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Seniors Grant Higgins (32) and Chris Notari (5) celebrate their win at Maine South, which broke Maine South's 77 game conference win streak this Oct. 7

by Charlie Burton

After 16 long years of Maine South dominating the Central Suburban South, New Trier finally broke the Hawks' 77 game conference win streak, defeating them 27-21 on Friday, Oct 7.

It was an emotional night for players and coaches alike. Senior running back Francis Fay immediately fell to the ground in tears of joy when the game ended and players on the sideline linked arms in celebration.

This victory is the icing on the cake for the Trevians, who won their Homecoming game against Glenbrook South on Oct 7, which secured them the conference. The Trevians won 38-28.

New Trier came close to beating Maine South last year. In fact the Trevians were leading 14-3 in last year's game before the Hawks came

alive and won 24-21. "After the Maine South game last year the entire team came together and decided that cannot happen again. We worked extremely hard this offseason with this game circled on our calendars," said Senior linebacker Max Rosenthal.

"It's hard to explain exactly the feeling that I had when the clock struck zero," head coach Brian Doll said. "It felt like a huge weight was lifted off our shoulders."

Maine South has not lost a conference game since October of 2000 and it looked like history was going to repeat itself at Halftime. The Hawks scored on every one of their drives in the first half and it seemed as if the Trevians couldn't keep up with Maine South's potent offense.

Trailing 21-14 the Trevians knew that they needed their key players to step up and make a difference. On the first drive of the

second half, Senior linebacker Grant Higgins intercepted Maine South's senior quarterback Nick Leonga's pass.

"I saw a slant coming across the middle and I just happened to be in the right place at the right time," Higgins said.

Coach Doll and the entire Trevian staff have stressed the importance of big time plays all year.

"That was huge for us," Doll said, "It was the first time we stopped their offense from scoring and it gave us a lot of momentum."

The Trevians held the Hawks scoreless for the remainder of the game including a huge stop late in the game. Maine South had the ball at the New Trier 8-yard line with two minutes left in the game. The Trevians kept the Hawks out of the end zone on four straight plays and sealed the win.

"On the last drive it came down

to who wanted it more," Rosenthal said, "and after the heartbreak of last year and 16 years of losing, our team wanted this win more than anything."

Fay pulled a lot of weight for the Trevians offense carrying the ball 24 times for a total of 135 yards. Although Fay did not find the end zone, he helped his team with both his running game and his leadership on both offense and defense.

Junior kicker Sam Rutherford also made a 37-yard and a 30-yard field goal that the Trevians desperately needed to win. Rutherford is also the goalkeeper for New Trier's varsity soccer team, but he was recruited by Doll to play football as well.

With the win against Maine South, the Trevians also completed something that they have not done in sixteen years: win conference.

Coach Doll called it the biggest win of his coaching career, "what many people didn't realize was how

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many alumni we had at the game. Many past New Trier players that came close, but didn't beat Maine South were at the game and for the alumni to come out and support this team it made the win very special."

After this win, players like Rosenthal and Higgins have high expectations for the playoffs. "This win is a huge milestone for the New Trier program," Rosenthal said. "Maine South is one of the top teams in the state and it made us realize that if we play the way we did we can play with anyone in the state."

"To simply put, it that win was the best feeling I've ever had," Higgins said. "Coach Doll has done an unbelievable job with this program and this win gives our team a lot of confidence heading into the playoffs."

The Trevians look to close out conference play undefeated with a win against Niles West on Friday, October 21.

Users of popular VPN, Hexatech, asked to delete app

VPNs no longer offer students a way to bypass school filters

by Connor Josellis

Recently the school began to take action on VPN use, stopping students from using them.

For students who had one of the most popular VPNs, Hexatech, an e-mail was sent to the adviser threatening consequences to the student if the app was not deleted.

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) is a private network that you can often download from an app, like Hexatech, that allows students to bypass the school internet filters by creating an encrypted connection between a user and a remote site.

However, VPNs can be dangerous to users, said Chief Technology Officer, Stephanie Helfand.

"When connected to a VPN provider your internet traffic is routed through the provider's server which is logged and potentially captures personal data such as banking, social media, and e-mail credentials."



Students received an e-mail if they had Hexatech on their phone. | Google

Using VPNs is also against school policy. According to Section 14 of the Technology Acceptable Use Regulations, "Bypassing school security or Internet access filtering software is a violation of the usage policy."

On Sept 30 students who had Hexatech received an e-mail asking them to delete the app. Junior Joel Montgomery received the e-mail and had a discussion about it with his adviser.

According to Helfand, Hexatech was discovered after instructions on how to bypass the school internet filters by using the VPN was left written on a white board in a

classroom.

"He explained to me why they wanted us to take that app off and when I said I didn't want to, he said I could get suspended, which I think is over the top," Montgomery said.

While Montgomery understands that it's against school policy, but thinks the school going on his iPad to find his VPN is also of concern.

"It's just an app, I know it's against the security policy of the school, but it said in the e-mail that they wanted us to delete the app for our own personal safety, so the [VPN] wouldn't scan our personal stuff, even though the school scanned my iPad to know that I have the app

on my iPad. So there's a complete clash of ideas there," Montgomery said.

However, according to the student guidebook, the school has the right to access all devices connected to school internet and on school grounds.

By law, the school has to filter some of the internet. According to the the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), "The protective measures must block or filter Internet access to pictures that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors."

Under CIPA, schools can receive discounts from E-rate funding if they filter their internet in compliance with federal law. According to Helfand, New Trier does receive E-rate funding.

Blocking some social media outlets does not fall under this law. However, the school sees it as their responsibility to preserve the integrity of an academic institution.

Senior Callie Fauntleroy, who has had a VPN in the past, thinks that she should be able to access her social media during her free periods: "during my free periods, I don't think anyone should be controlling how I spend my time, so I go on social media and I need a VPN to use it."

Fauntleroy acknowledged that the school should block some inappropriate material, but that social media is a freedom that students should have the right to do during their down time.

However, Helfand said, "our filtering software assures that students can use technology for many academic and non-academic purposes while still assuring that they do not access and share harmful materials."

Determining which apps and websites the filter affects is a joint decision from faculty, students, staff, and parents. Student Alliance will meet with the technology staff to discuss and possibly change some restrictions.

When teachers need access to a social media site to use for academic purposes of a project, they will discuss with administration personnel the use and a determination will be made, according to Helfand.

The filtration software has evolved over time to answer needs and questions of the community.

"Our technology committee has studied these issues, and our Technology Department has adjusted our filtering software over time to respond to the input of faculty, staff, and students," Helfand said.