

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter
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 Intramural Sports

The Sports Zone

A-10 Shootout Reaches Goal with "Largest Turnout Ever"

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Special points of interest:

- **Playoff Week for Intramural Sports!!**
- **A-10 Shootout is a success**
- **Are you ready for G9? Greeks versus Gladiators is coming in April**

Kingston- The Atlantic-10 Shootout grossed the largest turnout in University of Rhode Island history with 434 teams. The previous record of 253 teams was almost doubled this year.

"We are pleased we reached our goal," Peter Koutroumpis, Intramural Sports Coordinator, said. "But more importantly, it looked like the students had fun and were really getting into everything the event had to offer."

The three divisions in this competition were Men's, Women's and Coed. Jim Falvey and Dan Chase won the Men's division. Allison Longo and Nicole Corin were the winners of the Women's division. Both teams won a \$500 gift card to Circuit City. The top four Coed teams competed two nights later at half-time of the Men's basketball game against Xavier. Katie Guida and Mark Adler won the Coed Shootout and will be the 2006 representatives for URI. "It was an amazing feeling to win in front of all those

people," Adler said "As far as Cincinnati, I think we have as good of a shot as anyone. We just have to stay calm and make a few baskets."

They will be competing against Coed pairs

from all the A-10 schools during the Men's A-10 tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio. If they win the shootout in Cincinnati, they will receive the grand price of \$10,000.

For the few students who weren't at the Shootout or have been hiding in their dorm rooms for the past few weeks the A-10 Shootout is the largest sponsored event on-campus and is free to students. It is a night full of fun, laughing, competition, giveaways and free food. The actual competition consists of a team of two members shooting a basketball in various places on the court worth different set amount of points. The object is to get the most points in thirty seconds. **..Continues on page 3**



Old Spice Player of the Week February 20– 25



Chris Stairs - Sigma Pi A

The third week in the Intramural Basketball season witnessed tremendous amounts of action, but one player stood out over all the rest. Previous Players of the Week have been "slashers" to the hoop or 3 point specialists, but Chris Stairs was the "beast of the week" down low for Sigma Pi A in their 81-51 drubbing of Woohoo in NCAA Division 2 action.

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Outstanding Player of the Week

Continues from page 1... Stairs bullied his way to a game-high 30 points. He stood taller than all the rest with most of his points coming off of put-backs from his countless rebounds. This tremendous performance makes Chris Stairs our Old Spice Red Zone Player of The Week.



Coming in April...G9-Gladiators versus the Greeks

Kingston- Since 2001, the University of Rhode Island has been putting on a sports- event based on the early 90s television show *American Gladiators*. Peter Koutroumpis, Intramural Sports Coordinator, and Jay Souza, Fitness and Wellness Coordinator have been organizing the event each year. "We wanted to tie our programs together," Souza said, "and create an event that combined fitness, competition and entertainment."

G9 will be apart of the annual Greek Week events this year like in past years. The Gladiators versus the Greeks was very successful in 2003, according to Koutroumpis. Known as G6, the 2003 Gladiators versus the Greeks brought more 1,000 people into Keaney Gym to support their friends as they took on the Gladiators. "The crowd gets pretty involved," Souza said.

The Gladiators are chosen among URI's most fit staff, alumni ,and even ROTC members. "We are still in the process of getting in touch with past champions," Souza said, " Once you win the competition, you can become a Gladiator."

The events run almost like the TV show *American Gladiators*. There are five events: Ringleader, Breakthrough, Joust, Powerball, and Hit or Miss. Each event challenges the competitors' skills and strength. They receive a certain amount of points for beating the Gladiator and the competitor with the most points wins a prize and becomes a Gladiator for next year's event.

If you are unaware of how each event works, here's a brief description of each:

Ringleader- like wresting, force some-



one out of the ring while the other stays inside.

Breakthrough- competitor tries to score a touchdown about 20 yards from a Gladiator, who is blocking the way. The competitor receives three chances to do this.

Joust- competitor on a balance beam attempts to knock the Gladiator off. The competitor receives three chances to do this.

Hit or Miss- dodge ball - the Gladiator throws balls at all the competitors until one is left standing.

Powerball- Competitor tries to get a ball in the basket which is blocked by two gladiators.

The obstacle course has been eliminated as the final event. Instead, Powerball has been the final event for the past few years because of its popularity with the crowd.

Hit or Miss has also been replaced with a simple, but difficult game of Tug-of-War in past years. The list of this year's events and Gladiators are currently in the process of planning.

G9 Gladiators versus the Greeks will be held on Friday, March 31, 2006 at 7 p.m. in Mackal Field House. For more information, please contact the Intramural Sports Office at 874-5972 or the Fitness/Wellness Office at 874-2822.

Intramural Bowling

Played at Old Mountain Lanes

Team Rankings as of 3/1

1.#9 Little Urban Achievers	12-0
2. #1 BC Niners	10-2
3. #5 SigEp	9-3
4.#4 Shelter Dogs	7-5
5.#8 Pinnsylvaniaans	6-6
6.#6 Louthinators	6-6
7.#10 Has Beens	5-7
8.#3 The Brewskies	5-7
9.#7 EssTeeEffYou	5-7
10. #13 Doug and Kelly	4-4
11.#12 Off in the Shower	4-8
12.#2 The Ringers	2-10
13.#11 Donkeys	1-11
14.#14 14	0-8

Top Bowlers as of 3/1

1. Bryan Testen	710 series	236.6 average
2. Adam Mabiano	661 series	220.3 average
3. Chris Louth	549 series	183.0 average

A- 10 Shootout continued



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The 5th annual A-10 Shootout held its first ever three-point contest this year. Thomas Walters won the event by making 5 three-point shots in 30 seconds. His prize was a thirty-dollar gift certificate to Charlie O's. Other local sponsors like Scandinavian Sun, offered a drawing for free tanning and gave away coupons and free lotions. The GMAC table also raffled off a free I-Pod. Bagelz, Ronzio's, Spikes, International Pockets, Calente and Kingston Pizza all donated food for the event. Every student who was at the event received a bag of free stuff including an A-10 T-shirt, disposable camera, and various coupons to local businesses.

