

IIT Basketball returns to Keating, plans for improvement

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After a four-year hiatus, IIT Basketball was back in action this week. Athletic Director Enzley Mitchell has taken over the head coach role of the team. The team returned to action with successive home losses to Northland International University and

Robert Morris University-Springfield. Sophomores Ian Sisson and Richard Wade scored 25 points between them in Friday's 69-47 losses to Northland International, and it was these two players, along with Freshaman Armando Diaz who registered most points in the clash against Robert Morris. History would suggest that the team would face a tough challenge in being competitive at the college level. Before the decision was made to scrap the program in 2009

by ex-Athletic Director, Lee Hitchen, the team had won only 4 CCAC conference matches in 4 years. Enzley Mitchell will be looking for an improvement on this record, considering the amount of money he has spent funding this particular project. The team's progress will indeed be closely followed by members of IIT's other sports teams who have not seen scholarships improved to match tuition increases, while

Enzley has invested heavily in his own team, hiring no less than four assistants for the program. The excesses of the Athletics Director should not be held against the team's players, however, who have performed admirably in their opening matches and deserve your support. Come down and cheer on the guys on Wednesday 14th at 7pm in Keating Sports Center, when they take on Purdue University of Calumet..

Premeir League Review

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The Premier League saw a number of dramatic results this weekend. Arsenal tied Fulham 3-3, earning one point each. The goals for Fulham came from Alexander Kacaniklic and Dimitar Berbatov. Lukas Podolski and Oliver Giroud were the goal getters for Arsenal, who passed by a golden opportunity to win in extra time when Mikel Arteta missed a penalty. Arsenal and Fulham now both sit with 16 points on the season. Everton took all three points in a 2-1 win over Sunderland. The lone goal for Sunderland came from Adam Johnson with Everton's goals coming from Marouane Fellani and Nikica Jelavic. Everton now has 20 points and a place in the top four while Sunderland sit on 9 points near the bottom of the table. Reading and Norwich drew 0-0 in a very uneventful match. Reading remains in the bottom three with 6 points, while Norwich is not doing much better with 11 points. Charlie Adam gave Stoke City a 1-0 victory over Queens Park Rangers, who continue to disappoint. Stoke now has 12 points on the season while QPR is in last with just 4 points. A goal by Wigan Athletic's Gary Caldwell gave West Bromwich what proved to be the winning goal in a 2-1 result. West Brom got its goal from Adam Morrison, while Wigan received its only goal from Arouna Kone. West Brom now has 20 points on the season while Wigan has just 11. Andres Weimann gained two goals for Aston Villa but it proved to not be enough to hold off the league-leaders, Manchester United from coming back and winning 3-2. Javier Hernandez had two for United, along with a goal by Ron Vlaar. United continues to lead the league with 27 points while

Villa has just 9 points. Edin Dzeko maintained his explosive form this weekend with another game winning goal after coming off the bench in a 2-1 win over Tottenham Hotspur. The other City goal came from Sergio Aguero, with Steven Caulker scoring Spurs' only goal. City is in a close second to United with 25 points while Spurs continue to drop points and has 17. Kevin Nolan gave West Ham United a 1-0 victory over Newcastle as West Ham continues to impress. West Ham now has 18 points while the Magpies sit with 14 points. Luis Suarez scored his 8th goal of this Premier League season to bring Liverpool even with Chelsea in a 1-1 draw. John Terry scored a brilliant header for Chelsea, but soon after left the game with what appeared to be a substantial knee injury. Liverpool now has 13 points on the season in one of their best performances yet. Chelsea pulls even with City for second with 25 points. However, the biggest news this week in the footballing world has to be Glasgow Celtic's 2-1 victory over Barcelona in the Champions League. Considered one of the greatest teams to have ever played the sport, Barcelona dominated possession in a fiercely contested battle on Parkhead's hallowed turf. Goals from Kenyan superstar Victor Wanyama and substitute Tony Watt gave the home side a 2-0 lead on a night when they were celebrating their 125th anniversary. Lionel Messi's 92nd minute reply proved only to be consolatory. On an evening when Barcelona manager Tito brought on world cup winners David Villa and Cesc Fabregas as substitutes, Celtic's Neil Lennon could reply only with an 18 year old striker, traded for \$70,000 from Airdrie United last summer. It was this young man, Tony Watt, however that wrote his name into the history books with a dazzling 83rd minute strike.

