

Three Stars of the Week

Kelly Maday, junior



The Illinois commit and prolific goalscorer has carried the Trevians to an 11-0 start, most notably scoring the game-winner in a 1-0 victory over Hersey.

Lily Novak, senior



The Northwestern commit is off to a hot start this season, collecting 6 RBI in 8 games and helping the Trevians upset No. 16 ranked Sandburg 5-4.

Jonathan Anastos, senior



In his final season before heading to Lafayette, the two-year starter continued where he left off last season, shutting down GBN in a 5-3 win.

Softball starts new CSL win streak

After falling to 1-4 on the season, including a CSL loss, the Trevians have won three in a row

by Anna Ferguson

A combination of inconvenient weather and a series of unfortunate injuries has given New Trier's softball team a rough start to their season.

Most recently, the team lost its away game to Maine South on Apr. 14. "We made mistakes and those mistakes cost us," said John Cadwell, head coach of the softball team. "The pitching was there, but it was a high energy game and the girls worked well together."

The absence of valuable players coupled with long stretches in between games due to weather related cancellations has prevented the softball team from developing the momentum and relationships between the players that are so important to the creation of a successful team.

"Injuries and bad weather are things that happen to all teams, so we're not using that as an excuse" said Cadwell, "but it has definitely had an impact on our season."

While it is true that injuries and bad weather are unavoidable in a sport like softball, this season has seen an unusually large number of injured players and cancelled games.

Junior outfielder Grace Murphy tore her ACL at the beginning of the season and three other outfielders are only starting to recover from arm and shoulder injuries suffered at the beginning of the season. Needless to



Cadwell sends home senior Sara Hummel against Maine South | Facebook

say, having four players on the bench for a team of fifteen is less than ideal.

In addition to the temporary loss of valuable players, poor weather conditions have prevented the team from gaining momentum.

Four varsity games have been cancelled entirely and two have been rescheduled so far. This has resulted in the varsity team playing their first home game of this year halfway through the regular season.

"When games get cancelled it's always upsetting because we all want to play," said junior first baseman Cindy Secaras. "We go one week

with a ton of games and the next week they could all be rained out. So it kind of feels like we've started the season three different times this year."

With these frustrating setbacks, it's vital that the captains step up and keep their team focused.

"The captains have been doing a good job keeping the team dynamic positive," added Cadwell. "It's been difficult because of the all the cancellations to really gel as a team, but the captains have been doing a good job at keeping the girls focused."

With the exception of Murphy,

who will be out for the season, the other injured players are beginning to recover and hopefully will be able to rejuvenate this team.

The Trevians loss against Maine South broke a 64-game conference winning streak, but they already started a new one with a 5-2 win over Evanston.

Currently injured junior outfielder Noelle Walker, who had tendinitis in her arm, has tentatively started playing again.

"People are starting to get better," said Walker. "And we just got to work with what we've got."

The setbacks that the softball team has experienced this season have not been all bad.

"The game cancellations affected the team chemistry because when the games are cancelled, that means we practice which gives us more of an opportunity to get to know each other as players," added Secaras. "Injuries also bring us closer because we have to help each other if one of us is hurt."

Walker agreed with her teammate.

"The weather we have had has sucked, but I don't think it has affected us that much, and we've all gotten closer."

For now, all the team can do is hope for a speedy recovery for the injured players and for sunny skies as the team heads into the second half of their season.

Expectations high for defending state champs

Boys lacrosse (5-1) is off to a fast start in an attempt to win an unprecedented 9 state titles in 11 years



The Trevian lacrosse "bench mob" celebrates the eventual game-winning goal in their 5-3 victory over GBN | Facebook

by Emma Willcocks

The 2015 varsity boys lacrosse team is carrying its momentum from last year's state championship title, claiming a big 16-2 win over Maine South on Apr. 17 to bring its record to 5-1.

It was a dominating result for New Trier over the rival Redhawks. Head coach Tom Herrala said, "Ten different guys scored and both goalies, Jonathan Anastos and Chris Busch, only allowed one goal and each played a half."

The team played with intensity and kept its lead throughout the entire game. Herrala added, "The team came out with some good energy and we were able to control the pace of play and the game right from the start."

Most of the Trevians' typical senior starters weren't present for the game due to various college visits, including lacrosse related ones. So, according to Herrala, the team exercised its depth chart and gave many players who don't play much game action.

"It was nice to see the guys respond and play well," contributed Herrala.

The team counts among its wins, conference victories over Glenbrook North, by a 5-3 score, and Glenbrook South, by a 17-6 margin, as they gear themselves towards Illinois High School Association (IHSA) playoffs at the end of May.

Last year, the Trevians faced archrival Loyola in the state championship final. Loyola led the game until David Hammes's goal in

the final minute of the game tied the score at 8, and now-graduated Matt Solberg's overtime tally sent New Trier to a 9-8 victory.

The Trevians reclaimed the state title after two years without the trophy, notching its eighth state championship title in a span of ten years.

It was a long two year drought for a team that had won 7 consecutive championships, spanning from 2005-2011.

This is a team that has changed a bit since last year due to last year's seniors graduating.

Five of last year's seniors are playing in college, Jackson Kaplan at Colorado College, Shane Quirke and Mick Riordan at University of Illinois, Richie Thompson at Miami (OH) University, and David Stacke at

Southern Methodist University.

Solberg finished his illustrious New Trier career by leaving his mark on the Trevians' top ten all-time lists, placing fourth for groundballs, first in assists, and tied for ninth in points. His absence left an especially big void offensively.

However, prospects for this year's team look bright, as they have been ranked third, fourth, and seventh in the Midwest by various lacrosse magazines.

The Trevians have a big test on Apr. 28 at New Trier Stadium against a hungry Loyola squad. If last year's championship game between these top two teams is any indication, it's sure to be a competitive night. The two teams are interchangeably ranked by all magazines and websites within the top five in the state, along with Cary Grove, Lake Forest, and Glenbrook North.

The aforementioned Riordan was a member of last year's championship team and is now playing at University of Illinois. He had this to say in anticipation of the Loyola game:

"There is nothing like it. Playing Loyola is a totally unique experience. There is a noticeable difference in the atmosphere of the game, and the coaches, players, and fans all realize it. After last year's championship game, Loyola will be looking to even the score and walk away with a victory. With the experience and talent of our coaching staff and returners, I am confident New Trier can win. You are not going to want to miss it."