

IceRays Hit The Ice



Corpus Christi IceRays mascot Stinger Ray skates to the ice ahead of the team's opening game against the El Paso Rhinos on Sept. 23.

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Corpus Christi's hockey team, the IceRays, opened their season with two home games against the El Paso Rhinos. The teams met at the American Bank Center for the season-starting bout on Sept. 23 and 24.

The first game started out shaky, with Rhinos forward Tory Lund scoring a goal by the end of the first period. Luckily, IceRays forwards Pierson Sobush and Mathieu Bourgault responded in kind with a goal apiece in the second period before the Rhinos tied it back up. The third period was quiet until two poorly timed penalties forced the Rays to field only three players against the Rhinos' five.

The Rhinos pounced on the opportunity, scoring one last goal in the game's dying minutes, to which there was no response. Thus, the IceRays ultimately fell in their season opener, a 3-2 loss against the Rhinos.

Head coach Sylvain Cloutier was disheartened by the outcome.

"Not the start we wanted at home," Cloutier said in a statement following the game.

"It's tough losing the game at the end on a 5-on-3."

Luckily, the next day's game started out on a stronger foot, with IceRays forward Stepan Kuznetsov scoring a goal in the first period. The second period saw both teams score two goals apiece, leading to a 3-2 score by the start of the final period. Things were looking up when Kuznetsov scored another goal early on, and they started turning dire when Rhinos forward Ryan Gingher responded with a goal of his own.

The game's time elapsed before any more scoring could happen, however. The IceRays triumphed in their second game, 4-3. IceRays defenseman Samuel Belanger was pleased with the results.

"It was huge," Belanger later said in a statement. "I mean, it was something we were looking for."

As of Oct. 5, the team had earned seven points after winning three games and losing four. Their next homestand will Oct. 27-28 against the Lone Star Brahmas at the American Bank Center.



IceRays fans sing "Sweet Caroline" at the season opener on Sept. 23. While the team lost its first game against the El Paso Rhinos, it won the next day.



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Zumba instructor Jessica Villalobos leads a Monday afternoon session.

Don't dread Mondays

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The Intramurals program is holding Zumba sessions every Monday at Heritage Campus this semester. Zumba is an aerobics class that uses Latin music to get people moving.

Respiratory therapy major Luis Mendoza enjoyed his time in these sessions.

"It's extremely entertaining," Mendoza said. Having attended all sessions to date, he considers these a moment to relax.

"It's a way to distract yourself from ev-

erything else," Mendoza said.

Zumba has also served as a getaway for him.

"It's an escape from the schoolwork, the responsibilities, just for a small 45 minutes," Mendoza said.

As much as he unwinds during these sessions, he encourages others to do the same.

"Just have fun," Mendoza said. "Let loose and be yourself."

The sessions are from 4:30-5:15 p.m. every Monday in Room 202 of the Kinesiology Building.

Autumn looks to be all fun and games

Monster & Zombie Walk, Thanksgiving color run among upcoming events

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October's come around, and the Intramurals program has got more in store for the Del Mar populace. There's plenty of weekly events that will keep going on, but now that the new month is here, it's time to mention the new events getting ready to start as well.

MONSTER & ZOMBIE WALK

Zombies will overrun the Windward Campus, as the program is holding a Monster & Zombie Walk starting at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Dome Building. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes for the walk, which is intended to kick off the Viking Fall Carnival, and the first 50 finishers will get free T-shirts.

You've got a few weeks to get your costumes for this walk ready, so get to it! Pre-register for this event by scanning the QR code at right and selecting "Monster & Zombie Walk/Run."

HUFFIN' FOR STUFFIN'

Another fun run intended to spread well-

ness and fun, Huffin' for Stuffin' is a color run meant to spread the Thanksgiving cheer. This run will start at 11 a.m. Nov. 16 outside of the Harvin Center and will last for 1.5 miles.

There will be colors abound, so you better wear white! But that's all you need to remember, as refreshments and snacks will be provided by Student Leadership & Campus Life. The first 50 finishers will also receive T-shirts.

Registration for this event ends on Oct. 27. To register, scan the QR code at left and select "Huffin' for Stuffin' COLOR RUN."

VOLLEYBALL 6v6

It's been a fixture of Backyard Games for the semester, now volleyball is going to be the main event. Six-on-six volleyball games will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Heritage Campus gym. Afterward, sessions will be held every Monday and Wednesday.

Registration for this event ends on Nov. 1. To register, scan the QR code above and select "6 vs. 6 Volleyball."

You can also register for events at flowcode.com/p/sFChCmnc.

If you've got questions or just want more information, contact Intramurals director Carla Gamez-Vela at 361-698-1373 or cgamez@delmar.edu.



Intramurals returns to roller rink for its kickoff party

Program hits SK8LAND in Annville to get students excited for fall activities

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The Intramurals program celebrated the start of their fall operations with a party on Sept. 21 at the SK8LAND roller rink in Annville.

"We wanted to gather everyone and pass out information on our future events," intramurals director Carla Gamez-Vela said. "Just let everyone know who we are."

And gather everyone they did, as people from multiple Del Mar locations attended the party.

"I'm at a different campus now," nursing major Diana Nguyen said. "So, I get to see familiar faces and new faces at the same time."

In fact, students from the high school at Heritage Campus attended as well.

"I've been enjoying myself," Collegiate student Sofia Riyis said.

And other attendees, such as music education major Gregory Gomez, had never skated before attending.

"This was my first time skating," Gomez said. "I was scared to do so."

Roller skating was the highlight of the night, but there were more activities.

"We did limbo and we had Simon Says," Vela said. "We had some fun games while skating and door prizes and awards."

A similar party was held during the spring semester, and Vela compared the attendance to the previous one.

"I think it was pretty similar," Vela said. "Almost everyone who RSVP'd showed up, plus a few extra ones who walked in. And that's what we wanted."

Nguyen, who also attended the spring party, said both had a good turnout.

"I feel like last time had a lot more people," Nguyen said. "But a good number of

people came this time too."

Many attendees, including campus life-guard Ryan Lennan, enjoyed their time at the party.

"It's been going pretty good," Lennan said.

He was still happy with the kickoff party after attending the previous one.

"I went to the event earlier this year in the spring semester," Lennan said. "I'm glad to be back."

Despite participating in intramurals previously, his spirits were raised by the skating party.

"I feel real excited for it," Lennan said.

The party's plan seems to have succeeded, as some students were more interested in intramurals after attending the party.

"I do plan on joining," Nguyen said.

"I'm at a different campus now. So, I get to see familiar faces and new faces at the same time."

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