

Treves defeat Loyola after tough Quad Header loss

NT Green wins 3-1 against Loyola in second Header game
by Jack Riley

New Trier Green defeated Loyola 3-1 at Heartland Ice arena on Saturday, Jan. 9.

The Trevians improved their record to 38-8-1 for the season and extended their first place lead in the Scholastic Hockey League (SHL).

Juniors John Huber, Charlie Burton and Matt Mulhern all scored to help Green after a crushing shootout loss during New Trier's quad header on Saturday, Nov. 21.

"The Quad Headers are always bigger games because of the historic rivalry between New Trier and Loyola," said boy's head coach Bob Melton. But rivalry aside, Melton said the game was big for the league.

There was a massive Loyola fan turnout for their senior night. However, the crowd was quieted by a

goal midway through the first period from Huber, his 20th of the season.

"We wanted to get ahead early to match their intensity," said Mulhern.

New Trier continued a relentless attack throughout the first period. With 7:33 remaining, the Treves scored again but it was reversed due to high sticking.

The passion both teams displayed was obvious. Players were separated by refs after several post-whistle altercations.

According to the SHL network, Loyola coach DJ LaVarre commented on the high emotions displayed during the match.

"In these games, it's about talent and keeping your emotion in check," LaVarre said. "The team that can keep their emotions in check is the team that comes out victorious."

Burton continued the scoring in the second period, making his total 55 this season.

Goalie junior Will Douthit came up with a miraculous save 11:36 into the second period, part of his 23 saves

that night.

Melton said that Douthit was on his game: "Even if we as a team make a mistake, Douthit is going to make that save for you."

Despite being responsible for goals allowed, Douthit stated that he has gotten used to the pressure.

Mulhern, tied for the most goals scored, jumped in on the action by scoring his 25th goal of the season to put the Trevians up 3-0.

"I was driving to the net with Stephan Bazianos [and] I turned. The puck hit my leg and went in the net. It was a pretty lucky goal," Mulhern said.

Loyola showed a little life by scoring with 8:32 left to play, but it was too little too late. "I was very confident, that was a pretty big hole for Loyola to come out off," Melton said.

The final horn sounded with a score of 3-1.

The two goal lead could have been larger if not for some unlucky calls and bounces of the puck. This



Senior Chris Sonnenschein skates past the net during Loyola game | Varsity Views

game was very different from the nail biting finish to the Quad Header.

Douthit said the team had not practiced differently prior to the game, but "everyone could feel a rise in intensity. This time around we just wanted to win more, especially after losing the first time. We were just way more fired up."

Beating Loyola is a staple of a

successful New Trier sports season. "We have to beat Loyola," said Mulhern.

New Trier Green won 5-0 against Culver Academy, but lost to Buffalo St. Francis 2-3. They will return home to play Glenbrook North on Jan. 30.

Spike League continues to attract both students and athletes alike



The "Smash or Nah?" team celebrates after winning a point during their Jan. 25 match | Willcocks

Intramural volleyball league mixes fun and competition

by Lindsey Burns

Nothing combines fun and competition like intramurals, and intramural volleyball, known as Spike League at New Trier, attracts more than 200 students.

Intramurals are the alternative to New Trier's competitive interscholastic athletics. There, sports are strictly for good times, but intensity is still high.

But don't let that fool you. Since students pick their teams, they're extremely close with their teammates, and no one wants to let their friends down. There are 22 teams in Spike League this year, with eight to ten members on each one.

The fight for the championship is taken seriously. Some teams have determined coaches and organized practices before the games, as well as team managers who wear coats and ties for the occasion.

Intramurals are "super competitive, but so fun," said junior Caitlin Chapman. "The high competitiveness of the game makes our team want to work harder and have more fun. The competitiveness is good-natured but it's tough competition. Win or lose, we always have a great time."

Much of the organizing is done

by Martha Stone, a parent who serves on the Booster Club. She says her involvement is rewarding because of the student's enthusiasm. Students may sometimes arrive in costumes coordinated with their teammates and always have music blasting.

"It's just fun," said Stone. "I wish more people would realize that."

