

Swimming, diving teams shine in last home meet

Aimee Dewante
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Scarlet Hawks down at Keating Sports Center had an exciting night on Wednesday. Senior swimmers and divers were recognized as it was the last home meet of the season, and Scarlet Fever came down to the pool with Tabn the Hawk to hand out Swag Bags to fans. This helped to get everyone fired up and it was ultimately a fun and spirit-filled tri-meet against Lincoln College and Robert Morris University.

The seniors really led the way at this meet. On the men's side, Eric Grunden placed 2nd in his 200 back-stroke and helped both A-relays of the night get first place. Finishing right behind Eric in the 200 back was Michael Bodzay, who won the 400 IM earlier in the evening. Matt Rosenfeld had two great races, getting 3rd in the 50 free and 4th in the 200 back. Dylan Maus also had two exciting races in the 50 and 100 free, and diver Ian McNair won the 1-meter diving with a score of 278.55. On the women's side, Aimee Dewante won both the 400 IM and the 500 free.

Besides the seniors, there were several other Scarlet Hawks that stood out last night. Junior Felipe Bergh had a great meet with two best times in the 200 free and 200 breast. Sophomore Billy Bafia also got a best time in each of his individual events, as well as junior Abby Maze. Freshman Tanner Grieve had an exhilarating race in the 200 free and won the 200 fly with a best time by 3 seconds. Finally, sophomore Maria Behrens continued to drastically improve with a 3 second drop in the 100 free as well as a great first 200 free.

The Scarlet Hawks are heading out

to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for their Conference meet next Wednesday. This should be a competitive 3-day event. The Scarlet Hawks Men's Team has the top seeded time in 12 out of the 13 individual events going in, so be sure to wish them luck before they go.

Host Coe College has a website that will be updated with live results, a live video feed, and full results after each day, so you can keep up with your Scarlet Hawks and cheer them on right here from Chicago: http://www.coeathletics.com/#Liberal_Arts_Championships.php.

South African Olympian charged with murder

Ciaran Kohli-Lynch
SPORTS EDITOR

The world of athletics was in a state of shock Thursday afternoon, following the arrest of double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius. Murder investigations were opened by Pretoria police, after the body of Pistorius's girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp was discovered in the early hours of the morning on Valentine's Day.

29-year-old Steenkamp was a celebrity in her own right in South Africa, modeling extensively from the age of 14, as well as working as a roaming reporter for FashionTV. In 2005, she graduated Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Law. She was due to appear in the fifth season of celebrity reality-tv show *Tropika Island of Treasure* as a contestant at the time of her death. In a bitter twist of fate, the show's premiere was planned to air on the evening of Saturday, February 16.

Pistorius, who made history in London last year representing South Africa in sprinting events at both the Olympic and Paralympic Games, broke down in tears on Friday morning when he was formally charged with the premeditated murder of Steenkamp. Denying the charges brought against him "in the strongest of terms," a statement from the athlete expressed "deepest sympathies to the family of Reeva."

Speculation in local media suggested that Pistorius could have mistaken his girl-

friend for a burglar. Some went as far as intimating that the whole affair had been the result of a Valentine's Day surprise that had gone horribly wrong. Many found it hard to explain such a fall from grace for the golden boy of South African athletics, nicknamed "Blade Runner" for the prosthetic legs he wears while competing.

Other reports painted a different, and more complex, picture of the sprinter. Johannesburg's *'The Star'* paper detailed how Pistorius had spent a night in jail in 2009 after claims from a woman that he had assaulted her at a party.

Others pointed out that he was a gun enthusiast, with a fascination for fast cars and motorbikes, and was lucky to survive a speedboat crash in 2009 after colliding with a submerged pier. On November 17, 2012, he tweeted: "Nothing like getting home to hear the washing machine on and thinking it's an

