

Upcoming
Varsity Games

Friday
December, 1

Boys Swimming
@ Deerfield

Girls Basketball
@ Evanston

Boys Wrestling
@ Glenbrook
South

Saturday
December, 2

Girls Fencing
@ Winnetka

Boys Fencing
@ Winnetka

Boys Bowling
@ Vernon Hills

Boys Wrestling
@ East Layden

Boys Swimming
@ Winnetka

Boys hockey loses to Loyola at Quad Header

New Trier loses 5-0 in first Quad Header of the year

by Jack Soble

New Trier Hockey's Green Team fell to Loyola 5-0 in the first of two Quad Headers, this one hosted by the Ramblers.

The Trevians fell behind 3-0 in the first period and could never get themselves out of that hole.

"I felt our team was ready to play. However, Loyola has an outstanding team this year," said Green Head Coach Bob Melton.

"Our team settled down after that and I thought we played pretty well but we just could not seem to get a puck past the Loyola goalie who is one of the best in the state."

Junior Forward Bobby Soudan leads the team with 25 goals, 51 points and plus-minus 24.

"The whole team was focused before the game and really fired up, but Loyola had a good start in the first period and scored a few goals so they gained the momentum. From there on it was hard to gain it back," Soudan said.

Senior Forward Brendan Michelon, who is second on the



Defenders protecting senior goalie Hayden Wiczorek | Victory Views

team with 38 penalty minutes, had a different idea of his team's preparedness.

"We didn't come out focused, and we lost the game," he said.

Senior Forward Costa Pavlopoulos agreed, "Loyola is a really good team and you have to get off to a good start if you want to beat them. We weren't able to get off to the start we wanted and we were never able to come back from it."

The Quad Header, an event where 4 hockey teams from Loyola and New Trier battle on the ice, is certainly marked on each school's calendar.

"The quad header is one of the biggest hockey games, if not the biggest, hockey game of the season for all four New Trier teams that participate in it," said Pavlopoulos.

It isn't just the players who sense the fierce rivalry between the two teams and the two schools in general.

"The rivalry between the two schools dates back many years and the student body from each school comes out in full force to make it one of the most exciting games," said Melton.

While New Trier has always had a successful hockey program,

it has never had a stretch of success quite like the one they're currently enjoying.

4 of the past 5 seasons have ended in hoisting the State Championship Trophy at the United Center in Chicago, and the team is well aware that expectations are high.

"Of course the goal is to win another state championship, but that's our end goal for the whole season," said Pavlopoulos. "Our team has to focus on each game and getting better as a team and if we do that then I believe come playoff time we will be in a good position to win the state championship again."

While the loss to Loyola hurts, New Trier still has confidence.

"Our team has used this as motivation and we're off to a fresh start. Everyone has been putting everything they can into the team and working really hard. In the end I think it will pay off," said Soudan.

However, the Green Team also knows that their road to a title is a long one and it starts with the second Quad Header, which will be held at home in Wilmette Centennial Ice Arena on Dec 3.

"Of course the major goal is state but that's in March," said Michelon. "We've got a ways to go, starting with some Rambled eggs on Sunday."

Girls basketball scores first tournament win

NT wins first five games of season, boosts momentum

by David Heiman

Over this past weekend, girls varsity basketball won their first tournament of the season, winning all five games.

"With tons of practice and preparation before our games began, we were able to win all five games to start the season. We beat Phillips 78-33, Loyola 65-59, Hyde Park 59-28, Harlan 54-50, and Bogan 68-64 in a thrilling overtime win after being down as many as 11 points," said senior guard Daniela Sirott.

Senior guard Maggie Murdock, said, "Everyone has a role on the team and is able to contribute when needed. That's what made this tournament so awesome to start the year."

The overtime win over Bogan was really a special victory. A come from behind win like that shows signs of good things to come for the team this year.

"The team is looking pretty solid this year. We have so many amazing players who contribute in their own way, making for a collaborative and meaningful environment. We have great team chemistry and really push ourselves to get better for the girls next to us," said senior forward Nicole Kaspi.

Senior team manager, Renuka Komlofske said because the team has so many returning players, there's a lot of chemistry.

"We have perfect lineups for every situation we could be in. We all have a great bond because many of us have known and played together for about 6 years."

The team layed out goals from the beginning of the year for what

they want to accomplish this year. They want to go to state and win it, but there is much more than that for this team.

"We have three musts each game, have fun, be supportive, and play your hardest every time out there," said Kaspi. She said that these simple goals help the team to get better every game.

"We then work up from these daily goals on to talking about winning conference, winning state, and having a fulfilling season with no regrets."

Komlofske said that the goals are to learn how to play hard from the get go in a game and to make sure that the team is enjoying what they are doing.

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Upcoming games include this Friday against main rival, Evanston, and on Tuesday against Maine South.

The game on Friday is at Evanston starting at 7.

"Hopefully our green team comes and supports us on Friday. It's a big rivalry game for us so the support us out there," Sirott said.

The team has ten returning players and adding three new players. It's one of the smaller teams in the league, but size doesn't matter considering how close they are on and off the court.

"We have such a close team and we have played together for so long that it's so fun and enjoyable to play with these girls. To win the state title this year would mean everything to me and the rest of the girls on the team," Kaspi said.



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Athletes starting from top left:

Michael Tanaka, Golf, Lehigh University; Patrick Gridley, Swimming, Northwestern University; Payton Burch, Baseball, Denison University; Nathan Shapiro, Baseball, Case Western Reserve University; Charlie Schienfeld, Swimming, University of Texas; Nate Carlton, Lacrosse, Fairfield University; Cam Redding, Baseball, St. Louis University; Joe Dattomo, Volleyball, Loyola-Chicago; Anthony Calarco, Baseball, Northwestern University; Ryan Gridley, Swimming, Northwestern; Will Felito, Soccer, Williams College; Ryan Krueger, Soccer, Colgate University; Olivia Ingle, Rowing, Boston University; Emily Lewis, Rowing, Wisconsin; Savannah Noethlich, Cross Country, University of Alabama; Rachel Rhee, Golf, Washington University in St. Louis; Sophia King, Lacrosse, William and Mary; Sarah Goff, Field Hockey, Depauw; Kinsey Hagedorn, Rowing, University of Kansas; Josephine Olson, Rowing, Boston University; Jill Economos, Rowing, University of California-Berkeley; Sabrina Rice, Lacrosse, Denison University; Courtney Kaskey, Lacrosse, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; Olivia Burnside, Volleyball, Denison University; Olivia Lantry, Swimming, Denison University; Sophia Girgenti, Swimming, Johns Hopkins University; Vivian Wu, Swimming, University of Chicago; Lauren Duffy, Rowing, Boston College; Nicole Pofcher, Rowing, Stanford; Elosie Trout, Rowing, Lehigh University; Charlotte Melgrad, Rowing, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill



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