

Women’s soccer season flying high

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After a successful week, in which the team beat nationally ranked Robert Morris and Saint Xavier for the first time, the Illinois Tech Women’s soccer team entered the past week full of confidence. Last Wednesday, the team travelled to face the Trinity International Trojans, another team who the girls have never managed to get any points from. The game was hyped up to be a pretty intense affair, with both teams having nothing to lose and fighting for the same spot in the league table. However, the game wasn’t pretty, the weather was horrendous, with gale force winds and torrential rain and it severely dashed the prospect of a good game. Both teams couldn’t hold onto pos-

session throughout the game and a lot of fouls were committed. After a lax effort, and lack of communication by the Hawks defense, the Trinity International striker found herself one on one with junior goalkeeper Amy Arnhart and managed to slide the ball into the bottom corner to open the scoring. With a pretty poor performance by IIT across the park, they still managed to rustle up a goal with 4 minutes left on the clock, when Freshman Veronica Torres found herself free on the left wing and picked out Senior Emily Tilton on the front post, where she volleyed the ball into the bottom corner. For the remainder of the game, both teams had plenty of opportunities but couldn’t convert. After both overtimes, a draw was a reasonable result for both sides and the first point that IIT have ever received from TIU. On Saturday, the Hawks were host to the Calumet Crimson Wave at Stuart Field.

Despite a terrible first half performance by the Hawks, the team managed to come back from 2-0 down to beat the Crimson Wave 4-2. In the first half, it looked like the Scarlet Hawks were trying too much, attempting to play one touch football but losing out and not making passes to feet. The home side conceded two soft goals in the first half and definitely had to pick up their game for the second. Only a few minutes into the second period, pressure by freshman Marit Tundal found her collecting the ball in the Calumet box and blasting the ball past the keeper into the bottom left corner. Moments later, Tundal posted her second goal of the game, a header into the top corner of the net from a Diana Otero cross. The Hawks definitely stepped out onto the field in the second half with determination and looked like they wanted to play. Halfway into the second half, Tundal passed the ball to junior Heather Bickerton on the edge of the box.

The striker shifted the ball onto her right foot before she unleashed a thunderbolt from Zeus into the top corner of the net to make the score 3-2. With fifteen minutes left in the game, a long ball was launched forward with Bickerton nodding the ball on to her strike partner Tundal, who capped the game off with her third goal of the night after placing the ball into the bottom corner to make the final score 4-2. The Hawk’s can definitely learn from their mistakes in this game but move forward to their final two conference games against Holy Cross Saints, and the Judson Eagles. Please show your support for the Women’s Soccer team as they take on Judson University this Saturday at 5 p.m. Judson are now 9-0 in conference and I’m sure the match will be an incredibly intense affair, so be sure to bring all your friends to the game to cheer the girls on.



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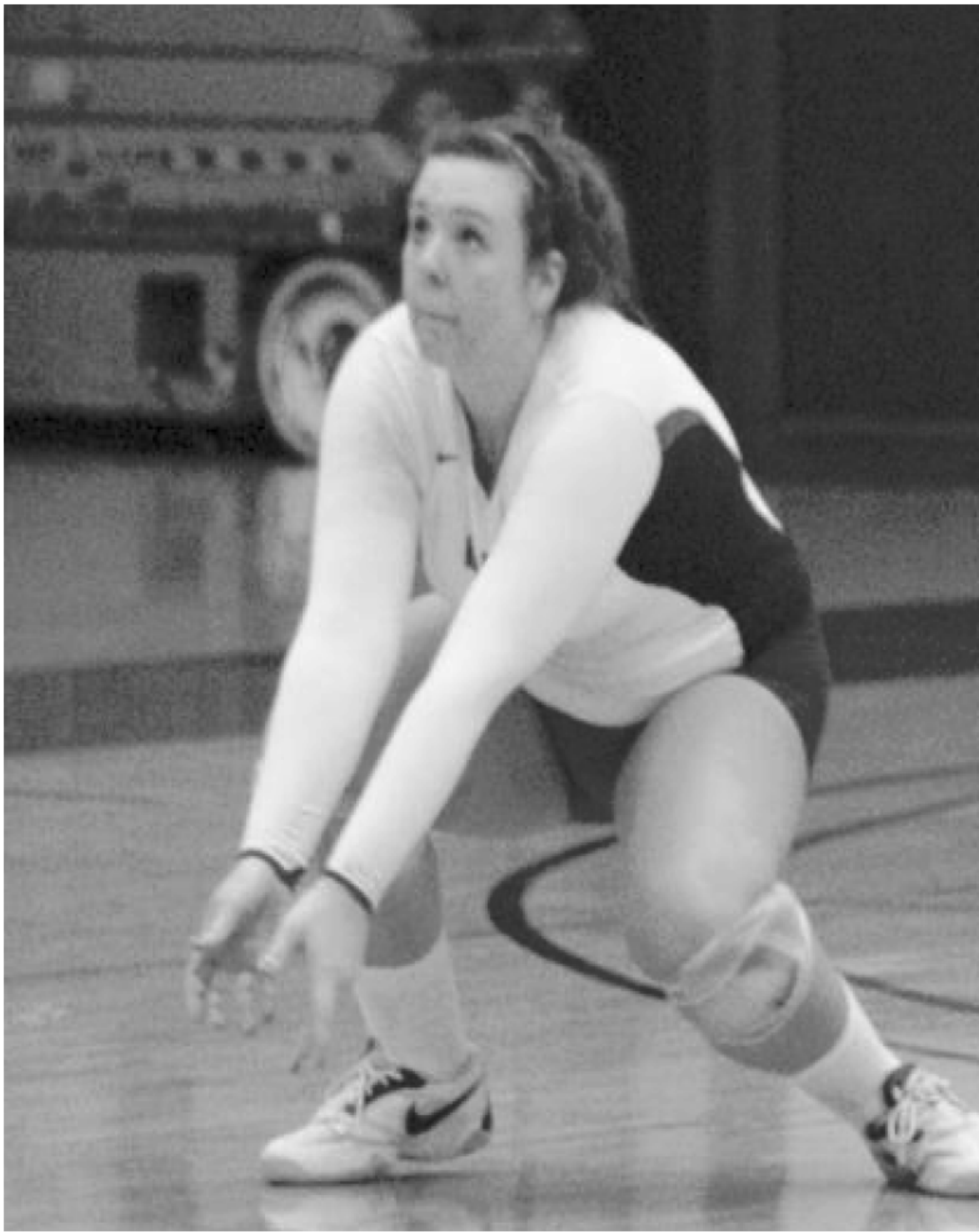
Cross Country enters championship season

