

Upcoming
Varsity Games

Friday, February 9

Boys Diving
Conference
@ Glenbrook South

Wrestling Sectionals
@ TBD

Girls Basketball
@ Winnetka

Boys Basketball
@ Niles North

Saturday,
February 10

Girls Bowling
Sectionals
@ Arlington Heights

Boys Track
@ Evanston

Boys Swimming
Conference
@ Glenbrook South

Boys Diving
Conference
@Glenbrook South

Wrestling Sectionals
@ Glenbrook South

New Trier wrestling takes fourth at Regionals

Five NT wrestlers qualify to move on to Sectionals in Barrington

by Lexi Shoup

New Trier’s wrestling team scored 138.0 points, landing them in 4th place in the IHSA Regional Meet at Glenbrook South on Feb. 3.

Mt. Prospect came in first at the meet with 237.0 points, followed by Stevenson with 203.0, and Wheeling with 201.5.

Five of New Trier’s wrestlers placed within the top three of their weight classes, qualifying them to move on to the Sectional meet which will be on Friday Feb. 9 at Barrington.

Senior Patrick Ryan placed 1st at 145, qualifying him to move on to sectionals. He attributes his success to preparation well at practice and sticking to his game plan during the meet.

Ryan is currently ranked 4th in the state with a 41-0 season record and is looking forward to the rest of the season, with hopes to win at state.

“With only a couple of weeks left, I’m really focusing in and doing everything I can to win a state title,” said Ryan.

Senior Jack Tangen also placed 1st in his weight class at 152. “I kept my composure throughout the tournament, I never stopped wrestling. Though I could’ve moved my feet a little more in my first couple of matches,” said Tangen.

Tangen has had a very successful season and is currently ranked 3rd in



Senior Jack Tangen ranked 3rd in the state with a 39-1 record |Stuart Rodgers

the state.

“I’ve moved up four weight classes since last year and it’s been really different. I think I have surprised a couple people this year with my current ranking and 39-1 record. I’m very excited for these next two weeks with Sectionals and State,” said Tangen.

Both Ryan and Tangen kept up regional winning streaks at Saturday’s meet. According to varsity head coach Marc Tadelman, “This was Patrick Ryan’s third and Jack

Tangen’s second regional title in a row.”

The wrestlers were not complacent or overconfident going into the meet, which Tadelman thinks contributed to their doing well.

“They wrestled aggressively. And even though we’ve had this happen in the past, where guys with records like theirs just wrestled to not lose, they didn’t. They wrestled hard and they wrestled to win so that was impressive,” said Tadelman.

Tadelman was impressed with

this year’s regional results, “We had a solid performance which was led by our five sectional qualifiers,” he said.

Senior Bayne Kiser, who is 35-15 on the season, also qualified to move on to sectionals, placing 3rd at 160.

After placing 4th at last year’s regional meet, qualifying for sectionals was one of Kiser’s goals for this season.

“This tournament was especially exciting since the state series is the culmination of the entire season, and for many of the seniors, the culmination of our wrestling careers,” said Kiser.

As the season comes to an end, the seniors want to take advantage of their last few meets together. “It’s a great group of guys and we have been wrestling together for a long time -- me and Russell have been practice partners on and off since 7th grade, so it’s exciting for us to be going to sectionals together,” said Kiser.

Seniors Russell Sanchez and Jimmy McDermid also qualified for sectionals, placing 2nd and 3rd at 170 and 285 respectively.

New Trier had a successful regular season this year.

“We had our ups and downs but we made progress throughout the year and we have some individuals that are having great seasons. We are looking to continue that at the state tournament,” said Tadelman.

The team is looking forward to sectionals at Barrington on Feb. 9 and the upcoming state competition on Friday Feb. 16 in Champaign.

“Patrick and Jack both have a good chance to take first in state, which is incredible,” said Kiser.

Fencing Places in both State and Great Lakes Conference

Women’s foil with three top eight finishers at Great Lakes Conference

by Molly George

After the state competition, each school sends their top four athletes from their respective weapons to the Great Lakes Fencing Conference which took place Feb. 3 at the University of Chicago Lab School.

Head Coach Colby Vargas said that while he expected Stevenson to win, he believed that New Trier would finish second.

Vargas said that the highlight of the tournament was women’s foil with 3 top 8 finishers, one of them being a sophomore.

Vargas’ expectations were met, and NT finished second while Stevenson placed first, though the total score was a little lower than Vargas expected.

“It went ok, although we might’ve had a chance to be closer,” he said.

Many fencers on the team expected this meet to be the most challenging of the season, since only the top athletes would be competing. The numbers show a hard-earned second place.

Glenbrook South won the men’s epee event but New Trier beat them overall, winning 2nd while GBS placed 3rd.

Several team members named Glenbrook South and Stevenson as the strongest competition in this

meet.

Based on the point totals, individual fencers pulled through for a finish consistent with their steady and successful season.

Junior Max Bickers, said “there is competition within the team since it is individual, but this helps us all get better.”

The Illinois State Fencing Tournament took place on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Foil captain, Junior Samantha Fountain, said, “the pools are random at this tournament, so there’s usually good representation of different schools and skill levels.”

In the first round of the tournament, random pools of six or seven fencers have bouts to five points; the results of these pools determine the rankings of the competitions before the direct elimination round, “Then it’s direct elimination until there’s a winner,” said freshman Sarah Baillos.

In the men’s epee category, there were 48 competitors, junior Max Bickers finished 3rd, and was the mens team’s only top three finisher.

The female fencer who took 3rd place at state was senior saber fencer and captain Danielle Sirivat. Senior co-captain Juliette Speck also represented her team by placing 5th.

In women’s foil, sophomore Emma Chipman took 2nd, beating juniors Samantha Fountain and Sophie Beitel, who placed 5th and 6th respectively.

Math teacher and adviser Shanna Hill, who was a spectator at the state tournament, said “Fountain’s bout felt like choreography.”

Saber is characterized by fast



Fencers switch to club season as regular season ends | Stuart Rodgers

swatting motions, and according to assistant coach Cathleen Randall, “timing and distance are key to the attack.”

Assistant coach Cathleen Randall explained that the points from fencers’ finishing places combine for a team total. Stevenson finished second in both the overall womens and mens category.

Junior epee captain Kathleen Carmody said she ended up 28th of 45 epee fencers.

Junior epee fencer Sophie Michi said that now that their season of 2-4 days-a-week (plus competitions) has come to a close, many fencers will continue practicing in clubs. They also keep up their conditioning with sprints, according to Carmody.