

Upcoming
Varsity Games

Friday,
April 21

Boys Water Polo
@ GBS

Softball
@ Maine South

Boys Volleyball
@ Downers Grove
South

Girls Lacrosse
@ Hinsdale Central

Saturday,
April 22

Bass Fishing
@ Liberty Lake

Boys Tennis
@ Waveland Park
Courts

Badminton
@ Hinsdale South

Girls Water Polo
@ Naperville North

Baseball
@ Duke Fields

Boys Lacrosse
@ Glenbard West

Girls lacrosse rolls to four-game winning streak

Lacrosse continues strong season with 13-9 victory against Montini Catholic

by Maggie Curry

On Wed., April 8 at the Northfield campus, New Trier Girls Lacrosse continues a strong start to their season beating Montini Catholic 13-9.

Coach Peter Collins said that on defense, seniors Emma Tomlinson, captain Kyra Lamotte, and captain Isabelle Sennett played a part in the game's win. The team forced 11 turnovers by the end of the game.

"Going into the game, we knew that Montini was going to be good competition, and they lived up to it. We had to be ready as soon as we got on the field. The whole game, they were only down a couple of goals," said Lamotte.

Senior attacker Bridget McConnell said, "Our win against Montini wasn't totally anticipated. They have a strong team. We look forward to these competitive games and worked hard for the full fifty minutes."

Junior Courtney Kaskey and sophomore Lucy Murray both had three goals to help the team keep their lead.

"Charley Meier was great in the midfield with picking up loose and ground balls," added Lamotte.

Freshman Charley Meier's playing was also noted by Collins,



Junior Clare Mulhern cradles ball while running undefended | Victory Views

who was impressed by "her consistent improvement of play over the past few weeks."

Lamotte identified senior and captain Katherine Gjertsen as another standout player, saying, "Gjertsen was a key component with the draws." Gjertsen was also named player of the week by US Lacrosse Magazine on April 11.

During spring break, the girls went to Atlanta for a tournament and placed third.

"We have put in some new offenses that have been effective, and we have a strong defensive line. We gained a lot of talented players this year," said McConnell.

"The team demonstrates

determination and a desire to get better. Most importantly, they really care about each other and push each other. They embrace their role, and do it very well, whether pushing kids in practice, coming off the bench or playing in our zone defense," said Collins.

On April 6, the girls team had a fundraising game against Glenbrook South High School for the American Cancer Society to raise money for the Friends of Jaelyn Foundation.

The game was also played in memory of a parent to a player in the program who had passed away from cancer.

The game was fundraised through people pledging money for

each forced turnover and ground ball played by the Trevian team. The team beat GBS 14-7 with 15 ground balls and 10 turnovers. Coach Collins said that the team also had a bake sale to raise money for the cause, making nearly \$500. Money for the pledges of turnovers and ground balls is still being counted.

"I have a feeling that we raised a lot because this year I think everyone on the team was personally affected by cancer, so we all feel very passionate about the cause," said Lamotte.

Collins said this season's theme has been "legacy" and encouraged players to consider questions like, "Is what you are doing going to be remembered by others? What do you want the legacy for this team to be?"

"We want to be the best conditioned team, have the fiercest defense all over the field to get the ball back, and we want the players to be able to handle pressure and be leaders on the field."

"I'm looking forward to seeing how our team improves throughout the season. We have a lot of work to do, but we're hoping to make it to the state finals again," said McConnell.

As the season continues, the team's seniors have grown excited. "The thing that I'm looking forward to most is really embracing every moment with the team and every game we play," said Tomlinson.

"I'm looking forward to playoffs because it's one of my favorite parts of the season. Every game could be our last, so we have to play our hearts out," said Lamotte.

Crew fights for top places at Cincinnati regatta

Trevians come in 2nd to Cincinnati Juniors despite strong fight across levels

by Da Hee Kim

On Sat., April 8, New Trier Rowing put up a tough fight at the annual Cincinnati Invitational regatta, resulting in high performances from a range of varsity boats.

