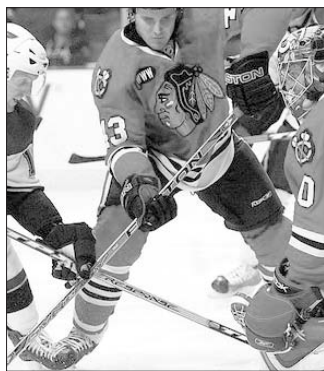


## Chicago Sports Schedules\*

\*MONTH OF JANUARY 2008



Chicago Blackhawks

### BLACKHAWKS (Hockey) Home games only

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PM)
January 6	Detroit	6:00
January 9	Dallas	7:30
January 11	Minnesota	7:30
January 16	St. Louis	7:30
January 24	Columbus	7:30
February 17	Colorado	Noon
February 20	Minnesota	7:30
February 27	Phoenix	7:30

### STEEL (Hockey) Home games only

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PM)
January 4	Des Moines	7:30
January 5	Des Moines	7:30
January 16	Cedar Rapids	7:30
January 25	Green Bay	7:30
February 2	Indiana	7:30
February 3	Ohio	8:00
February 15	Sioux City	7:30
February 16	Sioux City	7:30
February 22	Tri-City	7:30
February 23	Tri-City	7:30
February 26	Waterloo	7:30



Chicago Wolves

### WOLVES (Hockey) Home games only

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PM)
January 2	Milwaukee	7:00
January 9	Iowa	7:00
January 12	Toronto	7:00
January 16	Milwaukee	7:00
January 19	Manchester	7:00
January 20	Grand Rapids	3:00

### BULLS (Basketball) Home games only

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PM)
January 3	Portland	7:00
January 5	Sacramento	7:30
January 8	New York	7:30
January 18	Golden State	8:30
January 19	Detroit	7:30
January 23	Indiana	7:30
January 25	Charlotte	7:30
January 27	Phoenix	Noon
January 29	Minnesota	7:30
February 12	New Orleans	7:30

### STORM (Soccer) Home games only

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PM)
January 4	La Raza de Monterrey	7:00
January 18	Philadelphia	7:00
January 25	Detroit	7:00
February 2	New Jersey	7:00

# My top 10 sports resolutions for 2008

**10.** *I am going to accept the fact that every year some school gets hosed by the BCS bowl selection committee.*

This year, that school was Missouri. They beat Illinois and Kansas during the regular season, yet both of those schools will play in a BCS Bowl game while Missouri squares off against Arkansas in the AT&T Cotton Bowl. The Cotton Bowl once was one of the premier bowl games in the country. Now, not so much. It's more of a consolation game for two of the better teams in the nation. Granted, Missouri plays on January 1 for the entire nation to see, but after being the number one ranked team in the nation heading into the bowl selection show, they cannot compete for a national championship now. Something about this doesn't seem right. The only losses they had this year came against Oklahoma. I'm not saying Missouri is the best team in the nation or even deserves to compete for the national title, but this whole process is bad. I have no personal interest in Missouri or any other Division 1 school. I attended the Moody Bible Institute and the Illinois Center for Broadcasting. I actually enjoy the fact that one group of fans in the nation are outraged after the selection show reveals the bowl games. I know that sounds cruel, but my schools will never compete for a national championship. So if you do care, take hold of this fact: every year some school will get hosed until the entire process is fixed. Next year, which school will be the Missouri of 2008? Hopefully not your school. If it is though, take a deep breath and realize that there's always next year.

**9.** *I am going to watch more Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC).* I was out at a local drinking establishment the other night when I noticed several guys gathered around a TV. I couldn't see the screen and was trying to think of what game was on that had the group's attention. I walked over to see them watching UFC. I stood there and watched two men pound each other for what seemed like hours when in reality it was just like six minutes. If you want to see tough athletes compete, watch UFC. In that night, I discovered a newfound respect for these athletes.

**8.** *I will move Roger Clemens ahead of Barry Bonds on the biggest cheaters in MLB list.* Mitchell Report. Need I say more?

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**7.** *I will never watch another game in which Dick Stockton serves as the play-by-play man.*

In 2007, it was hard to be a Cubs or Bears fan and not hear Uncle Dick work a broadcast as the play-by-play man. Not only is he past his prime, he no longer even knows the players on the field. Whether it was referring to Alfonso Soriano as Adolfo Soriano or Aramis Ramirez as Rodrigo Ramirez, he wasn't calling the action as it was happening in an accurate or timely fashion. I can understand not knowing some scrub player taking up a roster spot, but when a professional play-by-play man doesn't know the names of every-day All-Star players, it's time to hang it up.

**If you're tired of overpaid athletes, take in a Chicago Wolves or Kane County Cougars game.**

**6.** *I will attend more minor league games.* If you're tired of overpaid athletes and multi-million dollar organizations that don't appreciate your business, do what I do and attend more minor league games. Take in a Chicago Wolves or Kane County Cougars game. They love your business and prove it by offering affordable ticket prices and family-oriented fun.

**5.** *I will not get upset when an athlete's death is viewed as more significant than any other person who dies.*

ESPN senior anchor, Chris Berman, referred to the death of Washington Redskins safety, Sean Taylor, as "a sudden reminder of how precious life is." If it takes the death of an athlete to remind him of that, I feel bad for Berman. Taylor's death was tragic because a son was lost, a father was lost, a boyfriend was lost, a friend was lost, and a young man lost his life way before it's time. His death isn't more important than any "common man" who loses his life. The five o'clock news is full of people who die every day. Those deaths are just as important and sad as the deaths of any athletes or celebrities. I hope, like me, you wake up daily and realize how precious life is.

**4.** *I will forgive Kenny Williams for the 2007 offseason mishaps.* Not only did Kenny not get the players that he wanted, he got mad at the media for talking about the players he wanted to sign in the offseason. The funny thing is though, he was the guy giving the media the names of the players that he wanted. Kenny, I forgive you!

**3.** *I will not miss a minute of playoff hockey.* If you are not a hockey fan, do yourself a favor and watch the Stanley Cup playoffs. It is the most exciting playoff format in all of sports. Good news: the Blackhawks will make the playoffs in 2008.

**2.** *I will not call Kosuke Fukudome any silly nickname that the Wrigleyville faithful come up with for the new Cub outfielder.*

The Cubs won the offseason bidding derby for Japanese outfielder Kosuke Fukudome. As a huge Cubs fan, I am glad and congratulate Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry for getting his man and improving the team. However, I can only imagine the nicknames the fans in the bleachers will scream out as Kosuke takes his position. I will not participate in yelling or going to get Fukudomed at one of the Wrigleyville bars after the game. Kosuke, I'm glad you're here, but let me warn you about the drunken morons...

**1.** *On behalf of MLB players named in the Mitchell Report, I will apologize.*

I did use performance enhancing drugs. I did it only one time though and I regret doing it. I am sorry if I offended anyone.

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