

# Barclay's Premier League back in action

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The Barclay's Premier League is in full swing after the first four weeks of the long campaign. Currently, Arsenal and Tottenham both with 12 points are at the top of the table followed by Manchester City, Chelsea, and Liverpool each with 10 points. The bottom three as it looks right now has Sunderland with 1 point, newly promoted Crystal Palace with 2 points, and Fulham with 4 points. This new season has seen some very intriguing stories especially from players added during the summer transfer window.

With the record sale of Gareth Bale,

Tottenham has gone out and bought a plethora of talent such as the Spaniard Roberto Soldado and the Brazilian Paulinho who have proven their worth with their splendid play. After their failed attempts to purchase Wayne Rooney from United, Chelsea and Jose Mourinho have brought back Samuel Eto'o to add to their strong team.

Chelsea did sell Nigerian youngster Victor Moses to Liverpool who made an immediate impact with a goal in his debut. He joins fellow former Chelsea player Daniel Sturridge on a Liverpool side full of potential behind the legend Steven Gerrard and the attacking prowess of Philippe Coutinho and Luis Suarez. Liverpool has strengthened squad with

their transfer window purchases and has been the surprise of the season so far. Jumping to the top of the league through the first three weeks, but after a disappointing loss to Southampton they have dropped from the top.

However, they are looking full of potential to qualify for European play after missing out on it this year.

With the retirement of Sir Alex Ferguson, David Moyes has taken over as manager of Manchester United, but it clearly has not been a smooth transition. After failing to sign any top transfer targets the only big signing Moyes has made was for Marouane Fellani from Everton. United have struggled to find chemistry early surrounding the Rooney

transfer rumors, but with those rumors gone and Rooney back in the squad, United appear ready to defend their league title.

However, the biggest signing has been of German national Mesut Ozil by Arsenal with a transfer that made Ozil the most expensive German player ever.

Arsene Wenger has silenced his critics by making the record signing of Ozil who has joined the Gunners from Real Madrid where he voiced his displeasure of the ownership.

Ozil has come in and already shown his worth with three assists in three games and making Arsenal look like a legitimate threat to take the league title.

# Women's soccer gains momentum

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After a slow start to the season, the women's soccer team is finally making strides in the right direction. With a short-handed and injury plagued team, the Scarlet Hawks struggled to find momentum early in the season.

Heading into the Goshen College Tournament, the 0-3 Hawks were looking to turn their season around. With the previ-

ous games as learning experiences, the ladies showed their improvement by coming away as tournament finalists. Over the course of the weekend, the Hawks put out their best performances of the season. Kristen Barrett had the game-winning goal in a 1-0 decision over Rochester College to give the team their first win of the season.

With high spirits and newfound energy the Hawks put the tournament hosts to the test. Despite tired legs and minimal subs, IIT was threatening on attack and fought to the last minute. Unfortunately the Maple

Leafs of Goshen capitalized on their opportunities to take the tournament.

After a four-game road stretch the Hawks returned home to host Bethel College. Illinois Tech was strong on defense and generated some attack but was unable to put away their chances. Sophomore goalkeeper Roxanne Myers had an exceptional game with 12 saves to spark some energy and keep the Hawks in the competition. However, the pilots were finally able to find the back of the net and Illinois Tech fell to 1-5.

Regardless of their previous loss,

the Hawks needed a quick turnaround to take on Alverno College. The rainy day's sleek conditions didn't stop them from achieving a convincing 3-0 win.

Adrianna Maron led the attack with two goals and an assist, while freshman Anida Phetchanpheng added a goal to seal the win. The shutout leaves the Scarlet Hawks at 2-5 heading into conference play.

The new-faced Scarlet Hawks welcomed nine new freshmen as well as first year coach Ahmet Kose and assistant coach Jessica Carlson.

# Chicago winter sports return with Bulls, Hawks, Bears

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The Bears are thus far undefeated, the Bulls are legit title contenders, the Blackhawks are defending their title, and the Fire are consistently in the playoff picture. It's a good time to be a Chicago sports fan, unless, of course, we're talking about our beloved baseball teams. With the baseball regular season nearing its end, it is advised to move on and hope for next year, like all Cubs fans are accustomed to doing (Go Cubbies!)

Let's focus on the exciting seasons coming up for the Bulls and Blackhawks, and the currently promising, undefeated Bears. The

Blackhawks are off to a decent preseason with a record of 3-0-2 (3 wins, 2 overtime losses.) They began last season by making history and breaking records with the best start to a season in NHL history. They begin their journey to win back-to-back Stanley Cups on Tuesday, October 1, the season opener. It is rumored that Hossa, who suffered an injury during training camp, will be ready to go for the opener; it is well known that Twitches love Hossa, and the fans will be delighted.

A different comeback for a Chicago sports superstar is creating a lot more buzz as the Bulls prepare to begin their preseason on October 5 in Indiana against the oh so not loved Pacers. This will also be the first competitive game that Derrick Rose will play, and start in,

since his knee surgery last May. I will say that again, #TheReturn is upon us. With a core of Luol Deng, Carlos Boozer, Joakim Noah, Jimmy Butler, and D-Rose; the Bulls are ready to begin their stampede.

When the Bulls are coached by Thibodeau and have Rose on the floor, their record is 94-26. This should strike fear into the hearts of Heat fans around the globe because the Bulls are better. Noah is better offensively, Lieutenant Deng is consistently consistent, Boozer slimmed down, and Jimmy Buckets is here to play. Oh and did I mention Rose is coming back? The only player not named LeBron James to have won the MVP in the last five years?

