

Ryder Cup comes to Chicago

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Golf fever has been sweeping across Chicago for weeks now in anticipation of one of the sport's most prestigious events. The biennial Ryder Cup, which sees Europe's elite golfers battle it out against their American counterparts, will be coming to Illinois' illustrious Medinah Country Club this weekend.

Dating back to 1927, the competition began as an exhibition tournament between British and American golfers. Samuel Ryder, an English seed merchant and amateur golfer, provided a gold trophy and £5 to each member

of the winning team.

The format of the competition has changed very little from the original tournament hosted in St Albans, England. Three different types of match play competitions between opposing players are held throughout the weekend. This means that points are awarded on a hole-by-hole basis. This is notable because stroke play, which awards points based on the cumulative number of shots over 18 holes, is more commonly used in major golfing tournaments.

Eight foursome matches over the weekend will see two golfers from each team play alternately on the same ball. The team with the fewest shots taken to putt the ball at each hole wins a point. Another eight fourball

matches will be held, in which two players from each team will face off, but each teammate plays their own ball. Each hole is won by the team whose individual golfer has the lowest score. Finally, there will be twelve singles matches, where one golfer from each team will play standard match play over 18 holes.

After a period of US domination of the competition following World War II, Great Britain was permitted to join forces with countries from Central Europe in 1979. The tournament has become much more competitive since then, with the United States and Great Britain/Central Europe each having won the cup 38 times.

Teams are selected based on prize money garnered in previous seasons by

competitors in all professional competitions. Europe also add two captains' picks to their squad, while the States' captain is allowed to select a further four players for their team.

The current holders of the trophy, Europe will be looking to World Number One and PGA Tour Champion Rory McIlroy to inspire the team, while an in-form Tiger Woods will hope to lead his team to victory in Medinah.

In any case, this is one of professional golf's most exciting and awe-inspiring events, and if you have spare time on Sunday afternoon, I strongly suggest tuning in as the tournament comes to what is expected to be a tight and tense finish.

Men's soccer recognizes senior players in game against Holy Cross

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IIT men's soccer team suffered a 1-0 defeat to Davenport University last Tuesday in Michigan. Davenport started much brighter in the first half, forcing senior goalkeeper Casey Krapfl into action on a number of occasions.

The Scarlet Hawks struggled to get into any sort of rhythm, and despite registering four shots on the Davenport goal were somewhat fortunate to find themselves at 0-0 going into half time.

Within three minutes of the second half, Davenport was rewarded for their offensive efforts when they converted a close

range opportunity into a direct ball through the Scarlet Hawks' defense. As the clock ran down, IIT started to gain more possession of the ball and showed glimpses of what they are capable of, but it was all too little and too late as the home side ran out as the deserving victors.

Next up for the men's team was the much-anticipated first conference game of the season, which saw IIT host Holy Cross on their Homecoming/Senior Night. IIT needed redemption after their poor showing midweek, and they definitely showed great character to overcome adversity by winning 3-2 in overtime, in what was an incredibly action-packed event.

IIT began the game well, looking to apply high pressure on the Holy Cross de-

fense. However, it was the visitors that took the lead by a looping header 25 minutes in. The score stayed like this going into the half, with IIT unable to create any clear-cut chances despite having the majority of possession.

IIT started the second half in much more determined fashion as they began to test the visiting goalkeeper more, and it looked as though the equalizing goal would soon be on its way. The spectators had to wait until the last minute of regulation time for the goal to come when defender Nordine Amlaiky pushed forward in the final seconds and struck a stunning shot into the bottom corner, leaving the opposing goalkeeper no chance to block it.

This last gasp strike noticeably lifted the spirits of the Scarlet Hawks, and it seemed

evident going into overtime that if either team were going to win this game, it would be the home side. With just three minutes left of the first period of overtime, senior Liam Barrett was brought down by a last ditch tackle, which the referee immediately judged to be a foul and he pointed straight to the penalty spot.

Barrett picked himself up to convert the penalty and secure the win in what was an extremely hard fought win for the Hawks. This was a fitting end to a night that applauded senior players John Connor, David Wilkinson, Ciaran Kohli-Lynch, Casey Krapfl and Liam Barrett for their efforts during their time on the team.

Next up for the men is a tough away fixture to rivals Judson on Tuesday, which is followed by Roosevelt University at home next Saturday, so make sure you stop by to cheer on your Scarlet Hawks!

