



## Upcoming Varsity Games

### Fri, Sept. 26

Girls Tennis vs. Waukegan

Girls Swimming @ Glenbrook North

Field Hockey vs. Glenbrook South

Volleyball @ Loyola

### Sat, Sept 27

Girls Tennis vs. Deerfield

Boys Soccer vs. Glenbrook South

Football @ Waukegan

Boys Cross Country @ Oak Park

Girls Cross Country @ Palatine

### Monday, Sept 29

Girls Golf vs. Loyola

Girls Volleyball @ Lake Forest

### Tuesday, Sept 30

Girls Cross Country @ Glenbrook South

Boys Cross Country @ New Trier

Girls Tennis vs. Glenbrook South

Girls Volleyball vs. Glenbrook South

Field Hockey vs. Lake Forest Academy

Boys Soccer vs. Evanston

### Wednesday, Oct. 1

Boys Golf vs. Highland Park

Girls Golf vs. Deerfield

Boys Soccer @ Waukegan

### Thursday, Oct. 2

Girls Tennis vs. Loyola

Girls Swimming vs. Waukegan

Field Hockey vs. Northshore Country Day

Volleyball @ Niles West

Football @ Maine South

# NT's expectations high for Maine South

by Danni LeServe

With wins over Niles North and Deerfield, New Trier continued its best start since 1996 and remained undefeated in the process.

On Sept. 13, the Trevians hosted conference rival Niles North (2-1) for Senior Night. Typically later in the season, Senior Night fell unusually early, yet another example of how new head coach Brian Doll has made his mark on the football program.

New Trier cruised to a 34-6 victory over the Vikings. Dealing with cold and wet conditions throughout the evening, sophomore quarterback Clayton Czynski looked very comfortable, throwing for a pair of touchdowns and adding a score on the ground.

Senior running back Kevin Mulhern ran for 130 yards on 18 carries, and senior tight end/defensive end Andrew Hauser blocked a field goal, caught a touchdown pass, and recorded a sack. Despite the convincing victory, the Trevians still found room for improvement.

"It's fair to say we were sloppy at times," said senior receiver Michael Miller. "We weren't satisfied with the way we played in the beginning, but we finished."

Senior running back Caleb Roth

agreed.

"We were a bit sloppy but we cleaned it up early and were able to beat them pretty bad."

New Trier was able to make up for those mistakes against Deerfield (1-3) the following week. The game started slowly for the Trevians after Deerfield blocked a field goal attempt on New Trier's opening drive.

The Warriors marched down the field and capped off a seven-play drive with a 6-yard touchdown run.

"Not scoring on the opening drive after the long return by Miller was a huge change in momentum said Doll. "We faced adversity and shut down their offense, and our players and staff learned how we can come back from setbacks."

After scoring on their first possession, the Warriors couldn't establish any rhythm on offense and struggled to put together drives.

"We had a slow start against Deerfield but our coaches made great adjustments after their first drive," said Miller.

New Trier found the end zone for the first time on a 21-yard run from Mulhern in the second quarter. After failing to score and falling behind 7-0 in the first quarter, New Trier scored 22 second-quarter points.

Mulhern was responsible for a



Sophomore Francis Fay has emerged as an offensive and defensive playmaker | Facebook

bulk of the team's offense, rushing for 130 yards and three touchdowns. His last touchdown put an exclamation point on the game as he broke a 45-yard run for the score.

It was another efficient game for Czynski, who capped off the night with a 48-yard touchdown strike to junior Colin Casas.

New Trier will be looking to continue their best start since 1996 on Sept. 27 on the road against Waukegan.

"They are a tough team with a lot of strong athletes," said Doll.

It's hard for New Trier to not look ahead, as an Oct. 2 matchup at powerhouse Maine South (3-0) is looming large. The Hawks have won five state championships since 1995 and have several returning starters from a team that advanced to the Class 8A quarterfinals last season.

New Trier is not lacking in confidence, and if this season is any indication, it will be a fiery matchup.

## Sportlight: Sarah Shafiq

by Lynley Evans

Senior girls volleyball star Sarah Shafiq is making headlines during her last season at New Trier.

As the starting top middle on the Trevians' varsity team, Shafiq was recently named the 77th top recruit by college coaches and labeled a "senior ace" by prepvolleyball.com.

Such a decorated volleyball career could very well have never happened, however. Shafiq only began playing the sport in 8th grade, reluctantly signing up at the request of her parents.

"I started volleyball because my mom forced me into it," said Shafiq. "I loved playing basketball, but I was really not into running."

While it wasn't her first choice initially, Shafiq fell in love with the sport. She has been hooked ever since her debut four years ago, and her 6'5" figure has helped make her a natural.