Becka Fish was the lucky candidate down for a change to win a free Pontiac Torrent SUV. Hurd Pontiac, who was the lead sponsor, had her sign a waiver before she shot, releasing the keys to her brand new dream SUV if she was successful in completing all of her shots. She had 30 seconds to make a lay-up, foul shot, three-point shot and half-court shot. Becka made her lay-up and foul shot right away, but struggled on the three-point shot. Unfortunately, time ran out and Becka never got a chance at the half-court shot. The A-10 staff made sure the event ran smoothly and they kept the crowd enthusiastic all night. "It's a chance to give back to the A-10 students and to thank them for supporting their teams," Brad Jones, an A-10 representative, said in *The Good 5 Cent Cigar*.

Intramural Basketball - Showdown in Keaney

The Intramural Basketball playoffs finally began after much anticipation. Intramural basketball has four divisions: NBA, NCAA, NJCAA, and WNBA. The NBA division first round match-ups were Rhode Island Extreme vs. 57. RI Extreme took an early lead and never slowed down in their thirty-point win last Tuesday. Ram It hosted The Roc and won a hard-fought battle, 56-52. Ram It then hosted Rhode Island Extreme on March 1 in Tootell West, and walked away victorious with a 61-57 outcome putting them in their third championship final in three years. In the other half of the bracket, Fall 2005 semester champions Fish Market (previously known as SAFE) took out the D Boys 57-51, and the Bus Drivers sent Xclusive back to the dorms with a loss, 49-41. Then in the toughest game of the playoffs, Bus Drivers ousted Fish Market by a score of 39-38.

The championship game between Ram It and Bus Drivers witnessed lots of tough action with players on both teams ending the contest battered and bruised. With the game being played on a much larger Keaney Gym floor, the Bus Drivers hoped to "slash to the hole" every chance they got, but it was to no avail with Ram It using their size and strength to power a 63-53 NBA division championship win. Top seed Nasty Boys won convincingly, 70-49, against Phi Kappa Phi on February 28th in first-round play of the NCAA Basketball playoffs. Still Fly lost to Keystone Light, 66-47, at the same time on court two.



Nasty Boys then hosted Keystone Light in the semi-finals in Tootell West on March 1 and again won convincingly 83-70. Bread N Butter lost an exciting game against Sigma Pi A, 38-34. The second-seed Highlight Real beat Fiji by 25. Highlight Real then hosted Sigma Pi A and dismantled them relatively easily. With the 81-49 victory, they continued on their march towards Keaney. The championship game saw players on both teams sinking three point shot after three point shot, but only one team came out on top, that being the Nasty Boys 64-50.

Proper Combination locked up the top seed in the NJCAA division and hosted Steven Segal in Tootell West on February 28th. Proper Combination came out as the winners by a final score of 46-35. Goonies blew out Green Machine, 64-26, on court two. Proper Combination then took care of the Goonies by 20, 56-36. Tenacious D never got in the groove, and got beat big by The Green Boys 60-33. Second-seed Happy Knappy played a hard-fought game against ATO, and pulled off a 41-31 victory. Happy Knappy next hosted The Green Boys and were beaten soundly 51-35, making for a Greene Boys and Proper Combination final in Keaney. With the score close for much of the game, Proper Combination pulled away in the end, and won 45-37 for their first Intramural title.

In the WNBA championship, the Swashbucklers stopped Unstoppable 37-27. This year's playoffs shaped up to be very competitive and exciting games. Congratulations to our champions and for the teams that didn't win titles, thanks for a great season.



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The University of Rhode Island's Intramural Sports Program is coordinated by the Department of Athletics. Intramural sports are an integral part of campus life giving students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to come together for competition and camaraderie. A variety of individual and team sports/activities are planned ranging from regular league competition to more informal tournament activities and one-day events which are intended to serve the varied interests of the URI community. No activity is too far-fetched or outrageous. The philosophy for Intramural Sports is to provide a little for everyone in order to get the most for all.



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Men's Ice Hockey 2005-2006 URI IM Ice Hockey League

Spring Playoffs

Semi-Finals

Fontenault 10, Mishkin 3

Allen 5, Benjamin 4

Championship Final

Fontenault 7, Allen 4

Leading Scorers - Season

Kevin Santos	26 goals, 8 assists	34
Nick Murphy	15 goals, 5 assists	20
Matt Colletta	14 goals, 5 assists	19
Mike Tilleli	15 goals, 3 assists	18
Brandon Little	11 goals, 2 assists	13
Jay Glaser	8 goals, 5 assists	12
John Cardin	7 goals, 5 assists	12
Ken Ferris	10 goals, 2 assists	12
Ken McClure	11 goals	11

Congratulations Team Fontenault

2006 IM Hockey Champions!!

