

# Cross country teams travel to Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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On October 13th, both the men and women's cross country teams travelled to Wisconsin to compete in the UW-Oshkosh Brooks Invitational. The women competed in a six-kilometer race and the men competed in an eight-kilometer race. Due to storms, the races were started two minutes apart so that both men and women could compete before the events had to be called due to lightning. The combination of rain, mud, and over 1000 individuals competing on the same course at the same time made this a tough day for everyone.

Despite the conditions, both men and women rose to the challenge and competed well. There were complications with the chips for the women's race, so individual times are unknown. Courtney Rouse led the way for the women. She was followed by teammate Abby Jahn, then Jordan Kelch. Kira Vincent was the fourth girl across the line and was followed closely by Anne Croteau, who finished out the top five women. Natalie Kruit and Claudia Garcia were sixth and seventh, respectively, for the team.

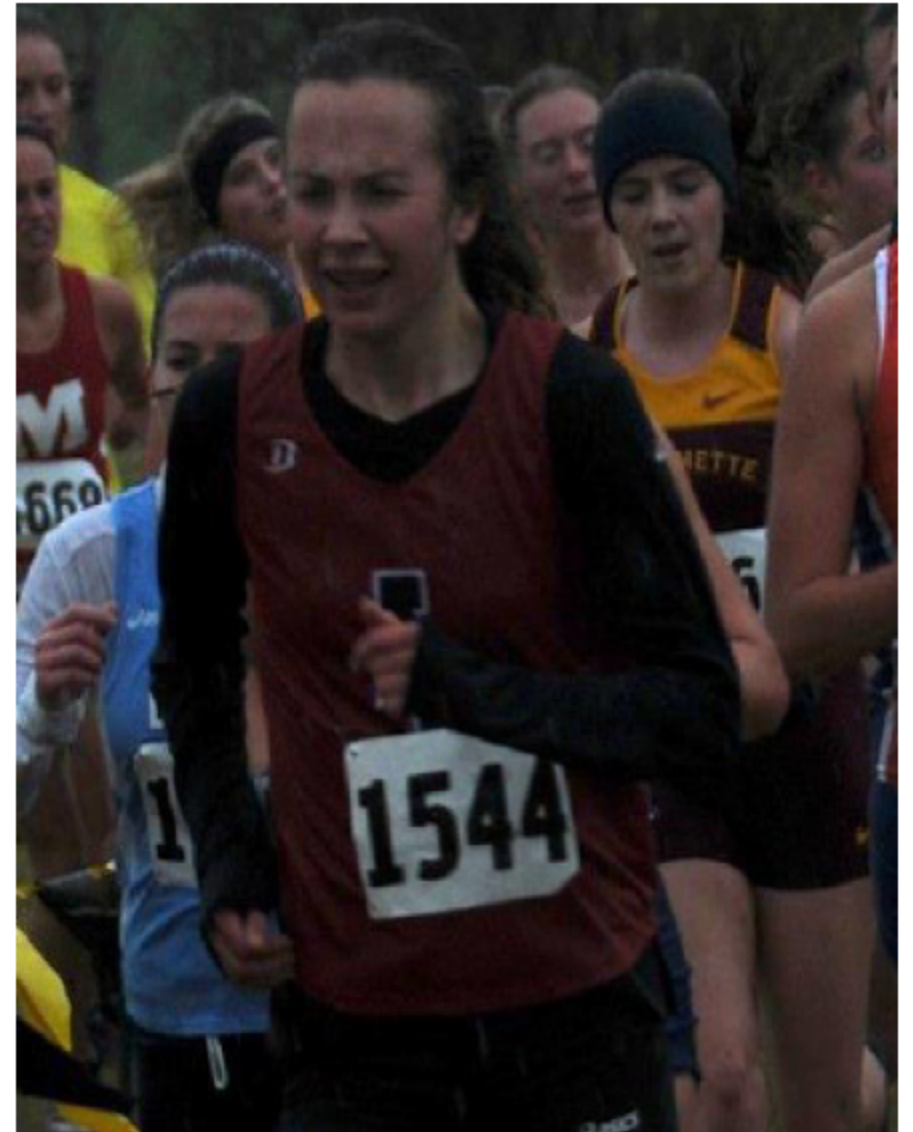
The men's team had a strong showing as well. Philip Cano was first for the men's team with a time of 27:01. Ethan Montague was next across the line followed closely by teammate Zach Gates with times of 27:26 and 27:37, respectively. Kenny Murphy was fourth for the men with a time of 27:44, and Landon Vowels finished out the top five with a time of

29:23. Derek Burge-Beckley and Andrew Montague finished sixth and seventh for the team with times of 29:29 and 29:47, respectively. It was tough for the teams to stay

positive and confident with conditions as undesirable as they were during the meet, but both teams managed to stay strong and push through the wind and the rain. Both teams

compete again on October 20th in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which will be the last race of the season before the Conference Meet.

