

Upcoming  
Varsity Games  
Friday Dec. 9

Boys Swimming vs.  
Naperville Central  
@ New Trier

Boys Basketball @  
Niles North

Wrestling vs. Niles  
North @ New Trier

Gymnastics @  
Glenbrook North

Saturday, Dec.  
10

Fencing @ Culver  
Academy

Wrestling @  
Prospect

Monday, Dec.  
12

Boys Bowling  
vs. Niles West @  
Classic Bowl

Girls Bowling vs.  
Hinsdale Central @  
Suburbanite Bowl

## Girls hockey contracted out of local ice times

Girls practice and play in Lincolnwood, far from North Shore

by Nora Crumley

Senior Liza Boscow left her house at 8:30pm on a Saturday night, a large hockey bag slung over her shoulder. Boscow got into her car preparing for the 25 minute drive to Heartland Ice Arena, in Lincolnwood, for an hour long practice at 9:30 PM. During this drive, Boscow would pass the Winnetka Ice Arena, her local home rink, occupied by the New Trier Boys Blue Team.

Arriving at Heartland, the home rink of the Loyola High School Hockey Organization, she completes a practice with some of her teammates. Boscow does not return home until 11:20. A three hour trek for one hour of ice time. She and her teammates repeat this drive to Lincolnwood multiple times throughout the week, cutting into their social and school work time.

Since the New Trier Girls Hockey Organization's creation in 1999, the organization has struggled to find ice time on the North Shore due in part to the tight competition for ice time from other clubs.

New Trier Girls Hockey Organization President Ned Forsberg said, "We have tried to get better ice time for the girls, but there just isn't any ice time available."

One of the biggest rivals for ice time is the New Trier Hockey Club, the hockey organization for New Trier boys. Since 1972 the hockey club has controlled most extra ice time at local rinks.

Sean Flynn, the Wilmette Ice Arena manager, said about the Hockey Club's monopoly over extra local ice, "They've had it here forever. As far back as they go, you can look at our records, every Thursday at 9:45 PM New Trier Hockey was on the ice."

The ice time for boys is also at late times with practices starting as late as 9:45 PM since younger kids get first priority in early ice slots.

But according to their calendars, almost every night, the Green, Blue and White teams will practice shooting, improve skating, and defeat rivals in front of home town audiences at one of three local rinks: Winnetka, North Shore Ice Arena, and Wilmette.

"I didn't realize how different our practice schedules were for a bit, but it is kind of sucky to know that my team gets different opportunities," Boscow said. "If I was a boy I'd hardly ever leave the North Shore to practice."

New Trier Hockey Club President Robert Graves said "It's not like the girls are left with the scraps."

Graves added, "We do share and cooperate. We try to be as fair and equitable, but there are numerically more boys teams, so they need more ice time, not to diminish the girls at all. Ideally, we would love to see both boys and girls at Winnetka and Wilmette but ice time is harder to find and the boys have to hunt for ice too."

The discrepancy in local ice time allotted to these two separate clubs is due to two factors: money and legacy. According to a parent, who had children in both the boys and girls organizations, the girls fees are significantly less.

"Yes, boys buy a lot more ice than the girls do because they

have five teams. The rinks are more inclined to try to help them if other ice becomes available then they are to help us," Forsberg said.

Yet according to Boscow, higher fees have never been offered to the girls team in exchange for closer ice locations. "They pay more money, that is just how it is, but we don't really get the opportunity to pay more," she said.

Isabelle Sennett, senior and captain of the girls varsity team, added, "the boy's teams bring in more money."

Despite the increase in buying power by the boy's teams, their control over ice slots at local rinks stems farther than their wallets. Ice contracts is a policy that guarantees the same ice slots year after year and allow the Hockey Club to maintain their local ice times even if there was competition in price.

Forsberg explained, "We have ice contracts and essentially once you have an ice contract you just keep the same times forever."

Sean Flynn, the Wilmette Ice Arena Manager, expanded on these ice contracts, "The park board has developed a policy on what's called the right of first refusal. If you had the ice time in the past you get that ice time the following year unless you choose to not take it. In that case, I have the freedom to sell ice time to others as I see fit."

Flynn added how rare it is to see an organization give up their ice time. "I have been here for five years managing this facility, and nobody has turned back any ice time in those five years, and that's unfortunate. I have got emails from Ned Forsberg here, I have got an NT girls file that goes back all the way to 2012. We

want to try and get them here. They are first on my list if something happens, but we just haven't had that opportunity yet."

