

Upcoming
Varsity Games

Friday, April 20

Girls Soccer
@ OPRF

Boys Tennis
@ Naperville
Central

Boys Track
@ Downers Grove
and Wheaton
Warrenville

Boys Waterpolo
@ Glenbrook South

Boys Volleyball
@ Downers Grove

Girls Waterpolo
@ East Kentwood

Saturday, April 21

Boys Tennis
@ Latin

Girls Badminton
@ Hinsdale South

Boys Volleyball
@ Downers Grove

Boys Baseball
@ Barrington

Girls Lacrosse
@ Northfield

Girls hockey skates off with state championship

A 5-1 victory over Glenbrook North, gives girls another state title

by Danielle Kurensky

New Trier Girls Hockey dominated in their 5-1 victory at the state championship against the defending champions Glenbrook North on Mar. 24.

While the Trevians were able to dominate against GBN, they came into trouble with penalties, racking up seven penalties throughout the game. Despite these penalties, the Trevians were able to stay dominant due to the strength of their penalty kill, which did not allow a single goal from Glenbrook.

This stellar performance on the penalty kill came from a lot of practice playing shorthanded. “We have played short handed a lot this year. The confidence of the girls to play shorthanded is pretty remarkable,” said New Trier coach Bill Brush.

Junior Addie Buddington agreed with Brush that penalty kill was a crucial part in the Trevian’s win. “We had a lot of penalties & being able to step up & defend during those minutes where we were down was huge,” said Buddington.

Beyond defending these penalties, the Trevians were actually able to capitalize on them. Sophomore Kate McLaughlin scored the first goal of the game shorthanded on the Trevian’s first penalty kill.

This goal gave the Trevians momentum and helped calm many player’s nerves. Brush saw this play



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as one of the biggest turning points of the game. “Definitely the first goal which was shorthanded. It put Glenbrook in a defensive shell,” said Brush.

Less than two minutes after the initial goal the Trevians were up 2-0 due to a goal from sophomore Julia Laden. At the end of the first period the Trevians were up 3-0 after junior Maddie Babnik’s power play goal.

After this strong first period, the Trevians ran into issues in the second period. GBN’s Hannah Jensen scored shorthanded, cutting Glenbrook’s deficit down to two. Later in the second sophomore Mae Olshansky’s goal returned the Trevian lead to three.

But with 5:39 left in the second period, Glenbrook would receive a two player advantage for 1:19. Brush sent freshman Serena Seiple, senior Emma Yang and Babnik out on the ice to kill the five on three.

“I personally felt my best during the five on three. We had two girls in the box and they had none. I didn’t think my coach would put me in for that play, but he did and I played to the best of my ability,” said Yang.

The decision to play Seiple, Yang and Babnik paid off as Glenbrook was unable to capitalize on the five on three.

Despite the successful five on three, the Trevians were happy when the second period was over.

“We didn’t play to our full potential during the second and we talked in the locker room about what we could improve on” said Yang.

This talk proved successful as the Trevians had an effective third period and were able to increase their lead to four due to McLaughlin’s second goal of the game. This goal allowed the Trevians to regain some of their confidence. “I knew it would be hard for Glenbrook to overcome a four goal deficit,” said junior Maggie Graves.

The overall Trevian domination throughout the game came from an increase in preparation for the game.

“During playoffs, some of them rearranged their schedules to make it to practices,” said Brush.

While juggled their schedules to come to additional practices, it was still difficult to get the entire team together. “Practices were hard because not everyone could make it. We worked a lot on our offensive game and power play leading up to the game which definitely benefited us,” said Buddington.

Although it was difficult to get the entire team together, these practices were very beneficial as the Trevians worked on specific plays Glenbrook runs. “Leading up to the game we focused on specific plays that we knew Glenbrook would pit against us such as stretch passes into the neutral zone,” said Yang.

While many Trevian’s felt nervous going into the game, due to a rocky season with Glenbrook this year, their biggest asset was to believe in themselves and their abilities. On the Trevian’s skills Yang said, “To win we just needed to tell ourselves that we were the better team and that our hard work deserved the win.”

Boys volleyball looking ahead to state

Captains and strong underclassmen lead to successful season so far

by Jack Soble

New Trier Boys Volleyball season has begun, and the team has legitimate state championship aspirations.

It’s going to take some growth throughout the season for the young Trevians, however. Their record of 7-3 is certainly nothing to scoff at, but compared to last season’s mark of 35-5 and first place in the CSL south, they do have work to do.

“We just have to keep improving day by day,” said Sue Ellen Haak, head coach of the Varsity squad.

“Our team is definitely hungry for a long season. We expect that we could beat any team in the state on any given day.”

New Trier is led by senior captains Joe D’Attomo and James Snyder (middle blockers) as well as Marty Tatosian (right side hitter).

The 6’6” D’Attomo has already committed to play volleyball at the collegiate level at Loyola University Chicago, which won the Division I championships in 2014 and 2015.

Outside of the captains, Haak also mentioned outside hitter Tennessee Fulks and defensive specialist Sam Gilman as “key seniors,” returning from last year’s Trevians.

There is also a healthy infusion of underclassmen on the team.

Jay Saravis, Colin Heath, Aaron Schatz, and Peter Brown are in the starting lineup. The former three are Juniors while the latter, Brown, is a sophomore.

The seniors play an important role in headlining the New Trier squad.

“We have three of the best captains that have come out of the boys volleyball program ever. They bring an incredible amount of energy and experience to an extremely young team,” proclaimed an enthusiastic Schatz.

The team often plays the extremely popular video game “Fortnite,” in order to develop a relationship as teammates and bond as a group.

“We always let the senior be the party leader in Fortnite as a sign of respect,” said Brown.

“Our senior leadership is pretty important, however, the younger guys are really stepping up,” said Saravis.

Saravis paced New Trier with 35 kills and 10 aces, according to Bill McLean of the Daily North Shore.

The Trevians started slowly this season, dropping their first two matches to Lincoln Way East and Libertyville, respectively.

Lincoln Way East knocked New Trier out of the playoffs last season in the State quarterfinals.

“I don’t personally think our results have matched up with our skill because we are capable of beating some of the teams that we have played this year,” said Brown.

Since then, the Trevians have been on a tear, taking seven of their



Senior middle Joe D’Attomo committed to Loyola University Chicago | NT

last eight contests, including rivalry matches against Stevenson and Loyola. “We have a lot of offensive weapons on this team and I think it’s intimidating to our opponents,” said Haak.

Last season, the road to a championship stalled in heartbreak, with New Trier falling to Lincoln Way East in a comeback victory for the Griffins.

New Trier took the first game 25-20, then fell 25-18 and 25-15 and

ending the season at 35-5. This year, they look for revenge, though it hit a bump in the road with an early season loss to the Griffins.

The team recognizes that the road to a State Championship likely goes through Lincoln Way East. “We first want to win conference and then sectionals,” said Schatz, “so we ultimately have a shot at beating Lincoln Way East to reach the State Championship and win it all.”