Congratulations Liam Barrett



CCAC Player of the Year

Men's Soccer prepares for off-season

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IIT's rollercoaster season came to a premature and disappointing end in the first round of playoffs, at the hands of rivals Saint Xavier last Saturday. However, there were still many positives to take from this first campaign under new head coach Marc Colwell. Senior forward, Liam Barrett, was selected as the CCAC player of the year for the second time in his IIT career, having led the team with 17 goals and 6 assists in 18 games. Junior winger, Robert Rixer, was also

recognized at conference level as he secured a place in the second team after notching 8 goals and 2 assists during regular season play. There were a number of memorable victories this year for the Scarlet Hawks, especially at home where they ended up with an impressive season record of 7-2-1. One particularly entertaining matchup was IIT's opening day fixture against Holy Cross, which ended 3-2 after overtime with central defender Nordine Amlaiky hitting two unstoppable strikes before Barrett converted a last gasp penalty. IIT will no doubt have a busy out-of-season period as they look to build upon their performances from this season and also face the task of having to replace seven seniors from their twenty-man roster.

Swimming, diving's successful meet

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This past weekend, the Scarlet Hawks had two meets, one on Friday night at home against North Central College, and one Saturday afternoon away against UIC and Butler women. Our men dominated North Central College with a final score of 149 to 51, while our women lost 107 to 41. The meet on Saturday was not scored, though UIC and Butler were very motivating competitors as they are both Division I teams. Friday night was an exciting time with two new NAIA National Qualifying A-cuts, both in the 400 IM by seniors Michael Bodzay and Aimee Dewante. The Hawks also got a handful of B-cuts by Yoni Pruzansky in the 50 free, Arya Mohaimani in the 400 IM, Aimee Dewante in the 100 Fly, Michael Bodzay in the 100 Back, Eric Grunden in the 500 Free, and Felipe Bergh in the 100 Breast after an impressive time drop of over 3 seconds. Another remarkable accomplishment from IIT on Friday was the amount of in-season best times. Of the 13 swims that had a seedtime from this season, 11 were in-season bests. Also, while the women lost to North Central College, the Hawks had 4 first place finishes with only 3 girls swimming individual events. They did a great job of stepping up when one member of the team fell ill and could only do the relay.

On Saturday at UIC, the Hawks picked up one more A-cut by Yoni Pruzansky in the 200 Free. They also got three more B-cuts by Aimee Dewante and Michael Bodzay in the 200 IM and Yoni Pruzansky in the 500 Free with an in-season best time by almost 19 seconds. We also saw some impressive time drops with the added competition. Some highlights include Nicole Frantz's 1000 free with an 11 second drop, as well as her 500 free with a 9 second drop. Kevin Boldt also had an exciting 1000 free and dropped over 10 seconds. Eric Grunden already had the B-cut in the 200 IM, but just barely missed the A-cut with a 3 second improvement from his seed-time. Maria Behrens continues to surprise us all as a new swimmer, and did not disappoint Saturday with a 3 second drop in her 100 free and a 2 second drop in her 50 free split on the relay. Senior diver Ian McNair was disqualified in the 1 meter at UIC, but made up for it by finishing 6th on the 3 meter with a score of 248.80. In general, Saturday was very successful, even though everyone was fairly tired from racing the night before. This is a great indicator of how the team will swim next weekend in a 5-session meet over three days at the Phoenix Invitational hosted by the University of Chicago.