



## Upcoming Varsity Games

### Mon., Sept. 16

Boys Golf vs. Evanston

Girls Golf @ Evanston

Girls Golf @ Maine South

Field Hockey @ St. Ignatius

### Tues., Sept. 17

Boys Golf vs. Niles West

Girls Tennis @ Glenbrook South

Boys Soccer vs. Waukegan

### Wed., Sept. 18

Girls Volleyball @ Niles West

### Thurs., Sept. 19

Boys Golf @ Highland Park

Boys Golf @ Lake Forest

Boys Golf @ Loyola

Girls Golf vs. Prospect

Girls Tennis @ Waukegan

Field Hockey @ Highland Park

Boys Soccer @ Lake Forest

# New Trier football starts season 0-2

By Adrian Tkaczuk

The game was tight at halftime, with the Trevians trailing 13-14. Senior kicker Charlie Durbin hit his second 42-yard field goal and cut the deficit to one with 2.1 seconds left in the half.

But the Trevians could not stop the run. Schaumburg quarterback Stacey Smith Jr. ran for 3 touchdowns and 158 rushing yards through 7 carries. Running back Justice Macneal-Young rushed for 88 yards on 12 carries along with a touchdown of his own. Young's touchdown came at the 6:36 mark in the third quarter, when he ran 45 yards cutting through the middle and into the end zone to give the Saxons a 21-13 lead.

Schaumburg continued to run the ball, and it built up a sizeable 34-13 advantage after the third quarter. In fact, the Saxons didn't gain any yards through the air. After a productive first half on the offensive end, the Trevians only managed to score 6 points in the second en route to a 34-20 loss.

Trevians quarterback Frank Nicholas had a solid game, completing 19 of his 26 passes for 159 passing yards along with a touchdown and an



The football team enters the game against Schamburg. |McCaffery, Facebook  
interception. Nicholas found Senior Matt McCaffrey (3 catches, 51 yards) for a 34 yard touchdown late in the first quarter.

New Trier coach Dan Starkey said "we really moved the ball well at times, keeping the ball away from our opponent and resulting in points. Our Special Teams were solid all day."

After the first half, the Trevians had trouble finding the end zone. Their only other touchdown came with 3:03 left in the fourth quarter, where McCaffrey (as the backup quarterback) connected with Scott

Hammes (5 catches, 30 yards) for a 13-yard touchdown pass.

Fullback Steven Sanz said "we were in sync for 24 minutes of the game, and then we came out a different team in the second half, making too many mistakes."

Starkey commented that the team "struggled defensively for most of the game to contain Schaumburg - the quarterback scrambled for two touchdowns and scored on a loping run on a broken play."

The broken play Starkey referred to came early in the second

quarter when Smith ran 86 yards for a touchdown to give the Saxons a 14-10 lead. Starkey said that "we had guys in position to make a tackle, we just got beat. We have to do a better job with technique in open field tackling."

In the first half, New Trier had an active running game to match that of the Saxons. Running back Jordan Garrett (13 carries, 52 rushing yards) was especially effective. But Schaumburg picked apart New Trier's defense in the second half, scoring 20 unanswered points.

Defensive tackle Rayo Adewumni (4 tackles) said Schaumburg "ran all over us... our defense put our offense in bad position."

As for injuries, senior tackle Rijad Pekmez exited the game in the first half going down with a knee injury. Nicholas and receiver Spencer Cotton both left the game with cramps.

New Trier went on to face Warren on Sep. 6, losing 42-6. The Trevians face Niles North at 7pm Thursday, hoping to earn their first win of the season.

## Doping questions the future of baseball

By Hannah Jablow

Major League Baseball (MLB) has a history of players using performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs). Some of the best players in MLB history have been accused of using PEDs, and Commissioner Bud Selig has done his best to put an end to this use. However, not even he could have foreseen the scandal that broke in January of this year.

A biogenesis clinic in Miami, FL was reportedly selling PEDs to MLB players. The players include Nelson Cruz, Ryan Braun and Alex Rodriguez - some of the best in the game. The clinic owner, Tony Bosch, refused to cooperate with MLB at first, but he eventually agreed in order to get his name taken off the lawsuit that baseball filed against him and the people associated with Bosch.

Ryan Braun, who won the MLB MVP award for the National League in 2011, was the first player to be suspended for his connection with the biogenesis clinic. On July 22, he was suspended for the remainder of the 2013 season— 62 games—without pay. One month later, Braun issued a public apology. It is unclear whether Braun will be able to keep his MVP award due to the fact that he was using PEDs during the season.

