

Sports Spotlight: Taylor Schaub

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For the past eight years, Taylor Schaub has been training in track and field. In high school, Schaub was actively involved in track and field, the dance team and the swim team. For reasons that range from interest and talent to the facilities available at Illinois Tech, Schaub is the only athlete on the track and field team at Illinois Tech who competes in high jump and it is her main event. As such, her training is less team-oriented and more focused on individual practice with her coach. Asked about working with Schaub, her coach, Norman Schneigert says, "Since I started to work with Taylor this year, we adjusted several techniques and ways she prepared for the meets. The results were phenomenal. She has been very competitive at all the meets and the adjustments have resulted in winning results which includes beating several NCAA Division I programs."

Asked what she thinks is the best part about being on the track and field team at Illinois Tech, Schaub identifies two perspectives: as an individual, time management has been a valuable skill that she has had to master by means of being on the team, having to structure her academic, professional and personal life around her life in athletics. As a team member, Schaub values the bonds and relationships she has been able to form with her teammates from different majors and grade levels. On the other hand,



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asked what challenges she has faced on the team or as an athlete in general, Schaub says, "even though I mentioned that it helps with managing my time commitments, it's hard to commit the time," adding that she, like all other students at Illinois Tech, are here for

their academics and that they remain her priority.

In her time competing for Illinois Tech, Taylor Schaub has broken many school records for track and field games, specifically for her main event, high jump. Asked about

how it feels when she is able to accomplish major feats like these, Schaub simply says, "a lot of focus on track and field is a personal record" adding that, "at the end of the day, it's your best mark against your current performance."

On dealing with game losses and not being able to accomplish some of the goals she and her team set for themselves, Schaub says that while it is a little disappointing initially, "the coaches definitely have been helpful in making sure we're analyzing what we're doing at all times so that we know in the future we can't make that same mistake or we have to better prepare for this certain aspect of that event."

As an academically-focused university, our campus community's involvement in athletics is often lacking. Schaub suggests a focus on on-campus events as a way to boost interest in athletics, citing the recent Color Run as an example of an athletic event that brought a significant number of students together.

As her journey with Illinois Tech athletics comes to an end, Taylor Schaub looks forward to participating in 5K and/or 10K runs and hopefully a few half-marathons in the future, and considers coaching a team in the long run. Her coach says of her departure, "It will hurt losing her next year, but with heavy recruiting I hope that we can get athletes like her in a few years. She has been a great leader and a great teammate. She will be greatly missed."

Illinois Tech Tennis Club finishes season strong at Nationals

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The Illinois Tech Tennis Club finished their season on Saturday in Cary, NC with their first win at the USTA National Championship. With a win against Stephen F. Austin State University Tennis Club, Illinois Tech was placed on the map for the first time in its history at a National level. Even though Illinois Tech had some tough and very close losses to southern schools like UCLA and Georgia Tech Tennis Clubs, Illinois Tech made an outstanding debut at Nationals. But, this is not the end of the road for some players that competed this year. Some Illinois Tech Club players will be competing in the U.S. Open National Playoff in South Bend, IN for the final two wild card spots of the U.S. Open in August. We would like to congratulate Franklin Zhong, Abhishek Rana, Vincent Boulanger, Connor Mullane, Jianui Huo, Malik Begur, Connor Mullane, Meriem Sakrouhi and Mihai-George Beloiu Serbanescu as they qualified for the next round. We wish them the best of luck, as they will continue to represent Illinois Tech at the U.S. Open Qualifiers in June. At the same time, we would like to congratulate every player and member of the team because everyone contributed to this run. From the close super-tiebreaker wins against Illinois State and Loyola Universities back in September to losing in the Bronze Final at Sectionals, every single player on this year's squad scored a point in a game, which, in the end, counted towards a historic run for a National Title. In the end, the Illinois



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Tech Tennis Club has improved drastically, and will be remembered as the 2016 USTA Midwest Club of the Year in years to come.

2016 USTA Midwest Club of the Year
Full 2015-2016 Illinois Tech Tennis Club Roster

Mihai George Beloiu Serbanescu
Elvin Moy
Dan Florescu
Connor Mullane
Meriem Sakrouhi
Richard Agama
Vincent Boulanger
Abhishek Rana
Wesley Lo
Malik Begur
Jianui Huo
Jessica Ginesta Legasto
Marta Naudó Vidal
Carlos Martinez
Dea Ivanovic
Eloisa Compostizo
Xiatian Xu
Franklin Zhong
Richard Tobey
Hannah Barnes
Nadia Diaz
Julia Juan
Enric Baucells
Karyll Hyacinthe
Jose Cheriyan
John Bodett
Clement Causse
Taha Bandeali
George Dobrica



Wednesday, April 27
Women's Lacrosse
@ Benedictine
6 p.m.

Thursday, April 28
Track and Field
@ Illinois Tech
2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 29
Track and Field
@ Illinois Tech
9 a.m.

Saturday, April 30
Track and Field
@ Illinois Tech
9 a.m.

Women's Lacrosse
v.s. Aurora
1 p.m.

Friday, May 13
Track and Field
@ Illinois Tech
TBA

Saturday, May 14
Track and Field
@ Illinois Tech
TBA

Friday, May 20
Track and Field
@ Illinois Tech
TBA

Saturday, May 21
Track and Field
@ Illinois Tech
TBA