

Three Stars of the Week

Brent Segvich, senior



The three-year New Trier Green forward earned a spot on the 1st team Scholastic Hockey League list by tallying 28 goals and 14 assists for a team-high 42 points through 23 regular season games. Segvich continued his stellar output in the postseason, scoring three goals and adding one assist.

Jackie Welch, senior



Welch, a senior guard for the 26-1 Trevians girls basketball team, put up 14 points in a late-season conference win over conference foe Niles West. Welch's experience will be key as the No. 3-ranked Trevians begin a state championship run.

David Hammes, senior



After a historic 34-point performance against Rockford Lutheran Jan. 18, the senior guard added clutch performances against Niles West and Glenbrook South.

Girls earn second straight conference title

by Grace Paul

On a chilly night in Niles, Friday, Feb. 7, the New Trier Girls Basketball team dominated Niles West en route to a 61-35 victory.

"We extended our lead going into the second half but in the third quarter we were a little nervous," said junior guard Kathryn Pedi. "The last time we played them we didn't have a great third quarter, and we let them back in the game."

Pedi believes the third quarter success was sparked by the energy provided from the bench. Junior guard Maggie Klein is already looking forward to the big games coming up in March.

"This was a good team, but in comparison to our other competition, it wasn't the fiercest team," said Klein. "So we got a lot of fundamental work which will help us in the playoffs."

Pedi also views their last game as an opportunity to get ready for regionals.

"We're really excited because this was great practice for us because we are playing regionals at Niles West, so we got used to playing in the gym."

Senior guard Jackie Welch, a three year varsity player, scored 10



Senior Rachel West elevates over a Titan during NT's tilt with GBS |Frank

points of her 14 in the first quarter. She led the team on a 14-0 run to start the game. From there, the Trevians cruised through the first half and well into the third quarter, where Pedi added 7 more points to finish off the Wolves.

With Friday's game under their belt, the team has started to prepare for the more challenging games ahead, including their game against Glenbrook South (GBS) on Friday, Feb. 13.

While neither team had a big night offensively, Welch again sparked the Trevians, leading them with 14 points going four of seven from beyond the arc, going three for

three in the first quarter. That, along with two threes from junior Haley Greer, put New Trier ahead 17-10 after the opening period.

GBS would storm back as New Trier started turning the ball over, and they finished the half on a 16-3 run, and a 29-28 lead.

In the second half, the Trevians cut down their turnovers as they only had two in the third quarter and five in the second half. A 9-3 run put New Trier back on top for good at 37-32. They got a three from Welch, layups from Jeannie Boehm and Greer and a pair of foul shots from Pedi.

The Trevians took a 41-37 lead into the fourth quarter and ultimately

began to milk the clock. Welch scored the only field goal of the quarter getting inside for a layup with 1:20 left to make it 43-38, and Pedi iced the game with a pair of free throws with 13 seconds remaining. There were just five points scored the entire quarter.

The 45-38 win capped a sterling regular season for the Trevs, and with a 25-1 overall record and a perfect 10-0 record in the Central Suburban League Conference. After winning the conference title, the Trevs will be the top seed in their sectional. And it's clear that Rodgers and her team know what it takes to be prepared for the postseason.

"Our strategy is to sharpen the basics and go back to the fundamentals as we get farther along in the playoffs we'll play teams that we have an equal talent level with," said Klein.

Rodgers echoed her player's thoughts in an interview with CSL Insider.

"You need to be ready to play physically, mentally and emotionally," Rodgers said. "And emotionally is where I was very impressed with our resolve. Again, not everything went our way but we didn't get down on ourselves and you need to just be able to not change how you play when that happens."

A history of Gates Gym

by Nora Crumley

The Gates Gym has seen its fair share of history; 87 years of it, to be precise.

Home to countless basketball games, K.W. badminton tournaments, pep assemblies, and even graduations, the historic gym has become the center of the New Trier Athletic Department.

"The Gates Gym has lots of tradition," said head girls basketball coach Teri Rodgers. "Hundreds of games have been played here and thousands of kids have taken part in those games. Walking out on to the court, you can imagine kids playing here 50 years ago. It has a history."

The Gates Gym is named for Leslie Freeman Gates, a former school board member who spent nine years of her life serving New Trier, until her death in 1928.

Construction on the Gates Gym was completed in 1928, costing \$675,000, according to the 1929 yearbook.

"The Gates Gym is unique in terms of age. They don't make gyms like that anymore," said Rodgers.

For many years the Gates Gym was only used for boys. According to John Gilchrist, Kinetic Wellness department chair, K.W. classes were separated by gender at one point.

"The boys would get the larger gyms, like the Gates Gym," said Gilchrist. "The girls had the smaller gyms, including the Stage Gym."

The Gates Gym also served as the location of the seniors' graduation.

