The women's basketball team tried to break into the winning column, but was unable to get out of its rut when they visited Sacred Heart on Tuesday. Rider was unable to get its first two games before Thanksgiving when it fell to both Rutgers 90-42 and Monmouth 57-49.

Sacred Heart was able to continue its incredible home winning streak and raise it to 19 games when it beat Rider. Guard Amanda Pape led Sacred Heart with 18 points and seven rebs and guard Kerri Burke added 15 points. The Broncs were able to keep the Pioneer's leading scorer forward Nicole Rubino to eight points and only one for eight shooting from the field. Rider was led by senior guard Becky Flower with 15 points and also 14 free throw attempts, eight rebounds and three blocks by senior forward Leanne Moore.

The key to turning around the current losing streak will be completing the transition towards first year head coach Tosi Harrison.

“We need to adjust to our new coach,” said sophomore guard Kara Borel. “We have to learn how to play in the system.” Harrison feels that the team has not played poorly, but has not completed the transition under her.

“We are in the middle of a big transition and I am satisfied with what I see from the team in our games so far,” she said.

The team has been given a challenging start with their first seven games being on the road.

“It's very difficult to start the season on such a long road trip,” Borel said.

Harrison also believes that the tough scheduling has had an effect on the record.

“It's not fun to play seven games on the road so early, but it is a challenge that will make the team stronger,” said Harrison.

The team's attitude is still upbeat and positive, according to Borel.

“Our team morale is as high as the first game, but I think it will increase when we get our first win,” said Borel.

This weekend the Broncs will start their conference schedule when they travel to Niagara today. They will stay in western New York for the weekend to take on nearby Canisius on Sunday.

Harrison said he expects a lot from his team this weekend.

“I expect them to never give up and give a 110 percent on both sides of the court,” she said.

Borel was even more positive toward this weekend's MAAC contest.

“I expect good things this weekend, we will be ready to play because we have played such a tough non-conference schedule so far,” she said.

The Broncs will have to wait until Dec. 18 before it can play its first home game and after the New Year before getting into the meat of its conference schedule.

By Eamon Ducey

Road warriors lose first three games

F ans are the key com-
ponent of what makes sports so great. Take a look at a college basket-
ball game at Cameron Indoor Arena at Duke and you will see real fans. Yes, I am talk-
ing about those lovable blue painted “Cameron Crazies” who fill the arena an hour early expressing their Blue Devil pride. If you want to see more real fans, watch a game Green Bay Packers game. The “cheeseheads” are the most respectful fans in all of sports, you will rarely hear a jeer at Lambeau Field.

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks, the relation-
ship between both the fans and the players has reached its boiling point at all levels amateur and professional.

College football teams continue to install safe fold-
able goalposts to prevent the inevitable after games. Police, with riot gear ready and employed during the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees series. The Pacer-
Pistons brawl only served as an additional wake-up call to what's wrong with sports!

The following are a few recent examples of unaccept-
able behavior in the sports world beyond the Ron Artest mess.

Clemson vs. South Carolina brawl - Only about 15 hours after the Pacers-Pistons frac-
as, a fight broke out with about six minutes left in the contest. Police intervention was required as the brawl spread over the entire field. I am sure you could get your punches in with helmets on.

Punishment: not accepting bowl invitations, resulting in a loss of millions of dollars that go to the two schools.

A minor league hockey player “mooning” the crowd - Dan Sullivan of the Reading Royals decided to drop his pants during an altercation between another player and fans in the stands in a game held on Sunday, Nov. 7. Why fight them, when you can just flash them in a cold are-
a? Punishment: indefinite suspension.

Racism in European soccer -

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Mike Caputo

Sports go wild