"Once I started playing volleyball I was hooked," said Shafiq. "If I go a few days without playing, I am miserable. Not only do I love playing the sport, but I love having the team as my second family."

Her New Trier family has changed significantly since last year. Former top middle Haley Fauntleroy graduated in 2014, going on to play at the University of Virginia, leaving a starting spot vacant for Sarah. Nine other seniors graduated from the team as well, leaving room for juniors to fill their spots.

"Last year's team was made up of mostly seniors, yet this year's team has a majority of newcomers to varsity," said Shafiq. "This year's team has so much energy and drive to get better every day."

For a player as key to conference championship hopes as Shafiq, being adored and respected by teammates is essential. According to Shafiq's teammates, this isn't a problem.

"[Sarah is] an amazing person and totally deserving of all the attention she's getting," said fellow team captain Courtney Lewis.



Shafiq (right) and co-captain Lewis | Evans

"Not only is she a great player, but she's been a great friend to me since freshman year when we started playing together."

According to Lewis, Shafiq works well with her teammates and is a role model for the younger players.

"My favorite part about the school season is representing New Trier," said Shafiq. "We get to play every game with 'New Trier' written on our jerseys, and there really is no better feeling than that."

This year's team is progressing through every game. Shafiq has high hopes for her current teammates after last year's third place finish in IHSA state competition.

"I believe that every day and every game we improve individually. As a team our main focus for this season is to maintain consistency with our level of play," said Shafiq.

The Trevians have faced some stiff competition so far this season, and according to Shafiq, such competition is beneficial for the team. Her favorite moment of the season to this point was getting a chance to play in the Mother McCauley tournament, hosted by last year's state champion Mother McCauley Mighty Macs.

Shafiq has huge plans for next year. She will be attending and playing at the University of California, Berkeley. She is excited to have the opportunity to play in the Pac-12 conference.

## NFL season off to controversial start

by Nick Krauskopf

The first three weeks of the NFL season have been overshadowed by controversy, with the majority of the talk coming from ex-Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice.

Rice was suspended indefinitely and then released after allegations surfaced of him striking his wife, Janay Rice.

Commissioner Roger Goodell has taken heat for his initial reaction to the incident, in which he issued a two-game suspension. Many fans found this suspension ridiculous, especially after the Cleveland Browns' Josh Gordon was suspended the entire season for his fourth positive marijuana test in the NFL program.

After a new video surfaced showing Rice beat his wife to the ground, Goodell took harsher action, suspending Rice indefinitely (Rice was also released by the Ravens).

Further tainting the image of the NFL has been Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson. Widely considered an ambassador of the NFL, Peterson was indicted for reckless or negligent injury to a child.

A week later, Cardinals running back Jonathan Dwyer was arrested for domestic violence involving hitting a woman. Peterson and Dwyer were both suspended by their respective teams, capping off arguably the worst run of violence in the history of the NFL.

While off-field issues have loomed large at the start of the NFL season, there has also been football played. Through three weeks, only three undefeated teams remain: Cincinnati, Philadelphia, and Arizona.

The defending Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks are off to a 2-1 start, with their lone loss coming on the road to the San Diego Chargers. Repeating as champions

has proven to be an extremely difficult task; the last Super Bowl champion from the NFC to win a playoff game the following season was the 1996 Green Bay Packers.

The Seahawks championship defense is bolstered by the return of the core of their defense, featuring defensive backs Richard Sherman, Earl Thomas, and Kam Chancellor. Seattle lost defensive linemen Chris Clemons and Red Bryant to Jacksonville but retained an impressive pass rusher in defensive tackle Michael Bennett.

Quarterback Russell Wilson looks to build on his successful 2013 campaign with another year of experience under his belt. Wilson has defied the odds coming out of college as an undersized quarterback.

While the Seahawks return an impressive roster, the rest of the NFC has improved. The San Francisco 49ers and Arizona Cardinals provide stiff competition for the Seahawks in the NFC West. The Saints, Falcons, Panthers, Packers, Lions, Bears, and Eagles are among the rest of the NFC teams looking to make a playoff run.

In the AFC, the clear favorite is the Denver Broncos, who return 37-year old quarterback Peyton Manning, who is coming off an MVP winning season.

As a result of their embarrassing loss to the Seahawks in the Super Bowl, the Broncos revamped their defense with the free agency additions of defensive backs Aqib Talib and TJ Ward, along with defensive end DeMarcus Ware. In their quest for redemption, Denver travels to New England for a date with the perennially-contending Patriots.

They also have matchups with the Bengals, Chargers, and Colts, who are all off to an impressive start to the 2014 season. Expect a competitive year in the AFC.