

Three Stars of the Week

Tino Malnati, Senior



Malnati announced that he will attend Northwestern University where he hopes to play for head coach Chris Collins.

Alex Cook, Senior



Cook, who recently began her senior year track season, will attend Middlebury College in Vermont next year.

Alex Severino, Senior



Severino ran the 400 meters in 53.2 seconds at the Maine East invitational on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Girls Track improving at every meet

Tara Smart and Nikki Lamango set the NT record in the 55M

by Jasmine Gonzalez

Saturday, Mar. 5 marked the third track meet for the New Trier Girls Track team since the beginning of the new season.

The meet took place at York High School in Elmhurst with the field events beginning at 9AM and the running events at 10AM.

As this is only the third meet, it might seem difficult to determine how well the team is doing. According to both coaches and students, however, the team continues to improve a great deal with every competition.

Saturday's meet earned the team various titles along with the many records they broke both for the school and individually.

One of the most significant wins of the morning was the Varsity Team coming in second place out of six teams with a score of 105, only three points behind the winning team.

Senior captain Isabelle Robbins was part of the team that won the 4x200 meter relay; she described the excitement and pride she felt for her team, "[despite not winning by only three points], we showed our depth and had a lot of strong performances in the field events, sprints, relays, and the distance races," she said.

Coach Jamie Klotz, who primarily coaches the jumpers, was also excited about the successful meet.

"The meet went very well for the Lady Trevians," he said. With different team members participating

in every phrase from the very beginning, the school was surely represented.

In terms of distance running, Freshman Caroline Trunkenbrod set a new school record for the indoor Junior Varsity mile by over ten seconds, running 1600 meters in 5:23.3 seconds.

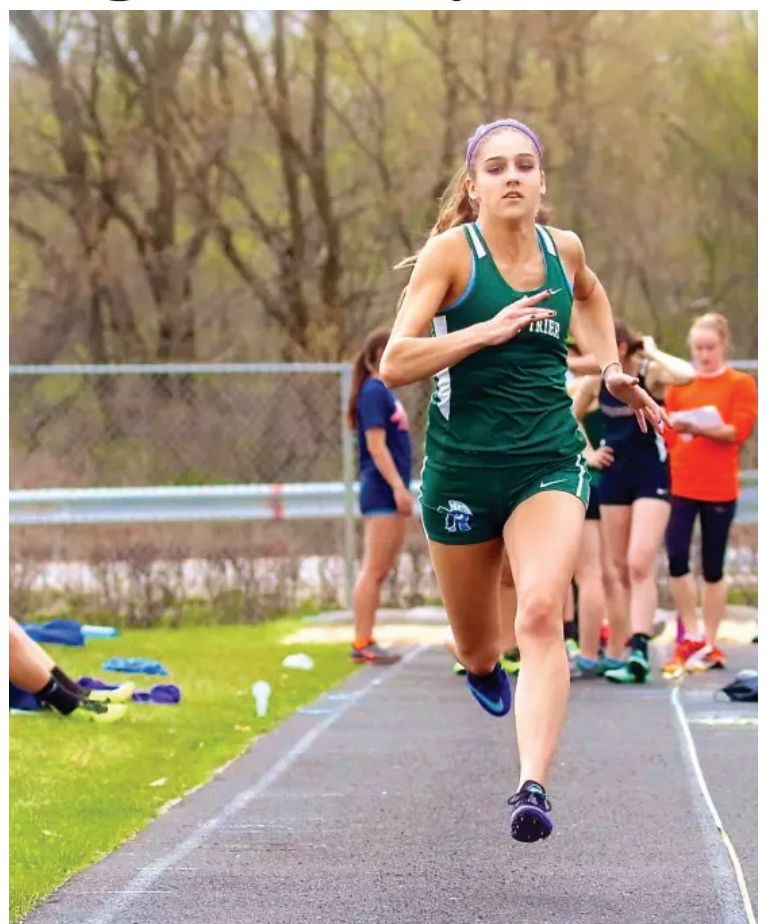
Senior Tara Smart not only tied with senior Nikki Lamagno in the 55 meter dash to break another varsity school record, but also set her own varsity record for the indoor 200 meter dash, beating the previous one by over one second.

Of course, setting a school or even state record isn't the only goal for runners. Most athletes agree that being in a sport is also about setting personal records and achieving personal growth. Senior Erin Kunkler jumped 4'10", setting a new individual record for herself and for the team; "I couldn't have done it without the support of my teammates and my coaches," she said.

