

Baseball take one over Olivet Tigers



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On Saturday afternoon, the Hawks baseball team played a double header against the Tigers of Olivet Nazarene University. The Hawks lost the first game 2-4, but won the second 2-1. In the first game the Hawks took an early lead in the second inning, with runs scored by sophomore Jon Celestino and junior Reid Matsumoto. The Tigers took over in the fifth with four runs and held onto the lead through the end of the game.

In the second of the two games, neither team was up on the board until the fourth, when senior Mat Bednarz scored on a single by senior Miguel Gallegos. The Tigers answered the Hawks run in the fifth to tie up the score until the bottom of the seventh. With a few strategic hits, the Hawks loaded the bases one hit after another - first, junior Nick Wise, then Gallegos, followed by sophomore Jack Kosar. Senior Bill O'Toole singled, bringing Wise home for the game ending run. On the defensive, Bednarz pitched a complete game, giving up only three hits.

Earlier in the week the Hawks played, and unfortunately lost, three other games - a double header on Tuesday against Purdue University-North Central, and on Wednesday a single game against Judson College. Their overall record is now 7-16.

On Wednesday, the Hawks will play at home again against the University of Saint Francis. The double header will start at 1 p.m.



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IIT Soccer teams volunteer at St. James Food Pantry

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On Saturday morning, Illinois Institute of Technology's Men's and Women's Soccer teams volunteered at St. James's Catholic Church Food Pantry. The IIT Athletics Department is continuously striving to give back to the local community and the teams spent the morning at the pantry, which has distinguished itself as a beacon of hope for numerous families.

The St. James Food Pantry, which has been in existence since 1972, is a service that provides people of the local area with the basic food necessities. The charity has constantly grown since its creation and now provides to an average of 1500 households monthly.

The IIT student athletes prepared and distributed provisions to a number of people that cannot afford food on a regular basis. "It was great to see the local community coming together to provide for each other," commented junior Women's Soccer player Samantha Cosenza. "It was wonderful to see the amount of smiles and happiness a small amount of help can produce."

"It was good to get out and get involved in the local community" stated junior Men's Soccer player Sam Winstanley. "It's a fantastic project and I'm sure a number of us will be going back in the near future."

The project runs every second Saturday of the month throughout the morning, with any volunteer helper welcome. The soccer teams had a fantastic morning and it's certain that this is only the start of the athletes outreach to the community.



The Men's and Women's teams at the St. James's Food Pantry (Photo courtesy Graeme Port)