

# Capuano, Maron lead return of women's basketball

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After being discontinued in 2009, the women's basketball program at Illinois Institute of Technology has been revived and returned to varsity status. Under the guidance of first-year Head Coach Usha Gilmore, the Hawks have resurrected the program in an admirable fashion.

Currently the team sits at a record of 1-16, but not for a lack of effort. With a schedule

dominated by road games, and competition against teams that are nationally ranked or receiving votes, the Hawks have performed valiantly. Also injury-riddled, several players have averaged minutes just shy of 40 to make up for the losses.

This includes sophomore guard Adrianna Maron, and senior Lauren Capuano, who have given some standout performances for the Hawks. On the season, Capuano leads the team in points and rebounds thus far, averaging 14.3 and 12.4 respectively. Meanwhile, Maron averages 11.1 points per game and leads the

team in 3-point field goals made.

In early January, despite a loss to the Bethany Lutheran Vikings, Maron led all scorers with 30 points drilling a couple 3-point shots, and shooting 70% from the free throw line. Capuano also added a stellar performance with a game-high 16 rebounds. On another night, Capuano had a well-rounded game, racking up 24 points on 56% shooting, as well as nine rebounds and seven steals.

A team highlight transpired at home where the Hawks hosted Northeastern Illinois University and grabbed their first victory.

Illinois Tech won in a dominating fashion, with an 82-29 performance on the night. The Hawks received a solid game from numerous players with four of the five starters scoring in double figures.

Maron led the team with 21 points while Capuano had 17, junior forward Gertrude Kasole added 12 points, and senior Michelle Arriola contributed 11.

Monday night at 7 p.m., the Hawks host Mount Mary College in addition to honoring Capuano, Arriola and Neillina Vierra for Senior Night.

NBA All-Stars:

## Big weekend in the Big Easy

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The NBA All-Star weekend is taking place in New Orleans the weekend before Valentine's Day.

There are a few changes this time around with the most noticeable coming from the Dunk Contest where now it will be a team event, West vs. East. To start the weekend off as usual is the Sears Shooting Stars challenge. The Sears Shooting Stars contest features one current NBA player, one current WNBA player and an NBA Legend on each team. Two teams representing the Western Conference and two

teams representing the Eastern Conference will compete in the 2014 Sears Shooting Stars. Joining Kevin Durant are Hall of Famer Karl Malone and the No. 3 overall selection in the 2013 WNBA Draft, Skylar Diggins of the Tulsa Shock. His father, NBA Legend Dell Curry, and six-time WNBA All-Star Becky Hammon of the San Antonio Stars, joins Curry on the second West team.

The East participants for one team are Tim Hardaway Jr. from the New York Knicks, his father and NBA Legend, Tim Hardaway Sr., and 2013 WNBA Rookie of the Year, Elena Della Donne. Hall of Fame member Dominique Wilkins joins Chris Bosh

and three-time WNBA champion Swin Cash of the Chicago Sky. Another event, the Skills Challenge, which presents contestants with an obstacle course that favors players with superior ball-handling skills, will highlight a variety of youngsters. The field includes four rookies: Michael Carter-Williams, Victor Oladipo, Trey Burke and Giannis Antetokounmpo.

Then it is the Rising Stars challenge that pits teams of NBA rookies and sophomores against each other. We also have the 3-point shootout which will be great to watch with the likes of Damien Lillard, Steph Curry, and defending champ Kyrie Irving competing.

The next biggest event apart from the All-Star game is the Sprite Slam Dunk Contest with a much more entertaining line-up this time around. The contestants are Terrence Ross, John Wall, Paul George, Harrison Barnes, Damian Lillard, and Ben McLemore.

As I mentioned, it would be a team contest now but with "freestyle" and "battle" rounds, it should be very exciting. It all cumulates in the All-Star game which has seen the West win it all in the last three years.

An intriguing tidbit of information is that 2nd-year All-Star guard Damian Lillard will be participating in five events, a first in NBA history.

Premier League:

## Moyes' men struggle in match against Stoke City

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The Premier League table continues to tighten up at the top highlighted by the fixture between Manchester City and Chelsea. The game was tightly fought at the Etihad with Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic scoring the only goal of the game to give Chelsea three points. It was the first time in 62 games that City has

been held scoreless at home, but they remain in second in front of Chelsea with 53 points on goal differential. Meanwhile, league-leading Arsenal took care of a stout Crystal Palace side in a 2-0 win behind a brace from Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain. This keeps Arsenal on top with 55 points ahead of next week's fixture against Liverpool. Crystal Palace remains a point out of the bottom three with 23 points as they keep sliding down.

Fourth place Liverpool dropped two points in a 1-1 draw with West Brom that had the Reds thoroughly disappointed and West Brom delighted. Liverpool remains stuck in fourth with 47 points and their title hopes continue to slip away.

West Brom is continuing their steady climb away from the relegation zone with 23 points. In even worse shape is Manchester United, after they have suffered a ninth league

defeat under David Moyes to Stoke City in a 2-1 decision.

The shining moment was Juan Mata connecting with Robin Van Persie for their lone goal and gives United supporters something to look forward to in the second half of the season. Stoke is delighted with three points and sit middle of the table now with 25 points and United with 40 points and Champion's League play next season in doubt.



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

**Thursday, February 13**  
**Women's & Men's**  
**Swimming & Diving**  
@ Liberals Art Conference  
Principia College

**Saturday, February 15**  
**Men's Basketball**  
vs. Moody Bible Institute

**Keating Sports Center**  
3 p.m.

**Men's & Women's**  
**Track & Field**  
Chicagoland Indoor Championships  
North Central College  
10 a.m.

**Women's Basketball**  
vs. Olivet Nazarene University  
Keating Sports Center  
1 p.m.

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