

# Premier League sees Merseyside Derby demolition, Gunners fall

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This week, the Premier League was headlined by the Merseyside Derby featuring Everton and host Liverpool.

It figured to be a tight match, but quickly became a one sided affair. Steven Gerrard started the battering off with a header from a Suarez corner rocketed into the net. Daniel Sturridge then scored two impeccable goals in two minutes to give the Reds a three-goal lead at half. Suarez of course was always

going to get into the mix and did so by the final goal to give Liverpool a 4-0 win over their rivals. Liverpool remains fixed in fourth with 46 points, while Everton sits in sixth with 42 points.

Vital points were lost by Arsenal as they drew to Southampton 2-2. Goals from Giroud and Cazorla puts them at 52 points, and they have dropped to second, while Southampton has struggled recently, and are in ninth with 32 points.

Manchester City has taken over the lead in the table after they smashed Tottenham 5-1 to bring them to 53 points, and put them in

first. Tottenham has struggled to find consistent form, even after a managerial change and with all the talent brought in, but remain in fifth with 43 points.

Chelsea also found things difficult when West Ham came to visit Stamford Bridge. West Ham from the first whistle stuck to their game plan of giving nothing away in the back as they frustrated Chelsea with their park-the-bus style of play. In the end, West Ham came out with a vital point in a 0-0 draw as they attempt to climb out of the relegation zone. Chelsea will be very disappointed in the loss of points when

every point counts at the top of the table if they hope to win the league. Chelsea has 50 points and will look to gain ground on the league leaders next week.

Former Chelsea man, Juan Mata, has recently moved to Manchester United after he struggled to make the Chelsea squad and had an instant impact. Mata provided the assist on the second goal of a 2-0 win over Cardiff City that will a massive lift for United as they have struggled in the league, but now welcome back Robin Van Persie and Wayne Rooney from injury to make a run at it.

# NBA All-Stars announced

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The NBA All-Star rosters have just been announced and people have voiced their opinions; well, at least when it comes to the reserves picked by NBA coaches across the league.

First, let me give you the starters, in the East: Dwayne Wade (MIA), Kyrie Irving (CLE), LeBron James (MI), Paul George (IND), and Carmelo Anthony (NY).

From the Western Conference we have Stephen Curry (GS), Kobe Bryant (Lal), Kevin Durant (OKC), Kevin Love (MIN), and Blake Griffin (LAC). It's a pretty standard selection apart from the addition of Steph Curry who has been shooting in all cylinders

for the Warriors. Also it is important to note that Kobe is injured so there will be a replacement picked for him on a later date.

What got people a bit riled up, were the reserve selections. They are, respectively: John Wall (WAS), DeMar DeRozan (TOR), Roy Hibbert (IND), Chris Bosh (MIN), Joe Johnson (BKN), and Joakim Noah from Chi City.

In the West they are: Chris Paul (LAC), James Harden (HOU), Damian Lillard (POR), Tony Parker (SA), Dwight Howard (HOU), and LaMarcus Aldrige (POR).

At first you look at this and it probably looks fine, but that fact is that there are so many other players across the league that got snubbed out of the team for some players that comparatively underperformed. Sure,

these guys deserve their spots due to their hard work, but the like of players like Goran Deagic (who has posted better stats than Lillard across the board with a much less talented team), and Lance Stephenson, who is arguably the league's most improved player, and the key to Indiana's Championship run this season, goes seemingly unnoticed by the coaches.

The inclusion of DeRozan is great for Toronto but anyone can see that the guy excelling in Drake's and J-Beibs hometown (ugh...) is Kyle Lowry.

One clear mistake to the list is the addition of Joe Johnson from the Nets. Averaging 15.7 points per game, below the league average in efficiency, and arguably overpaid, this pick is something one must simply shake their heads at.

The biggest snub out of this line up is Anthony Davis. It is blatantly obvious that the West is packed with superstar talent but it is simple, Davis has been a monster this season. He's one of the best players right now across the league and getting better every game. Check out these stats: 20.4 points, 10.4 rebounds, 1.5 steals, 3.3 blocks.

Clearly not an All-Star am I right? Not to mention he is 20 years old. An easy argument can be made that he should be included over Howard or the two stars from Portland and the only thing that could have hurt his selection is the ugly record the Pelicans hold in New Orleans. Perhaps he could be included instead of Kobe or Paul due to injury. In other news, Derrick Rose started jogging on the treadmill. See Red.

# Track season returns with high stakes

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"Track is back!"  
That's what the Illinois Tech Varsity Track and Field Teams say as they continue to prepare for their first meet of the season. For the past three weeks, the Scarlet Hawks have been working hard in their pre-season practices. Not

to mention, many of them practiced on their own or with partners during winter break in order to stay ahead of the competition. It is vital to stay-disciplined as a track and field athlete because when the stakes are high, the end results could come down to a camera-finish lean in a race or one more inch in a shot put throw.

So far IIT's Head Coach Calin Hantau, and Assistant Coach Raul Botezan, have

assembled a strong unit of student athletes who are looking physically fit and mentally ready for the start of the new indoor track and field season. This Saturday both men's and women's teams will travel to University of Chicago to compete in the Windy City Invitational.

Don't worry, the teams will not be competing outside in all this snow, they will have the grand Henry Crown Field House to

perform in. It's a special feeling to put on a jersey with IIT displayed across your chest and be able to represent one of the greatest universities in Chicago and in the nation. If you see your fellow Scarlet Hawks on campus this week, make sure to cheer them on because the support is much appreciated.

Track is definitely back!



Saturday, February 8  
**Men's Basketball**  
vs. Robert Morris University-Springfield  
@ Keating Sports Center  
3 p.m.

**Men & Women's Track & Field**  
Windy City Invitational  
@ University of Chicago  
11 a.m.

Monday February 10  
**Women's Basketball**  
vs. Mounty Mary College  
@ Keating Sports Center  
7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11  
**Men's Basketball**  
@ Lincoln Christian College  
7 p.m.