

Women's soccer undefeated for third straight week

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The Women's Soccer team remains undefeated for three consecutive games after Tuesday's tie with Purdue Calumet. The Scarlet Hawks settled for a 3-3 draw after overtime, in what proved to be a very physical match. From the get-go, the Hawks looked strong, creating combinations and threatening the Calumet goal. In the 13th minute, leading goal scorer—Adrianna Maron—added another to her tally after tucking the ball away off an assist from

Anida Phetchanpheng. However, Calumet was able to respond and the half ended 1-1.

Again, the Scarlet Hawks got to a quick start off the whistle, getting a go-ahead goal just minutes into the second half. This time it was Phetchanpheng who would find the back of the net with a shot into the upper 90. A few minutes later, the Peregrines managed to get behind the Tech backline and equalize. However, the Hawks responded immediately with another goal, as freshman Aesha Jackson sent a ball over the head of the Calumet keeper from 30 yards out.

The Hawks would hold onto the lead until five minutes left in the match, when a Calumet cross hit the post and bounced back perfectly to the feet of Sandra Lozano to finish. The remaining minutes of regulation and overtime proved to be dramatic with several chances at goal for both teams, but the score would stay locked at three.

In the previous week, the Scarlet Hawks came away with two wins to start their unbeaten streak. The first win came after a tough battle against University of St. Francis. The game winner, Whitney Theisen headed

home off a corner kick with just 10 minutes left in the match. Goalkeeper Roxanne Myers had another stellar night along with the Hawks defensive line to maintain the shutout.

Later in the week, the Hawks played host to the Maranatha Baptist Bible College Crusaders. Illinois Tech extended their win streak with a convincing 4-0 win with two goals coming from Maron, another from Phetchanpheng, and one from Veronica Torres.

The Scarlet Hawks improve to 4-8-1 as they look to extend their unbeaten streak and take on 13th ranked Judson University.

Chicago sports surge

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The Chicago Bears prepare to face the Washington Redskins this Sunday. The Bears now hold a 4-2 record after bouncing back from a loss to the Saints and defeating the Giants last Thursday. This will mark Jay Cutler's 100th start for the Chicago Bears. Their offense started clicking again, and as long as the defense keeps playing the way they have been (please do, for my fantasy team) and the offensive line keeps it together, the Bears should come out on top in this match-up.

The Blackhawks stand at 4-1-2 after a loss to the Blues and are looking at a tough match up with the Maple Leafs this Saturday. The Hawks are currently 3rd in the Central Division behind St. Louis and Colorado. The Blues look strong and the Blackhawks will need to be on their toes in order to defend their

championship title.

In the basketball world, the Chicago Bulls stand at a great 5-0 in the preseason after their win over Indiana on Friday night. I know it is only preseason, but the last game had much more of a regular season atmosphere to it as starters pretty much finished the game off. The MVP chants have begun; Derrick Rose delivered a MVP-caliber performance with 32 points, 9 assists, and 2 rebounds.

Regardless of whether it is the preseason or not, the Bulls look better than when they lost to the Heat in the 2011 Eastern Conference Finals. Derrick Rose looks better and showcased his new and improved shooting stroke as he went 4-7 from beyond the arc and finished 9-15 for the night. Deng also put in 22 points for the Bulls and it is not absurd to speculate and say that this Chicago Bulls team has what it takes to bring the Larry O'Brien Trophy home to the Windy City.



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Women's volleyball dodges victory, Lady Hawks keep fighting

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The Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball Team was faced with playing against two solid opponents, Cardinal Stritch and St. Xavier, last week. This week was also important because it was their annual Dig Pink game to raise awareness for Breast Cancer research. The Scarlet Hawks were up against Stritch who

proved to be a strong competitor last Tuesday night.

