

Three Stars of the Week

Matt Kim, Junior



Kim, a junior, placed fourth at the Great Lakes conference meet at Culver Academy on Feb. 4

Katherine Gjertsen, Junior



With the score tied 62-61, Gjertsen stole an inbound pass with nine seconds left that sealed New Trier's win. The Trev's now sit at 23-4 on the season.

Ana Dabrowski, Senior



Dabrowski finished first in the floor portion of the Chester Jones invite. New Trier finished second overall behind only Maine South

Girls basketball squeaks past Evanston

Jeannie Boehm led the way with 27 points

by *Charlie Burton*

On Friday, Feb. 5, spurred on by a raucous New Trier crowd, NT girls basketball was able to pull out a 62-61 win against rival Evanston Township.

McDonald's All American Jeannie Boehm led New Trier in scoring Friday night against rival Evanston as she normally does in big game situations.

Sharp Shooter Kathryn Pedit also helped surge New Trier's offense and defense dropping 17 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

But the biggest play of the game came from Junior Katherine Gjertsen in the very last minute of the game. Evanston had the ball in the final minute trailing by one when Gjertsen stepped in and made an incredible steal. After going the length of the court she was fouled and put on the line.

Despite failing to score, Gjertsen was able to put the game out of reach for the Wildkits. Their only hope was a last second half court heave that Evanston guard Savannah Norfleet was unable to capitalize on.

"I'm a defensive player," Gjertsen said. "That's where I make most of my contributions." And Gjertsen's contributions couldn't come at any better time. Boehm fouled out in the last minute leaving the game in the hands of New Trier's strong defense.

The game was as expected,



New Trier huddles up during their one point win over Evanston. They are now 9-0 in conference | **Varsity Views**

a battle among two of the best high school teams in the state. The Evanston and New Trier rivalry is one of the oldest in the state with a history of emotional, intense games. The matchup on Friday was no different.

"The Evanston game is always exciting because of the tradition of the rivalry," Gjertsen said. "Both teams always bring their best effort and the games are always intense."

Evanston was led by Savannah Norfleet who had 18 points and four rebounds. Amori Wool also contributed 16 points with seven rebounds. The game was a back and forth battle from the tip off, but key plays from Gjertsen extended New Trier's undefeated conference play to 9-0.

"Our game plan for Evanston was to prevent penetration on defense," said Boehm, "It was also

important to prevent them from getting offensive rebounds."

Another key contributor to the Trevians late game heroics was Shayle Arenson who drained two threes in fourth quarter. New Trier was struggling to find the netting in the last few minutes, but Arenson's threes helped the Trevians gain some momentum back.

"We have so many players that can come off the bench and bring a ton of energy," says Boehm. "It's great to know that we have so many players that can step up in pressure situations."

This is the fifth time New Trier has defeated Evanston in the last two seasons and the second time they have taken their rival down this year.

Boehm later explained the importance of this win: "This win gives us a lot of confidence heading into the playoffs because we pretty

much secured the conference championship."

With the win against Evanston, New Trier improved their impressive record to 23-4 on the season and there are high expectations for the rest of the year.

"We are really excited about playoffs," Boehm explained. "Sectional finals are not going to be easy, but the way we're playing now, I have confidence that things will go our way."

New Trier is ranked No. 7 in state right now and hope to go far into the playoffs for the second straight year. Last year, New Trier made it all the way to the state semi-finals, but lost 57-28 to Fremd.

The Trevians are looking to close conference play Friday, February 12 at Maine South. A win would make them 10-0 in conference.

Evanston boys bball able to pull away from NT

It is the Trevians first loss in its last nine games

by *Lindsey Burns*

On Friday, Feb. 5, the New Trier boys basketball team suffered a tough loss at home against rival Evanston Township High School, after staying neck-and-neck with the Wildkits through the third quarter. The loss leaves the Trevians with a 14-9 record.

The pressure was on all week because of the long-standing rivalry between ETHS and NT. "We tried to prepare for this game just like any other," junior forward Jack French said. "But it really isn't like any other game we play during the year. We try going into every game with the same mindset focusing on what we are going to do, but for this game especially, we just tried to enjoy the experience." The stands were packed with both Evanston and New Trier fans who were cheering from start to finish.

Teddy McGregor, a junior center on the team, said, "Evanston has been a rival of ours for a long time. They always have a good team and so do we, so the games are usually very competitive."

This game was no exception. From the opening tip-off, the Trevians capitalized on strong defense to contain the high scoring Wildkit offense. The rivals fought for each basket. French said, "Both teams were very passionate about the

game and it got heated at times on the court."

By the end of the first quarter, the score stood at a mere 10-7, with the Wildkits taking a narrow lead. The low scoring trend continued, with the game at 25-17 at the half -- just as Coach Scott Fricke had game-planned.

"At half, our coach told us to keep the speed of the game at our level because it is difficult to run with Evanston," McGregor said. "Throughout the week he preached rebounding because Evanston likes to crash the offensive boards." By the end of the third quarter, the Trevians kept the game close, at 31-29.

Yet despite the strong effort from New Trier, the Wildkits managed to hold a lead for the entire game, and they pulled ahead at the end to win 53-39. 6-5 junior guard Nojel Eastern, one of the best players in the state, led Evanston by scoring 25 points and grabbing nine rebounds. He also made 5-6 three-point shots.

Evanston coach Mike Ellis told Evanston Now that the New Trier crowd played a big role in ETHS missing a ton of shots in the first half. "It wasn't easy for us tonight," Ellis said. "In the first half every 3-point shot we took (1-of-9) was long. You could tell that was because they were so amped up (in front of a near-capacity crowd), so we just told them at halftime to slow down a little and we shot 6-of-12 in the second half."

The win clinched Evanston their second consecutive CSL South championship. They are 8-0 this season in conference, as well as 20-2 overall.

Despite the tough loss, the



Freshman Spencer Boehm protects the ball in NT's 53-39 loss | **Varsity Views**

team continues to progress. "We had a rough start but then picked it up with a nine game win streak," McGregor said. "We've started to play together better." Leadership has been a strength on the team. Captains Mike Hurley, Tino Malnati and Colin Winchester help the team focus and

stay unified.

French said that the team, "Enjoyed the experience of one of the best rivalries in the state and enjoyed the crowd that came out to support us."