

Fall semester brings new athletes, sports to Keating

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With the fall semester here, it's time for athletics, both varsity and intramural, to get started once again at Illinois Tech. This fall is an exciting one for the athletics department. After two years as the head coach of the women's soccer team, Marc Colwell was named as IIT's new Assistant Athletic Director. This fall Colwell will also become the head coach of the men's soccer team.

Athletic Director Enzley Mitchell IV recently welcomed Colwell to the position of Assistant Athletic Director by saying that, "We are excited to welcome Marc into this new position. His experience both at the NAIA and NCAA Division III levels will surely help us in our transitional period. Marc is a great fit and we look forward to him helping

take our athletics department to the next level."

Just as exciting as Colwell's promotion is the large number of new recruits who will be attending IIT this coming fall and representing the school on its sports teams. This academic year, the volleyball team welcomes four new recruits: Chelsea Badiola, Katie Lyons, Adriane Walther, and Elizabeth Woltman. The women's soccer team welcomes three new recruits: Kristen Barrett, Adrianna Maron, and Ana Salgado. The men's soccer team welcomes one new recruit: Bart Grabowski. Finally, the baseball team welcomes four new recruits: Jeremy Berger, Austin Boos, Sam Pung, and Conner Wiebell. These new athletes join a fantastic tradition of excellence both on and off the field. In the spring 2012 semester, the combined GPA for all student-athletes was a 3.21.

Within the athletics department, many teams performed even better than this. The average GPA of the women's track

and field team was a 3.55. Fifteen student-athletes also recorded a 4.0 GPA last spring.

This fall, the varsity sports to watch are men's and women's soccer and volleyball. The first men's soccer game will be on Monday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. against Purdue University Calumet. The first women's soccer game will be on Saturday, August 11 at 2:00 p.m. against Concordia University. Both of these games will be played at IIT's soccer pitch, which is just west of Stuart Building. The first volleyball game of the season will be on Tuesday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m. against Kankakee Community College. This game will be played in Keating Hall.

The athletics department isn't just responsible for varsity sports. The department is also responsible for managing intramural leagues and coordinating many recreational activities. This fall welcomes a new indoor soccer and basketball league which will allow students to play one game a week, with play-

offs to determine a league champion at the end of the semester. Registration for these leagues will open on August 27. The department will also be offering zumba, yoga, and other classes in Keating hall starting after August 27.

Finally, the athletics department will be hosting a few events during the first week of classes to welcome new students and welcome back old students to campus.

There will be a three pitch softball event from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23 and a game of kickball on Friday, August 24 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. These events are open to all students, and will be beginning at Keating Hall.

The athletics department is one of the most active and exciting departments on campus, and to stay updated on all of its activities, one can look at their website at www.IllinoisTechAthletics.com, or follow their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/IITIntramuralsAndRec.

