

Spring 2010

Upcoming Events:

- **Friday, August 6th**
Pre-Season Check-in
- **Tuesday, August 17th**
Home Scrimmage versus
Indiana Tech
- **Wed, August 18th**
Team, Family, & Friends
Chicago Fire Game
7:30 pm
- **Saturday, August 21st**
Away Game versus
Grace University
in Ft Wayne
- **Sunday, August 22nd**
Home Game versus
Viterbo University
2 pm

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Scarlet Soccer News

Hawks 2009 Season Re-Cap

The 2009 season continued the steady climb to the top tier of the NAIA for the women's soccer program. The Scarlet Hawks women finished 10-9 overall, 5-5 in the always strong CCAC.

Emily Kunkel and Mary McCabe were the leaders in their respective areas as they were the Hawk representatives on the CCAC All-Conference team.

Kunkel, a junior defender, started every game while anchoring the back line. McCabe, a senior forward, led the team with 9 goals and 4 assists.

Seniors Erica Delgado (4 goals, 3 assists) and Alison Pierce also contributed to the teams success.

Freshmen goalkeepers Amy Arnhart (14 starts, 4 shutouts) and Jessica Carlson (5 starts, 1 shut-out) split duties between the pipes.

Stephanie Salem, a junior forward, added 7 goals whilst sophomore Jaimie Ward posted 5 goals and 2 assists. Junior Megan Meeke notched 3 goals.

Defenders Noel Deis (19 starts), Diana Otero (17 starts) and Lauren Wissman (15 starts) helped man the back line.

Midfielders Meagan Sarratt (2 goals, 4 assists), Grace Durbin (11 starts), Kay Durbin (16 starts), and Heather Bickerton (11 starts) stabilized the middle third for the Scarlet Hawks.



Colwell New Head Soccer Coach

Marc Colwell is the new women's head soccer coach at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Colwell, a native of South Bend, Indiana, has been Junior Irish Soccer Club assistant director of coaching and goalkeeping director for the past three years.

Colwell also was as assistant soccer coach at Saint Mary's College last season and was assistant men's soccer and goalkeeper coach at Bethel College in 2008.

He was head coach for both the men's and women's teams at NCAA Division III Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis., in 2001-05, leading the women's team to two NCAA Tournament appearances, three conference championships and three conference tournament titles. He twice was named Lake Michigan Conference coach of the year.

Colwell was an all-state soccer player at Clay High School in South Bend and is a graduate of Indiana University. He holds his USSF "B", NSCAA Advanced National, and Scottish "B" coaching licenses.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work with such great student-athletes here at Illinois Tech," Colwell stated.



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Mariah Kuitse Commits

Head Women's Soccer Coach Marc Colwell announced that Mariah Kuitse has committed to play women's soccer at Illinois Institute of Technology in the fall of 2010.

Kuitse who is a midfielder from South Bend, Indiana, attends Saint Joseph High School. She was a tri-captain and starting central midfielder for a team that advanced to the Indiana High School State Final Four. Kuitse was named 2nd Team All-Conference and 2nd Team IG-CSA.

In the classroom, Kuitse was recognized as Academic All-State in 2008 and 2009. Her teammates

voted her Most Dedicated and she was named the Kiwanis Citizenship/Sportsmanship award winner.

It's a family affair on the Saint Joseph high school team. Mariah's sister Lindsey is a sophomore defender on the team. The head coach is Johan Kuitse, Mariah and Lindsey's dad.

"Mariah is a technical and physical central midfielder that has the ability to step in and help us right away," said Colwell. "Her strength right now is more of a defensive and play making player because of her intelligence on and off the ball. She's been well coached in high school and club. Once she

adapts her game to the speed of play and style of the college game, she has the potential to be a very good player for us."

Mariah was named to the National Honor Society in her junior and senior year. She has been an honors student all four years in high school and was one of the four finalists for the Mental Attitude Award for the state of Indiana.

Mariah plays club soccer for the Junior Irish Soccer Club and plans on studying Pre-Medicine at IIT.

