

Men's soccer starts season with 2-2 record

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The IIT men's soccer team began preparations for their upcoming season at the start of August with an intense two week fitness camp run by head coach Marc Colwell and his newly appointed assistants, Dan Cross and ex-Goalkeeper Jared Svaldi. New additions to this year's roster include freshman Bart Grabowski, junior Jose Neto, and goalkeepers Casey Krapfl and Edson Zagal.

After completing pre-season conditioning, the team went into their first competitive fixture at home with Concordia University, a game that saw many changes to the IIT lineup as players looked to regain their sharpness and match fitness. The match ended 3-0 in favor of the Scarlett Hawks with goals from seniors John Connor and Liam Barrett on either side of a wonder strike from Philippine international Robert Rixer.

The Hawks would then go on to face nationally ranked Rio Grande, once again played out at the Hawk's Nest. IIT started the game slowly and Rio looked to capitalize on this by taking a 2-0 lead into the interval. However, IIT responded well and came out much stronger in the second half, grabbing a goal back through senior Liam Barrett. Barrett was well-assisted by Grabowski who beat his man to the touchline before firing a menacing ball across the box.

IIT looked to be gaining momentum as the second half progressed although the elusive second goal never came and in the dying moments, Rio added a third goal to end the game 3-1 in favor of the impressive visitors.

After a disappointing loss on the road against Indiana Tech, the Hawks played host to Waldorf College in what would turn out to be an enthralling encounter for spectators at Stuart Field.



Photo courtesy of the IIT Athletic Department

Two exquisite finishes from sophomore defender Nordine Amalaiky and a goal from Robert Rixer saw IIT clinch a well-deserved 3-2 victory, despite seeing Senior David Wilkinson ejected from the game for what was deemed a dangerous tackle.

Next up for the Scarlett Hawks is a trip to Ashland next Tuesday in what should make for an exciting game against a team that is currently receiving votes nationally.

This will be followed by a home encounter against another fearsome op-

ponent, Madonna University. Come down to the Hawk's Nest on Friday, September 14th, at 7 p.m. to cheer on the guys in what promises to be an exciting game in their last out-of-conference matchup this season.

Letter from the Sports Editor: Expanding from campus-wide to world-wide sports

Starting September 10th, I will be taking over as the Sports Editor of TechNews. I have been a regular contributor to the section for over a year now and would like to highlight some of the changes I intend to make to the section in my new position.

More effort will be made to review professional sports in Chicago and around the world. Though the quality of varsity

sports at this university is extremely high, it is understandable that students want to hear news from across the world of sport. I have therefore introduced the Chicago Sports and English Premier League Soccer Reviews.

This will give readers the chance to keep up to date with all of Chicago's sports teams as well as follow one of the most exciting leagues in the world throughout the semester.

For those of you that have a specific interest in teams or leagues that you feel are interesting or underrepresented in the Sports Section, feel free to contact TechNews with your views. Furthermore, we are always looking for students to share articles.

From the Olympics, to how much the Cubs suck, if you have opinions you would like to share, please submit articles

to www.technewsit.com for consideration, or contact me at sports@technewsit.com to address any questions you may have.

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Chicago sports: football, basketball, baseball in full-swing

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Football season has finally started, and with basketball season and baseball play-offs right around the corner, the everyday Chicago sports fan is feeling that familiar buzz.

By the time this goes to print, the Bears will have taken on the Indiana Colts in their season opener looking to pressure rookie QB Andrew Luck in his first career game with the Colts. The Bears have signed WR Brandon Marshall to gain an offensive threat that is sure to cause problems for op-

posing defenses. They have also signed running back Matt Forte to a large contract which will surely keep him around for years to come.

The Bulls look like they are in for a year of rebuilding thanks to Derrick Rose's cruciate ligament tear, suffered in Game One of the 2011-2012 season playoffs. With the "Bench Mob" being mostly dissolved over the summer, they have picked up point guard Marquise Teague in the draft and signed Nate Robinson and Kirk Hinrich to boost the position. They have also added swingman Marco Belinelli, forward Vladimir Radmanovic, and center Nazr Mohammed.

The Bulls are optimistic for a suc-

cessful season and are looking to remain a force to be reckoned with in the eastern conference, but may struggle without their talismanic point guard Rose. In order to remain a threat come the end of the season, players such as Taj Gibson will need to play bigger roles this upcoming season.

In baseball, the Cubs once again are left wondering when their year will come. The White Sox however are sitting atop the American League Central with a 75-63 record and will be expecting to make an impact in the post-season, come October.

The Blackhawks have remained mostly unchanged. With their young, deep,

and elite squad, fans can expect to see another strong season as they attempt to reclaim the Stanley Cup. Their season starts on November 5th against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Chicago Fire is currently amongst the top four of the eastern conference with a 26-13-8 record. Recently, however, Guatemalan midfielder Marco Pappa has made a departure from the club to join Dutch team SC Heerenveen.

As top goal scorer this season with 6 goals, and second in assists with 5, he will be sorely missed. Regardless, the team is confident that they can make a strong playoff run come November.

Intramurals invading Keating

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The Athletics Department will be providing an array of intramural activities for students this semester. A variety of fitness classes are available at Keating Sports Center, throughout

the week, for students to attend free of charge.

For those who would like to dance to hypnotic Latin rhythms, while also participating in a dynamic and exhilarating workout, try Zumba classes every Monday from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Another option is the Gentle

Yoga classes offered on Wednesday afternoons from 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. This class is perfect for those interested in a simple and basic exercise class, which can also compliment a vigorous exercise routine with vital strength and conditioning.

Finally, on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. a Vinyasa Yoga class is offered. This class focusses more heavily on dynamic interchange between more complex poses. Intramuralsports will also be offered

throughout the semester by the Athletics Department. A list of these can be found at www.illinoistechathletics.com. Currently scheduled are 7v7 Flag Football starting September 14th, Singles Racquetball starting October 12th, and Kickball starting September 24th.

After weeks of renovation, the swimming pool at Keating is now also open, with a list of pool hours available online. More information on all intramural activities as well as the university sports calendar can be found on the Illinois Tech Athletics website.