

Upcoming  
Varsity Games

Friday,  
March 17

Boys Track  
@ Evanston

Boys Water Polo  
@ Fenwick

Girls Water Polo  
vs. Loyola

Boys Tennis  
vs. Edwardsville

Saturday,  
March 18

Badminton  
@ Hinsdale South

Girls Lacrosse  
vs. St. Charles East

Softball  
vs. Oak Park River  
Forest

Boys Lacrosse  
vs. GBN, GBS,  
Lake Forest

Boys Tennis  
vs. GBN, Naperville  
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# New Trier Green crushes Benet 8-2

NT Green advances to state championship after 8-2 win against Benet Academy

by Darcie Kim

On Mon., Mar. 13, the New Trier Boys' Varsity Green Hockey Team skated to victory against opponent Benet Academy, shutting them out 8-2 to advance to the state championships.

The game took place at the Edge Ice Arena, with standout performances from seniors Charlie Burton and Tommy Cahill, who scored a combined five goals throughout the game.

The team entered the game against Benet with a strong 65-9 record from the rest of the season. On Tues., Mar. 7, they beat the Stevenson Patriots 4-0, a game that gave them confidence going into the semifinals.

Despite a slow start to Tuesday's game, New Trier's offense picked up the pace in the second period, with senior captain Charlie Burton scoring the first goal of the game with 16:41 left. Teammate and captain Tommy Cahill then took advantage of a power play towards the end of the period with 7:53 left.

"There was a pass to me in front of the net, and I tried to shoot but the goalie made a save and I just poked it in on the rebound," said Cahill.

Cahill also put in the third goal in the third period with 6:53 left. He received a pass at the top of the slot from Johnny Hubert and scored.

RJ Meyer scored the final goal of the game in the third with 1:20 left.

The team's defense was able to maintain that lead, and goalie



Senior Michael Graham focuses on the puck in last Tuesday's game against Stevenson High School | Varsity Views

Hayden Wiczorek saved 20 shots throughout the game.

"In the second and third periods we came out strong and scored a few goals," said senior captain Jack Raith. Cahill agreed, "We started off slow but then came out buzzing."

Despite winning their second game in the state tournament, head coach Bob Melton mentioned areas that still need to be improved. Although Cahill scored on a power play, he stressed the overall team's inability to capitalize on power plays throughout the game.

"We struggled on the power play, which will be key to any success we have moving forward, and it has to get better," said Melton.

While Raith credited the victory against Stevenson to the strong offense. Cahill believed that the win in this game was due to the impenetrable defensive zone. However, the strongest aspect of the team this year is the aggressive offensive lines.

"We're a high-powered offense

when we're clicking on all cylinders," said Melton.

A clear consensus among the coaches and players is that the offensive output was the defining aspect of the team. Raith said that in past years while only a couple players could score the majority of the goals, this year they have five or six people who can consistently get the puck in the goal.

Cahill also added that the team has been able to perform well under pressure and can count on a few individuals to score when they really need a goal.

"Our offense is the defining quality of our team. We're able to just suffocate teams by keeping them in their own zone. That allows us to control the pace of the game, and we can just jump all over them. All of our lines can score, and we've got some amazing individual players too," said senior captain Matt Mulhern.

The team season record is 66-9 after Monday's game. They haven't lost to a high

school team in Illinois at this point in the season, and the overwhelming success can be attributed to the camaraderie and relationships between the boys on the team.

"Everyone's been on the team at least with someone else in the last four years, and it's a seven month season so we've been together for a while," said Raith.

The team also has a competitive drive that shows in their determination to repeat as state champions.

"I think everyone understands that we don't accept losing, so that winning mentality is something that we all have," said Mulhern.

While the players recognize that they can't go into the upcoming games with an overconfident attitude, they are also aware that they are the top seed in the tournament and the favorites to bring home the cup.

"If we play how we've been playing all year against these teams, then no one is going to get in our way," said Cahill.

# Boys basketball loses 43-40 at regionals

Basketball ends their season after loss against rival Loyola

by Olivia Stensberg

Varsity boys basketball ended their season with a 40-43 loss against Loyola in the regional championships on Fri., Mar. 3.

The team entered the state tournament as the 12th seed. Prior to the Loyola game, New Trier beat Zion-Benton with a score of 50-48. This win allowed them to advance in the IHSA state tournament.

Going into Friday's game, Loyola Academy had won 13 out of their 14 games. The big game was a very eventful one. New Trier was up at the end of the first quarter, then down at halftime, and then regained the lead at the end of the third.

New Trier ended up losing by three points when they rimmed off a buzzer beater shot that would've tied the game up and caused it to go into overtime.

The team had a "wrath of sickness" as Head Coach Fricke put it, which made playing in this game especially difficult. One of the usual starters, Griff Ryan, could only play a few minutes because he had just come back from being sick.

Also, their point guard Andrew



Senior Spencer Campbell dribbles past players from competitor Highland Park High School | Varsity Views

Kirkpatrick not only had strep throat but also played with a broken nose on Friday.

One play in particular from the game that stood out to Coach Fricke was when Loyola had possession of the ball for over a minute and then banked the ball from behind the basket over a 6'9" New Trier player.

Trevians showed signs of life however. One play that stood out to Senior Captain Joe Akason was when "Aaron Peltz had a bank three from way beyond the arc."

The second half of the game was where New Trier lost their momentum. "Loyola just made more

plays than us in the second half," said junior Michael Bertagna.

The loss was especially hard considering New Trier was against their rival school, "It was tough we had to lose to Loyola but it was a promising end to the season" Akason said.

Though the loss was hard, the varsity players tried to keep a positive attitude about the season.

Senior Captain Dylan Horvitz said he felt that as a team they really, "left it all on the court and gave it [their] all."

Similar to the game on Friday, the varsity team's season had many

ups and downs. This season, the team had an exceptional amount of illnesses and injuries, making it even more impressive they made it so far.

For example, at one point about halfway through the season, Horvitz was out with an ankle injury for six weeks. Losing a strong team member for that long not only made playing in a game more difficult, but also made bonding with the team harder to accomplish.

The varsity players had a hard time coming together at the beginning of their season, "Our weakness was probably playing as a team on the floor Horvitz said.