

Upcoming
Varsity Games

Friday Feb. 10

Boys Swimming
IHSA Conference
@ Niles West

Wrestling
IHSA Sectionals
@ Barrington

Girls Basketball
vs. Maine South

Boys Basketball
@ Maine South

Saturday, Feb.
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Girls Bowling
IHSA Sectionals
@ Arlington Lanes

Boys Track
@ Evanston

NT gives Evanston their best shot

Despite loss, NT girls see improvement in their gameplay and feel optimistic about their future

by Charlie Burton

In their second meeting of the season, New Trier Girls Basketball lost on the road to No. 7 ranked Evanston 50-44.

The Trevians fell behind early in the first quarter to the Wildkits and despite some signs of hope they were never able to gain the lead.

With the win, the Wildkits remain undefeated in the Central Suburban League and the Trevians slip to 3-5 in conference play.

The Trevian players knew the game was going to be tough heading into a hostile environment, but senior forward Kristie Kalis believes the team had a good chance to win.

"We could've been a little stronger with the ball," said Kalis, "Also they scored on a lot of our turnovers so we should have gotten back in transition to make a play."

New Trier had sparks of hope in the third quarter from junior sharp shooter Maggie Murdock who knocked down two three pointers to cut the deficit, but it wasn't enough to mount a comeback.

"One of our team's strengths is shooting," said Murdock, "Almost everyone on the team team can shoot threes which definitely helps us because it gives us the ability to comeback in close games."

Kalis also thinks the team can



Junior Maggie Murdock as she dribbles down the court in last Saturday's winning game against Conant | **Varsity Views**

shoot the ball well, but she believes the team's biggest strength is their ball movement, "Our obvious strength is our shooting, but I think our biggest strength is that we play as a team. We are all unselfish and want everyone to play their best that it doesn't matter who scores."

Evanston's Leighah-amori Wool also had a huge game for the Wildkits on the offensive glass seemingly snagging a rebound on every shot. The senior averages 9.2 rebounds per game and 12.3 points per game.

According to Kalis, the Trevians didn't have much of a game plan to shut down Evanston's high powered offense that is averaging 58 points per game.

"We talked about what we needed to do on offense and defense," said Kalis, "but our main game plan

was just to play hard because we really had nothing to lose."

One of the main issues New Trier was forced to face was the speed in Evanston's transition game. It was nearly impossible for the Trevians to mount a comeback because every time the New Trier scored, Evanston would respond with a quick lay up.

Even though the team lost, there were still signs of improvement from the young Trevian squad. The last time these two teams met, Evanston defeated the Trevians by an overwhelming 44-28.

Kalis believes the team needs to keep improving as the season progress and as playoffs approach, "We are going have to start with setting small goals in practices so we can reach our ultimate goal of getting as far in playoffs as possible."

A good note for the Trevians was how the team performed in the hostile environment of the Evanston gym.

The entire atmosphere felt like a playoff game, but the team was not intimidated by the big crowd or intense environment.

"We actually played a lot better there than when we played at home," said Kalis, "the crowd was big and it made the game fun and our team plays a lot better when we are having fun."

Next game, the Trevians clash with the Maine South Hawks on Friday February 10.

New Trier will attempt to upgrade on its 16-10 season record, while the Hawks try to climb their way back up the Central Suburban South's standings.

Evanston dominates New Trier on the court

The Trevians come up short in Wildkits rivalry game

by Jesse Mcauley

The Evanston Wildkits defeated New Trier 65-33 in Friday night's varsity boys basketball game.

The Wildkits improved to 19-3 (8-0 in conference) and the Trevs stand at 11-10 (3-4 in conference) on the year.

The team had difficulty containing Evanston's Senior and Purdue bound Nojel Eastern, who put up 15 points.

Sophomore teammate Lance Jones also had a big game for the Wildkits contributing 12 points.

"We started off the game slowly and turned the ball over way too much, which allowed them to score easily in transition," added senior captain Dylan Horvitz.

Head coach Scott Fricke believes the loss was a direct result of the amount of Trevian turnovers,

"When you're giving up that many points off easy baskets it is going to be really hard to win the game."

Horvitz tallied five points to go along with junior guard Andrew Kirkpatrick's eight and junior forward Griffin Ryan's five.

"They are our biggest rival, and this is one of the oldest rivalry games in the state of Illinois," said senior captain Joe Akason.

Prior to the game, tickets sold for three dollars and were accompanied by a custom made



Sophomore Ciaran Brayboy attempts to box out an Evanston forward in Friday night's 65-33 loss | **Varsity Views**

New Trier basketball shirt. Despite the support, the Trevians were outmatched by their old rival in Evanston's Beardsley Gym.

"Basically everything that could go wrong, went wrong, and that was very evident on the scoreboard," said Akason.

"Their players capitalized on the fast break while we missed most of our shots, which made the game get out of hand quickly."

"We allowed penetration in our zone which was one of the things we wanted to avoid going into the game," said Fricke, "Once they penetrated our zone they were getting easy dump off passes which really hurt us."

Going into the game, transition points was one thing the Trevians knew they had to prevent, considering the previous 54-37 loss at home.

"From the last game, we learned

that Evanston would pressure us hard, and they were going to try to get out in transition fast," said junior guard Patrick Lanser before the game.

"Our game plan is to play New Trier basketball: active defense, great ball movement, attack in transition, dive for loose balls, take charges, and take great shots," he said.

Moving forward, the team is looking to improve and wants to make sure that "New Trier basketball" is in full effect every game.

"Our number one goal is to be playing our best basketball of the year on February 27th when the state tournament starts," said Fricke.

"We're going to communicate a lot and have the conversation about what each person's role is. We're going to work our tails off in last month," Fricke said.

"We are going to work on the

things that we can control such as being a good teammate, having energy, and being selfless on the court. We are confident that if we work hard, the results will show through wins," Lanser said.

The team contains players from grades 10-12. "I think we are really close as a team so having kids from different grades isn't a problem," Horvitz said.

"I think possibly in the summer and early in the season it took us awhile to get used to that dynamic, but we're getting better at it," Fricke said.

The team has five more games until the state tournament, including the next two against Maine South.

"We know that we are a talented team, no matter what anyone says, and we are ready to prove it," said Lanser.