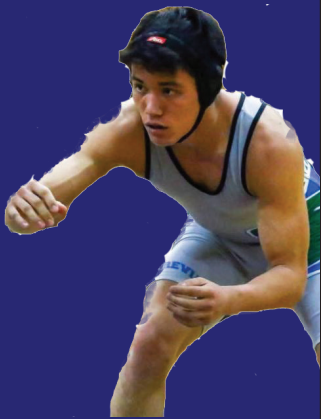


Three Stars of the Week

Jack Alcantara, Senior



At the CSL Tournament on Jan. 23, Alcantara finished first in the 152 pound weight class. He helped the Trevians capture second place behind only Deerfield.

Kathryn Pedi, Senior



Pedi, a senior forward, has helped New Trier to a 19-4 record. They are the ninth ranked team in the state, according to the Chicago Tribune. She is committed to play at Holy Cross.

Colin Winchester, Senior



Winchester has been a major factor in the Trevs' recent six game win streak, including wins over Maine South, Glenbrook South, and Amundsen.

Boys Basketball dispatches Buffalo Grove

NTBB continued to roll after their win over Maine South

by Josh Klein

After a slow start, the boys basketball team is beginning to play its best basketball this season. On Jan. 9, New Trier defeated Buffalo Grove 59-41.

The game did not start off well for the Trevians. Buffalo Grove shot three of four behind the three point line in the first quarter and jumped to an early 9-3 lead.

Head basketball coach, Scott Fricke, believed the slow start could have been due to having a tough game the night before against Maine South.

"We had an emotional game last night against Maine South, and we didn't come out with emotion today. We just needed to find our footing," Fricke said.

Assistant coach Terry Coughlin was also upset with their performance in the first quarter. "We knew who their best shooters were and we let one of them get off 3 of the first 5 threes," Coughlin said.

Down 10-8 after the first quarter, the Trevians returned to the court with more pep. After Fricke talked to his team, they played with emotion.

They went on a 12-2 run at the beginning of the quarter to gain a 22-10 lead halfway through the second. One of the keys to this run was the standout performance from 6'8" freshman Spencer Boehm,



Junior Aaron Peltz defends a Buffalo Grove player in the eighteen point victory on Jan. 9 at New Trier | Varsity Views

and sophomore guard Andrew Kirkpatrick.

The way these two have played this season has really excited the coaches. "It doesn't happen often that we have both a short term and a long term success plan for players. It's a great situation to be in" Coughlin said. "If they keep developing, then the sky's the limit for those two."

Coughlin has gotten to know Boehm very well this season. As well as being on the team, Boehm is in Coughlin's KW class and advisory. Coughlin believes that with the natural ability he possesses at such a young age, he can become a star by the time he is a senior.

The rest of the team did an excellent job shutting down Buffalo Grove inside the paint in the second quarter. Fricke and Coughlin knew going into the game that the Bison

had two big postmen who they needed to focus on.

"Throughout the game, we tried to make them catch it in areas where they would be unsuccessful," Coughlin said.

Going into halftime, New Trier led 29-18.

In the second half, it was all New Trier. Junior guard Aaron Peltz was on fire, racking up 14 points on four threes. Kirkpatrick and Boehm each scored 10 points.

On the opposing side, Buffalo Grove struggled. They turned the ball over and went cold from beyond the arc. Unlike the five three pointers that Buffalo Grove had in the first half, they only had two in the second.

With this win, the Trevians have now won their last two games, including a 40-26 win against the number 20 seed in the state, Maine

South. After starting the season off 1-3, they have turned things around and reached .500 just over halfway through the season.

Fricke has seen a big change in his team's performance since the first game of the season. "We are taking care of the ball better, we are executing better, and we are playing a lot better defense," Fricke said.

This change in play is due to more experience from the younger players, and excellent leadership from the seniors. The team has seven seniors who serve as role models for the rest of the team.

"We have a great group of seniors," Coughlin said. "David Ashmore is a senior I am so proud of. He doesn't play a ton, but he helps people excel in their roles. He represents the sacrifice needed to make a great team."

Trevians win second meet on the road to conference

This win leaves New Trier one away from conference title

by Anastasia Maragos

Energy was high in Evanston's gym as the New Trier Varsity Fencing team won their second of three competitions for the Great Lakes High School Fencing Conference title.

The competitors in this second weekend of the conference were Evanston, Deerfield, Glenbrook South, and Maine West.

For this competition, the fencers competed for a collective team win in the foil, epee and sabre sword categories.

"Today every touch counted and made the difference between winning and losing," Sophie Beitel, freshman on the JV Girls Foil team said.

Girls Varsity Epee co-captain, Vicky Pappas, explained that the key to winning this conference was different from other competitions. The winner of the Great Lakes High School Fencing Conference is determined by which team has cumulatively won the most bouts.

If teams are at a tie, Pappas explained, then the winner of the conference is determined by how many total touches each team received throughout the conference.

However, some of the bout wins this weekend came easily for the girls foil and epee teams. They automatically won matches before they even stepped up to fence on a technicality called a "bye."

In this case, it happened because the other schools, like Evanston,

either did not have enough players in the specific sword category or had no existing epee or foil team at all.

Lacking players in some sword categories isn't uncommon for many schools. Alison Haut, the mother of epee co-captain Charlotte Office said that she's noticed there has been an influx in the need to call a "bye." In the last few years, there have been many schools that have started new fencing teams.

For schools like Evanston, whose program is newer, there are still some gaps in team participation in certain sword categories. Yet this issue for one team serves as a benefit to their competitors.

Even when the fencers weren't fencing, they were off on the sidelines, watching and cheering for their teammates. Before the match, Pappas said that her goal for her team was to have them "keep trying and working hard even if they are down." This perseverance paid off as the varsity epee girls won their sword division in the second competition.

Hannah Sroussi, a sophomore on the girls JV foil team is a new player to watch, according to Assistant Varsity coach, Bradley Kuklis. "It's been great watching her take her fencing to the next level," Kuklis said. Regarding Sroussi's competitiveness, he said that she "has had really good records at dual meets."

This season, Sroussi was the only underclassmen who placed in the "top eight" at the Midwest Open, an accolade that is rare for a newer fencer.

The Great Lakes High School conference is very unique as the competing schools are not exclusively located in the Chicago-land area.

For example, Culver Military



Freshman Jackson Tucker and senior Max Blaul practicing | Blickstein

Academy, is located in Culver, Indiana and Catholic Memorial High School hails from Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Culver was highlighted as one of New Trier's fiercest competitors in this conference. Alessandro Alaya, a junior member of the boys foil team said, "Culver is our toughest competition as their coaches are very experienced."

Kuklis further explained that

because Culver is a private school, they have some ability to recruit students, even from countries in Europe, allowing them to hand-pick the best fencers.

Next weekend will be the conclusion of the GLHSFC and the fencing team will continue their fight to take the title using, as Kuklis said, "Their teamwork and strong support of one another."