three years of losing.

“The team can get back on track when Rider visits Saint Peter’s on Friday and Manhattan on Saturday

“We need to continue to work hard and prepare for our conference schedule,” said Ahlquist.