



Upcoming Varsity Games

Fri, Oct. 24

Girls Tennis @ Buffalo Grove
Football vs. Evanston
Girls Swimming vs. Niles West
Girls Volleyball @ Lyons Township

Sat, Oct. 25

Girls Tennis @ Buffalo Grove
Girls Volleyball @ Lyons Township
Girls Cross Country vs. Loyola @ Harms Woods
Boys Cross Country vs. Loyola @ Harms Woods

Tue, Oct. 28

Field Hockey Sectional @ New Trier
Girls Volleyball Regional @ Warren
Boys Varsity Sectional @ Niles North

Thur, Oct. 30

Field Hockey State @ New Trier
Girls Volleyball Regionals @ Warren



Homecoming traditions continue in 2014



The 1902 New Trier Football team poses for their yearbook photo | Trevia

by Danni LeServe

The Homecoming Football game is one of the most anticipated events of the fall at the New Trier. This year's game will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, against the Evanston Wildkats.

Homecoming traditions at New Trier have come and gone over the past 112 years, but some traditions have survived the century.

Athletic Director Randy Oberembt said, "Over time the Homecoming game has changed, but it has remained such a positive event for the school and the community

because students and alumni can come together and support the team."

New Trier has had a football team since 1902. However, the first official game wasn't played until 1913 because football was initially banned by the school board.

The first Homecoming game, was against Evanston on Nov. 15th, 1919, and it was the last game of the season.

The game was heavily advertised in the New Trier News and the school encouraged maximum attendance to help support the team. The result was a 7-7 tie.

Throughout the 1930s and

Jump on the Royals bandwagon

by Martin Opegaard

You'd have to be cold-blooded and cold-hearted not to be rooting for the Kansas City Royals in this year's World Series.

The poor fans of Kansas City have lived through a generation of disappointment for their favorite professional sports teams, the NFL's Chiefs and MLB's Royals.

The Chiefs won their only Super Bowl in the 1969 season; they haven't been back since. All Kansas City fans have had is their MLS team, as Sporting K.C. won the MLS Cup in 2013.

The Royals won their only World Series in 1985; it took them until 2014 to get back.

From 1995 to 2012, the Royals had 17 losing seasons. This included four 100-loss seasons in a five-year span starting in 2002 and four straight 90-loss seasons from 2009 to 2012.

On the other side of this World Series, the San Francisco Giants are perennial pennant contenders. They have won two World Series' in the past four seasons, and fans have had plenty to cheer for.

It's true, the Royals franchise has made front-office mistakes, but the team also has a smaller margin for error because of its limited payroll. For the entire 21st century, the Royals have been at the bottom of the baseball spending list.

I don't mind the divide between big and small markets; it's part of the game. But what chance do the Royals have annually against the likes of the Yankees, Red Sox and Angels payrolls? It makes the Royals success this season that much more impressive.

In their own division, the Tigers outspent the Royals by nearly two to one this year – and that's with Kansas City having its highest payroll ever. It's like a street vendor trying to compete with a fast food chain.

The Royals can't throw money and lucrative contracts at free agents. Rather, they have built their team through the entry and supplement

drafts, trades, and savvy free agent signings.

This is a relatively unknown Royals roster: Nori Aoki, Billy Butler, Jarrod Dyson, Alcides Escobar, Alex Gordon, Omar Infante, Mike Moustakas, Salvador Perez and ALCS MVP Lorenzo Cain are the regulars; Danny Duffy, Jeremy Guthrie, James Shields, Jason Vargas and Yordano Ventura are the starting pitchers, with Greg Holland as the closer. It is the epitome of a "no-name" ball club.

They are also very young and inexperienced. 21-year old reliever Brandon Finnegan closed the Wild Card game against the A's; three months ago, he was pitching in the College World Series for Texas Christian University.

The city has become so engulfed with the Royals that blue is the color of the water in the city's famed fountains. People are going into work tired from games that stretch to midnight.

Crime may even be down. At 11 p.m. during an extra inning game against the Baltimore Orioles, the Kansas City police tweeted, "Officers on radio discussing how ridiculously slow tonight is. @Royals seem to be great crime prevention."

And how can you forget about SungWoo Lee? The 38-year old South Korean superfan has been a Royals fan for 20 years, which any other baseball fan could tell you were trying times for the club until their recent playoff push. Lee saw his first Royals games in person at Kauffman Stadium this season after getting vacation time at work.

