

### Three stars of the week

Emma Lauber



Saved 3 out of 5 in a shootout for her first game back from an injury

Carson Kosanovich



Intercepted two passes and scored on one of them in homecoming game against Evanston

Maggie Bodman



Team calls her "beast mode" and has been invaluable to the volleyball team recently

## Football shuts down Evanston in homecoming game

Trevians rely on early takeaways to defeat Wildkits

by Millie Winter

On Sept. 28, New Trier Varsity Football beat longtime rival ETHS 35-28.

The rain cleared out just in time for the homecoming game, and for the navy jerseys to roll in. Evanston came in at 4-1 before facing the Trevians, an excellent start to their season.

The stadium was packed, both teams were energized and ready to play.

Senior cornerback Carson Kosanovich said that the highlight of the game was, "Probably winning, but for sure the Green Team. It means the world when people come out for the boys."

All players are aware of how important the rivalry with Evanston is to the school. Senior running back Brian Sitzer explained, "We had a great week of practice coming into this game. Our coaches reminded us of the history of this game and how big of a rivalry New Trier and Evanston have."

Sophomore lineman David Davidkov said that the intensity in practice went up and "we focused a lot on our technique." Davidkov batted down two passes in the first quarter.

Although Kosanovich ran an interception back for a touchdown, he said that the star of the game was "the line as whole."

"We prepared by watching lots of film, especially since we don't watch it before games sometimes," he said.

The team put this energy to use,



Quarterback Carson Oschenhirt (7) begins his cadence and prepares his offense for a snap against Evanston | Coffee

especially in the first two minutes of the game. Kosanovich's interception early on in the first quarter, carrying it another 20 yards for a score, gave the Trevians an early lead in the game. He picked off another pass later in the quarter and it led to another touchdown.

According to the Winnetka Talk, Kosanovich explained that the first interception was the spark that united the Trevians, "There was great energy after that, and that kind of got us going. We had a lot of liveliness after that."

"To me, the highlight of the game was Carson Kosanovich's pick six because it really set the tone for the rest of the game and got our momentum going," said Davidkov.

The players said that the touchdown put all the players' focus into the right place and heightened the energy.

Sitzer added, "It was a great way to start a game and put points on the board fast." This got the student section amped up as well. "That play gave us a ton of energy that carried on. It pretty much set the stage for the rest of the game."

This was Sitzer's first game back after an injury early in the season. He made his mark with a 78-yard touchdown reception midway through the first half.

With Evanston ranked 25th in the state by NBC sports Chicago, it made the win even more meaningful, and it made the action more fun for the team.

"ETHS were all great competitors getting after it each play, hitting hard, and playing aggressively. They made it a really fun game to play in," Davidkov said.

NT players respected ETHS for coming back in the second half after

falling into a 15-point hole.

"Going into the second half down 21-6 is always difficult, so props to them on continuing to fight," said Sitzer.

The win allows for the team to gain more confidence. They know the specifics they need to improve on in upcoming games.

Davidkov explained, "There are a lot of things we can work on and we will continue to get better as a team."

This win against ETHS was meaningful for the team, not only because of the rival, or because it was the homecoming game, but because it gave the team momentum going into the rest of the season.

"This game was huge for us. Not only did we win a rivalry game, but that was our second conference win," said Sitzer. This game could have huge implications down the road."

## Tir leads Girls Golf to Conference Championship

Talented class of 2019 looks to win second straight state title

by Jack Soble

There are three constants in the CSL South: death, taxes, and New Trier Girls Golf winning its conference title.

The Trevians came out on top on Sept. 26 "to the surprise of no one," per Des Plaines's Journal & Topics.

They finished with a total of 318 strokes, thrashing the competition; the second place Glenbrook South Titans ended up at 365.

Pacing the Trevians and the rest of the conference with a score of 73 was senior Penelope Tir, and this is the expected outcome for every time the team participates in any competition.

Tir was the 2017 individual state champion as a Junior and she led New Trier to the team title as well, and has been contributing to the team since she attended the Northfield campus.

"I definitely have to say winning state individually and as a team was a pretty cool experience, and other than that, I would say winning sectionals with a 71 my freshman year or shooting a one under par 71 at Bonnie Brook golf course in sectionals of that year," Tir explained.

Before winning the state championship, Tir tied for sixth as a freshman and tied for fourth as a sophomore, according to the Chicago Tribune, improving between each season.



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"The most important thing for me is competition," she said. "The high pressure environment that comes with tournaments has provided me with the focus and drive that I feel is needed when playing golf."

Tir attempts to replicate these intense situations when practicing, often with her sister, Audrey, who is also on the team. The younger Tir, a sophomore, finished third with a score of 79 at the recent Champaign Invitational, at which New Trier won first place (they finished with an astounding 307, fifteen strokes ahead of second place Prospect). She came in third at conference as well.

While Tir headlines the class, this group of seniors has more than

made their mark on New Trier Girls Golf. Abbie Kaestle, Lizzie Kenter, and Molly Van Gorp have been competing at the varsity level consistently for the last few years. Audrey Tir and Junior Olivia Siebert round out a strong roster for the Trevians.

"I am so pleased with how my senior class has done. Starting from our first year when [Penelope], Lizzie, and I were the little freshman on the team, to now when we're seniors and role models for the younger girls," said Kaestle, who finished second at both recent tournaments."

Kaestle completed her rounds at conference and Champaign in 79 and 78 strokes, respectively.

"After winning conference, we're hoping to make it through both [regionals and sectionals] and be on our way to state. But nothing is given in a sport like golf," she said.

Tir described regionals and sectionals as "easy," given their competition, and she said that they see repeating as state champs as achievable. There is, however, an added challenge that comes with a mission to go back-to-back.

"There is definitely some pressure as returning state champs because other teams have their sights on us," said Kenter. "The thing about our team is that in past years we have really pulled it together before the run at state and I'm hoping we can do the same this year. Going out on a state championship would be amazing and I hope we can."

Kenter also added that the Trevians will face newfound competition that they may not have had to deal with last fall. Barrington has a "fairly young but impressive" team and Saint Charles North is "loaded with seniors," per Kenter.

Reclaiming the state title is no small task and they will have a target on their back going forward.

Barrington especially will be out for revenge after coming in second at state last season by a mere ten strokes over 36 holes.

"Winning the state tournament is the ultimate goal," agreed Tir, "but I think another important one is that we just want to play our best golf and not leave any shots out on the course. Our team is more than half seniors, so we just want to keep the momentum from last year and have a great senior year."