

# Men's soccer fights for a win, settles for a tie

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The IIT men's soccer team faced a tough fixture away to Judson last Tuesday, in a game that ended with both teams sharing the spoils in an entertaining 1-1 draw. IIT was given a huge boost prior to the game's kickoff with the inclusion of defender Jorge Salas in the squad after finally being declared eligible to play. It was the visiting team that started brighter out of the two teams, as they looked to take advantage in the wide areas and got a number of menacing

not until late in the game, when with just two minutes left on the clock defender Nordine Amalaiky curled a delightful shot into the top left corner of the goal from 15 yards. During extra time it was clear that if anyone was going to take all three points from this game it would be the Hawks, however despite their efforts both teams ended up having to settle for a draw, in what had been a promising display from IIT.

Next the Hawks played host to Roosevelt University in a must win game for IIT, as they looked to maintain their position near the top of the conference. The Hawks started well and took the lead within ten minutes of play, when



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deliveries into the opposing box without quite being able to find a finishing touch. After an hour of play Judson took the lead against the run of play when they bundled the ball home into an empty net, after what appeared to have been a foul on the Hawks' goalkeeper, Edson Zagal. IIT responded well to this setback and continued to push for their elusive first goal on the road. The goal would eventually come, but

Jorge Salas latched onto a John Connor pass and drilled the ball into the top of the Roosevelt net. Within two minutes the Hawks doubled their advantage when forward Liam Barrett ran onto a through pass from Gui Nunes and smashed the ball home, leaving the opposing goalkeeper no chance. Barrett doubled his personal tally for the night after 15 minutes, when he was able to divert a Brandon Ramirez shot home from just

two yards out.

Roosevelt was able to pull a goal back after IIT had gifted the visiting team possession; however, the game's conclusion was beyond any doubt before half time when Ciaran Kohli-Lynch blasted the ball home for his first goal of the campaign with an exquisite left foot pile driver. In the second half the Hawks continued to look dangerous, and John Connor added a

fifth goal from a quick corner by Robert Rizer, before Barrett completed his hat trick from the penalty spot to wrap up an impressive 6-1 victory for the Hawks.

Next up for the men's team is a visit from Cardinal Stritch in what promises to be an entertaining top of the table clash, so make sure you come and support your very own Scarlet Hawks this Wednesday, kickoff is at 7pm.

# Mental games keep Tech from success

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As another week passes for the Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball Team, the chances to climb up the conference rankings are slowly being taken away. This week was a tough one for the Scarlet Hawks, failing 2-3 to Roosevelt University and then failing 0-3 to St. Xavier University.

On Tuesday, the Scarlet Hawks were

ready for a battle with their old coaches, who had left two years ago to coach at Roosevelt University. The match was a mental fight for many of the older teammates, because they had previously played with the coach, who taught their tendencies to the Roosevelt team. The Scarlet Hawks came out slowly in the first game against Roosevelt, ending with 22-25, but they were ready to fight for a win.

The rest of the match went back and forth with Tech winning the second match 25-22, then falling short 19-25, and concluding the final sets 28-26 and 10-15. Junior Kate Kendall finished with a match high of

13 kills while sophomore Taylor Duman finished with 10 kills. Senior Rebecca Bograd finished with 38 assists and 3 service aces.

After such a devastating loss, Tech looked to face the undefeated leader of the North Division, St. Xavier University. Facing this very traditional team, Tech was unable to keep them at bay. The scores were 15-25, 21-25, 17-25. In the second match, the Scarlet Hawks were up 18-10, but gave away a 7-point run which cost them the game. Kendall posted 12 kills with Duman posting 8 and sophomore Shea Manley with 4. It became evident that when playing against a

strong defensive team like St. Xavier, Tech needed to try that much harder to put the balls on the floor and stop the ball at the net.

The mental battle for Tech will always be there, but hopefully this funk has been stopped, and there will be a chance for the team to make it to the conference tournament in November.

This week, the Scarlet Hawks will play at Cardinal Stritch University for a Dig Pink Breast Cancer game, and will host the Conference Crossover Tournament Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.