

Blackhawks streak comes to an end

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Chicago's streak of 24 matches of earning at least 1 point, the best start to an NHL campaign ever, came to an end on Friday evening. In their first loss in regulation time this season, the Blackhawks succumbed to a 6-2 defeat at the hands of the Colorado Avalanche.

Chicago opened the scoring in the 5th minute of the match through center Jonathan Toews, before the Avalanche raced into a 5-1 lead. Stastny, Duchene, Mitchell, and McGinn all got their names on the scoresheet for Colorado, along with Ryan O'Reilly. It was O'Reilly's first goal for the team since he settled a long-standing contract dispute last week. Bryan Bickell responded for the Blackhawks midway through the 3rd, before Parenteau completed the routing for Colorado.

The last time the Blackhawks lost in regulation play came more than 1 year ago, in last year's regular season. Their points streak spanned 30 games, which comes 5 games short of the all-time record set by the 1979-80 Philadelphia Flyers.

While the Blackhawks will not want to take their foot off the gas, the end of this historic streak will undoubtedly release some pressure in the changing room.

This was noted by Toews in a post-match interview: "We never really got distracted [by the record]. Maybe it does take a little bit of pressure off us and we can sit back and look at the good things we've done."



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Swimming, diving conference

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The last conference meet of the season proved to be a very exciting weekend for the Scarlet Hawks Swimming and Diving Team. The men were crowned the 2012 Liberal Arts Conference Champions!

Senior Eric Grunden had a phenomenal meet with 1st place finishes in all his individual events, as well as a place on every relay in finals. For this, Eric got the Men's Swimmer of the Meet Award. Ryan Nelson, our diving coach, tied for the Men's Diving Coach of the Meet Award.

Thursday started out strong with a 2nd place finish by the men's 200 free relay in finals, followed by a whole slew of fast 500 freestyles. Nicole Frantz won the consolation heat, finishing 9th overall with an outstanding time drop of 4 seconds, after dropping 9 earlier in the morning. Right behind her was Abby Maze, who finished 11th after dropping 4 seconds in prelims and another 5 seconds in finals. On the men's side, Kevin Boldt got 6th place with a best time by 3 seconds. In the consolation heat, Yoni Pruzansky finished 9th after a staggering drop of 14 seconds, while Mike Dobben dropped 5 seconds at night and placed 13th. In the 200 IM, Aimee Dewante dropped 5 seconds in finals and finished 2nd. Eric Grunden won the men's 200 IM while Felipe Bergh got 4th with a season best time by 7 seconds, followed closely by Arya Mohaimani finishing 5th. Max Rammingner won the 50 free and Billy Bafia went from 15th place to 10th place, earning a lot of points for the team. Thursday ended with an exciting 400-medley relay by the men, who ended up winning by just half a second. Diver Ian McNair also won first place on the 1 meter with a final score of 482.35. Friday night was kicked off with another first place finish by our men's 200 medley relay. Shortly after, Arya Mohaimani and Felipe Bergh finished first and second in the 400 IM, respectively. Michael Bodzay continued the winning trend with a first place finish in the 100 fly after a close race. Tanner Grieve won the consolation heat, dropping over 2 seconds overall, while Stefan Nyholm finished just behind him getting 13th.

In the 200 Free, Abby Maze dropped 4 seconds in prelims and another second in finals earning a 7th place finish. Nicole Frantz dropped 2 seconds and finished 12th. Yoni Pruzansky had a great 200

free, winning the event after getting a season best time by 3 seconds and Kevin Boldt finished 7th after dropping 2 seconds. Continuing on into the night, Eric Grunden picked up another first place medal in the 100 breast, with Max Rammingner finishing 3rd and Billy Bafia finishing 4th. Matt O'Rourke also dropped 2 seconds in the morning and another second at night, finishing 2nd in the consolation final. Maria Behrens dropped 2 seconds in her 100 back, as did Matt Rosenfeld, who finished 2nd on the men's side. The night ended with an incredibly close race by the men's 800 relay team, who won by just .04 seconds. Ian McNair also had another great night on the 3 meter, finishing 2nd with a final score of 456.45.

The last day was especially intense, because the Scarlet Hawks were only winning by 7 points. Three brave men swam the 1650 and all had incredible swims. Michael Bodzay finished 3rd with Kevin Boldt right behind him in 9th. Michael Dobben dropped almost a whole minute and ended up with 9th place. Arya Mohaimani continued to have phenomenal morning swims with a 10 second drop in the 200 back and ended up getting 3rd in finals. Max Rammingner won 100 free and Yoni Pruzansky dropped 2 seconds, finishing 4th. Connor McGuire had a great swim in the morning, dropping 2 seconds, as did Matt Williams, who dropped one. Eric Grunden won the 200 breast with a season best time by half a second, and Billy Bafia had another magical prelim swim with an amazing drop of 9 seconds and a final 3rd place finish.

The 200 fly was flooded with Scarlet Hawks with Aimee Dewante on the women's side, who got 3rd, Michael Bodzay, who won on men's side, Felipe Bergh, who finished 3rd, Tanner Grieve, who just barely missed his National Cut but still finished 5th, and Stefan Nyholm, who rocked the consolation heat and got 9th. The meet ended with an invigorating 2nd place finish by the men's 400 Free Relay. The meet was very fast and exciting. The Scarlet Hawks picked up several new National Qualifiers, and would be able to send 13 swimmers and 1 diver to Oklahoma City for the NATA National Championships. The 2013 Swimming and Diving National Team consists of: Aimee Dewante, Abby Maze, Nicole Frantz, Maria Behrens, Eric Grunden, Max Rammingner, Michael Bodzay, Kevin Boldt, Yoni Pruzansky, Felipe Bergh, Arya Mohaimani, Billy Bafia, Matt Rosenfeld, and Ian McNair.