

# Cross-country places 4th in Elmhurst invite

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Both the men's and women's cross country teams are off to a strong start this season. The women have three new freshmen, Amy Zasadzinski, April Wangas, and Isabelle Romero, in addition to eight returning runners. The men's team obtained two new freshmen, Konrad Sniezek and Landon Vowels, to add to their twelve returning members.

The women's team worked hard through the preseason, and their efforts have paid off. They received preseason votes, giving them a national ranking. On August 31st, both teams travelled to Elmhurst, Illinois, and the women competed well in the 4-kilometer race. They placed 4th out of 16 teams and were only points away from 3rd. Sophomore Abby Jahn led the Lady Hawks finishing 3rd overall in a time of 14:50, setting both a school and a personal record. Sophomore Courtney Rouse was the next teammate across the line with a time of 15:07, a personal record, and she placed 7th overall. Continuing the streak of personal records, senior Kira Vincent finished in a time of 16:06 claiming the 31st overall place. Coming through in 42nd place with a time of 16:19 was junior Jordan Kelch. Finishing out the scoring for IIT was Anne Crotteau, who placed 56th with a time of 16:40. Junior Natalie Kruit and Amy Zasadzinski finished out the top seven with times and places of 17:32/78th and 17:59/92nd respectively. The women performed equally well the following Saturday at UW-Parkside, Wisconsin, placing 5th out of 19 teams in the 5 kilometer race. Abby Jahn finished in 4th, followed closely by teammate Courtney Rouse in 6th with times of 18:50 and 19:07 respectively. Next across the line was Jordan Kelch for the 21st place with a time of 19:43. Finishing out the scoring for the team were Anne Crotteau and Kira Vincent in places of 44th and 46th with times of 20:25 and 20:29 respectively. The strong finishes of the women's team at both races has earned them the highest number of votes in school history, and they are currently ranked 23rd nationally.

