

## Three Stars of the Week

Josh Derrick, senior



Derrick, who is a senior, set a personal record of 14:46 for a three mile run. He has been a leader for New Trier this season.

Isabelle Tashima, senior



Tashima, a senior defensive specialist, is committed to play at Harvard. She is a three year varsity player who will lead the Trevs in upcoming matchups against GBS and Niles West.

## New Trier Football



In the annual homecoming game, New Trier blew-out Waukegan 50-0. It was the final time that New Trier will play Waukegan in football, as Waukegan is set to leave the CSL South after this year.

# Boys soccer remains confident despite losses

Trevians fall to 6-8-4 on the season with a loss to Hinsdale Central

By Adam Sheffield

On Oct. 2, New Trier boys soccer suffered a rough loss to defending state champions Hinsdale Central 1-0.

The loss knocked New Trier down to a 6-8-4 record. Despite the losing record, both coaches and players aren't feeling down.

"We've had a lot of close games this year, and we feel as though our record doesn't really reflect who we are," said Matt Ravenscraft, assistant coach for varsity soccer.

The Trevs have only lost two games this year by more than one goal, and the defense and goaltending has been solid, with one or fewer goals being allowed in thirteen of the eighteen games.

Jack Saltzman, a senior forward, sited starting and finishing games well as an issue for the team right now.

"In terms of how we play, we don't need to change much. We just need to perform consistently for 80 minutes, especially in the first five minutes and last five minutes of each half," said Saltzman.

The thing that immediately stands out for the Trevians is their youth. They have seven underclassmen (six sophomores and one freshman) on the team.

They also feature an almost entirely new starting lineup, while seniors Spencer Farina and Bradley Nassar left the team to play club soccer, returning midfielder Louis Shaw said the loss of all the



Junior midfielder Louis Shaw attempts a header during NT's loss against Hinsdale Central | Varsity Views

upperclassmen may not be the end of the world.

"One of our strengths is definitely our adaptability. With an entirely new starting lineup after last season, many guys on the team are playing in multiple, and sometimes new positions. We've done a good job adapting to that," Shaw said.

This year's team captains are seniors Michael Gallo (forward) and Jacob Moskowitz (defender). According to Ravenscraft, both players have been strong leaders.

"They have been great leaders on and off the pitch," said Ravenscraft. "They've worked really hard to help improve younger players who don't have experience."

"Being a captain I just try to make sure they are comfortable. I try to lead by example and show them that you need to work hard on and off the field all the time to be successful. With having freshman Logan Weaver on the team, I have just been helping

him with the transition to high school and being a varsity athlete," said Gallo.

New Trier has played in many tournaments and friendlies (a game against a non-conference opponent) this year. They participated in the Northside College Showcase and the PepsiCo Showdown. They've also played against highly ranked teams such as Lyons Township and Hinsdale Central. At the beginning of the year, the losses or ties could slide, but as Saltzman explains, the Trevs expect bigger things now.

"At the start of the year, I think we tended to use the excuse that we were a young team, as an excuse," said Saltzman. "When you play in big games against other talented teams, it becomes a game of moments, and winning 'each moment' is where the game is won and lost." The development of the younger players as the season winds down and the state tournament begins will be vital

to post-season success. The seven underclassmen will continue to be exposed to big games

"We have six underclassmen on this year's team, and all of them have carved out an important role for themselves on the team," said Shaw. "Ryan Kruger and Will Felitto have helped us out offensively with a lot of goals and assists. As a midfielder myself, I also recognize Mateo Blair's contributions as a solid defensive and offensive player."

"Our best quality has to be our depth. We have 25 guys on the roster and each guy could come into a big game and play a role if needed," said Saltzman.

The state playoffs begin Oct. 16, and New Trier's first opponent is TBD. Last year's team made it all the way to the Barrington Super-Sectional before losing to Fremd.

"We're a few more big plays away from having a really good post-season," said Shaw.

# Northwestern commit shines at conference

Senior Louise McCulloch shoots 78 at golf conference

By Rachel Melancon

After committing to Northwestern to play golf for the Wildcats this past summer, senior Louise McCulloch shot a 78 at conference, and is one of the leaders at the tournament.

"I started playing in eighth grade," shared McCulloch. "My dad convinced me to go out and try to play and I fell in love with the game." She first played at the Wilmette golf course.

McCulloch has been playing for New Trier since her freshman year. She first joined the varsity squad her sophomore year of high school. Since then she has been one of the star players on New Trier's team.

"As a freshman, Louise was shooting in the 100's. Last meet in Champaign, she shot a 71, 1 under par," head girl's golf coach Scott Fricke said.

"[McCulloch is a] really happy and honest person," according to senior teammate Sophie Bokhari. "She definitely raises the positive vibes of the golf team while still keeping the team competitive."

McCulloch was one of the strongest players on the team her junior year, and she was named captain. This is the second time in 15 years that a junior was named captain. McCulloch is currently a



McCulloch shot a 71, one under par in a meet in Champaign | Facebook

captain again this year.

"She is great with everyone," said Fricke. "She is a role model for all the younger players. They see a direct link between work ethic and success."

She won the CSL championship game and tied for 18th at the Class AA state tournament. New Trier also finished 3rd overall thanks to her performance. McCulloch shot a 77 on her first day of the championship.

McCulloch has been expanding her game beyond high school games tournaments. "[A person] can always improve [their game] even after some of [their] best rounds," shared McCulloch.

She travelled to Durham, NC

to compete in the Women's Western Golf Association's National Junior Championship. She won one match before losing the second.

"[A golfer] knows that once you work on you will do that much better next time," said McCulloch. She has room to improve her game, but with her recent commitment to Northwestern, she will have four years to do so.

She also got to see some of her future teammates play at the tournament.

"Northwestern was always my top choice, ever since I visited I knew it was the school I wanted to go because the coaches are amazing and so was the team," explained

McCulloch.

She committed to the school on June 26 this year, after receiving the offer earlier that month. "The second I stepped on campus I knew it was the school for me."

Despite having a majority of the team graduate, girls golf is working hard and aiming for a state championship win. "She is an amazing teammate and a great player," said New Trier senior teammate Haley Hultquist.

Teamwork is very important to McCulloch, as there are many younger players on this year's team. "It's been a lot of fun getting to know them all and we've all become really close and great friends," McCulloch said.

Junior teammate Camille Morhun explained that McCulloch was welcoming the minute Morhun started playing. "[McCulloch] was super nice to me and my teammates, which has a really positive impact on the team."

McCulloch also tried to qualify for the U.S. Women's Amateur. The tournament was on July 22 at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook, IL. She did not qualify for the final round in Oregon.

Regardless, McCulloch is preparing for her upcoming year at Northwestern.

"I love that golf is a sport that is so individualized," McCulloch explained. "[While it's a] great team sport, we all are always rooting for one another hoping for the best."