

Gunners remain on top in Premier League

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After a week of Champions League games the Barclay's Premier League saw another week of thrilling matches. The Sunderland Black Cats got their first victory of the season in 2-1 fashion over Newcastle United.

This keeps Sunderland in the bottom three, but improves to four points while Newcastle sits in 11th with 11 points. The biggest match of the week was between Chelsea and Manchester City that ended in a 2-1 Chelsea victory. This improved Jose Mourinho's incredible home unbeaten record in the Premier

League with Chelsea with goals from Andre Schurrle and the winner from Fernando Torres while Sergio Aguero scored for City. Chelsea now sits in second with 20 points while City sits at 7th with 16 points.

Swansea City went up against West Ham United in a 0-0 scoreless draw to keep Swansea at 9th with 11 points and West Ham at 15th with 9 points. Tottenham Hotspur continues to flourish in life after Gareth Bale as they were victorious in a 1-0 win over Hull City with a goal from Roberto Soldado. Spurs now are in 4th with 19 points and Hull City right in the middle of the table at 10th with 11 points.

Crystal Palace's woes continued in a

2-0 defeat to league leading Arsenal that saw goals from Mikel Arteta and Olivier Giroud. Crystal Palace is in last place with three points while Arsenal remains at the top with 22 points. Belgian starlet Romelu Lukaku and Leon Osman paced Everton in a 2-0 win over Aston Villa to put them in 6th with 18 points with Villa in 13th with 10 points.

Liverpool continues to produce results as they beat West Bromwich Albion 4-1 behind a Luis Suarez hat trick and another from Daniel Sturridge. Sturridge continues to lead the league in goals with 8 while Suarez trails with 6 goals even after missing the first five games of the season.

Liverpool sits in 3rd with 20 points while West Brom has 10 points which is good enough for 12th. Manchester United needed a bit of magic in its 3-2 come from behind win over Stoke City. United got goals from Robin Van Persie, Wayne Rooney, and a game winner from Javier Hernandez.

This puts the Reds at 8th with 14 points and Stoke at 17th with 8 points. Norwich City and Cardiff City played to a scoreless draw that leaves Cardiff in 16th with 9 points and Norwich at 18th with 8 points. Southampton has been a massive surprise as they surge to 5th in the table after 2-0 win over Fulham that drops Fulham to 14th in the table.

Bulls welcome back Rose, win home opener

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The "Windy City Assassin" is back and boy did it feel like something out of a movie. The Chicago Bulls had their home opener last Thursday against the New York Knicks and made for one hell of a game. The United Center crowd roared and shook the building as the starters were introduced, especially when it was #1 making his way to the center of the court. It was a playoff atmosphere from the get-go.

The Bulls still have plenty to work on as they find their rhythm offensively over the next few weeks. There is still rust to wear off and all of the things you would expect out of a team in the beginning of a season where they get one of the most dominant players in the game back in the line-up. After a disappointing and almost blowout loss the reigning champion Miami Heat, the Bulls and Derrick Rose were ready to get their first win of the season.

The game started off great as Carmelo Anthony struggled against a tight Chicago defense which saw the Bulls up by 10

at the end of the first quarter. Chicago stayed in the lead for most of the night and lead by as many as 13. Then came the fourth quarter; Chicago struggled offensively and only made 2 field goals the entire quarter. The Knicks clawed back at the lead and tied the game. Then Tyson Chandler goes to the free throw line with 10.8 seconds left, shoots 1-2 and gives New York a late 81-80 lead.

There was no doubt about who was getting the ball next. Thibodeau calls a time-out and makes a great play call as they inbound the ball, move it across the floor to Rose, who

was standing on the wing near the baseline. He drives and sees Raymond Felton and 7-footer Tyson Chandler make their way towards him. With 5.7 seconds left he rises. He rose and connected on his signature floater, Chicago up 82-81 and the crowd lost it.

