

End of season awards given to XC, soccer, volleyball players

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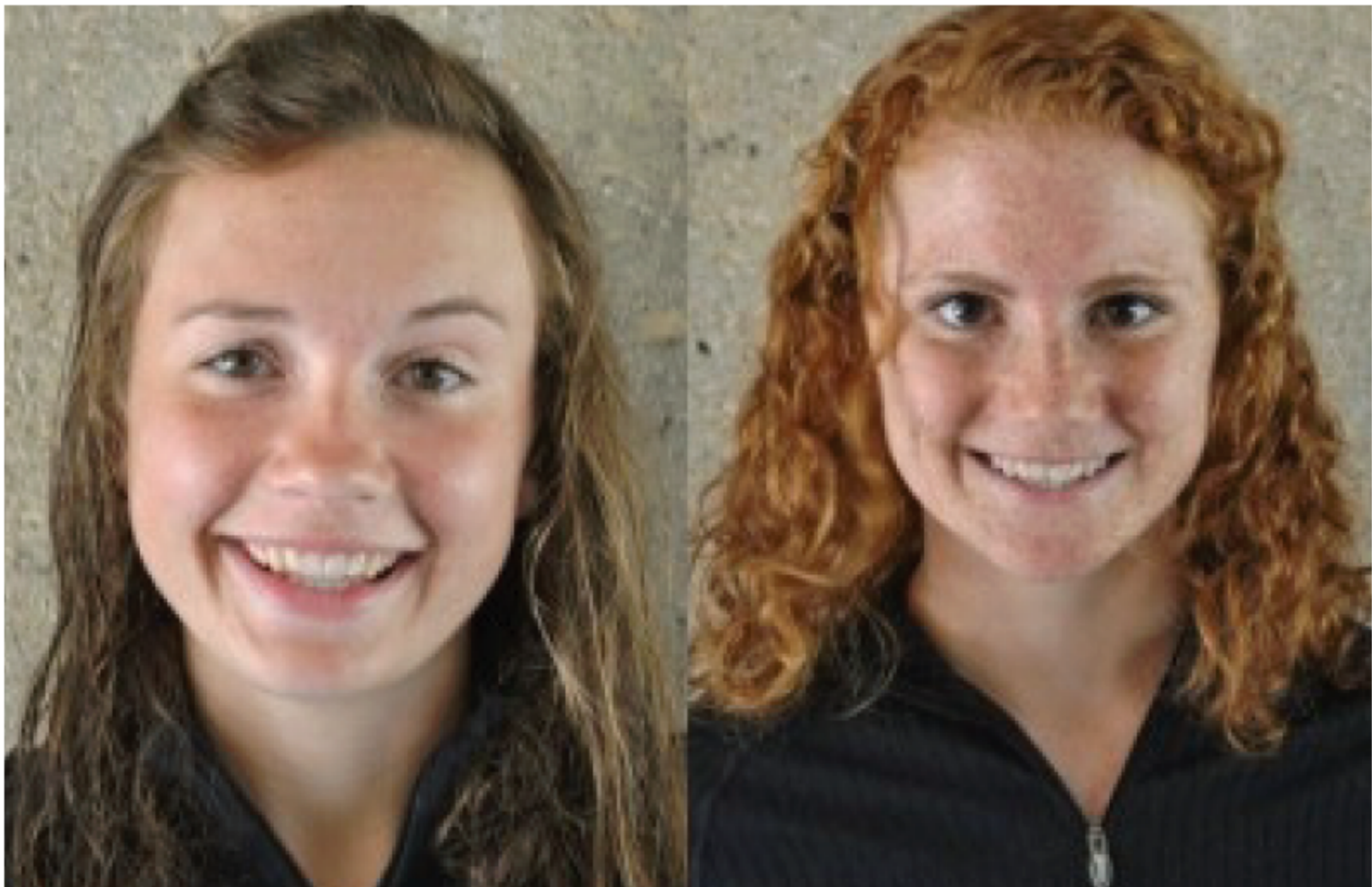
As a number of fall sports came to a close this past semester, several IIT athletes have received awards for their performances over the season.

Sophomore cross-country runner Abby Jahn was selected as Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Runner of the Year, following a string of impressive performances throughout the semester. Abby, who is from Wasilla, Alaska, placed 30th at the National Championships in Vancouver, Washington on November 17th. Sophomore runner Courtney Rouse, from Midland, Michigan was also elected as an all-conference cross country runner. Senior forward Liam Barrett won the men's soccer CCAC Player of the Year award. Barrett, a forward from Felixstowe, England, scored 17 goals and provided six assists throughout the season for the team. In addition to this, Barrett has been selected to play on the Capital One Academic All-District men's soccer team for the second consecutive year. Men's soccer junior Robert Rixer was also named on the CCAC men's soccer second team. This was the second time the Australian midfielder has made the squad, after being awarded the conference Freshman of the Year award in his first season with the Hawks.

Team captain, Lauren Capuano, was the sole recipient of post-season recognition for the women's soccer team. Capuano, a senior from St Charles, Missouri, was named to the CCAC all-conference team for 2012. This was the third time she has been named all-CCAC by the conference coaches during her time at IIT.

Women's volleyball middle blocker Taylor Dunham was named to the CCAC second all-conference team, having started all 114 matches for the Scarlet Hawks this season. She finished first amongst the team in total blocks, with 77, and second in kills. Furthermore, junior libero Brittany Mead and senior middle blocker S a m a n d y F u l g e n c e each earned CCAC All-Academic awards.

