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[Attention Atlantic Hockey—the Tigers have arrived!](#)

It was hot. It was July. The Yankees and Red Sox were slugging it out (and it was clear neither team had any championship pitching)â€¢.And we were talking hockey – [RIT hockey](#).

The summer months are a busy time for [RIT Sports Information](#), led by Director Steve Jaynes and Associate Director Joe Venniro. Sure, all the students are gone and Sports Information gets a reprieve from reporting daily on RIT's 24 varsity sports. But summer is publications season for Sports Info.

Steve, Joe and I met with Athletic Director Lou Spiotti to give him a sense of where we were heading with the annual RIT men's hockey yearbook and other promotional material for the upcoming season. The Tigers were coming off an interesting first year at the Division I level, where the team posted a 9-24-2 season. All but one game was decided by three goals or less. With a strong recruiting class, there was plenty of reason to be optimistic about RIT's first full-year in [Atlantic Hockey](#).

[Fast forward](#)

to January: The Tigers swept Sacred Heart on the road this past weekend and now have sole possession of first place in Atlantic Hockey. RIT is now 13-7-2 and 12-3-1 in Atlantic Hockey play.

Due to the 3-year transition into Division I, RIT will not be eligible for post-season play until next season. That's too bad for Rochester fans because the city will be hosting the Atlantic Hockey playoffs this year, 2008 and 2009 at the [Blue Cross Arena](#). So [Coach Wayne Wilson](#) and Co. are setting a goal of winning the League championship in the regular season. The Tigers are on a roll and if they keep it up they may even crack the NCAA Top 20. RIT's quick emergence in D-I is making waves at the [national level](#).

Let's show some RIT pride and support the Tigers this upcoming weekend when we face UConn in [Ritter Arena](#) at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. To keep up with the Tigers, make sure you also check out our weekly [Coach's Corner podcast](#) with Coach Wilson.

Now, the hockey team may be the big men on campusâ€¢.But the [women's team](#) still has the edge in winning percentage. The lady Tigers are 11-1-0 overall and 9-1-0. They host Elmira College on Wednesday (January 17) at 7 p.m. in Ritter Arena.

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