Rose maintained his stern demeanor and quickly got back on defense as him and the Bulls hold out for a last second attempt by Anthony that goes wide. Chicago wins, Rose with the game-winner. "MVP" chants were heard non-stop. The city sure is glad to have their closer back. Welcome back Derrick Rose.

Women's soccer falls short to Olivet, St. Xavier

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The Illinois Tech Women's Soccer team came out on the unlucky end of two tight fought matches during the past week. The Hawks suffered a 1-0 loss to both Olivet Nazarene University and St. Xavier University.

Traveling to Olivet, the lady Hawks knew they were going to have their work cut out for them playing against the previous year's NAIA national runners-up. However, the team

was up for the challenge, and that is exactly what they proved. With a more defensive tactical approach, the Scarlet Hawks were able to hold Olivet to only one goal over the 90 minutes. Goalkeeper, Roxanne Myers came up big with 18 saves on the night, while the rest of the squad defended relentlessly to keep the score at bay.

Illinois Tech then added some offensive pressure of their own late into the match but it was too late. The Hawks had a few chances to equalize but the Olivet keeper was able to maintain the shutout.

Coming off that strong performance, the result against the St. Xavier Cougars was more disappointing.

Despite dominating possession and having the more threatening opportunities at goal, the Scarlet Hawks were unable to come out on top.

They kept constant pressure throughout the game but just couldn't manage to find the back of the net.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, a miscommunication cost the team an own goal in

the 39th minute. Nevertheless, they continued to take it to the Cougars flooding them with attack.

Tech striker, Anida Phetchanpheng had a golden opportunity late in the game to find the equalizer off a through ball from Hailey Kunkel, but the ball was just shy of the post. Poor finishing proved to cost the Hawks dearly as they were visibly the better side in the defeat.

Illinois Tech looks to finish the season strong with final games against Calumet College of St. Joseph and Cardinal Stritch University.

Men's soccer loses against archrival, St. Xavier

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Illinois Tech looked to knock off conference rivals, St. Xavier which would have been their first win against St. Xavier in their last five meetings throughout the last four seasons. With a winning mentality in the place, the Hawks came out with fiery passion and intensity despite a rainy evening, as the first half kicked off.

The first half provided an exhilarating

string of sequences in which Illinois Tech found themselves on the offensive sides of the ball. However in the 4th minute of play, St. Xavier found the back of the net on a poor clearance by the Hawks defense.

The Hawks were found down 1-0 and still 86 minutes left to capture their fourth conference win. Their best chance came of a beautifully played through ball by midfielder Brandon Ramirez to Bart Grabowski. The ball just sailed over the crossbar and Illinois Tech went into halftime down 1-0.

With their rivalry on the line, Illinois Tech proved to be a much ferocious team in the second half. Defensively, the Hawks managed to hold the Cougars to just six shots compared to Illinois Tech's 14.

IIT's best chances came from senior midfielder, Robert Rixer. A streaking Rixer found himself splitting two defenders and having a nearly one on one with St. Xavier's keeper. The laser shot hit the crossbar and was in disbelief. However, the Hawks continued their relentless attack with key chances

from Nordine Amlaiky and Timi Akindede just inside the box. The Hawks failed to convert their chances and went on to lose a heartbreaking 1-0 loss.

The Hawks look to bounce back and finish their conference play with a win against Cardinal Stritch on Wednesday. Illinois Tech will also be hosting their NCAA Provisional Tournament Championship this Saturday against Nebraska Wesleyan University. The Hawks are now 5-8-3 overall and 3-6-1 in conference play.



Tuesday, November 5th
Men's Soccer
vs. Cardinal Stritch University
7pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

Volleyball
vs. Judson College
7pm, @IIT, Keating

Wednesday, November 6th
Men's Soccer
vs. Cardinal Stritch University
7pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

Thursday, November 7th
Volleyball
vs. Roosevelt University
7pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

Friday, November 8th
Women's Soccer
vs. Southern Virginia University
5pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

Saturday, November 9th
Women's Soccer
vs. Nebraska Wesleyan University
7:30pm, @IIT, Stuart Field