

Upcoming
Varsity Games

Friday, April 27

Boys Track
@ Glenbrook North

Boys Tennis
@ Hersey

Boys Waterpolo
@ Stevenson

Girls Badminton
@ Winnetka

Boys Lacrosse
@ Culver

Girls Soccer
@ Naperville
Central

Saturday, April,
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Boys Baseball
@ Duke Childs

Girls Softball
@ Lake Zurich

Girls Track
@ Winnetka

Boys Tennis
@ Winnetka

Boys Waterpolo
@ Stevenson

Girls lacrosse goes 2-1 on trip to Northern California

New Trier defeats St. Ignatius and Carondelet, come up short against Novato

by Layla Saqibuddin

During the weekend of April 13th, the girls varsity lacrosse team traveled to California to compete against St. Ignatius, Carondelet, and Novato

New Trier defeated Ignatius on Friday 14-11, then played a double header Saturday with a victory against Carondelet, 14-8, they lost to Novato, 20-6.

During Friday's game, the Trevians were down 11-9 with 14:50 left.

Junior attacker Lucy Murray tied the game at 13:15 and New Trier's defense didn't allow St. Ignatius to score again.

"A turning point for us during the game was when we were down and we held them scoreless and won. The girls had a lot of grit and toughness," said Head Coach Peter Collins.

Sophomore midfielder Claudia Shevitz also scored, and Senior midfielder Courtney Kasky added two goals for the win.

The Trevs then faced Carondelet and Novato on Sat. April 14th.

"During the Carondelet game, we had to play down two players against because of fouls, but we were still able to win 14-8," said Collins

Senior goalie Sabrina Rice believed a problem when playing against Carondelet was the amount of calls New Trier was receiving.

"After being at a huge



Sophomore Charley Meier (3) scored two goals against Novato |NT Athletics

disadvantage, our team came together in that moment and things clicked on defense. I felt connected to my teammates and ready to take on this challenge," said Rice.

The team then set their sights on the Novato game.

Junior defender and midfielder, Katie Busch, was thrilled to compete against Novato.

"I was so pumped up and excited for the Novato game that I don't remember feeling nervous at all," said Busch.

The Trevs were behind 4-0 before scoring their first goal of the game, and then allowed Novato to increase their lead.

"We had so many breakdowns on defense or turnovers after a big save or not backing up a shot and they scored 8 unanswered goals,"

said Collins.

Kasky said Novato, ranked 10th in the nation, was the best team New Trier has ever played.

"They are not only amazing competitors, but they also played with class and grace. Not one of them spoke back to the referee when something was called against them."

During the game, Rice believed positive attitude was the most important thing to keep in mind.

"Despite being down by a lot during the Novato game, I played hard the whole 50 minutes and didn't let the score get to me. I made sure the team stayed positive and pumped up the whole game," said Rice

Kasky agreed. "All we had to do was believe we could win and have heart for the game. We have great stick skills and athleticism."

I'm not psychic but this is how the NFL draft should go

Bears should take Bradley Chubb, Quenton Nelson in draft

by Jack Soble

In the time between this writing and the date of publication, the first round of the 2018 NFL draft will have come and gone, and the suspense and excitement football fans (especially ones like myself whose teams typically picks near the top) live for will have passed.

With the run on quarterbacks that likely happened in the top 10 - USC's Sam Darnold, Wyoming's Josh Allen, Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield, and UCLA's Josh Rosen are all predicted to be and likely were taken in the top half of the first round - it's likely that the hometown Chicago Bears took a blue-chip prospect with the eighth overall pick last night.

Because I'm not psychic and this was written before last night, I obviously cannot say for certain who has headlined newspapers all over the city after putting on the "Monsters of the Midway" cap and walking on the stage in Dallas as a Chicago Bear.

But, I'll do my best to inform the loyal readers of the New Trier News about the possible Bears first round picks.