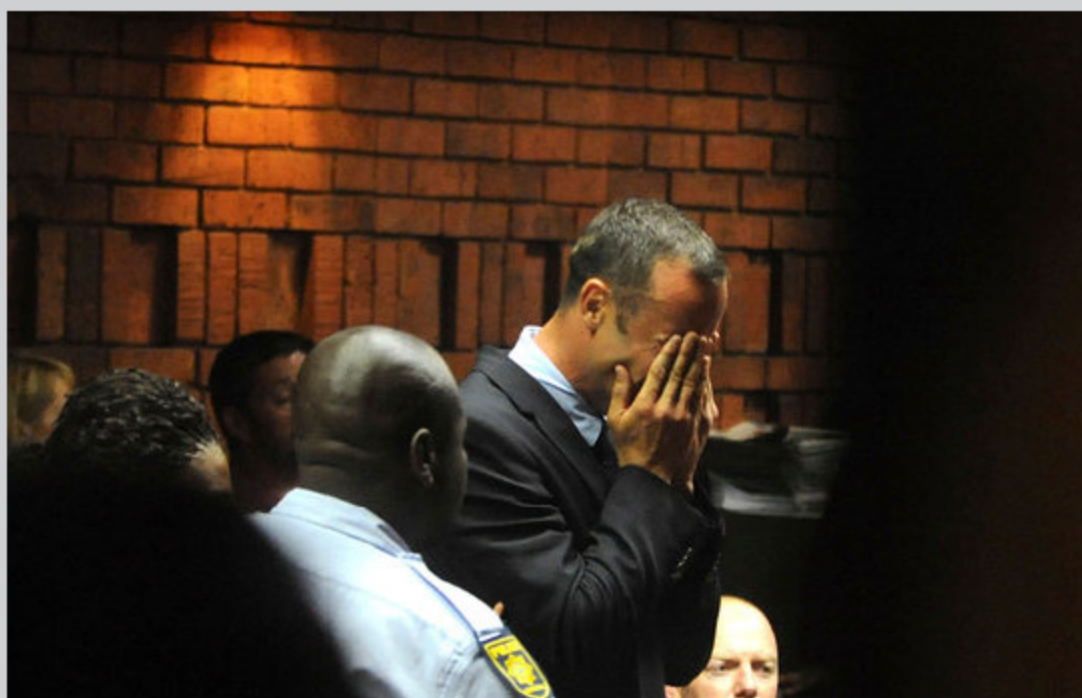


Photo courtesy of the New York Times

intruder to go into full combat recon mode into the pantry! waa."

In a country where household surveys by the Medical Research Council suggest that 40% of men have hit their partner, and a quarter have raped a woman, many in the media questioned the claims that this had simply been an "unfortunate accident."

Whatever is the case, the remarkable

story of how one of South Africa's most beloved figures has battled disability and disregard to make history and inspire millions has been darkened irreparably. A family grieved the loss of a loved one, others bemoaned the demise of an icon, and a nation in which over 40 murders occur per day reflected solemnly on a Valentine's Day tragedy.

Chicago Sports Roundup: Hockey returns, Bulls await Rose's return

Gus Alvarez
STAFF WRITER

Guys it's coming, and it's coming soon... I'm talking about the return of the youngest MVP in the history of National Basketball Association, the Windy City Assassin, and the heart of the Chicago basketball: Derrick Rose. Before getting all caught up with that, let's talk about the rest of Chicago sports.

The NHL is back and the Blackhawks are fire on ice. They are off to a 9-0-2 start to their season with a healthy roster and are causing a wave of Stanley Cup parade flashbacks across Chicago land. The Bears have a new coaching staff set on addressing their offensive line woes and the Cubs are still the Cubs.

But right now all that Chicago Sports fans want to know is how Derrick Rose will come back. The past two seasons they have finished with the best regular season record in the league and the past two seasons they have faced heartbreak in the playoffs. The most obvious blow to the franchise was the fall of their superstar point guard. As he fell in the 1st

game of the first round series against the Sixers, a chill went through the spine of all who care for the NBA.

However, we are not going to focus on that nightmare; it's time to talk about his return. The Bull's front office has been very good at keeping things low key when it comes to Derrick's progress. In fact, all we hear is that he is progressing. However, as the season progresses itself, more peeks of Rose are out on the Internet. Rumor has it that he has added 2 inches to his vertical, added about 15 pounds of muscle, and his jumper looks beautiful, so fans have good reason to be excited about the return of the 2008 number one overall draft pick.

The biggest concern is whether it would be an intelligent decision to let him come back. The Bulls are 4th seed in the Eastern Conference and with a healthy roster can compete for the 2nd or maybe even 1st due to their stifling defensive ethic.

I'm of the belief that this season there is still a championship to fight for and if the kid is ready, let him play. The return will most likely come after the All-Star Break in Houston; the date looks like it might be Febru-



Photo courtesy of creatifan.com

ary 25th.

Needless to say, the season is only going to get better even if he plays limited minutes at first. With plenty of time before

the playoffs, the Bulls have no reason to doubt their ability to make an impact in the playoffs bring it back to Chicago for the first time since the Jordan era.