



## Upcoming Varsity Games

**Tues, Oct. 14**

Field Hockey v. Homewood-Flossmore

Boys Soccer @ Stevenson

**Wed, Oct. 15**

Field Hockey @ Loyola

Girls Volleyball @ Maine South

**Thurs, Oct. 16**

Girls Golf v. Highland Park

Field Hockey v. Lakes Community

Boys Soccer v. Hinsdale Central

**Fri, Oct. 17**

Football @ Niles West

Field Hockey v. Lake Forest

Girls Golf @ IHSA State Meet

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Girls Swimming v. Evanston

Girls Tennis @ ISHA Sectional

**Sat, Oct. 18**

Boys Cross Country @ Maine East

Girls Cross Country @ Maine East

Girls Swimming @ Trevian Relays

**Mon, Oct. 20**

Field Hockey v. Antioch

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# Boys and girls golf primed for State run

by Martin Oppegaard

As the regular season nears its conclusion, New Trier golf has high expectations for October.

After finishing second at the IHSA State Tournament last season, the Boys Golf team is looking to build on their past success.

"We've had a very successful season," said head coach Pete Drevline. "Of the 18 events we have had, we've won 16, so I'm very pleased with the overall season."

What makes the Trevians so dangerous is their depth. Led by senior captains Jack Junge, Will Connelly, and Will Seaman, this is a cohesive unit with eight guys who could be number one golfers on any team.

The rest of the team is rounded out by juniors Andrew Huber, Nick Iserloth, Ethan Schmitt, and Matt Murlick, as well as sophomore Justin Choi.

Junge used an interesting, yet telling metaphor, to describe the roster.

"We are deeper than the bottom of the ocean at its deepest point," he said.

Junge, Connelly, and Iserloth, who were three of the Trevs' top four golfers at the State Tournament last season, provide experience for this

deep squad.

"Having experience from last year to draw back on is huge," said Connelly. "About half of our team didn't play in states last year so relaying tips to them is a big advantage."

"We've got the core back from last year," Drevline added. "These guys have been very focused and they have one common goal, to get better each and every week and really working towards playing their best golf in October."

Connelly is confident in his team's chances to improve from their second place finish last year.

"Although most teams have a couple great players, our team, from top to bottom, is capable of playing great golf," he concluded.

The girls golf team wrapped up a similarly dominant season on Oct. 1, clinching the Central Suburban League conference championship at Sunset Valley.

"We went 8-0 in our conference and we won several tournaments. I think we're playing well at the right time of the year," said head coach Scott Fricke.

New Trier is led by junior Louise McCulloch, the individual CSL conference champion, and seniors Lauren Holly, Becca Lindblad, and



Former state champion Junge has experience in Bloomington | Facebook Lois Suh. Additionally, senior Lauren Sigurdson, juniors Haley Hultquist and Rayna Kwo, and freshman Rachel Rhee have all been crucial to the team's nearly flawless season.

"This season, all the practice from the summer and the work we have done as a team has really helped me succeed," said McCulloch.

A fourth place finish at State last season came as a bit of a disappointment after winning state in 2012. Holly, Lindblad, and Suh were

all members of that team two years ago, and they know what it will take to bring another state championship to New Trier.

"Since we've been there before we know we can do it again, especially since we've kept working and improving since 2012 and 2013," said Holly. "We are all really motivated and ready to go."

The experience from last year's run will also be very beneficial. This team has plenty of knowledge of the state championship course, which is played at Hickory Point Golf Club.

"As a team we all really know what to expect and are hopeful we'll make it down again," added McCulloch. "Then we'll just try our best and have fun with it."

Fricke, however, is taking things one step at a time.

"You just have to get to the state tournament," he said. "We're in a very difficult regional and sectional so we have to advance out of those, but once you get to state you have to play well; it's about knowing the course and having confidence in yourself and your teammates."

Holly embodies the calm and confident nature of this team.

"We've practiced hard and we have stayed focused," she concluded. "We have a lot of confidence and we support each other as a team."

## Field hockey looks to avenge 2013

by Danni LeServe

The New Trier Field Hockey season is coming to a close and the state championship contending Trevians (17-1-1) are primed for a deep playoff run.

Their only loss this season came against Lake Forest High School (LFHS), as they fell short by a score of 4-3. After trailing for most of the game, New Trier was able to notch an equalizer in the second half to tie the contest at 2-2.

Head Coach Stephanie Nykaza said, "We didn't 'mentally' play well. We went into the game pretty nervous and it would have been a very different game if we were mentally focused and ready."