2010 Women's Schedule Released

The Illinois Tech Women's Soccer team has released their 2010 schedule. The Scarlet Hawks will open their season on the road on Saturday, August 21st versus Grace University at the IPFW Soccer Showcase in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The home opener pits the Scarlet Hawks and Viterbo University on Sunday, August 22nd, followed by a home contest on Friday, August 27th against Aquinas College.

The Scarlet Hawks face a tough non-conference road schedule that includes trips to 2009 NAIA Second Round Participant McKendree University (Sept. 11), Lindenwood University (Sept. 12), and Saint Mary's College (Sept. 17).

Home matches include a showdown with Saint Ambrose University (18-2-1 in 2009) on September 8th along with a Homecoming weekend game against Davenport University on September 25th.

The Chicago-land Conference tilt begins on Tuesday, September 28th with a home game versus Cardinal Stritch. CCAC home dates include 2009 Conference Champions Trinity Christian (Oct. 9), St. Xavier (Oct. 13), Trinity International (Oct. 19), and Holy Cross (Oct. 27).

Head Women's Soccer Coach Marc Colwell is excited about the quality of opponents the Scarlet Hawks will face in 2010.

"We have upgraded the schedule for this season and expect to be tested early with our non-conference games. Our goal is to be ready for the always rugged competition we will face in the CCAC. We have a tough challenge ahead of us," Colwell stated.

Please refer to the Illinois Tech athletic website at www.illinoistechathletics.com for the complete 2010 Illinois Tech women's soccer schedule and to follow the Scarlet Hawks throughout the upcoming season.

Thank You Alison, Erica, & Mary

The three seniors on the Scarlet Hawks women's soccer team, Alison Pierce, Erica Delgado, and Mary McCabe will be honored at the Athletic Awards banquet on May 14th at the Chicago Firehouse Restaurant.

Pierce, from Grand Ledge, Michigan, utilized her physicality to be a force in the teams defense during her four year career at Illinois Tech.

Delgado used her versatility to help the Scarlet Hawks throughout her career. She was named CCAC All-Conference as a first year front and then played as a stopper for a season before returning to her familiar spot up top. She scored 4 goals and had 3 assists this season.

McCabe was the leading scorer in 2009 with 9 goals and 4 assists. She was named to the CCAC All-Conference Honorable Mention team and was the team's Offensive Most Valuable Player this season.

"All three players played a vital role for us this past season and each has made an impact on the soccer program, campus, and IIT community during their time here," stated Assistant Coach Alex Colvin.



2009-10 Soccer Awards

MVP

Emily Kunkel, Jr., Detroit, MI

Offensive Most Valuable

Mary McCabe

CCAC All Academic Team

Emily Kunkel, Junior, Detroit, Michigan, Chemical Engineering

Newcomer of the Year

Diana Otero, Fr., Westfield, IN

Coaches Award

Noel Deis, Soph., Corrales, NM

Stephanie Salem, Junior, Maple Grove, Minnesota, Business (Finance & Entrepreneurship)

Senior Award

Erica Delgado, Chicago, IL
Mary McCabe, Albuquerque, NM
Alison Pierce, Grand Ledge, MI

CCAC All-Conference

Emily Kunkel, Hon. Mention
Mary McCabe, Hon. Mention

Captains

Emily Kunkel, Jr., Detroit, MI
Lauren Wissman, Soph., Kettering, Ohio

Defensive Most Valuable

Emily Kunkel

Stephanie Salem Qualifies for I2P Regional's

Stephanie Salem, a 3rd year soccer player from Maple Grove, Minnesota, represented IIT in the Idea to Production (I2P) regional competition in Saint Louis in March.

Salem, majoring in Finance & Entrepreneurship in the IIT Stuart School of Business, had two of her ideas advance to the regional tournament.

The I2P competition is an early-stage technology commercialization plan that allows a college student to turn their ideas into products.

Salem and her partner submitted two ideas and both placed in the top six here at IIT. "Special Need Stroller" received top honors and "Little Artist Art Pad" garnered 5th place.

Both ideas submitted by Salem made it into the regional competition, and actually, out of the six ideas submitted from IIT, five ideas made it to regional placement. That means IIT accounted for 5 out of the 16 teams at the regional competition.



