

## Three Stars of the Week

Erin Denham, Senior



Denham, who recently committed to Williams College, is a captain of the volleyball team and helped them to a sectionals win over Rolling Meadows.

Spencer James, Senior



James committed to Columbia University to row. He helped the boys to an eighteenth place finish at the Head of the Charles Regatta.

Maggie Lake, Senior



Lake, who will play at Colgate University next year, helped New Trier win the field hockey state championship over Glenbrook West.

# Trevs easily defeat Lyons in playoff opener

The team will take on defending state runner up Homewood Flossmoor on Nov. 6.

by Adam Sheffield

New Trier football will advance to the second round of the 8A state playoffs after a 30-3 win over Lyons Township on Friday, Oct. 30.

Both the Trevians offense and defense had strong games. The defense held Lyons' sophomore quarterback Ben Bryant to only 47 yards on 4-for-12 passing.

The defense was led by junior defensive lineman Jake Lowell, who recorded two sacks in the game. Other defensive standouts included senior defensive back Christian Miller, and juniors Francis Fay and Eric Nicholas.

Offensively, the Trevians were outstanding. They were led by junior quarterback Clay Czynski, who went 17-for-21 for 187 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed 20 times for 145 yards.

"The line and our fullback were giving the running backs and myself big holes to run through. My receivers also did a great job getting open and running precise routes," Czynski said.

This is Czynski's second year as the starting quarterback for New Trier. Last year, he led the Trevians to two playoff wins over Glenbrook South and Curie.

"Knowing what the playoffs feel like is really nice. I am definitely



The New Trier Trevians are set to face off against Homewood Flossmoor away this Friday, Nov. 6 | Varsity Views

a lot more calm this year compared to last year," Czynski said.

Miller caught both of Czynski's touchdown passes, while senior Colin Casas had five receptions for 81 yards.

"Clay and I did a good job of finding the holes in the defense," said Miller. "I was able to get behind the defense a couple times and he did a great job of finding me and getting me the ball. We have a lot of trust in each other, and that comes from a lot of practice."

Special teams also played a crucial role in the victory. Senior kicker Nick Endre made all three of his field goal attempts, as well as three extra points.

The Trevians were favored to win this game, but they likely

won't be favored when they play 9-1 Homewood Flossmoor on Nov. 6.

Homewood Flossmoor was state runner up last year, losing 31-25 to Stevenson in the championship. Their only loss this year was by one point to Bolingbrook, and all of their wins have been blowouts. They defeated O'Fallon 55-17 in the opening round this year on Friday, Oct. 30.

"They're a very good team and they have a lot of athletes over there. It's going to be important for everybody to do their job in order to keep their playmakers in check. We have to play together for four quarters," said Miller.

Despite the big challenge the Trevians face this week, they don't seem to be intimidated.

"We need to focus on us and

stick to our game plan," Czynski said. "In the end we have to just do our job out there."

When asked if they had any advantages over Flossmoor, Miller was quick to point out special teams.

"We have the best special teams' coordinator in the state. We can make a big play in that facet of the game. I also think we are a more disciplined team than they are. We can take advantage of their mistakes and turn them into big plays in our favor," Miller said.

New Trier has had a very successful year up to this point. They are 9-1 and have won their last four games. In the games the Trevians have won, they won by an average of 20.8 ppg.

## Trevians focused on gaining 2015 state title

by Rachel Melancon

With a record of 31-5, New Trier girls volleyball won regionals and is set to continue on to sectionals.

The Trevians will be playing Glenbrook North at sectionals on Tuesday Nov. 3, at Maine South. If they win, the team will play at super-sectionals located at York High School. The winner of the match will play at the state championship at Illinois State University.

New Trier defeated Rolling Meadows at regionals by a score of 25-16 on Oct. 27. The game was at Conant High School.

The team celebrated their win by eating ice cream and prepping for their next game.

"The energy on the court is so high," senior Kenzie Walker said. "We are all really close, we're like a really big family that supports each other no matter what."

To prepare for their opponent, players watch game videos. They later practice as if the other team is playing them. "We work on staying aggressive and not focusing on mistakes," senior Meghan Riordan said.

"Teamwork is critical to our success," senior captain Erin Denham said. The team has learned to play together throughout their months of practicing.

"The season has been great because we are all really close friends on and off the court," Walker said. "The fact that we are mostly returning seniors adds to the chemistry of the team. We've played with each other for so long that we know what to do on the court, which means there are very little communication errors."

The team is ranked first in its section, although senior Talia Harrington said that the team has worked hard to win. "Beating Loyola was definitely a high point for us," Harrington said. "They are our rival and we want to keep our pride."

The team has greatly improved from the previous year, with 13 returning players and 11 seniors to lead the team to victory. "Next year there will be five returning players," Harrington said.

To keep the team close, the entire volleyball team is split into families. One player from freshman A, freshman B, JV, and varsity make up the family. One member from a family brings a gift for each person to every home game. Gifts range from food to nail polish.

The team also holds all program practices that allow the members to get to know one another.

"You will typically meet with your families to learn more about their school day. After, every player will split into practice groups based on their position," senior Alex Cook said.

Some senior players will continue to play in college. Senior Isabelle Tashima is committed to Harvard University while Denham is committed to play at Williams College. "It is an amazing school and they have an extremely close-knit team," Denham said.

All players hope to succeed at state. "We've finally come together and have been playing more as a team than ever before and we are succeeding because of it," Cook said.



## NTFH wins state title

New Trier field hockey captured a second straight state championship with a 1-0 win over Glenbard West on Oct. 31. NTFH ended with a 25-5-0 record, with seniors Jessica Urkov, Christine McMahon, Amanda David, Maggie Lake, Sofia Crnkovich, Audrey Kingdom, Claire Weaver, Alison Denby, Mia Solberg, Rose Gorski and Sheri Kusatzky leading the way.

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