In the process, he became a sensation because of his earnest appreciation and enthusiasm for a team that plays about 6,500 miles from his home. He watches every game despite the 11 hour time difference, and he is coming back to Kansas City for the World Series.

Although you might not be as diehard of a fan as Lee, I encourage you to root for the Royals. How could you not support these overachievers? There is plenty of room left on the bandwagon.

1940s, the team played Evanston each year in the Homecoming game.

In 1951, Homecoming became an event and was well-documented in the New Trier News. New Homecoming traditions were born. There was a pregame pep rally and during halftime, students displayed car floats representing clubs. The school pep band also performed as well.

New Trier played Evanston again in 1951. The stands were full with nearly 10,000 fans, but New Trier fell 19-0.

The tradition of car floats and pep rallies continued from the 1960s through 1990s. Head Coach Brian Doll, a quarterback and defensive back of the class of '95, said, "When I was at New Trier there was a huge pep rally and car floats. During the rally, the fall sports would present a skit which really helped increase school spirit and helped the students get to know the different teams."

The car float tradition came to an end with turn of the century, but the pep rallies have remained. The tradition of Homecoming festivities during lunch periods began and have since stayed. Also, a pep rally during advisory was created to pump-up students at the beginning of the day.

Today, Pep Club has made a lot

of changes to the Homecoming game festivities. On Friday, Pep Club has planned events throughout the lunch periods. There will be a DJ, free pizza, and bounce houses for students. After school, a pep rally will take place in the Northfield parking lot.

"We have made some changes this year," said Pep Club president and New Trier senior Erin Guder.

"This includes the pep rally where there will be food, speeches, and activities before the game and the free t-shirt and rally towel to draw more people to the game."

The game will start at 7:30, continuing the long and storied rivalry between New Trier and Evanston. This will be the 102nd playing of "The Game", but this one has a bit of a different feel. New Trier has not been this impressive since 1998. A win would complete their nearly perfect regular season, and make them 8-1.

Homecoming traditions have changed over the past century at New Trier, but the tradition of uniting as a school and the pride that students and alumni feel has not.

"This game will really unify the student body," concluded Guder. "There will be such a presence of school spirit and pride between all the students and alumni."

Veteran golf teams among elite at state



The boys and girls golf teams finished within the top five in State | Duffett

by Sports Staff

Both golf teams' seasons have come to a conclusion, with the boys finishing second in the IHSA state tournament and the girls finishing in third.

Held at The Den in Bloomington, Illinois, New Trier finished the tournament with a score of 606, good for second place behind Hinsdale Central. After finishing second last year, the Trevian boys repeated their impressive result.

"We went into the tournament thinking that we could win it," said senior captain Will Connelly. "After the first day, we thought we were close enough to make a run for the title because we were within three strokes, right where we wanted to be after the first day."

Hinsdale came back strong on the second day of the tournament, however; the Red Devils shot three under as a team, to take the lead and force the Trevians to play catch up for the remainder of the tournament.

Senior captain Jack Junge took a unique approach towards describing his team's accomplishment.

"We gave it all we had and came up a bit short," he said. "But first is the worst and second is the best."

"Overall, we weren't satisfied with the result but we knew that the first place team put up an extraordinarily good score which made the title well-deserved on their part," said Connelly.

The girls team had a similarly dominant season, going undefeated (8-0) in their conference, and winning the Central Suburban League championship en route to finishing first in one of the most competitive sectionals in the state.

The Girls state tournament was held at Hickory Point Golf Club in Decatur, Illinois, a course that New Trier knows very well. They finished in third with a score of 653, behind second place Loyola and champion Hinsdale Central.

"It's an honor to be able to go downstate," said senior captain Lauren Sigurdson. "We were very lucky to have that experience."

After the first day of play, the Trevians found themselves locked in a tie for first place with Hinsdale. Although the second day did not go as planned, they improved on last year's fifth place finish.

Senior captain Lauren Holly echoed Sigurdson's thoughts on the state tournament.

"I couldn't be prouder of my team, even though we didn't finish exactly how we wanted," she said. "We had an incredible season."

For a team laden with seniors, next season will result in a change in roles for junior captain Louise McCulloch.

"While I know the team is going to be much different without the seniors," McCulloch said, "I look forward to watching the team improve and hopefully making it back to state next year."