### Rider News

**Female Athlete of the Month: Christina Ang**

Senior Christina Ang of the field hockey team was the unanimous winner of the fan voted Rider News October Female Athlete of the Month.

During the month of October, Ang had nine goals en route to breaking the record for most career goals at Rider. On October 20, in a 5-0 victory over Lehigh, she broke the record for the most career points in Rider history with 130. The record was previously held by Kelly Hall Stiles.

Ang was one of the key components towards Rider’s Northeast Conference championship. As a result, she was named the NEC Player of the Year at a recent Awards dinner.

**Male Athlete of the Month: John Smith**

Freshman John Smith of the men’s cross country team was the unanimous winner of the fan voted Rider News October Male Athlete of the Month.

On October 9, Smith ran a record time of 25:53:4 leading the Broncs to third place at the Rider Invitational. A week later, the men’s squad finished in first place at the Leopard Invitational held at Lafayette, but Smith was the top Rider finisher with a time of 26:36:30. He was in 13th place out of a field of 101 runners.

Smith once again finished 13th, this time in the MAAC Championships to lead Rider to 6th place last weekend.

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The championship of the Atlantic 10 conference on Tuesday, Massachusetts and Saint Joseph’s are the two possible opponents, which will be decided tonight.

“We want to appear in the NCAA tournament,” said Bertos. “It would be the first time in Rider history.”

Whether Rider wins the national championship or loses its play-in game, the players would have every reason to keep their heads up after all of this year’s accomplishments.

“We beat quality teams and made a name for ourselves,” said Bertos. “It’s been a great season, which is impressive for a small school.”

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the big boys, especially in basketball. Led by present New York Jets quarterback Chad Pennington, Marshall had a 12-0 season. Since the Thundering Herd were a Division I-AA school until 1997 and were “only” in the MAC conference, this indicated that the best bowl that the team could enter was the Motor City Bowl, usually held several days before New Year’s Day! What about Boise State last season, a team ripped through its competition on the way to a 13-1 record and only made the Plainscapital Fort Worth Bowl!

The BCS supposedly was going to help find the best teams based on strength of schedule, victories and mon-e-y. Did I say money? I guess I didn’t mean to. Supporters of the BCS are worried this year because of six undefeated teams: USC, Oklahoma, Auburn, Wisconsin, Utah and Boise State. Why not just write off Utah of the WAC and Boise State because of their “weak” conferences? So when and if you desire to have football at Rider, just look at the stress that teams must go through to be respected and smile at the way college basketball structures its playoff system.

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