Field hockey feeling good

By Jared Vichko
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Just like bowling balls, dice and tires, the Broncs field hockey team keeps on rolling. The team clinched second place in the upcoming Northeast Conference (NEC) Tournament with two wins over Monmouth and Siena last weekend.

Against Monmouth, sophomore Maddy Boulden and freshman Angela Fuoco totaled two goals and an assist to lead Rider to a 3-1 win. Though the score was close, the Broncs were in total control the entire game. They out-shot them 22-4 and senior goalkeeper Jen Cushinotto only had to make one save.

“We completely stepped it up against them,” said sophomore Stephanie Corradino. “They were over-confident from the first time we played them. We just dominated both halves.”

That same domination spilled over into Sunday’s match up against Siena, which was the final home game for two seniors, Cushinotto and Krissy Merrill.

Sophomore Christina Ang had two goals and an assist to help Rider earn a 3-2 win and a spot in the NEC Tournament. Rider out-shot Siena 24-10 and Cushinotto made eight saves.

“We played very well,” said Ang. “We needed to play well for our confidence in the upcoming NEC tournament.”

Junior Karen Pertyjohn felt the same way.

“When the pressure was on, we came through. We came together and played as a team; that’s why we won.”

The victory was special for both seniors, and after the game they were both honored for their achievements.

“It was wonderful,” said Merrill. “It was very nice to be recognized. We were both very touched.”

Merrill was happy with the team’s performance over the weekend.

“Both games were a challenge, but we needed both wins to clinch a tournament birth. We played as one and we played together, that was our motto,” she said.

The field hockey team is in action at a recent practice. They played well over the weekend and clinched second place in the Northeast Conference Tournament. They are trying to reach the title game for the third assistant last week, and now leads the NEC in goals with 15. The NEC record is 17, and the Rider single season record is 21. She is sixth in the nation in goals (15), seventh in goals per game (1.00), seventh in points (34) and ninth in points per game (2.267).

The team is also making headlines on the national scale. For the first time ever, the Broncs received votes in the STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Poll. In the latest poll on October 22, the top twenty teams are ranked, including Rider.

Women’s soccer playing tough

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The Rider women’s soccer team had a busy week, playing three games against high quality opponents such as Lafayette, Canisius and Niagara. Although the Lady Broncs won only one of these games, they played tough and were never willing to give up.

The lone win of the week came against Canisius on Sunday. After a scoreless first half, junior Andrea Giuliani, from West Deptford, scored the only goal the Broncs would need in the game. Freshman Allison Spehar scored an insurance goal with 11 minutes left to seal Rider’s 2-0 victory.

Rider out shot Canisius 31-7, and junior goalkeeper Erin Wolleon made four saves for her third shutout of the season.

Against Niagara on Friday, the Broncs let a 1-0 lead slip away in the second half, despite our shooting the Purple Eagles 25-