

Final week of conference brings season closer to end

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This past week, the Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball team saw a long string of matches. From a match at Judson University to their home tournament, the Scarlet Hawks finished with a record of 2-3.

Last Tuesday the Scarlet Hawks played Judson University who they had beaten earlier this season. This match was an important one for Tech, but when it came down to it the errors could not be stopped. Tech was able to

win the first set 25-23, but then lost the next three 24-26, 17-25, and 19-25. The standouts were Sophomore Taylor Duran and Junior Kate Kendall, both with fourteen digs. The match was a tough loss for the Scarlet Hawks, because it almost guaranteed they could not make it to the conference tournament for the first time in many years.

The Scarlet Hawks played in the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference

Tournament, where they finished 2-2. On Friday, the Hawks played Purdue Calumet winning 3-0. After, they played St. Francis University. This match started off great for the Hawks, beating the number 2 team in the conference 25-21. After this set Tech fell apart losing the next three sets. On Saturday the Hawks played Calumet College of St. Joseph, beating them in four sets. After this victory, the team faced up against the number one team in

the conference, Trinity International University, who won in three sets.

This coming week, Tech plays two matches, the first is on Tuesday against Roosevelt University. On Thursday Tech will play St. Xavier University at 7:00 p.m. at Keating Sports Center. This will be senior night for the team, who will be saying goodbye to three seniors this year. Come on down and support the Scarlet Hawks!

San Francisco Giants post back-to-back shutouts in World Series

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The San Francisco Giant look destined to be crowned World Series champions after posting successive shutouts in the sec-

ond and third matches of the World Series.

The Giants now hold a 3-0 lead over the Detroit Tigers and a victory in Game 4 at Comerica Park in Detroit will be enough to clinch the title.

Key to this success has been the commanding performances of the Giant's pitchers, notably by starter Ryan Vogelsong.

The Giants are the first team to post back-to-back shutouts in the World Series since 1966, a feat nothing short of remarkable when you consider the batting prowess in the Tigers' squad.

Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera had the best opportunity to change the match for Detroit during Game 3.

Trailing 2-0 in the fifth inning, Cabrera approached the plate with the bases loaded, but the Venezuelan popped out. After this, the Tigers struggled to create more attacking opportunities, and the Giants took a large step closer to their third World Series victory in three years.

Men's soccer lose on the road to Calumet

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IIT travelled to Calumet in their last conference game of the season, after already securing a position in the end of season playoffs.

The conditions were far from conducive, with an uneven surface and a strong wind that prevented either team from keeping possession for long periods of time.

IIT started the stronger team and got into many good positions within the final third without truly testing the opposing goalkeeper.

However, after half an hour, the scarlet Hawks found themselves 1-0 down after a quick breakaway directly through the center of the field, leaving IIT keeper Casey

Knapf isolated and unable to prevent the home side taking the lead.

The score remained 1-0 going into half time, despite IIT continuing to press and dominating the possession.

The second half would be another 45 minutes of frustration for IIT, as they failed to find the elusive equalizing goal, although they did force Calumet's goalkeeper to make a number of impressive saves.

Overall, the Hawks will be disappointed with the result, but may feel done in a game where the home team was content to defend their lead, rather than take the game to IIT.

The Hawks now have a week to prepare for their vital playoff quarterfinal, which will be away to rivals Saint Xavier, and looks destined to be an entertaining fixture.

2nd place at NAIA Great Lakes Challenge XC Invitational

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On Saturday, October 20, both the men and women cross country teams travelled to Grand Rapids, Michigan to compete in the NAIA Great Lakes Challenge XC Invitational. Both teams ran well and a number of individuals set personal records.

