pass from Rose to junior Carl Morris, the team’s premier receiver.

**Tidbits:** Morris’s catch, his eighth of the game, gave him 101 aerial yards for the day. But that total was eclipsed by the 217 yards rung up by Brown’s ace receiver, Chas Gessner. In last year’s Brown game, Morris caught 10 passes for 220 yards, a Harvard record.

Life in the trenches: Offensive linemen work in near-anonymity, but for the record, the starters who form the Crimson’s strong forward wall are tackles Steve Collins and Jamil Soriano, guards Danny Kistler and Justin Stark, and center Jason Hove. Soriano is a junior; the rest are seniors.

Defensive stalwarts: icing the victory over Brown, strong safety Andy Fried ’02 made an acrobatic midfield interception with seconds left on the clock...Sophomore linebacker Dante Balestracci—the team’s foremost tackler last year, and the first freshman in league history to make the all-Ivy first team—took up where he left off, leading the defensive unit with nine unassisted tackles against Brown.

Scratched: The team’s opening game, canceled after the terrorist attacks, would have been a nonleague contest at Holy Cross...In a nonleague game a week after the Brown victory, Harvard defeated winless Lafayette, 38-14. Rose scored twice on quarterback sneaks and threw two touchdown passes to Morris, whose nine catches raised his career total to 101. Josh Staph, who sprained an ankle late in the Brown game, watched from the bench; junior Nick Palazzo, his alternate, carried 21 times for 98 yards and a touchdown.

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**Men’s Soccer**

At the start of coach John Kerr’s third year, he opined that overall, the Crimson’s deep squad was better than the 1986 Duke team he had played on that won the NCAA championship. His booters (4-2, 1-0 Ivy) opened their campaign with a 4-2 triumph over Yale and notched a big win in California, upsetting sixth-ranked San Diego 2-1 in overtime. But against Loyola Marymount, Harvard drew three second-half red cards in rapid succession and, with only seven field players, gave up two goals in the final 14 minutes, losing 3-1. With the trio of red-carded starters sitting out, Harvard lost the next game to Boston College 3-2, but then bounced back with 10 unanswered goals to shell Maine, 7-0, and Providence, 3-0.

**Women’s Soccer**

After an opening overtime loss to Colorado College, 5-4, the netwomen (4-1, 2-0 Ivy) reeled off four straight shutouts, blanking Central Connecticut, 1-0; Brown, 4-0; Yale, 1-0; and Massachusetts, 2-0. At that point, goalkeeper Cheryl Gunther ’03 had stonewalled opponents for 368 consecutive minutes. The double-overtime win against Yale ended with a brilliant score, when midfielder Katy Westfall ’04 rushed a restart, lofting the free kick over a wall of surprised Eli defenders to forward Beth Totman ’03, who punched in the golden goal.

**Field Hockey**

The stickwomen (4-2, 2-0 Ivy) overcame Vermont, 3-1, before succumbing to New Hampshire, 1-0, and Connecticut, 4-1. They then knocked off Brown, 1-0; Massachusetts, 4-2; and Yale, 3-2. The win against Massachusetts was the Crimson’s first victory over the Minutewomen since 1984, and only the second in the history of the series.

**Women’s Volleyball**

The women volleyballers (6-3, 0-1 Ivy) started strong with 3-0 wins over Loyola (Maryland), Colgate, and Lafayette, then foiled New Hampshire 3-1. Three losses followed, to Fairfield, Northeastern, and Dartmouth, before the spikers took down Georgia State and SUNY Binghamton, giving up only one game to each.