Flynn continued: "The team is in this community. I think it really doesn't make any sense for them to go to Lincolnwood, but I think finding a way to get this program to skate more in Winnetka or Wilmette would be a great thing. Even if its one slot a week, if it could happen I'd try and make it happen. I think it would be great for them to have the opportunity to play in front of their friends more."

New Trier Hockey Club have held ice contracts at the local ice rinks since their beginning. And despite it being the 18th season of the New Trier girls hockey organization, not much has changed in their allotted ice slots.

"You would have thought that in 18 years, girls would have moved up the ladder, but nothing has changed; boys have added a team and now need ice for five teams," a parent of a girl hockey player said.

Forsberg responded that the difference in ice locations is an economical issue and does not reflect the treatment of the girls team.

"It's a business issue. Until someone else builds another rink in the area, which I hope they will, then maybe we will get some better ice, or until the boys decide to yield fewer teams."

But Boscow disagrees, seeing the farther ice locations as a divide in treatment and the results in lesser crowds and overall opportunities between the boys and girl hockey organizations.

"The only difference between our programs should be that we're girls and they're boys."

## Wrestling takes down Maine South in meet

Wrestling struggles through overtime to beat Maine South

by Arjun Thakkar

Despite going into triple overtime, New Trier Wrestling pulled through against Maine South on Friday, Dec. 2 with a 39-33 win.

Toward the end of the meet, varsity wrestler Russell Sanchez was put into overtime and hung on to win the deciding match 7-3.

"My opponent was slightly stronger than I was, so I had to tire him out in order to win," said Sanchez.

Varsity Wrestling Coach Marc Tadelman, in his eighth year of coaching wrestling, was pleased with the results. He said, "Several of our wrestlers went undefeated this weekend. They wrestled hard and came out of their matches with some pins and wins.

"This was our 16th conference win in a row, so we definitely want to keep that winning streak going. Our juniors have never lost a dual meet in the conference, so it's nice to challenge them to keep the streak going."

Austin Miranda, a senior wrestler who is new to the varsity team, was one of wrestlers who got a pin, which is equivalent to 6 points. "I pinned [Maine South's wrestler] in the first period, which felt great considering this is my first year on varsity," said Miranda. "I went



Senior Bruno Frost pins Maine South wrestler to contribute to the team's 39-33 win | Varsity Views

out there with high intensity and I wouldn't have changed anything about how it went."

Miranda and Sanchez were two among the many wrestlers who remained undefeated over the weekend.

Tadelman also mentioned, "Our team is a younger team than we normally are since we've got some underclassmen on varsity, so there's a bit of an adjustment period for them to get used to varsity wrestling."

Although the Trevians managed to defeat Maine South, the meet didn't start out as promising. They initially started off with a 24 point deficit, so they had to regain the lead in order to win.

One of the underclassmen on the team is freshman Matt McKenna, who had his first varsity win of the season and pinned his opponent, breaking Maine South's lead.

Several of McKenna's teammates said he shifted the

momentum of the match.

Jack Tangen, who didn't wrestle on Friday because Maine South forfeited the match in his weight class, said, "What made [McKenna's] match memorable was that he was losing the whole match and was really close to being pinned until he reversed his opponent and pinned him down."

Coach Tadelman said that some of the key wrestlers were out over the weekend, so some guys had to fill in greater roles on the team.

"With a few guys out of the matches, I was definitely a little bit more negative going into the meet because we were missing some key guys, so we tried to challenge the team to step up and fill the positions," he said.

Even though he won his match, Sanchez still felt there were some areas that needed improvement.

"There were some positions in my match that I practiced during the

week, but I was unable to execute them, so that's something I hope to work on," he said.

According to Tadelman, though the team will be making minor adjustments to their wrestling, the main focus still remains on mental toughness and working hard.

Tangen said the team needed to follow the advice of their coaches: "The lifting coaches always talk to us about starting fast, staying focused and finishing strong. That's what we need to start doing."

Ultimately, Tadelman said one of the main goals of the team, besides winning, is to grow and improve as wrestlers. "Guys have already improved a lot since the previous dual meet two weeks ago, so it's nice to see them improve and continue wrestling hard. We're hoping to see them continue to grow, and I think we're gonna see a different team out there in the future."