Premier League Review:

5th week brings stellar performances

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The Premier League began its fifth week of matches, with stellar performance by Everton, in a 3-0 win over Swansea. Swansea has now suffered their second loss after a strong start to the campaign. Everton saw goals from Victor Anichebe, Kevin Mirallas, and Marouane Fellaini. Swansea suffered a huge loss losing Nathan Dyer to a second yellow card shortly after becoming a substitution in the 45th minute. Everton now sits at second place with ten points, while Swansea has dropped to 9th with 7 points.

League leader Chelsea narrowly escaped a draw with Stoke City, taking all three

points after a late game goal by Ashley Cole. Stoke had the better of the chances, but Cole was able to capitalize on his chance to keep his side on top of the table. Stoke has now dropped to thirteenth place, with four points, in this still young campaign. Southampton claimed their first three points of the campaign after a decisive 4-1 victory over Aston Villa. The goals for Southampton came from Nathaniel Clyne, Ciaran Clark, and two from Rickie Lambert, while the lone goal for Aston Villa came from Darren Bent. Aston Villa is now sitting with four points and Southampton has climbed out of the bottom three and looks to build on the win.

Fellow newly-promoted side Reading continues its struggles, losing a close match to West Brom 1-0. West Brom's goal came

from Belgian youngster Romelu Lukaku. West Brom now sits just outside the top three, but Reading remains at the very bottom of the table. Sunderland was not able to hold onto a 1-0 lead. They saw Kevin Nolan for West Ham bring the match to a draw in the third minute of stoppage time at the end of the match. The Sunderland goal came from Steven Fletcher, who now has four goals in three matches.

Fulham pulled off a 2-1 victory over Wigan Athletic. Arouna Kone scored the goal for Wigan, while the goals for Fulham came from Damien Duff as well as Hugo Rodallega with his first goal for the club.

Robin van Persie continued his goal-scoring streak with a controversial penalty to beat Liverpool 2-1.

Steven Gerrard broke his scoring slump with an absolute firecracker of a volley, after Liverpool had been reduced to ten men in the first half. United's other goal came from Rafael, it helped them rise to second place in the league with twelve points. Liverpool continues its dreadful streak of results as they remain in the bottom three with two points.

Elsewhere, Demba Ba's goal propelled Newcastle to a 1-0 win over Norwich City. Norwich now has three points and are in the relegation zone.

The results to the Manchester City vs. Arsenal and the Tottenham vs. Queens Park Rangers matches were unavailable at press time.

'Roller coaster ride' gives volleyball first conference win

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This week was an emotional roller coaster for the Scarlet Hawks Women's Volleyball team. It started off with a heartbreaking loss to the Trinity International University Trojans. Tech came in strong and ready to play; Captains Rebecca Bograd and Kate Kendall were ready to earn a conference win, but were shocked when the underdogs took it away from them. The Trojans senior

Rebecca Campbell finished the match with 9 kills while junior Allison Boggs provided 26 assists. Kendall finished with a team high of 16 kills, sophomore Taylor Duman finished with 8 kills and senior Mariska finished with 7.

To pick themselves up from a devastating loss, Tech threw themselves back into the gym at 6:00 a.m. for two days to prove to themselves, and to their coaches - Jacqui Gatt and Kayla Heller - that they were the most hard working team in their conference. This drive to win carried over to their match

on Thursday against Judson University, which they won 3-2. This match was a turning point for the Scarlet Hawks in terms of conference play. In this match senior setter Bograd played smart, running the middles forcing Judson to try to defend against the diverse offense being run by Tech. Junior libero Brittany Mead finished with a match high of 20 digs.

After this win, Tech went on to play on Saturday against St. Ambrose University. They were coming off their loss against Trinity International. Tech's mindset was to play hard, like they had on Thursday night, and to

keep running a diverse offense. When it came to game time, Tech took the first game 25-23, but fell short the next three. St. Ambrose was able to push the Scarlet Hawks defense into overdrive by spreading their hitters across the net. Tech was able to fight back at times, but even with balls being picked up, the offense was not able to terminate against this great blocking and digging team.

This coming week, Illinois Tech plays Roosevelt University at Keating Gym, at 7:00 pm as well as St. Xavier University on Thursday.