

Women's cross country ranked 17th in nation



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The Illinois Tech women's cross country team has worked their way up the ladder in the national rankings this season and have earned a solid place within the conference. The preseason rankings placed them at fifth in the conference and did not even have them listed in the top 25 nationally. The first poll of the season moved them up to third in the conference and had them breaking into the top 25 national ranking for the first time in the history of IIT at 23rd out of 204 teams.

The women held strong for the next few weeks, and last week due to their impressive performance at the 40th Annual Sean Earl Loyola Lakefront Invitational, the IIT women's cross country team moved to 17th in the national ratings and second in the conference. There

are only two races left in the season before the conference meet, and the women are prepared to perform well in both events and continue moving up in the ratings. The team is hoping to earn a chance to run at the national race on November 17th in Fort Vancouver, Washington either by being one of the top two teams in their conference or by being voted into the competition based on their national ranking.

The Illinois Tech men's cross country team has worked hard through a lot of setbacks this season and are picking up speed. At the beginning of the season, several of the men's top runners were sidelined due to injury, but they are back in and running strong. The men are currently ranked 8th in the conference, but with the last two races in the season they hope to move up in the ratings. Both teams will be racing at UW-Oshkosh on October 12th and at the NAIA Great Lakes Challenge in Grand Rapids on October 20th.

Premier League Review: Arsenal, Ham separated by 1 point

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The Premier League had its seventh week of matches two weekends ago. Manchester City had a dominant 3-0 win over Sunderland to remain in the top three of the table. Goals came from Aleksandar Kolarov, Sergio Aguero, and James Milner. City now sits tied with United with 15 points, while Sunderland drops the points and stays at seven on the season. Norwich City jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead over Chelsea with a goal from Grant Holt, but Fernando Torres responded three minutes later. From there it was all Chelsea as they saw goals from Frank Lampard, Eden Hazard, and Branislav Ivanovic for a 4-1 win. Chelsea remains the point leader with 19 points, while Norwich is still in the bottom three with three points. Reading looked to be on the road to its first premier league win with a 2-0 lead over Swansea City at halftime. However, Swansea got two late goals for a 2-2 draw to salvage a point. Reading got goals from Noel Hunt and Pavel Pogrebnyak. Swansea City got its goals from Michu and Wayne Routledge. Swansea now is in the middle of the table with eight points while Reading gains a point but is still in the bottom three with three points. West Bromwich Albion got a big three points in a 3-2 victory over Queens Park Rangers. West Brom got its goals from James Morrison, Zoltan Gera, and Youssef Mulumbu while QPR saw goals from Adel Taarabt and Esteban Granero. West Brom continues a strong performance in this campaign with 14 points just outside

the top three, but QPR continues to struggle at the bottom of the table with two points. Wigan Athletic and Everton drew at 2-2 after a late Everton penalty secured the points. Wigan got goals from Arouna Kone and Franco Di Santo and Everton got goals from Nikica Jelavic and Leighton Baines. Everton has 14 points now on the season while Wigan has 5 points after the draw, which may end up being a big point in the relegation race. West Ham United jumped out to a 1-0 lead over Arsenal. Arsenal scored three unanswered goals to win 3-1. West Ham's goals came from Mohamed Diame and Arsenal got goals from Olivier Giroud, Theo Walcott, and Santi Carzola. The two sides are separated by just one point with Arsenal having 12 so far and West Ham with 11 points on the season. Southampton pulled itself out of the bottom three with a 2-2 draw with Fulham. Jose Fonte had two goals for Southampton while Jos Hooiveld and Kieran Richardson scored for Fulham. Southampton now has four points on the year while Fulham has 10 points so far. Liverpool and Stoke ended in a 0-0 draw with many Liverpool shots coming agonizingly off the posts. Liverpool has six points now while Stoke sits above them with eight points. Tottenham Hotspurs defeated Aston Villa in a 2-0 win with goals from Steven Caulker and Aaron Lennon. The Spurs now are playing with high quality and have 12 points while Aston Villa continues its struggles with just a few points. Manchester United kept pace with the other top teams in a 3-0 result over Newcastle. Goals came from Johnny Evans, Patrice Evra, and Tom Cleverly. Newcastle now has nine points while United has 15 points. No Premier League soccer was played over the weekend due to the international break for World Cup qualification matches.



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