

Upcoming
Varsity Games

Saturday,
November 11

Girls Swimming
@ Glenbrook South

Girls Basketball
@ Winnetka
Campus

Girls Fencing
@ Stevenson

Boys Fencing
@ Stevenson

Girls Diving
@ TBD

Monday,
November 13

Boys Bowling
@ Classic Bowl

Girls Basketball
@ Phillips Academy

Tuesday,
November 14

Boys Bowling
@ Classic Bowl

Boys Basketball
@ Winnetka
Campus

Boys cross country guts out top 20 finish

Boys finish 19th at state with help from injured Norrick

by Jack Soble

Powering through a devastating injury to arguably their most important player, an inexperienced New Trier Boys Cross Country team still managed to finish in the top 20 at state.

At Saturday's state meet, a group of seven runners of which only one had participated at this level of competition before, placed 19th in a difficult and exhausting race.

"Realistically, we were hoping for top 15, but we knew it would be tough," said coach David Wisner. "Five of the guys had personal bests and improved significantly from last year. We're not used to finishing that far back.

Next year, with three athletes returning, we're going to do better but I can't fault the effort and certainly they ran well, but it's a gradual process to get to that top rung."

Junior Graeme Lane said the team knew the race was going to get off to a fast start and runners would sprint the first quarter mile.

Lane paced the rest of the Trevians, clocking in at 15 minutes and 24 seconds.

"Most of New Trier's runners were in the last 50 of 210 [total runners] going around the first turn," said Lane.

Lane finished 90th overall at the meet, three seconds in front of Junior Ford Baker. The only Trevian with experience at a state cross country competition, Senior Patrick Norrick, who Lane said would have finished in the Top 10 had he not strained



Alex Kogen and teammates reflect on their sectionals performance | TrevianXC

his piriformis muscle about a month before a meet, placed 103rd.

"I've had the injury myself, it's extremely painful," said Wisner.

"I can't believe he ran at sectionals. We didn't run him at conference, we didn't run him at regionals, and we knew that he probably just had one race, and he gave us one great race, but that was really all he had left in him."

"At first we thought I wouldn't be able to run at state, but I decided to run to help the team. It definitely affected my race and I finished further back than I usually do," said Norrick, who missed parts of the 2016 season with a left hip flexor injury.

"Pat ran great at sectionals and I thought that was his last race, because he was in so much pain," said Wisner.

"He certainly deserved to run at the state meet, and that's why I let him run, but he was not even close to 100 percent."

Wisner's son Luke, a junior, serves as an alternate to the Varsity team. He said that the team's 19th

place finish would have been closer to tenth had Norrick been completely healthy.

"He was important to the team along with seniors Owen Eskandari, John Izzo, and Alex Kogen. All of these guys have brought so much to the team," he said.

It will take work this offseason and in the 2018 regular season to get NTCC back to where it needs to be, and Wisner is well aware.

"Next year what we have to do is just get our Juniors about 30 seconds faster," said Wisner. He compared Cross-Country to swimming, in the sense that it's necessary to train over a long period of time to perfect the art.

The team will miss seniors like Norrick. Lane put it best: "He is one of the hardest working athletes at New Trier. Patrick sacrificed his body at the sectional meet to qualify us for state by a single point. Not having him is going to mean other guys have to step up."

Fencing places in first tournament

by Darcie Kim

The New Trier varsity fencing team began their season well at the Red Devils Invitational in Lowell, Indiana, placing six fencers into the top eight for their individual categories and fourteen within the top 16 of their brackets,

Senior co-captain Danielle Sirivat placed the highest of the New Trier competitors, and earned her E2017 rating after a third place finish.

Additionally, senior co-captain Juliette Speck received a medal for her eighth place finish.

Junior co-captain Sophie Beitel represented women's foil, and placed in eighth after fighting back from an initial low seeding after her pool rounds.

Senior Carolynn Klingsporn placed eighth of 42 in women's epee.

In men's foil, senior Joe Pinkerton and sophomore Francis Ryan placed seventh and eighth of 51 competitors.

New Trier faced tough competition against experienced teams including Culver Military Academy, Stevenson, and Libertyville.

"There's a lot of work to be done, but it's only one week into the season. People are still getting their fencing legs back, but the team did really well, outperforming our expectations," said varsity coach Shaun Smith.

"There's a community within fencing that people don't really know about; this year there is less of a division between upper and underclassmen," said senior captain Jason Borne.

Volleyball bumped out by Central Lake

Varsity eliminated at supersectionals after strong regular season

by Arjun Thakker

The volleyball team took on Crystal Lake Central in the supersectional game at Lake Zurich on Nov. 3, playing strong defensively but losing 25-22 in the first set and 25-21 in the second.

Head coach Hannah Hsieh said that the team expected a difficult match before the game.

"We knew this was going to be tough. We had a game plan based on our scouting and the girls played well," said Hsieh.

Last Friday's match brought the volleyball team's three-month long season to an end. Junior Lexy Hochschild, who didn't play this season due to a shoulder injury, said the team felt devastated after the loss.

"Every girl played so incredibly well and worked for every point. The game could've gone either way, and it's hard to admit that Crystal Lake was better than us that day," said Hochschild.

The girls focused on maintaining a strong defensive approach against their opponents.

"We traded point for point, kill for kill, and played one of our best defensive games of the season," added Hsieh.

According to Hsieh, there was never more than a 2-3 point gap for

either team, which is indicative of a competitive performance on both sides.

One player who was pivotal to this defense was senior libero Julia Maisel. Senior Julianna Bozzo mentioned how "she played so hard in defense and got up so many short tips and hard driven hits. There were hits from the other team that we were sure were going to be kills, but she somehow dug them up and it was amazing."

Both Bozzo and Maisel are co-captains of the team and focused on making sure the team worked well together.

Regarding her own performance, Maisel noted that she was proud of how she played but thought she could've received Crystal Lake's serves better.

Senior Olivia Burnside, a middle and right side hitter, clarified that the team's defensive efforts were what made the match so competitive.

"Everyone played really well and the game wouldn't have been as close without everyone's contributions. Crystal Lake also had a very aggressive offense, so our defense pushed themselves extra hard to chase after the balls.

Burnside added that the team appreciated the fans that consistently showed up to the games.

"Our friends and the younger volleyball players were especially great this year at coming out to games, no matter the distance."

In addition to a strong defense and support from the sidelines, the team was strengthened by having



Girls Volleyball celebrating sectionals win over Hersey | Maisel

varsity experience from past years. The lineup this year had 9 varsity returners, a larger amount than last year's 4.

Bozzo explained that the team improved compared to last year and was more balanced, a contrast to other schools.

"Last year we lost in the regional finals, but making it this year all the way to supersectionals shows our improvement both in skill and in mental toughness."

"I think we were well rounded. Other teams had one or two amazing players who carried their team but we had a lot of talented players and there was always another good player to

sub in," said Bozzo.

The team had just come out of their sectional finals against Hersey at the Winnetka campus on Nov. 1, where they won 2-1 in the last two sets.

The sectional finals had sixteen teams vying for the state title, leading into supersectionals, where the number is cut to eight teams.

Despite the disappointing result of the supersectional game, Hsieh recognized the team's many accomplishments. "It is always tough to end a season, but the girls can hold their heads up high, because they fought, and truly created a great and memorable season for themselves."