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2010 Season Outlook

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WOMEN'S SOCCER RETURNERS

Amy Arnhart, SO, GK Springboro, OH	Emily Kunkel, SR, B Detroit, MI
Jessica Carlson, SO, GK East Moline, IL	Amanda Smith, JR, B Memphis, TN
Meagan Sarratt, SR, M Portage, MI	Noel Deis, JR, B Corrales, NM
Megan Meeke, SR, M/F Elmhurst, IL	Heather Bickerton, SO, M Blackburn, England
Stephanie Salem, SR, M/F Maple Grove, MN	Jaimie Ward, SO, M/F Olathe, KS
Emily Tilton, JR, B Naperville, IL	Samantha Cosenza, JR, B/M Crawfordsville, IN
Lauren Wissman, JR, B Kettering, OH	Marilisa del Ninno, SR, M/F Alexandra, VA
Diana Otero, SO, B Westfield, IN	Ashlie Ingold, JR, F Redford, MI
Grace Durbin, JR, M Tulsa, OK	Eilidh McDonald, SO, B Glasgow, Scotland
Kay Durbin, JR, M Tulsa, OK	

The Illinois Tech women's soccer team closed out the 2009 season with a record of 10-9 overall and went 5-5 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Scarlet Hawks lost a heartbreaking 1-0 game in the CCAC Tournament to Olivet Nazarene. In 2010, Head Coach Marc Colwell returns 19 players from last year's squad and will look to improve upon their conference and tournament results.

Q: You graduated three seniors, nine starters return. What is the strength of the team coming back?

Colwell: Our experience in the back should help stabilize our team. There is a plethora of backs that will fight for time led by Captain Emily Kunkel, Lauren Wissman, Noel Deis, Eli McDonald, Samantha Cosenza, Emily Tilton, and Diana Otero. We have 2 goalkeepers (Amy Arnhart and Jessica Carlson) that shared time last year. One of them needs to step up and win the job outright. The goalkeeper job is wide open right now.

Q: The Scarlet Hawks finished 5-5 in the CCAC. What will it take to make a jump into the top tier of the conference table this season?

Colwell: We simply have to outwork teams starting right now. It all boils down to the effort the girls put in this spring and summer to prepare for the season. There are a lot of good teams in the conference with experience. We now have a bit of experience but we haven't proven we can beat the upper echelon teams yet. Our ultimate goal like most teams is to win the conference, but we are realistic in our approach. We first need to create a competitive environment in training and progress as a team throughout the season.

Q: The Hawks graduate two starting forwards that accounted for 13 goals and 7 assists last season. What players can step up and put the ball in the back of the net? Colwell: There are several players that will vie for time at forward including Stephanie Salem (7 goals) and Jaimie Ward (5 goals). There may be opportunities for an incoming player to win time up top if they can finish as no one has separated themselves yet.

Q: The non-conference schedule is loaded. What is the purpose of setting up so many tough games?

Colwell: High level competition can bring the best out of a team. It puts you in uncomfortable situations that you must overcome to prove your mettle on the soccer pitch. It will help us prepare for our Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference games.

Alumni Corner - Amy Bourquard



Undergraduate Degree: Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering, 2008

Graduate Degree: Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering, 2010

Thesis Title: Improving Compaction Density in Powder Steels

Company: Steel Dynamics (starts May 2010)

Job Title: Product/Process Metallurgist

GPA undergraduate: 3.7

GPA graduate: 4.0

Academic Awards: Undergraduate: Heald Scholarship Graduate: Fear Fellowship 2nd place in MMAE poster competition, 3rd place in Chicago ASM Poster Competition

Soccer Awards: Team MVP 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Freshman year: CCAC All conference honorable mention, Region VII All-Region 2nd team

Sophomore year: Captain, CCAC All conference first team, Region VII All-Region 2nd team

Junior year: Captain, CCAC all conference first team, Region VII All-Region 2nd team, Morgenstern-Heald award, NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete

Senior year: Captain, CCAC All conference first team, Region VII All-Region 1st team, Schommer-Weisman award, Ed Glancy award, NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete, NAIA All-American Honorable Mention

Total stats: 65 goals, 46 assists, 71 games (School record in goals and assists)

Coaching: Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at IIT 2008, 2009