

Upcoming
Varsity Games

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@Fenwick

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@Loyola

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@Naperville

Girls Lacrosse
@Northfield

Girls Soccer
@Northfield

Boys Lacrosse
@Northfield

Boys Water Polo
@Fenwick

Girls Hockey beats Loyola 4-3 in double OT

NT qualifies for the State Championship at the United Center on Mar. 24

by Hans Schmit

On Mar. 5 the New Trier Girls Hockey team beat Loyola 4-3 in double-overtime at the Edge Ice Arena in West Jefferson-Bensenville.

The win sends the Girls Hockey team to the State Championship which will be played at the United Center on Mar. 24.

New Trier had a 2-0 lead at the end of the third period with goals from freshman forward Serena Seiple, assisted by freshman forward Sabrina Shvartsman and sophomore forward Mae Olshansky, as well as a goal from sophomore forward Julia Laden, assisted by senior forward Maureen McNerney.

Loyola scored one goal during the second period to make it 2-1 heading into the third period.

Half way through the third period Sophomore Kate McLaughlin scored an unassisted goal to make it 3-1.

Two minutes later, Loyola scored to bring themselves back into the game. In the final minute of the game, with an extra player, Loyola scored again to tie the game at 3 and force overtime.

Neither team was able to find the net in the first period of overtime.

In the second overtime McLaughlin scored a backhand goal with 3:18 left to put New Trier back in the lead and close out the game.

McLaughlin said, “scoring the game winning goal felt amazing

after the 5 long periods we all played against Loyola. They never gave up, but we kept working harder and finally won the game.”

“It feels great beating one of our rivals and now going to the state championship because we have worked so hard for this all year,” said McLaughlin.

Going into the game she wanted to work hard every shift and keep the puck out of the their own zone so the other team could not score.

Senior Clare Mulhern had the same mindset going into the game. She said she wanted to play aggressive and forecheck.

Mulhern said it was a good feeling to beat Loyola to head to the state championship.

“I was so happy because in my four years I had never made it to state, and it was such an exciting game.”

New Trier started the season with a nine game winning streak which ended at the quad header against Loyola.

“After that game we didn’t wallow in defeat, but really came together as a team to move forward in the season. We have had an ongoing motivation to make it to the United Center which strengthened us even during the low points of the season,” said McNerney.

“Winning against Loyola in the semifinals was huge for our team.”

New Trier’s win over Loyola was made possible by teamwork.

Assistant Coach, Brit Schneiders said, “Our game against Loyola was a pretty great team effort. I think the girls are coming together and playing more as a team at the perfect time.”

“McLaughlin was a key player with two big goals for us. There were some very near goals in OT by



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people who were consistently solid throughout the game as well, such as Sabrina Shvartsman, Mo McNerney, Julia Laden, and Mae Olshansky. Abby Wiecezorek had a phenomenal game in net,” said Schnieders.

Schneiders said his goal from day one was to have his team play as one.

“Many girls play another sport or play hockey for another team as well, so it can take longer for a team like this to feel cohesive.”

Games against Loyola are always exciting, this game was especially close because of the high stakes.

“The girls did a great job of focusing on that this game. Going into overtime, they went in with a clean slate mentality and just dominated both overtimes, and were absolutely relentless,” said Schneiders.

New Trier Girls Hockey is 21-1-4 this season. They have played three

games against Glenbrook, losing only on one occasion.

The Girls Hockey team has been dominant since their founding before the 1999-2000 season. They have won eight state titles and been runner-up five times.

The team hopes to win the state championship and add to their success on Saturday at the United Center.

McNerney said “We try to not get too high or low, confident or scared. Glenbrook won the state championship last year, and they are really good and strong, but we are not going to let them win the championship again.”

“I think it will be a tough game but we have played Glenbrook before and we know how they play,” said McLaughlin.

Basketball picks up key win to advance in state playoffs

Basketball beats Niles North to move on to Sectional Championshp

by Danielle Kurensky

Despite being down late in the third quarter, New Trier Boys Basketball came back in a double overtime victory over Niles North on Mar. 7.

With two minutes and thirty seconds left in the third quarter, the Trevians trailed the Vikings by 22 points in the Class 4A Maine East Sectional semifinal.

The Trevians defeated the Vikings 77-72 in double-overtime in an unbelievable comeback, sending them to their first sectionals since 2013.

While the high profile of the game was nerve racking, it gave many of the players added excitement.

“I felt a little nervous, but overall excited that I was able to play in the game for sectional semifinals,” said junior center Ciaran Brayboy, who scored 19 points in the game.

The Trevians entered the game as the number two seed with a one win and one loss record against the number three seed Vikings, but felt confident in their chances.

“I loved our chances. We came off a good game against Prospect and we had beaten Niles North earlier in the year so we knew we could do it,” said senior guard and forward Griffin Ryan.

This confidence quickly diminished as the Trevians found themselves down early in the game.



Basketball celebrating their sectional win over Niles North | Bball Twitter

Through the first three quarters, the Vikings shot 21 of 34 from the field, while the Trevians fell behind due to many turnovers.

“Live ball turnovers caused us to fall behind [in the first three quarters],” said Brayboy.

With two minutes and thirty seconds left in the third, the momentum appeared to be in favor of the Vikings who were leading the Trevians 51-29.

This momentum changed as the Trevians went on a 16-3 run to start the fourth quarter.

This change in momentum translated to confidence as the Trevians began to sink more shots.

“In the fourth quarter we really turned up our pressure and they made some of the same turnovers we did earlier, and we finally started hitting shots that we usually make but hadn’t

earlier in the game,” said Ryan.

A driving force in the fourth quarter comeback was senior guard Andrew Kirkpatrick, who scored 19 points in the second half.

Head coach Scott Fricke capitalized on Kirkpatrick’s momentum. “I was running [all of the plays] through him,” said Fricke.

This Trevian determination appeared to shake the Vikings, who despite shooting 62% from the field in the first three quarters, fell to only four field goals for the rest of the game.

Fricke’s faith in Kirkpatrick paid off as Kirkpatrick scored with seven seconds left in regulation on the final drive tying the game 61-61 and sending the game to overtime.

The first overtime was not enough to decide the game as it ended in a 65-65 tie, sending the game to a

second overtime.

In the second overtime the Trevians were able to edge out the Vikings and win by five points.

New Trier fans, who had been quieter while the Trevians were down throughout the first three quarters, were in full force cheering on the Trevians in overtime.

“Basketball is such a momentum game and we had the momentum going into the overtimes. I still don’t know how [the comeback] happened, though,” said Brayboy, who was unable to play for majority of the second half due to an ankle injury, but came back in the game during overtime.

This victory sent the Trevians to the Class 4A Maine East Sectional versus long standing rival Evanston on Mar. 9. The Trevians were unable to complete another comeback and fell to the Wildkits 69-57.

Despite never leading during regulation versus the Vikings, the Trevians were able to chip away at their deficit and earn a victory fans will remember for the ages. As well as a momentous comeback, this victory was Fricke’s 200th win as head coach.

Perseverance and determination was ultimately the deciding factor between the teams.

“Before the fourth quarter we all just silently agreed that we’re gonna give the last quarter everything we had, while they played a little more tentative with the lead. That was the biggest difference,” Ryan said.