Both the girls Varsity 8+ boat and the boys Varsity 8+ boat advanced to the Grand Finals, racing against six other teams in their heats.

The Trevians also advanced the A and B boats of their 2nd Varsity 8+ teams, both boys and girls, to the final round.

"The whole meet was a lot of fun. It was pretty cool to get a medal in the [2nd] Varsity boat," said sophomore 2nd Varsity rower Josh Pickard. "For some people, it might be the fastest [race] we have had all season."

In the 2V8+ Grand Finals, the boys B boat placed 2nd, as did the girls A boat. For the Varsity 8+ final heat, the boys boat was also 2nd, while the girls boat was in 6th place.

Senior 2nd Varsity rower Daniel Pickard believed that New Trier's boats performed well that day.

"I'd say New Trier's boats were pretty fast - they tended to win [awards]," explained Pickard, who was in the same boat as Pickard. "It was pretty competitive, and we're competitive people."

The Cincinnati regatta is competitive compared to others New Trier attends in the spring. "All of the other regattas are more local and don't count for much. For this one,



New Trier girls varsity boat rows down river in preparation for their Cincinnati Invitational April 8th | Caras

the competition is difficult," said sophomore 2nd varsity rower Charles Coppeters 't Wallant. He added that the competitors were similar to those present at nationals.

All of the Varsity 8+ grand final races, however, had one result in common - the 1st place boats were from Cincinnati Jr. Rowing Club, a rowing team composed of high school students from the "greater Cincinnati area," according to the official website.

Novice girls coach Hope Poor noted the Juniors' performance compared to the Trevians, as well as some differences. "The Cincinnati Juniors beat every NT boat except the novice [8+] girls and novice boys. They are a club program, so they draw from a larger base of rowers than a school program like ours," said Poor.

The Juniors were the team that the rowers aspired to beat. "We went there wanting to win, but we came in second to the Cincinnati Juniors," said senior boys captain Paul Sagraves.

"It was a little disappointing - we wanted to beat them because they beat us last year," said Sagraves.

New Trier's performance at Cincinnati this year was distinctly different from 2016, in that there were

more 1st place finishes last year than this year, according to Coppeters 't Wallant and sophomore 2V rower Hannah Lerner.

This year's different results could be attributed to various factors, including the varied levels of communication between crew members.

Some crew members, like Sagraves, noticed an initial struggle for the members of their boat to get used to one another. "It's a new boat - a good amount of the people in our boat [haven't] raced in Varsity 8 before," explained Sagraves. "For what it's worth, we put up a good fight."

Overall, however, the Trevians tend to cooperate well when on the water. "Communication is usually good between rowers, coxswains, and coaches, because you need to know exactly what you're doing," said Lerner. "Coxswains discuss race plans with the rowers, as well."

Though the weather had been warm and sunny in Cincinnati, the North Shore's rough waters and stormy days resulted in limited time on the water for a large part of the spring season.

"Doing the rowing machines is helpful, but you can't beat the

experience you get from being on the water," said senior boys' captain Jamie Ratty.

With more competitive meets in May and June, both the boys and girls are intensely training and developing as a team in order to be ready for the Midwest Scholastic Championships and US Youth Nationals.

"We're trying to make this into more of a team atmosphere," said senior girls captain Eden Rane.

"When it comes to racing, we trust all the girls in our boat to get into their most competitive mindset."

For Poor, crew is the sport where everyone must put in effort together to make the boat fast. "[The rowers] train hard together so that they can be confident that each rower is giving the same level of effort during competition."

Through a constant effort to improve their skills, rowers believe that it will put them on the road to a successful meet at the nationally ranked regattas.

"We need to focus on our technique and sharpen up our stroke," explained Sagraves, "but we're fit enough and strong enough to accomplish our goals. We have the power to do it."