

Introducing: Scarlet Hawks Club Basketball



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The new IIT Scarlet Hawks men's club basketball season is now in its third week. Although they have gotten off to a rocky start, the team is focusing on the positives of their game play and looking to get their first win against Truman College this upcoming Saturday, February 4th.

Head coach and team captain, Trevor Townsend, took a moment to talk to us about the team and their game play.

What made you decide to put to-

gether a club basketball team here at IIT?

We decided to put the basketball team together so that we can bring the varsity team back. In order to bring varsity basketball back we need a club team first. I had ankle surgery at the beginning of the semester and that is why I decided to be the coach, since I couldn't play.

What are your thoughts on the team to this point?

I think we have a good group of guys on the team, though we are lacking in the point guard position. We need to play more under control and play harder; we would win more games if we limited our turnovers and played better basketball. But with that said this team has potential even though

a lot of these players haven't played organized basketball since high school or at all."

What are your thoughts on the future of the club team?

We have the talent to be a decent junior college level team, but it's the little mistakes that hinder our success, and once we overcome those I don't think there is a team that could beat us. We have been improving every game; this is a learning process for us and we have to learn fast but with solid leadership we can improve fast. Certain members on the team have stepped up and became leaders like Joshua Buck. If we play hard and work even harder I can see us winning out the rest of the season.

Townsend has also been the Hawks

leading scorer in two of their last three games with 14 points in their game against Northwestern University (56-97) and 16 points in game with Columbia College (55-74). Their point guard, Hristo Kotzev, was their leading scorer in the game against Truman College (77-99).

The Hawks have kept the scores close for most of the games but have not been able to finish strong. With four more games left on their schedule, they look to change that around by getting some wins.

Come out and support your Hawks at their next home game, Saturday February 11th at 3pm. All home games are held at Keating Sports Center on the South court.



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