

Election Coverage:

Which sports teams do your candidates support?

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Unless you have been living under a very large rock for the past year, you will undoubtedly be aware that millions of Americans will be heading to polling stations across the nation to vote in the Presidential Election today. You may be well-versed in each candidate's opinions on a variety of matters, including foreign relations, healthcare reform and social issues. What you may not know, however, are the sports teams your favored candidate backs? Incumbent Barack Obama is fa-

mously a huge basketball fan. Having overseen the development of a new basketball court on the White House's South Lawn in 2009, the President reportedly competes against a number of ex-professional and college level athletes regularly. Owing to his vast amount of time spent in Chicago, from his early days as a community organizer in the Southside to his time spent as United States Senator for Illinois, Obama is a big fan of the Chicago Bulls. Earlier this year he promised the Chicago Tribune that he would attend the finals if the Bulls were victorious in their playoff matches, and has since stated that a seventh Bulls' national championship "will happen" while he is in office.

With regards to NFL, Obama has noted a soft spot for Chicago's Bears, but admitted to being a Pittsburgh Steelers fan as a young boy growing up in Hawaii. The President has also regularly been spotted wearing a Chicago White Sox hat, which he sported while throwing the ceremonial first pitch at the 2009 All-Star game. Republican challenger Mitt Romney admits to always being a big fan of the New England Patriots, which is unsurprising due to his affiliation with Massachusetts, where he was governor between 2003 and 2007. The Pats chairman Robert Kraft, however, has contributed to President Obama's reelection campaign and Romney would perhaps be better advised

to support the New York Jets. Their owner, Woody Johnson has help fund Romney's campaign and famously claimed he would prefer a Romney victory to the Jets ending their season with a winning record. In terms of baseball, Romney also appears to favor the team from the Greater Boston area, having previously shown support for the Boston Red Sox. When President Obama sarcastically "thanked" the Boston Red Sox during summer for the trade of infielder Kevin Youkilis to the White Sox, the Romney Camp responded negatively, lauding Obama for his "taunting" and "mocking" of Red Sox fans.

Women's volleyball season ends, team prepares for future

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Last Thursday the Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball Team ended this season with a loss to St. Xavier University. Before that Thursdays game, the Scarlet Hawks played a competitive battle with Roosevelt University. Tech won the first match

25-20, but lost the next three 19-25, 34-36, 24-26. Tech fought hard but could not finish. Juniors Kate Kendall and Roma Mirutenko along with Sophomore Taylor Duman all finished with 12 kills while Senior Rebecca Bograd finished with 4 aces. The match against St. Xavier was the last time the three Seniors, Rebecca Bograd, Mariska Vandenbergh, and Samandy Fulgence would play as Scarlet Hawks. The match was lost in 3 sets, 18-25, 22-25, 15-25,

but the Hawks fought the whole time. Duman finished with 12 kills while Kendall finished with 9. This season the Scarlet Hawks were faced with many obstacles from injuries, to a simple inability to finish. Overall the Scarlet Hawks finished with a record of 11-23. They are not discouraged, however, and are looking forward to the spring season and their chance to prove that they are not just a mediocre team. Looking at the team stats for the season it was evident to see that there were many team standouts. Kendall finished the season with 371 kills while Duman finished with 305. Bograd finished with a total of 808 assists bringing her career total to 3664 assists. Junior Brittany Mead finished with 541 digs while Sophomore Shea Manley finished with 36 aces.

Premier League Review: Liverpool trails Newcastle by 6 points

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The Premier League was back in action this weekend with many big games. Manchester United moved into the top spot with a 2-1 win over Arsenal. Goals by Robin Van Persie and Patrice Evra sealed the three points for the Reds even with a penalty miss by Wayne Rooney. Jack Wilshere received a red card minutes after Evra's goal to put Arsenal down a man for the rest of a match. Santi Carzola scored deep into extra time for Arsenal. Arsenal now has 15 points on the season while United now has moved into the top spot with 24 points. League leader for most of the season,

Chelsea, could only manage a draw against a resilient Swansea City side in a 1-1 result. Chelsea's goal came from Victor Moses while Pablo scored for Swansea. Swansea now has 12 points, but the big story is Chelsea now sit second with 23 points. The other frontrunner Manchester City was also unable to keep pace with United when they drew 0-0 with a strong West Ham United side. City now has 22 points so far while West Ham continues to impress with 15 points. Fulham managed to pick up a point off a last minute goal by Steve Sidwell in a 2-2 draw with Everton. The other Fulham goal came from a Tim Howard own goal just minutes into the game. Everton looked the stron-

ger side with a pair of goals by Marouane Fellaini. Everton now has 17 points and a position in the top four of the table while Fulham sits just below them with 15 points. Norwich City topped Stoke City 1-0 off a goal by Bradley Johnson. Norwich has 10 points just above Stoke who has 9 points this season. Aston Villa got three points in their 1-0 win over Sunderland. Aston Villa's goal came from Gabriel Agbonlahor. Villa now has 9 points to draw even with Sunderland on the table that also has 9 points. Wigan Athletic had an especially strong performance this weekend in their 1-0 win over Tottenham. Wigan's goal came from Ben Watson to give them three points and

bring them to 11 points on the season while Spurs has 17 points. Queens Park Rangers and Reading drew 1-1 in a battle to get out of the bottom three. Reading got their goal from Kaspars Gorkss while QPR got a goal Djibirl Cisse for the equalizing goal. Reading now has 5 points with QPR just behind them with 4 points while both sides continue to struggle in the bottom three. Liverpool gained a massive point this weekend in a 1-1 draw with Newcastle. The Magpies got their goal from Yohan Cabaye, but Luis Suarez brought it even for Liverpool. Liverpool now has 11 points on the season while Newcastle has 17 now.

Men's soccer loses final match of season

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IIT traveled to Saint Xavier in their much anticipated playoff game against their conference rivals. The scarlet hawks started strongly and put high pressure on the home sides' back line, which led to them creating a number of good chances without being able to break the deadlock. Against the run of play, Saint Xavier took the lead after IIT failed to deal with a deep cross to their back post, leaving the

Xavier forward free to put the ball away unopposed. Things quickly went from bad to worse just 5 minutes later when a long throw was once again not dealt with and the home side was left with an easy finish to double their advantage. Shortly after the half hour mark, IIT managed to pull a much-needed goal back when senior forward Liam Barrett curled home a free kick for his 17th goal of the season, which gave the hawks a noticeable lift. The visitors dominated the remainder of the half, however, the elusive equalizing goal

never materialized and IIT went into half-time 2-1 down. The second half started much like the first, it finished with IIT pushing forward and creating a number of good chances. On the hour mark, senior Ciaran Kohli-Lynch broke free from the Saint Xavier back four and let loose with a fearsome strike that crashed against the post and unfortunately failed to land to any of the IIT players following in on the shot. Any hopes of getting back into the game were put to bed when Saint Xavier were

gifted a goal from close range before Kohli-Lynch was sent off, leaving the hawks down to ten men. As the clock ran down, the home side was able to capitalize on their one-man advantage and scored another goal from a set piece, leaving the hawks 4-1 down and heading for defeat. The final score line of 4-1 most definitely flattered the home side, although the result was probably a fair one on a night where IIT was unable to defend their goal with the resilience and focus shown by their opposition.