In any sort of competition, support from fellow teammates and coaches is just as important as physical preparedness. Kunkler explained why the Varsity 4x4 relay team was the highlight of the meet for her.

"Since the 4x4 is the last event, the whole team gets together and cheers on all of the runners. It is an amazing experience to see everyone come together and support one another," she said.

So with all of these achievements, what's next for the Girls Track Team? Well, with all their success at previous meets, especially this most recent one, the runners are motivated to continue to work hard and improve. "I believe this



Senior Johanna Glaaser sprinting in a 2015 track meet | Varsity Views

competition will help us, as a team, work harder than before and strive to be the best we can be," said Kunkler.

After another successful competition, the DGS Relay, held this last Monday, March 7, coaches and runners alike are preparing for the last big indoor meet of the season.

The CSL South Meet at Glenbrook South is scheduled for Thursday, March 17. "Our goal is to win the meet on both levels," said Head Coach Robert Spagnoli.

As for how this dedication will impact the runners, Klotz is optimistic and excited to see the girls not only currently improving but to see how this experience will impact their future.

"Our ladies are learning to compete and finish races well. This bodes well for the future when we go outside. I think the coaching staff believes that our total program is moving in a positive direction and the sky is the limit," said Klotz.

Kaufman taking next step in soccer career



Kaufman boots the ball during a game vs. Loyola. She led New Trier in shutouts last year | Varsity Views

Kaufman will play soccer at Bucknell

by Emily Challenger

After 13 years of endless practices, scrimmages and games, senior Dani Kaufman's work has finally paid off as she committed to Bucknell University.

On Dec. 5 in North Carolina, scouts from Bucknell University watched Kaufman play at an FC United game and asked her to visit their campus. Not only is this an amazing opportunity for the senior soccer player, but it is a doorway into numerous paths for her college career.

Starting when she was only five, her love for the game of soccer began. "I love being a part of a team," Kaufman said. Her love for the sport

and her teammates continued to grow when she joined her New Trier team, Kaufman added.

Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, Jim Burnside, explained that "She has a great god given talent and she always strives to maximize it."

"Most people would say I am a vocal leader," Kaufman added. "I also try to help out the younger girls." This trademark of Kaufman doesn't go unnoticed by her teammates.

Junior Natalie Laser explained, "She is the type of teammate who would do anything and everything she can for the team. Her ability to lead others is a quality that Kaufman possesses that is very hard to have."

Burnside went on to say, "Kaufman is highly invested in the team, she wants them to do well and she always wants what's best for her teammates."

Inspiration came from one

of her old high school teammates, Maddie Mulford, who currently attends Bucknell University.

Mulford encouraged Kaufman to never give up on her dreams and taught the young underclassman the values of being her best and a team leader.

"She took me under her wing and gave me a lot of confidence in how I played. She was the hardest worker [on the team] and gave me great advice on how to be a leader," Kaufman said.

Mulford's advice followed Kaufman even after teammate graduated. Sophomore Caroline Iserloth added, "Kaufman is a great teammate. She always motivates me to do my best and helps me with anything whenever I need it."

Originally Kaufman was thinking about playing at the University of Maryland. "I was

going to play at the University of Maryland but around November the head coach retired. He told me to keep my options open. About three weeks later, Bucknell saw me play at a tournament and liked what they saw," Kaufman explained.

"I went on a visit and fell in love with the school," Kaufman continued. "I feel like I always knew Bucknell was the place for me."

Kaufman still does not know if she wants to continue her soccer career after college.

"I will see what happens in college but as of right now I want to focus on my last New Trier season as well as the upcoming summer before college."

During the soccer season for New Trier, Kaufman plays six days a week and two hours after school for practice. While this may seem tiresome for some people, Kaufman doesn't seem to mind. She even added, "It has given me great time management skills."

Kaufman said she learned to balance her time efficiently in order to get her school work done and still be able to play the sport she loves.

"Her best qualities are her competitiveness, work ethic, and mindset," her teammate, Laser added. Iserloth continued on to say, "She is resilient, strong and very determined."

After the many years of playing on numerous soccer teams, Kaufman is excited to begin her journey at her new university next Fall. "At New Trier, the players and the amazing coaching staff has not only helped me grow as a soccer player, but have helped shaped me into the person I am today."