The tie score at the end of regulation led to the enforcement of a new rule in Field Hockey, in which tie games are settled with one-on-one penalty strokes. Lake Forest scored the first penalty shot, but New Trier answered with a goal of their own. After Lake Forest tallied another penalty shot goal, the Scouts secured a victory by saving the Trevians' next shot.

"We didn't play as well as we would have liked," said senior attacker Rachel Mirkin. "We went into overtime and shootouts with them, and if we played more composed like we usually do, we could have beaten them."

They will play Lake Forest again on the 17th at home at New Trier Stadium.

"Hopefully next time we play them we end up with a 'W,'" said senior defender Grace Hemmer.

New Trier has continued their trend of close games with tight results against two non-conference opponents. On Sept. 30 they played Lake Forest Academy (LFA) and tied 3-3. They rebounded against North Shore Country Day (NSCD) on Oct. 2, winning 2-1 after scoring the go-ahead goal in the last five minutes of regulation. In both games, the Trevians were able to recover from early deficits.

"It's hard to come back in a

field hockey game," said Nykaza. "[Field hockey] is a very low-scoring game, and once you fall behind it's hard to recover. In both the LFA and NSCD games we fell behind and it was very lucky that we were able to catch up."

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- Grace Hemmer

Hemmer said, "In the game against North Shore [Country Day], they scored early in the first half off of a lucky shot and we spent the rest of the game trying to catch up. In the last five minutes we had two awesome goals from Lindsay Hackett and Kitty Kenyon and we ended up walking away with a win."

Their successful regular season so far has come on the heels of a stout defense. New Trier hasn't allowed a goal in 12 of 17 games.

"The season has been going pretty well so far. We work well as a team and we have a lot of talented players," said Mirkin.

With a combination of reliable defense and offensive talent, expectations are high for the playoffs. Postseason play begins on Oct. 20 and the Trevians hope to be seeded first for the tournament.

"I hope that we face [LFHS] in state, but so many games have been so close. Almost anything can happen in the postseason," said Hemmer.

Hemmer and the Trevians will be looking for a different result from last year's state championship, when the Scouts blanked New Trier 3-0.

With a team full of seniors, they have the experience to do so.

"The state championship game will be at New Trier this year, but to get there we have to win more big games," said Nykaza. "I would like to make it to the 'final four,' and I think that we can get there."

## Flag football power rankings



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by Sports Staff

New Trier's flag football league traditionally takes a backseat to Night League in terms of popularity among students, but what it lacks in participation, it makes up for in competitiveness.

Through four weeks of the 2014 season, let's take a look at the elite of the elite.

1. Captain Hammes - Led by senior gun-slinger David Hammes, this team is coming off a season-defining win over Raybans. Emotions ran high in a matchup of title contenders, but a momentum-changing pick 6 from senior Lucas Stone set the tone for the rest of the game. Look for a deep playoff run from captain PK Kelley's top-ranked squad.

2. Weisman 4 Heisman - Despite a questionable team name (Iowa Hawkeyes RB Mark Weisman has just about no chance at the Heisman), captain Jack Koltin leads a battle-tested group. Perhaps all Michael Roeser needed was a change of scenery; the senior quarterback has settled nicely into his role with his new team. We are unable to provide exact statistics, but if you want them, ask Roeser himself - he keeps them.

3. Deep Threat - Junior quarterback Michael Hurley has made his presence known so far this season. Since bursting onto

the scene as a sophomore, Hurley has taken the league by storm. His dual-threat capabilities anchor a roster with high expectations for the postseason.

4. Raybans - The previous loss to Captain Hammes set Raybans back a bit, but morale remains high on a veteran squad led by two-year starter Jake Reynolds. Seniors Tommy Wellington and Dante Chakravorti form an imposing tandem for opposing cornerbacks; jump balls are common to each of the (at least) 6'0" wideouts. You can't teach height.

5. French Slayers - This sophomore squad is a true dark horse, as they look to threaten the royalty of the league. Joe Akason and Jack French power a potent offense that has caused problems for defenses thus far. They have had a bit of a revolving door at quarterback, but Teddy McGregor is a consistent wide receiver who can spread out any defense.

6. Loyola Girls Soccer - Senior quarterback Nick Rettino plays with a chip on his shoulder; fans have compared his style of play to that of Notre Dame football legend Jimmy Clausen. LGS has put up respectable results despite a very difficult schedule through four weeks, but it hopes to prevent a repeat of (the real) Loyola hockey's past two playoff performances.