According to league sources and

Kevin Durant, he's better. Go Bulls. See Red. Beat the Heat. If that doesn't have your heart beating faster because you love Chicago sports, don't forget the Bears are 3-0. There's a new coach, new system, new Jay Cutler, and the same stingy Bears defense. The offensive line looks better, thanks to coach Trestman, which gives Cutler more time in the pocket to bombard the opposing secondary with his cannon-arm. They face the Detroit Lions on Sunday and look to continue their winning streak.

Da Bears still have kinks to work out in the defense and on offense but they are playing more exciting football than they have in the past few years. Look for them in the playoffs. They should be there as long as they stay healthy. Go Bears. Go Chicago.

# Men's XC hits ground running

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How fast do you think Illinois Tech Cross Country Runners can go? Here are your options: an elephant (20mph), a giraffe (35mph), a squirrel (12mph), a black bear (25mph), or a cheetah (70mph). To figure this out, you might have to set up some equations of motion and estimate using what you learned in physics.

Well, the truth is, humans can only sprint up to 23 miles per hour and only for a limited distance of 200 meters. But what's even more impressive is that our own Scarlet Hawk Athletes can run at the same pace as a squirrel for a distance of up to 5 miles long! Have you ever tried chasing a squirrel? Or tried running 5 miles? That's fast!

Last week, the men's Cross Country Team raced into action once again at the Wheaton College Invitational, where 14 total teams toed the starting line to compete on a beautiful grass and soft dirt course. Senior Phillip Cano was IIT's first to cover the 8 km race in 27:09, followed closely by Sophomore Landon Vowels at 27:13. Senior Peter Lau, and both Montague brothers, Andrew and Ethan, ran most of the race together, and finished in the same order, scoring 60th, 63rd, and 70th for Illinois Tech.

It was a good performance and placed the team at 10th place overall. "The boys ran better than last week and I am really confident that we will gain momentum in the next race or two. It was nice to see them working together," said head coach Calin Hantau.

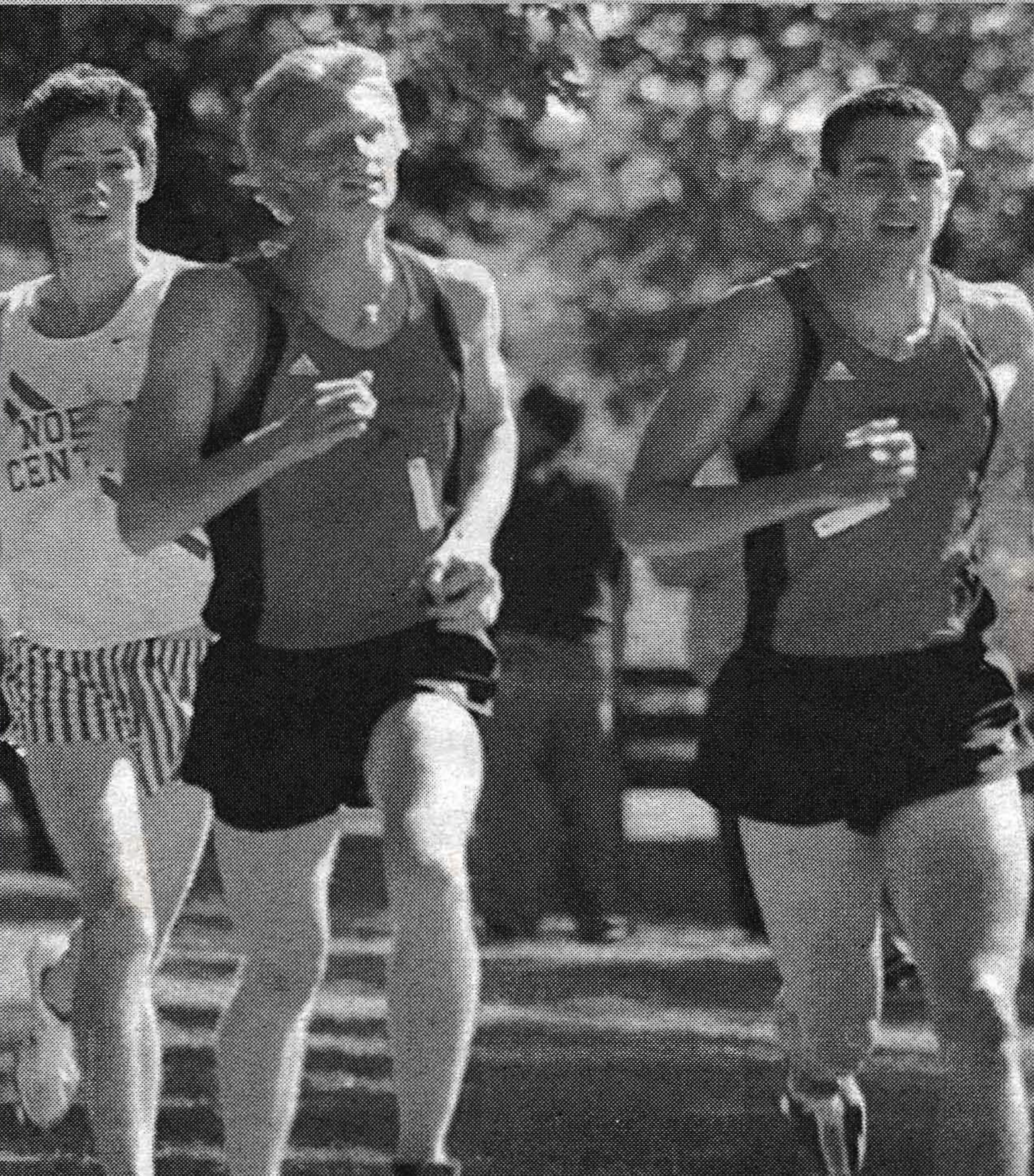


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