In other news, Athletic Director Enzley Mitchell's basketball team got their first win of the season against College of Faith in the North Central College Tournament on November 17th. The team has since lost 20-73 and 20-105 to North Central College and University of Wisconsin-Platteville, respectively.



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Swimming, diving faced tough fall semester, preparing rigorously for spring

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Illinois Tech's swimming and diving team has been working hard since September, and as the fall semester wraps up, it is becoming apparent that all that hard work is paying off. The swim team practices every morning for 2 hours, Monday through Saturday. In addition to this, every swimmer is required to do a weight lifting workout twice a week.

Meets officially started at the end of October and, since then, the team has been quite successful. So far every girl on the team has qualified for the NAIA National meet, which will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the end of February. The four girls got their National Qualifying time in the 200 Freestyle Relay at the very first meet of the season, which means any one of the girls can swim any individual event if they get at least the bonus cut in that event.

So far, senior Aimee Dewante has the qualifying time in the 1650 Freestyle and the 400 Individual Medley and bonus cuts in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Butterfly, and freshman Nicole Frantz has the bonus cut in the 200 Freestyle.

The Scarlet Hawks are also already sending a handful of men to Oklahoma in the spring. The men have gotten the National Qualifying time for two 4-person relay teams in every relay event already. On top of that, four individuals have gotten National Qualifying times and several others have gotten bonus cuts. Senior Michael Bodzay leads the way with a qualifying time in the 1650 Freestyle, the 400 Individual Medley, the 200 Butterfly, and the 200 Backstroke, as well as a bonus cut in both the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke. Senior Eric Grunden has two qualifying times of his own in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Breaststroke, as well as bonus cuts in the 500 Freestyle, the 100 Freestyle, and the 50 Freestyle.

The only male freshman with a qualifying time so far is distance swimmer Kevin Boldt, with his 1650 Free. Boldt also has two bonus cuts in the 200 and 500 Free.

Freestyler Yoni Pruzansky has a qualifying time in the 200 Freestyle, and bonus cuts in the 500, 100, and 50 Freestyle.

Junior Felipe Bergh has two bonus cuts, one in the 400 Individual Medley and one in the 100 Breaststroke. Seniors Arya Mohaimani and Matthew Rosenfeld each have a bonus cut as well, in the 400 Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke, respectively.

The Hawks still have 3 months to get a maximum of 17 swimmers on each team (men and women) to Oklahoma. Each swimmer is allowed to compete in five relays and three individual events. Diver Ian McNair, National Champion of 2010, will also represent the Scarlet Hawks at the NAIA National Competition for Swimming and Diving.

Stay tuned and come support your Scarlet Hawks next semester! The meet schedule is online at Athletics.IIT.edu under Swimming and Diving.

Premier League Review: Manchester, Liverpool match ends in tie

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This weekend provided another week of exciting premier league matches. The only 0-0 result came from a matchup between Norwich City and Queens Park Rangers. QPR would have enjoyed the three points in the fight to leave the relegation zone with 17 points. Norwich now sits safely with 28 points. Arsenal got a vital three points to stay relevant in the fight for a Champions League berth in their 1-0 win over Stoke City.

Lukas Podolski's free kick propelled the gunners with the lone goal of the match and putting Arsenal four points out of the top four with 41 points. Stoke sits squarely in the middle of the table with 30 points. Aston Villa gave away three points as they lost a two goal lead in a 3-3 draw with Everton. Villa got two goals from Christian Benteke and a goal from Gabriel Agbonlahor while Everton was paced by Victor Anichebe and a double from Marouane Fellani including the tying goal in extra time. Everton remains just 3 points out of the top four with 42 points while Villa has just 21 and remains in the relegation zone.

Moussa Sissoko has already proven his quality with his new club Newcastle as his double lead the Magpies to a 3-2 victory over Chelsea. The other Newcastle goal came from Jonas Gutierrez while Chelsea got goals from Juan Mata and Frank Lampard. Newcastle has been struggling, but with those three points they have 27 points while Chelsea sits in third with 46 points.

Reading's Jimmy Kebe had a pair of goals in their 2-1 win over Sunderland. Sunderland got a goal from Craig Gardner and now has 29 points while the win brings Reading out of the bottom three with 23 points. West Ham United got a much needed three



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points over Swansea City in 1-0 fashion. Andy Carroll's header was the lone goal of the match that gives West Ham 30 points on the season with Swansea 4 points above them with 34 points.

Wigan Athletic and Southampton drew with a score line of 2-2. Goals for Wigan came from Gary Caldwell and Shaun Maloney while Southampton got its goals from Rickie

Lambert and Morgan Schneiderlin. Wigan now has 21 points and sits in the bottom three while Southampton is only three points away with 24 points.

Wayne Rooney's goal for Manchester United gave United the three points over Fulham for their league leading 62 points. Fulham now sits with 28 points. The match of week was an absolute thriller between Manchester City

and Liverpool that ended in a 2-2 draw.

Liverpool got goals from Daniel Sturridge and a wonder strike from Steven Gerrard while City got goals from Eden Dzeko and Sergio Aguero. Manchester City loses ground on rivals Manchester United and have 53 points while Liverpool continues its strong play as of late with 35 points.