Stone and other parents active in the Booster Club attend Spike League each week to supervise the games, pass out candy and make sure everything runs smoothly.

"It's competitive enough that I want to come back every week, but it never gets so heated that I'm actually offended," said senior Cindy Secaras. "It never gets too personal and it's just healthy competition."

One of Spike League's unique features is the opportunity for boys and girls to play together on the same team. This creates a different atmosphere than other intramural sports that have leagues for each gender. It's a "pretty even ratio of girls and boys," Stone said. "It's just as competitive as you want it to be."

The league is divided into "A" and "B" brackets. The A league is more competitive than B. The B league is so relaxed that many players don't even know their standings. The atmosphere is very comfortable.

The A league tends to be more intense because most of the teams have varsity volleyball players on them, but it's still casual.

Each team keeps track of the

score and celebrates their points with high fives and chants. The winner of each league gets its name written on a trophy, but more importantly to many students, candy is distributed to everyone.

Spike League is "a nice distraction from homework and school," said junior Paul Sagraves. "It's just a fun way to spice up Monday nights."

A league rankings:

- I'd Hit That 4-0
- Safe Sets 3-0
- Spicy Green Beans 3-0
- Club Ice 3-1
- Gus's Amigos 3-1
- Nasty Green Beans 3-1
- Chris's Hose 2-2
- Speed Walkers 1-3
- White Sugar 1-3
- Smash or Nah 0-3
- Title IX 0-3
- Dick's Sporting Goods 0-4
- Jamie Handelman 0-4

B league rankings:

- Spiked It 4-0
- Wild Sets 4-0
- Bump and Grind 2-1
- How I Set Your Mother 2-2
- Is It In? 2-2
- Bird Alley 1-3
- Price Carlson 1-3
- The Spikers 0-4

The NHL all-star game set to change its format

The new format has brought about some skepticism

by Mac Hanslip

The newly remade NHL all-star game is coming up, and like most new ideas, there has been controversy around the changes.

The format of the all-star game has changed consistently over the years. Originally, the winner of the NHL Stanley Cup faced off against the best players in the rest of the NHL. Then, the best American players would face the best Canadian players. After that, the East vs. West, as seen in other leagues such as the NBA, became the new format. Before the last format change, captains selected their teams.

This new format is now a three-on-three style game where teams are based on the players' divisions. There are three 20 minute games and four teams, one for each division in the NHL. The first two games determine the matchup in the third game, which is a "championship" between the winners of the first two games.

When the new format was announced, many students disliked the changes: "I didn't like the old format because it was a waste of time," senior Peter Artinian said. "They weren't trying. The score was too high and it wasn't very competitive."

Senior Michael Moral agreed. "The all-star game is kind of a joke all the time," said Moran.

Junior Danny Fay had some skepticism about the changes. "We'll see how it goes. I think they're just trying to make it more exciting for the fans. I'm not sure if it will work or not," Fay said.

Students believe that the

all-star game format was changed to increase competitiveness and create new interest. Senior Nick Madden added, "All-star games aren't about competitiveness, they are for the fans."

The new format has advantages, including that it will be more competitive, more rewarding to players (there is a cash prize for the winners), and there will likely be more viewership.

But there are disadvantages as well. There is a possibility that the game could turn into a popularity contest.

Many students predict that the Central division will win because that is the division the Blackhawks are in. Madden even admitted his bias when asked which division will win. "The division the Blackhawks are in will win, but honestly, I'm biased," Madden said.

As with every all star game, there are players who should have been on the team and those whose presence comes into question. The Blackhawks' Corey Crawford and Marian Hossa were popular choices among fans as players that should've made the team. Devan Dubnyk and John Tavares were two players who made it onto the team, but weren't as worthy of a spot as others in some fan's opinions.

While the student body believes Hossa and Crawford were snubbed, they do appreciate the recognition given to all-stars Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane. Kane is even the captain of the Central division team. "It's amazing and really cool that he will be a captain," Artinian said.

Moran believes this recognition was well deserved. "The Hawks are the dynasty of the NHL. The championship rings speak for themselves," Moran said.