The men's team had a strong showing through preseason despite the setbacks

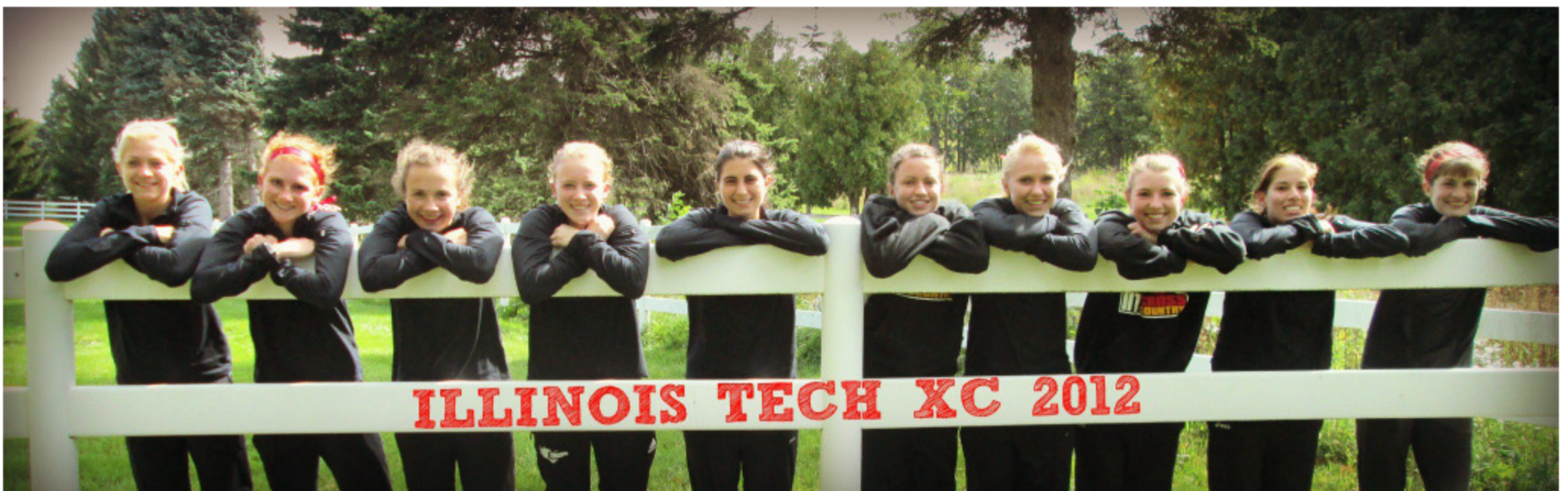


they faced due to having several of their top runners injured or just returning from injury. In the 6-kilometer race at Elmhurst, the men placed 8th out of 17 teams. Junior Phil Cano led the men placing 43rd overall with a time of 20:26. He was followed closely by teammates junior Ethan Montague and senior Kenny Murphy who placed 46th and 47th respectively, crossing only steps apart from one another and both running a time of 20:37. Senior Derek Burge-Bedley finished with a time of 21:30, earning him 67th place. Finishing the scoring for the team was senior Zach Gates placing 71st with a time of 21:33. Finish-

ing out the 6th and 7th positions for the team were sophomore Colin McQuone and sophomore Peter Lau, finishing 106th and 107th with times of 23:07 and 23:09 respectively. The men competed in the 8k at UW-Parkside, finishing respectively in 7th out of 15 teams. Phil Cano was the first hawk across the line with a time of 27:29 earning him 34th place overall. Ethan Montague was the next to finish in a time of 27:44 for a place of 38th overall. Finishing in times of 28:06 and 28:08 for 55th and 58th place were Zach Gates and Kenny Murphy respectively. The last member of the scoring team, Colin McQuone, came through in

a time of 31:32 at 104th place. The 6th and 7th runners, Jefferey Somerfield and Andrew Montague, finished with times of 31:48 and 31:57 in 105th and 106th place respectively.

On September 22nd, both teams will be traveling to compete in the Wheaton "Gil-Dodd" invite. The women will be running in a 6-kilometer race and the men will be competing in the 8-kilometer race. Both teams have put in a lot of tough workouts over the past few weeks, and expect all their hard work to show in their upcoming competitions. Wish them luck as they go off to represent IIT!



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## Chicago Sports Roundup: Chicago Fire on fire

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It was a busy week in Chicago sports as the Bears faced off against rivals, the Green Bay Packers. Green Bay defensive end, Clay Mathews, was a man on a mission as he went on to get credited for 3.5 out of 7 sacks on Bears quarterback, Jay Cutler. Cutler was intercepted four times as the Bears lost 10-23.

Perhaps even worse than the loss itself was the injury to star running back, Matt Forte. He suffered a high an-

kle sprain in the third quarter of the game and the Team has now re-signed running back Kahlil Bell in order to fill up the spot.

"I'm taking my talents back to Chicago," Bell tweeted. "So happy to be back. Never wanted to leave."

The Chicago Fire had an exciting Saturday night as they rallied back to win from behind. The final score was 3-1 as they fought against Alessandro Nesta and his strong Montreal team to steal the second place spot in the Eastern Conference.

They went down 1-0 midway through the first half off a beautiful goal from Italian forward Marco Di Vaio.

The Impact were looking fierce but

Sherjill MacDonald tied the match with a nifty header in the 34th, redirecting a pass from Jalil Anibaba into the lower left corner of the net. Later in the 61st minute Alex took a pass from Fernandez, split a pair of defenders and bet the goalkeeper Troy Perkins to break a 1-all tie.

The Brazilian sent his shot over Perkins high to the far corner of the net. After a fine display from the Chicago goalkeeper Sean Johnson, Fernandez coolly slotted a right-footed 15-yard finish past the Montreal keeper in the 80th minute to put the game out of reach for the visiting Canadians.

In other news, The White Sox held off the Twins 5-3 thanks to the pitcher Francisco Liriano striking out nine and hav-

ing a no-hitter in the 7th inning against his former team. The Cubs stumbled on to yet another loss against the Pirates.

Now perhaps one of the biggest news this week is the official NHL lockout. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has warned the players throughout this past year - more aggressively during the labor negotiations of the last two months - that the league intended to lock out players if a new deal wasn't reached by Saturday midnight, when the collective bargaining agreement expired.

The two sides are not even close on coming to an economic agreement and it seems like it may be a while until we can see our Blackhawks make another run for the Stanley Cup.