I do not promise, however, that their selection is here. Bears general manager Ryan Pace has been notoriously unpredictable in his draft strategy and scouting capabilities, as evidenced by last year's draft, when he traded up to draft UNC quarterback Mitchell Trubisky.

Last night, the Bears looked to

give Trubisky some help with their top ten selection.

The best case scenario to do that comes on the defensive side of the ball, with NC State defensive end Bradley Chubb. Chubb is likely to be picked before Chicago's slot due to his immense prowess at a premium position.

If Pace opted to trade up, Chubb may well have been the target, but I do not foresee him falling past Cleveland at fourth overall.

On the realistic side of things, Bears fans should be thrilled if Notre Dame offensive guard Quenton Nelson was Chicago's choice. He has a nasty habit of treating college football defensive linemen like "they have personally wronged him and he must exact his revenge," says The Ringer's Robert Mays, an NFL writer for a popular site. Nelson's offensive line coach in college holds the same position with the Bears, and it would have been a fantastic night if he was the pick.

Next comes Virginia Tech's superstar linebacker, Tremaine Edmunds. Edmunds is a freak of nature physically, coming into the draft at a mere 19 years old and at 6'5", 255 pounds with the ability to run the 40 yard dash in 4.55 seconds. Edmunds possesses tackling ability and versatility to boot along with his given talents, but his instincts on the field are slightly lacking. He's a bit of a project but he has incredible potential, especially in the defense of Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio.

Defensive back Derwin James, coming out of Florida State, is a sneaky possible Bears target that some have speculated is the favorite



NC State's DE Bradley Chubb predicted to be picked early in draft | AP

to be selected eighth if Nelson doesn't fall into their laps. James has that "alpha dog" mentality that you want in the leader of your secondary and his game tape shows exciting traits. He doesn't fill a huge need, as the Bears have a promising safety duo of their own (Adrian Amos and Eddie Jackson), but he could be an intriguing piece to add to their young, versatile defensive core.

Another one of my favorite prospects in this draft is Roquan Smith out of Georgia, another linebacker. He's a bit undersized but he more than makes up for it with a supreme athleticism to go along with an exceptional ability to snuff out opposing ball carriers and receivers. Pace has tended to go with bigger, more physically gifted players throughout his time as Bears GM, but he could very well have bucked that trend for Smith last night.

Other possibilities, some of

To prepare for these games, Collins and assistant coach Kristen Murray focused on making sure every player was playing hard everyday for the game.

"For this trip, we had a little scouting on two of the teams. We told the team to focus on communicating on defense owning the GB, draws and possessing the ball," said Collins.

Kasky said the team's goal was to represent Illinois and New Trier in the best way possible.

"We wanted to show the teams in California that we can compete at a higher level. Each game we came out hard till the end."

Likewise, Rice said she was more focused in practice leading up to the competition because she knew this was a great opportunity to show that New Trier can play at a higher level."

"I really made sure that I was practicing how I wanted to play. Our team even added a game called penny grab. I think this got us extra excited and ready for the games we played."

Collins couldn't be more proud of the determination the alumni showed.

"The girls should think about the legacy they have, and how they represent the program, whether or not they are playing college lacrosse," said Collins. "Always take pride in the program that has a national reputation for playing hard and playing with class."

Junior Lucy Murray couldn't be more proud of her team. "Everyone played so well and it was truly a team effort. Everyone cared about the success of the whole team. It's uncommon to see a team work as well as we do and I think that's amazing."

which are likely if the Bears chose to acquire more draft capital in a trade down, are Ohio State cornerback Denzel Ward, UTSA edge rusher Marcus Davenport, Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick, and Boston College defensive end Harold Landry, all of whom are intriguing talents but they do have their flaws, just like any other draft prospect.

Whatever happened last night in the Windy City, it doesn't take away from the exhilaration of being a football fan on draft night. It may not seem exciting to watch NFL commissioner Roger Goodell walk onto a stage and read 32 names off of 32 cards, but to us die hard football enthusiasts, it is. Draft night is when championships are won and it gives us something to look forward to before the regular season kicks off in September.