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## Where did summer go? How is hockey less than two weeks away?

Today is the first full day of fall, as summer officially bid adieu at 5:18 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22. Judging by last night, today, and really the whole month of September, I would have thought summer just arrived. I looked at my daily calendar this morning, thumbing the days until my next birthday, when I came to the stunning realization that the <u>Tiger hockey team</u> hosts York University that day, October 4, at 2:05 p.m. WHAT!?!?! The start of hockey season really is 11 days away? Is it really 80 degrees out today? Of course I knew this a few months in advance, but the fact that the month of September, and really the entire summer has gone by in the blink of an eye, which is pretty crazy. I feel like I was just in Ritter Arena, watching the <u>Tigers get by Holy Cross in the AHA Quarterfinals</u>. Wait, that was seven months ago? Wow! How time flies.

In between, RIT's <u>women's lacrosse</u> team made history, winning a program record 13 games, coming within a few short minutes of clinching its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth. <u>Kelsey Evans</u> was named RIT's first women's lacrosse All-American. <u>Carlissa Cole</u> of the <u>softball</u> team threw a 16-inning shutout in the Empire 8 playoffs, and her arm did not fall off. In fact, she pitched the very next day. Baseball's <u>Jeremy Tosh</u> set school records for runs batted in, while <u>Mike</u> Hardbarger, Matt Joseph and Matt Marion of the men's track and field team competed at the NCAA Championships.

RIT welcomed two new head coaches, <u>Jake Coon</u> for men's lacrosse and <u>Becky Stryker</u> with softball. In addition, Ben Emke was named the Head Athletic Trainer, while he welcomed three new athletic trainers, Tim Insko, Tiffany Reichman, and Missy Wilson. Sports Information welcomed its 2009-10 intern, Chris Ferry.

The fall sports are underway, and knee deep into their respective seasons. Men's soccer and women's soccer will be jumping into the all-important Empire 8 conference schedule shortly, as will volleyball. The volleyball squad has 12 freshmen on a 16-person roster. Women's tennis is off to a strong start, while men's cross country and women's cross country have each won one meet, and are primed for great success in the near future. It seems like about a month ago, the student-athletes were just arriving on campus for preseason, and now each team is well into their seasons.

Before we know it, the leaves will be falling (some already are), and snow will be on the ground. Maybe I shouldn't complain that is 80 degrees out on the first full day of fall.

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