Then there's Alex Rodriguez, who missed the majority of the season due to hip surgery this offseason. Rodriguez is considered a first time offender when it comes to steroids. His prior confession came when steroids were legal in baseball, so no punishment was given. However, this didn't stop the MLB from suspending him for the rest of the 2013 season and the entire 2014 season, which amounts to a record 211 games.

Rodriguez is currently appealing this decision and is not only causing problems throughout the MLB, but in his own clubhouse too. The president of the Yankees told Rodriguez to "put up or shut up," referring to Rodriguez's claim that the Yankee doctors allowed him to play with an injury, in hopes that his injury would worsen

over time. Also, there were reports that someone in Rodriguez's circle of friends was responsible for the release of the biogenesis documents with the names of the players who took PEDs, including Rodriguez's own teammate, Francisco Cervelli. Rodriguez is in the process of suing the Yankee doctors for malpractice.

There are many players throughout the MLB who have voiced their disappointment in Rodriguez and many are frustrated that he's still allowed to play because he's appealing the suspension. In addition to Braun and Rodriguez, 12 other players were suspended for 50 games each for their connection to the clinic.

As someone who's a diehard sports fan, players who cheat their way into the record book frustrate me. There is no place for cheaters in sports, and once a player is caught cheating, he should be banned for life. No appeals, no second chances. If a player throws games or gambles, they are banned, but why is it different for personal success?

With all the players and scandals that are happening around sports and drug use, I wonder where the future of testing and punishment will go. Once Bud Selig retires as Commissioner, will the new one pick up where Selig left off or will he think of it as the new norm and not care as much about steroids? Will testing become more sophisticated? Will the punishments be longer, no matter the history of the player?

It seems that in today's game, if a player is having an MVP year, they are suspected of cheating. It's not fair for the players who are clean to be thrown into a category with players who cheat and it definitely isn't right that clean players have to compete with doping players.

I have a feeling that everything will change in baseball when it comes to the steroid policy. Whether they change for the better or the worse, we will have to wait and see.



The Field Hockey team began their season with an impressive 4 win and 1 loss record. They look to continue their success against St. Ignatius on Sept 16. |NT Website

## Field hockey dominates first three games of season

By Sam Rakestraw

The field hockey team is off to an explosive start this season. They enter the school year with three conference game victories and an overall record of 4-1. The team as a whole has been greatly affected by the annual influx of new players.

First the games; in conference the team is 3-0. Stephenson was the first opponent and their first victory with a final of 4-0.

Senior Captain Julia Pappageorge said "It was challenging on grass and with new people. Stephenson wasn't one of those teams that you couldn't just move in and shoot. We had to get out of our comfort zone." It must've been tough to make that transition from the Northfield's turf field to the grassy fields of Stephenson.

The game against Francis Parker ended with a 3-0 New Trier victory. "Playing them at home was an advantage, it was good to have family and friends there and it wasn't too difficult" said Pappageorge. In both games the team's play has proven quite a challenge for opponents to break.

The field hockey team is most recently coming off a tournament (not conference) that took place in St. Louis on Friday and Saturday, where they faced Mary Institute Country Day, Marquette, and St. Ursula Academy. On Friday, New Trier lost the one and only game they had that day. The next and final day they made a comeback, winning both of their games.

"It was 95 degrees and we played a lot of good teams from all over the Midwest. The skill sets that we saw pushed us and we really kicked it into gear after the first game. Did we want to go home with nothing to show for or did we want to put our best foot forward?" said Pappageorge. "It was a moment when everyone banded together and stood up as leaders and one of those trips where you bond with your teammates."

On September 3, New Trier gave Homewood-Flossmoor a run for their money with a 9-0 victory. The team was able to band together during the second half. Once again, NT was able to benefit by playing on their home field.

On August 14, the day of tryouts, a lot of new juniors and seniors found their place on the team. Only 13 players from the previous year returned and not many of them were starters.

The entire defense has been replaced with new juniors and seniors. Head coach Stephanie Nykaza believes that the newcomers are right where they should be and are making progress. "After St. Louis, they are more in the swing of things. A lot of the goals that got past us in St. Louis won't be in the mid-season" said Nykaza.

It appears that the new defense will not be the only ones stepping up this season according to Nykaza, "Last year our seniors were leaders, the seniors this year will realize that they will now have to step into their shoes."