With the final scores 25-27, 20-25, and 11-25, the Scarlet Hawks fought through the whole match. Major contributors for the game were junior Taylor Duman with 9 kills, and Seniors Kate Kendall and Roma Mirutenko with 8 kills each. Junior Shea Manley finished with 19 assists while Senior Brittany Mead finished with 14 digs.

For the second game of the week, the Scarlet Hawks were up against St. Xavier. The Hawks had just played them the previous week and were ready to fight. During this nail biter, the Hawks came close to winning, but fell just a bit short. While the Hawks were fighting a lineup, change proved to be for the better. Junior Shea Manley controlled the team leading them with 32 assists, and senior Kate Kendall finished with 13 kills.

By switching up the lineup, they allowed for some new faces to come in and contribute to the fight. Freshmen Cassie Hansen and Irena Grazinis were vital to keeping the Hawks in the fight. They ended the night with final scores of 11-25, 25-23, 15-25, 25-21, and 15-17.

Next week, the Scarlet Hawks will face Robert Morris, and play in the Crossover tournament in Indiana.

Men's XC competes in College of DuPage Invitational

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What is the secret to winning a Cross Country race? Do you go out fast and hope that no one stays with you? Or do you conserve your energy and pass people at the end?

Well, the truth is, none of these. This is because Cross Country is a team sport where the overall team scores are based on

the places of the top five runners from each team. For instance, if a runner representing one school does great and receives first place, that runner's team may still loose to another team that fought hard and placed their top five in front of the runner's other four teammates. Everyone is in it together, all fighting on the same battlefield.

Last week, the Men's Cross Country team competed at the College of DuPage

Invitational. Leading the charge for Illinois Tech was Landon Vowels, a phenomenal sophomore, who finished the 8 kilometer race in a personal best time of 26:33 and 18th place! Behind him was a solid pack consisting of Phillip Cano, Ethan Montague, Peter Lau, and Andrew Montague who crossed the line in 67th, 68th, 72nd, and 74th.

In total, our Scarlet Hawks scored 263 points, finishing the day in 7th out of 24

teams. This was good enough to score better than DI Chicago State, DII Quincy University, DIII Concordia University, Elmhurst College and Maranatha Baptist College and also higher than NAIA teams Robert Morris, Roosevelt University and Calumet College of St Joe's.

This goes to show that in Cross Country, you can take five average guys who believe in each other and win.

World Cup qualifying teams almost finalized

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Qualifying for this summer's World Cup in Brazil has nearly been completed around the globe.

To begin in Africa, not a single nation has yet completed qualification due to the continents schedule, but with ten countries left and five available spots for the World Cup it will be a tight finish. So far the top nations have been Ivory Coast and Ghana while the Nigerian Super Eagles are also looking strong.

In the Asian qualifying region there have been four nations to directly qualify leaving two teams to earn a spot through a playoff. The teams that have qualified are Iran, South Korea, Japan, and Australia. This leaves Uzbekistan and

Jordan left for the playoff.

Meanwhile in the CONCACAF region the United States has clinched the top qualifying spot followed by Costa Rica and Honduras. Mexico was barely able to hold onto the fourth spot in the group which places them in a playoff match against New Zealand.

Mexico's World Cup dreams were salvaged by two late United States' goals in a game against Panama to put Panama beneath Mexico in the table.

The South American qualifying group has also completed qualifying matches with Argentina topping the group followed by Colombia, Chile, and Ecuador.

Uruguay must win a playoff match against an Asian qualifying group nation in order to advance to the World Cup. Brazil as the



host nation has automatically qualified for the tournament and is looking as good a pick to win the World Cup for a record sixth time.

The UEFA qualifying group is dynamic as you will find with the regulars such as Germany and Spain having qualified while Bosnia and Herzegovina clinched their first World Cup appearance as an independent country. Other qualified nations are Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, and England.

This has left many strong nations to play in playoff matches. The playoff nations are Croatia, Sweden, Romania, Iceland, Portugal, Greece, Ukraine, and France. There is still much drama to come in the World Cup qualification matches remaining.

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