In the women's five kilometer race, Abby John was the first Hawk across the line, running over a 30 second personal record, in a time of 18:02 for the 2nd overall place. Courtney Ro use followed Abby, also running a personal record, in a time of 18:35 for the 14th overall place. Third, fourth and fifth places on the team were Jordan Kekhi, Kira Vincent and Anne Crotheau with times of 19:56, 20:18, and 20:35 respectively. Finishing out the sixth and seventh places for the team were Claudia Garcia and Sara

Gladewith times of 20:42 and 21:17 respectively. This was Sara's first cross-country race, and she has proven herself to be an essential component of the women's team. The women's team placed 12th out of 32 teams.

Phillip Cano led the men's team in their eight-kilometer race with a time of 26:54. Zach Gates and Ethan Montague followed close behind with times of 26:58 and 27:00 respectively. Kenny Murphy was the next teammate across the line in a time of 27:04, and Landon Vowels finished off the scoring for the team with a time of 29:25. Jeffrey Somerfield and Andrew Montague ran sixth and seventh for the team with times of 29:38 and 30:04 respectively. The men's team placed 17th out of 34 teams. Both teams will be racing in the Conference competition on Saturday, November 3. There will be a fan bus for anyone who is interested in coming to watch the teams compete in this last race of the season.

Premier League Review: Chelsea keeps top position

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The Premier League had another round of matches this weekend. Aston Villa drew with Norwich City 1-1. Villa took an early lead off a goal from Christian Benteke. Early in the second half, Villa defender Joe Bennett was sent off after receiving his second yellow of the match. Michael Turner quickly took advantage of the extra man and scored for Norwich. Villa remains a point below Norwich with 6 points. Arsenal needed a late goal from Mikel Arteta in order to get the three points from Queens Park Rangers. Arsenal remains in the top 4 with 15 points while QPR continues its struggles sitting on the bottom of the table with 3 points.

Reading and Fulham drew 3-3 in a

thrilling match full of late goals. Fulham got its goals from Bryan Ruiz, Chris Baird, and Dimitar Berbatov, while Reading got its goals from Mikel Leigertwood, Gareth McAleary, and Hal Robson-Kanu. Fulham is just outside the top 6 with 14 points while Reading remains in the bottom three with 4. Stoke and Sunderland ended in a 0-0 draw in a rather uneventful match. Both of the sides sit with 9 points on the table.

Wigan Athletic took down a strong West Ham side in a 2-1 victory. Wigan got its goals from Ivan Ramis and James McArthur, while West Ham saw its lone goal come late in extra time from James Tomkins. Wigan collected an important three points and has 8 points now while West Ham remains near the top with 14 points.

Carlos Tevez elevated last year's League Champions to a 1-0 victory over Swansea City. Manchester City is in second

place with 21 points while Swansea has 11 points. Liverpool and Everton drew 2-2 with all four goals occurring in the first half. Luis Suarez, along with a goal by Leighton Baines got Liverpool its two goals. Everton got goals from Leon Osman and Steven Naismith to secure the point. Liverpool continues to struggle, but managed to move up the table with 9 points while Everton remains in fifth with 15 points.

Newcastle United was able to escape their match with West Brom with three points after an extra time goal by Papiss Cisse. Demba Ba scored the other goal in the Magpies 2-1 victory, while West Brom got their goal from Romelu Lukaku. West Brom now has 14 points with Newcastle just a point behind them with 13. Tottenham stars, Gareth Bale and Clint Dempsey both scored to secure three points for Spurs in 2-1 fashions over Southampton. Southampton got their

lone goal from Jay Rodriguez and continues their Premier League struggles with just 4 points. Playing quality soccer, Tottenham remains in the top four with 17 points.

The matchup between Chelsea and Manchester United looked to be the most intriguing matchup of the weekend and it did not disappoint. David Luiz scored an own goal putting United up early, and followed with a goal by Robin Van Persie. Juan Mata and Ramires brought Chelsea even, but two red cards within five minutes for Fernando Torres and Branislav Ivanovich gave United the chance they needed to succeed. Javier Hernandez scored what proved to be the winning goal. United claimed the three points in the 3-2 win - which put them, along with rivals Manchester City - just one point behind Chelsea, who are in top position with 21 points.