

DOMINATION



RIT's Matt Crowell, Top, wins the puck over Canisius's Scott Moser, Bottom, while on a break-away on January 25th's game at Buffalo State Ice Arena. RIT won the game 4-3.

AN OVERSIZED "special braille edition" of the Hockey Rule Book is one of the many signs the Corner Crew brings to ice hockey games. Some signs are used to make the referees feel inferior, while others are for degrading the other team, but the most important ones are encouraging for our team. Tiger fans play an important role in the success of the men's and women's ice hockey teams.

RIT hockey is taking the ice by storm, both with winning records and long unbeaten streaks in their seasons. With excellent success at home for both teams, fans have shared in the exceptional talent of the Tigers. The women's team is young (full of second year leaders), while the men's team has a little more experience, with fourth years filling up an important part of the roster.

THE WOMEN'S 12-game streak ended with their first loss at home to number one seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference, West SUNY Plattsburgh, making their overall record 13-2-2. The night before had resulted in a dramatic win for the women when they beat Plattsburgh 2-1 in overtime. Fourth year Psychology major Keltie Jones took a slap shot from the point to make the winning goal three minutes into overtime. The 1,133 fans — a record attendance for women's hockey games at home — surely played a huge role in supporting their team.

12 GAME WINNING STREAK WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Women's ice hockey action returns to the Ritter Arena on February 7 at 2 p.m. for the only time they have faced Amherst College. Amherst lost to Plattsburgh 3-1 in January, so the competition should be tight, but if RIT comes out flying, then they should be able to leave with a win.

AFTER A rough start to the season, the RIT men's hockey team has found their niche groove and is currently skating on an 11-game streak. Their overall record is 16-9-1, taking advantage of their home ice and fans with a record of 9-3.

The men's team ended January's regular season undefeated with a comeback win in Buffalo against Canisius College. Over 400 RIT fans supported their team as the Tigers were still

down 3-2 with just over five minutes left in the third period. Before all hope was completely lost, Brennan Sarazin, a fourth year Finance major, scored his thirteenth goal of the season to tie the game. As Tiger fans went wild, especially after the goal, the team pulled everything together and Mike Janda, a second year Marketing major, gave RIT their first lead in the game and the last-minute win!

The men face off tonight, February 6, at 7:05 p.m. against Sacred Heart in the Ritter Ice Rink. The last time the teams competed was in October in Connecticut, where RIT lost one and tied one.

Now, go out to the ice rink and cheer on your Tigers as they skate to tournament play in the last month of regular season play! •

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