"[New Trier] would have a split graduation in the Gates Gym, until the graduation classes got too large," said Gilchrist.

With the gym's age, however, comes frequent maintenance. In 2008, when New Trier wanted to renovate the East Campus (which outlined a replacement of the Gates Gym with a new, modernized facility) it cited the Gates Gym's upkeep and size as a reason to build a new gym.

Steve Linke, Facilities Manager, explained the maintenance complications.

"Mechanically, [the Gates Gym], it's a toss-up. The plumbing



The New Trier logo on the west wall of Gates Gym wears its age | Minturn

and heating are harder to maintain than the other gyms because of age."

The Gates Gym can also no longer accommodate the size of the crowd at certain New Trier sporting events.

"The basketball games against Evanston can no longer be held in the Gates Gym because it doesn't accommodate the size of the crowd at the big rivalry games," said Gilchrist.

The 2008 proposal to build a new athletic facility at the East Campus never passed partly because many in the community were against tearing down the Gates Gym.

"It would be a shame to renovate the Gates Gym," said Rodgers. "I understand they need to improve the gym, but they shouldn't destroy the gym's history."

"From a purely 'maintenance' point of view, I would say that the Gates is worth the minimal extra effort," said Linke. "But from a program and educational standpoint the answer would likely be different."

Despite the gym's age and lack of modernized technology, many still strongly believe that the Gates Gym is an essential part of New Trier.

"The Gates Gym is a staple here at New Trier," said Gilchrist. "Those who graduated a long time ago come back and see that the Gym is still here. The Gates Gym brings back memories of their high school career."

Night league playoffs

by Kate Eberle

It's that time of the year again: Night League playoffs. New Trier's Wednesday night intramural basketball league has entered its final stretch.

As postseason play begins, some players reinforced the idea that Night League is all about having fun and demonstrating good sportsmanship.

"It's not about wins and losses. It's about friendships made and strengthened," said Will Rossi, who plays for Swishmas.

Some players value Night League more than others. Senior Grace Hemmer considers Wednesday nights the best night of the week. Hemmer is on the team Kiss my Pass and is committed to play lacrosse next year at the University of Michigan.

Despite her devotion to lacrosse, however, Hemmer can't resist a good basketball game.

"Night League is my favorite hour of the week," said Hemmer.

Hemmer's teammate, senior Madi MacRitchie, was very hopeful for Kiss my Pass's chances in the playoffs, setting her sights on the trophy: the Golden Shoe.

"Our team has a good shot at the Golden Shoe. We are tied for second going into the playoffs," MacRitchie explained.

Seniors Natalie Moag and Kathleen Milan are members of LeBrontourage. Moag had hope for LeBrontourage in the playoffs, as long as the whole team shows up. Milan, on the other hand, was not as hopeful.

"I'm not even sure we'll make it to the playoffs to be honest," said Milan. Regardless, the LeBrontourage competitor understood the true meaning of Night League.

"You can make Night League as serious or laid back as you want it to be," said Milan.

Girls leagues only have one playoff bracket; seniors and juniors play in one league while sophomores and freshmen make up a second girls league.

On the other hand, boys have a league for each grade, and there are

two playoff brackets within each league: the Gold bracket (top half of the league) and the Silver bracket (bottom half of the league).

Senior Billy Cremin, widely considered the vocal leader and star of Cremin's Tub, was very confident in his team's abilities.

"I guarantee 'CT' will win the Silver bracket this year," said Cremin. Cremin's Tub is a sleeping dragon that just got woken up," Cremin added.

Senior Charlie Pearlman, on team GIP (Get It Poppin'), disagreed with Cremin.

"It looks like we lucked out to be one of the top teams in the Silver bracket, as opposed to one of the last in the Gold," said Pearlman. "So we expect to win the Silver."

Senior Charlie Goldberg, also on GIP, explained that GIP is really trying to establish itself as the premier Night League program.

Pearlman did admit that GIP does not possess immense basketball skill, but is up for having a great time every Wednesday night.

"It ends up being us just having a lot of fun, and getting amped to rep the 'GIP' nation," Pearlman said.

Pearlman and Goldberg's team name is inspired by "Get It Poppin'," a song by the artist Fat Joe, and according to its players, it also serves as GIP's team and life motto.

In the sophomore bracket, Charlie Burton, of the U, was confident that his team would be successful for the second time this year.

"I expect to win the playoffs, because we won last year and want to do it again," said Burton.

Sophomore Jack Raith, a rival of Charlie Burton's, is on Loyola Girls Basketball. Raith simply said, "I expect to dominate."

Raith's teammate, sophomore Kevin Donahue, had a more philosophical approach towards their playoff chances that proved to be in line with his team's name.

"At the end of the day we know that God is going to take care of us and get the win," Donahue said.