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This past Saturday, the Cross Country team competed in the NAIA Great Lakes Challenge in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Men’s team finished 13th overall in the 8K race, with top times from junior Zach Gates (26:17.82), sophomore Phil Cano (26:48.07) and freshman Sam Wietlspach (26:53.75). Also competing for the Hawks were sophomore Andrew Montague (27:00.81), senior Wes Villalobos (27:17.18), senior Phil Theisen (27:40.80), junior Kenny Murphy (27:45.60), sophomore Ethan Montague (27:51.92), junior Derek Burge-Beckley (28:55.30), freshman Jeffery Sommerfield (29:24.24), sophomore John Pasowicz (30:56.36), and freshmen Felipe Prada (31:13.08) and Manny Leon-Madrigal (32:01.77). The Women’s team finished 12th overall. The 5K race saw top finishes from freshman Abby Jahn who finished 29th overall with a time of 18:59.40. Also with top finishes were freshman Courtney Rouse (19:10.26), sophomore Jordan Kelch (19:33.24) and senior

Maddy Jensen (20:11.14). Also running for the Lady Hawks were junior Claudia Garcia (20:28.33), junior Kira Vincent (20:30.90), freshman Ann Crotteau (20:39.43), junior Emily Kraemer (22:01.12), senior Jacqueline Roche (23:20.07), senior Courtney Lamoureux (24:18.03), sophomore Erin Chapman (27:56.90), and senior Annie Hutches (31:59.08). On October 15th, the team traveled to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to compete in the Brooks Invitational. For the Men’s team, Cano finished with a 27:17, followed closely by Gates (27:26), Theisen (27:43) and Montague (27:48). Wietlspach finished with a time of 27:59, Murphy with a 28:03, and Villalobos with a 28:11. On the Women’s side, Rouse finished with a final time of 23:45, followed closely by Jahn with a 23:49. Kelch finished with a time of 24:24, Vincent with a 25:14, followed closely by Jensen (25:27), Garcia (25:35) and Crotteau (26:02). The Hawks now enter their championship season, with the CCAC Conference meet on November 5th, and the NAIA National Championships, for any who qualify, on the 19th in Vancouver, Washington.

Athlete Spotlight: Kate Kendall



Name: Kate Kendall
Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Sport: Volleyball
Position: Outside Hitter (OH)
Favorite thing about your sport?: The adrenaline rush I have when I get a kill or make an awesome save. You can’t help but smile to yourself and it always pumps me up for the next play!
What do you like best about the fans at your games?: Even though we may not show it, we can hear everything that is yelled and said at games. I’ve heard some funny stuff over the few seasons I’ve played here! The constant support and witty remarks make our fans awesome and keep me motivated throughout the match.
Favorite thing to do on campus?: I really like going to other sporting events to support the other athletes, and I really enjoy hanging out at the apartment I live in with 5 of my teammates! There’s always something crazy happening!
Secret to being great at your sport: I think a great player truly has a sense of the game and is intense with everything she does. It’s important to go at every play with everything you have and never take it easy on the opponent. Go up and hit every attempt like it’s a game winning kill. If you miss and whiff, a kill is a kill and you still get the point on the stats sheet!