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LAWRENCEVILLE--Chris Tarello of Medford, a junior on the Rider University track & field team, has again written his name into the Rider track record book.

A 1992 graduate of Shawnee High School, Tarello competed at the Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee recently, and broke a pair of Rider records.

At Tennessee, the site of the 1995 NCAA National Championships, Tarello ran the 800 meters in 1:51.22, and running the second leg of the 4 x 400 relay, Tarello helped Rider finish in a Rider record-breaking time of 3:12.42.

The old Rider record in the 800 was 1:51.80 set in 1991. The previous Rider record in the 4 x 400 relay stood since 1983 at 3:12.90.

This winter Tarello placed fourth in the 500 meters at the ICAAAA Championships in a Rider-record time of 1:03.77 to earn All-East honors. Tarello also helped Rider place fifth in the IC4A 4 x 400 relay.

A secondary education major at Rider, Tarello placed third in the 800 meters with a time of 1:59.65 at the Northeast Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships this winter, and won a gold medal with the 4 x 400 relay that clocked a winning time of 3:22.70.

Tarello is a transfer from Gloucester Community College. He was a junior college National Qualifier at Gloucester after twice earning All-South Jersey and All-Burlington County honors at Shawnee High.

Rutgers and Rider sent their big guns to the Sea-Ray Relays in Tennessee, leaving FDU and La Salle to clean up yesterday at the nine-team Rider Invitational, but there were enough standouts left to assure a top-notch meet that included a sprint double by the Tigers' Vernon Pierre.

The team will, however, be without some of their best competitors. The four-man mile relay team will be in Tennessee competing in another tournament.

Rider mile relay sets school mark

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Rider's contingent of track stars come home today from the Sea Ray Relays with no gold medals, but some impressive performances.

Highlighting the trip was a third-place finish in their mile relay heat yesterday in a school-record 3:12.42, just behind Ohio State and Wisconsin but ahead of defending NCAA champion Georgia Tech.

Jose Lopez ran a 48.4 opening leg, followed by Charlie Tarello's 48.8, Marc McKithen's 47.8 and Bruce Johnson's 47.3 anchor. The old Rider mark was 3:12.90 set in 1983.

Tarello set a Rider record when he finished the 800-meter run in 1:51.22, an ICAA-qualifying time that broke Greg Calhoun's school mark of 1:51.80 set in 1991. Lopez was sixth in the 400-intermediate hurdles in 51.97, short of his personal best but well ahead of his marks at this time last year.

Tarello paces relay run

While the rest of the track team was running, jumping and throwing in the cold wind and rain of Lawrenceville on Saturday, Chris Tarello and three of his teammates headed south to Tennessee to represent Rider at the Sea Ray Relays.

The change of weather may have had a positive effect on Tarello. By the time he left the University of Tennessee for Rider, he had broken two school records.

Tarello, a transfer from Gloucester Community College, ran the 800 meters in 1:51.22, breaking the old school record of 1:51.80.

He was also on Rider's 4 x 400 relay

that broke a school record. Tarello, along with Jose Lopez, Marc McKithen and Bruce Johnson, ran the event in 3:12.42, breaking the old time of 3:12.90, which had stood in the book since 1983.

Earlier this year Tarello placed fourth in the 500 meters at the ICAAAA Championships in a record time of 1:03.77. He earned All-East honors. He also paced the Broncs to a fifth place finish in the ICAAAA 4 x 400 relay.

He also placed in the top spots during this winter's NEC Indoor Track and Field Championships, finishing third in the 800. He and his relay teammates won the gold medal running 3:22.70.

Chris Tarello, a 1992 graduate of Shawnee High School in Medford, set a Rider University record for 800 meters Saturday when he ran 1:51.22 at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. Tarello had a high school best of 1:54.3.

Track

Rider's Chris Tarello, Shawnee, broke the school record with a 1:51.22 time in the 800 at the Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee. The old mark was

1:51.80. Also, he ran the second leg of the school's 1,600-meter relay team which recorded a best-ever 3:12.42.

LAWRENCEVILLE--Chris Tarello of Medford, a junior on the Rider University track & field team, has helped the Broncs win the Northeast Conference outdoor track & field championship.

A 1992 graduate of Shawnee High School, Tarello placed third in the 800 meters with a time of 1:54.4, and ran the second leg of the gold medal-winning 4 x 400 meter relay.

This spring Tarello also helped Rider place second in the nine-team New Jersey Collegiate Championships by winning the 400 meters in 48.3, and running the second leg of the winning 4 x 400 relay.

At the Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee this spring, Tarello broke a pair of Rider records, running the 800 meters in 1:51.22, and running the second leg of the 4 x 400 relay that was clocked at 3:12.42.

Rider News Athletes of the Week

Chris Tarello, sophomore runner for the track team (0-0), has been named *The Rider News Athlete of the Week* (April 7 - April 13).

Tarello broke two school records at Saturday's Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee. He ran a 1:51.22 in the 800 meters, breaking the previous mark of 1:51.80. He was also a member of the 4 x 400 relay team, along with Jose Lopez, Marc McKithen and Bruce Johnson, that broke Rider's record with a time of 3:12.42.