

# NBA play-offs begin, Miami Heat leading

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The 2013 NBA play-offs began this Saturday. The Miami Heat is the team to beat in the East while teams like the Spurs and Knicks look to prove they are real contenders. The New York Knicks are taking on the Boston Celtics in their first round series and the New Yorkers took game 1 with a score of 85-78 and a game high 36 points from Carmelo Anthony. Carmelo Anthony was named the NBA scoring champion.

The other East game 1 available at press time was the first round series between the Brooklyn Nets and Chicago Bulls. The Bulls remained without superstar Derrick Rose and struggled offensively as the Nets beat them 106-89 behind a cool 22 points from Deron Williams.

In the West the Denver Nuggets took on the Golden State Warriors and beat them in the first game of the series 97-95 with a game-winning layup by Andre Miller with 1 second remaining to take a 1-0 lead in the series. The other series to start in the West is between the Los Angeles Clippers and the Memphis Grizzlies. The Clippers took game 1 easily 112-91 behind a strong rebounding effort by the Clippers.

One of the East series yet to start is between the top seeded Miami Heat and the Milwaukee Bucks where Brandon Jennings has predicted the Bucks winning the series. The other East series is between the Indiana Pacers and Atlanta Hawks and it should be an easy win for the Pacers.

In the West, the top seeded Oklahoma City Thunder is taking on the Houston Rockets who are looking for an upset behind James Harden. The Los Angeles Lakers will be without Kobe Bryant after his torn Achilles injury as they take on the San Antonio Spurs.



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## Baseball reaches 5th in conference, Women's soccer hosts tryouts

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The Illinois Tech Baseball team currently sits in 5th place in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletics Conference North Division, with a streak of 6-15. With 9 games remaining of the regular season, the team will look to improve their record as they look

towards the CCAC Tournament in Whiting, IN which runs from April 30th to May 4th. Also on the Hawks' schedule is an exciting game against Maranatha Baptist Bible College on US Cellular Field, the home of the Chicago White Sox, on Tuesday May 7th. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to escape the stresses of finals week for a couple of hours, or alternatively celebrate the end of exams. Be sure

to get down to the Sox stadium and support the team.

Also in action this semester are the Men and Women's Track and Field team. They were competing in the CCAC Championships over the weekend and will now be looking towards competitions at North Central College on May 9-10th and 16-17th before the NAIA National Outdoor Championships starting May 23rd.

In other on-campus sports news, the Women's Soccer team will be hosting varsity try-outs on April 25th. If anyone is interested in competing at a varsity level for IIT, and believe that they have what it takes, contact Coach Kose at akose@iit.edu to fill out an insurance waiver and receive more details about the try-out. Interested women must be full-time undergraduate students at IIT.



### Wednesday, April 24

**Baseball**  
@ Purdue University-North Central  
1 p.m.  
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

### Thursday, April 25

**Baseball**  
@ Robert Morris College  
5 p.m.  
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

### Friday, April 26

**Baseball**  
Cardinal Stritch University  
@ Ed Glancy Baseball Field  
3 p.m.

### Saturday, April 27

**Baseball**  
@ Cardinal Stritch University  
12 p.m.  
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

**Men & Women's Track & Field**  
TBD