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# Lance Armstrong avoids doping questions, loses sponsorships

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The sporting world has been rocked by allegations brought against seven-time Tour de France winning cyclist Lance Armstrong. A number of high profile cyclists, including ex-teammates, have provided compelling evidence to the US Anti-Doping Agency that Armstrong's US Postal Service Team ran, "the most

sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen."

At a fundraiser for his Livestrong charity on Sunday, Armstrong avoided questions regarding the claims.

Appearing publicly for the first time since the Anti-Doping Agency published a 1,000 page report detailing the charges brought against him, Armstrong simply remarked he had endured a couple of, "difficult weeks," and that he has, "been

better." This is unlikely to draw much sympathy from former fans of the man who famously overcame testicular cancer in 1996 to become the sports' most decorated cyclist.

So far Armstrong has been dropped by many of his sponsors. Most notable are the cessation of his contracts with Radio Shack and Nike, the latter of which chose not to end business relations with golfer Tiger Woods after a highly publicized scandal regarding his personal life.

The company announced that, "due to the seemingly insurmountable evidence that Lance Armstrong participated in doping and misled Nike for more than a decade," they had been forced to immediately terminate the cyclists' contract.

Fans of cycling across the world will hope that these charges against Armstrong will result in a change of direction for a sport that has long been riddled with doping controversies.

# Mixed fortunes for soccer teams

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The past week saw mixed results for the men's and women's soccer teams. The men's team performed admirably against a strong Saint Xavier side on Tuesday afternoon, but ultimately could not convert their domination of the match into goal-scoring opportunities and lost 2-1. Liam Barrett scored a free kick for the Hawks with ten minutes remaining on the clock, and a series of poor refereeing decisions hurt the team in their attempt to find an equalizing goal. Saturday saw more disappoint-

ment for the squad, losing 4-0 to rivals Robert Morris University. The loss left the team seventh in conference, fighting to make the conference play-offs in just over a week's time.

The women's team performed better, winning 3-1 against Saint Xavier on Tuesday evening. Freshman forward Ade Maron scored two goals, with the other coming from senior midfielder Heather Bickerton. The Hawks then suffered a heartbreaking defeat against a strong Robert Morris University side at an away game on Saturday. A controversial late goal for the RMU side tied the game, and a golden goal in second overtime secured all three points for the home team.

# Conference victory gives volleyball hope in tournament

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This past week the Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball Team won their conference match against Trinity International University. When the Scarlet Hawks first faced them this season they lost in three sets whose scores were close: 24-26, 23-25, 23-25. This time the Hawks were looking for revenge, and they succeeded. Standouts from the game were sophomore Taylor Duman with 16 kills and junior Kate Kendall with 14. Setter senior Rebecca Bograd finished the match with 27 assists while sophomore Shea Manley finished with 24. Winning in three sets - 25-14, 25-23, 25-19 - the Scarlet Hawks are more than ready to take on their next opponent Judson University.

The Scarlet Hawks are excited to

play Judson University on Tuesday away from home. The last time they faced each other, Tech came out with a victory in five sets. During this match, the key components of Tech's game plan were being scrappy and having their hitters use their angles to find the open court space. Captain Kate Kendall stated that to win they would need to use their confidence and their mental toughness to overcome a scrappy Judson. With these things Tech should clinch another victory.

October 26th and 27th are big days for the Scarlet Hawks as well. They will be hosting the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference Crossover Tournament. They will be playing Purdue University - Calumet on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and University of St. Francis at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday they will be playing Calumet College of St. Joseph at 9:00 a.m. and Trinity Christian College at 11:00 a.m. Come to Keating on both days to watch some great volleyball and to cheer on the Scarlet Hawks.

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