

## Former Trevians in the NCAA

**Steven Cook, basketball:** The sophomore averaged 10.5 points and 3.5 rebounds per game for Princeton this year, shooting 40% from three en route to All-Ivy honors. The Tigers' 9-5 conference record was good for 3rd in the Ivy League.

**Connor Boehm, basketball:** He helped anchor Dartmouth to a fourth place finish in the Ivy League, averaging 9.7 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. Perhaps most impressive is his lofty 44% from three.

**Maggie Lyon, basketball:** Following her strong freshman campaign which earned her Big-10 freshman of the year, she leads in minutes played and is second in scoring for Northwestern, who are a #7 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

**CJ Smith, swimming:** The senior captain for Minnesota placed third in the Big 10 in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 14:52.34, and will compete in the upcoming NCAA's, with Olympic training the next step.

**Kelsey Murray, lacrosse:** The sophomore is coming off a great freshman season where she started all 19 games and led the team in assists, and her five goals helped #11 Stanford beat #10 Ohio State. The 4-0 Cardinal are ranked #9 in the nation.

**Taylor Tashima, volleyball:** The freshman was one of four freshman to start for Northwestern, was first in the Big 10 for freshman in double-doubles, and tied for first with two triple-doubles.

**Katy Weeks, field hockey:** In her freshman year, Weeks, a forward, earned 2nd team All-Ivy honors by helping Cornell to an 11-5 overall and 5-2 conference record.

# NT Greens's season cut surprisingly short

by Nora Crumley

New Trier Green (NTG) had its season ended early in the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois (AHA) state semifinals, falling 2-1 to the number 4 seeded Benet Academy Redwings.

After a scoreless first period, the Red Wings scored early in the second on a wrist shot by senior forward Bobby Ernsting. Trevians senior Harry Jones responded with a game-tying goal with 5:05 to go in the second period.

The Trevians and Redwings began the third period tied 1-1. Both teams had several chances to score, but with 4:04 left in the third period Ernsting again found the net on a rebound, giving the Redwings a lead they would not relinquish.

"I saw two guys with the puck at the point," said Ernsting. "I knew there was going to be a shot on net. It came right to me. I was lucky enough to put it in."

Despite pulling senior goalie Jack Junge with two minutes remaining and playing 6-5 which led to a flurry of desperation chances, the Trevians were unable to connect on the game trying goal.

"We just had to keep our head calm," said Benet goalie Justin Davidson to the Chicago Tribune. "We had to stay in the game and

finish it out."

Davidson, an All-State goalie, turned away 40 of the Trevians 41 shots.

New Trier won both the 2013 and 2014 AHA state championships, and was the number 1 seed in this year's tournament. The loss is considered a huge upset, with NTG having a roster entirely of seniors with extensive tournament experience. Benet entered the game ranked number 4 in the state and was riding high on the wings of last week's victory, in which it beat number 5 Loyola Academy 2-1 in overtime.

Before Monday night's game, players on NTG expressed concerns about playing a Benet team that had not lost since November.

"Benet is a team with a very strong offense, so I know my team is counting on me to play well," said Junge.

The AHA state finals are an exciting time for all high school hockey fans, especially on the North Shore. For the past several years, New Trier has shared top rankings with its neighbors Glenbrook North and Loyola Academy. This year, Glenbrook North and New Trier were the only teams from the North Shore to make it to the final four.

Before Monday's game, Glenbrook North coach Evan Poulakidas said, "This is the final

four -- there are only four teams left and each team brings their own individual threat." In regard to Benet, Poulakidas continued, "Benet has a great offense needed to beat New Trier's goalie. If I was Coach Melton, I would not underestimate Benet's talent."



Junge looks on just minutes before being pulled for an extra attacker | **Borushek**

Poulakidas and his Spartans will face the Redwings in the State Championship this Sunday.

The Redwings have only allowed 2 goals through both the quarterfinal game against Loyola and the semifinal game against New Trier. Both of these games were determined by one deciding goal.

"It means everything," said Ernsting about his team heading to United Center. "We're the best team

the program has ever had. We always stick together through thick and thin. Everything is a team thing."

Even though this is a disappointing loss and ending for the seniors of NTG, the players' high school careers have been marked

with unprecedented success.

Many of the players on the team, including Junge, were instrumental in bringing home a state championship in 2014 and even 2013. NTG also had five players within its ranks who were chosen for the AHA All-State Team this season.

Poulakidas seemed to sum up this legacy.

"A team has to be greater than average to beat New Trier."

## Girls hockey keeps state hopes alive with win over Fenwick

by Nora Crumley

Despite a rocky second half of the regular season, on Mar. 10, the girls varsity hockey team defeated the number 6 seeded Fenwick Friars 5-4 in overtime to advance to the state semifinals.

The game was close, with the number 3 seeded Trevians needing an overtime period to break a 4-4 tie. Ivy Dynek, a senior forward and leading goal scorer for the Trevians, considered the result a momentum-builder for her team.

"Last night was a big step," said Dynek. "We tied [Fenwick] every time we played them before. We were more confident going in to this game and it paid off."

With the win against Fenwick, the Trevians will take on the number 2 ranked Latin School of Chicago Romans in the state semifinals.

According to head coach Nelson Forsberg, Latin plays tough and features some standout players.

"We need to continue to work hard against them and keep an eye on their best players in the 'semi's,'" said Forsberg.

Barrett Sullivan, a senior captain for the Trevians, shares Forsberg's thoughts on their upcoming opponent.

"They have a few good players but they have no depth unlike [us]," said Sullivan. "We just have to stop them from scoring goals. They can't win if they can't score." Dynek agreed.

"Our biggest concern is shutting down the forwards on Latin. We have to put everything out on the ice on Tuesday," said Dynek.

While the Trevians are prepared to shut down Latin's threats, Forsberg expressed concerns about discipline.

"We need to work hard all game first and foremost," said Forsberg. "We need to play a solid defense and avoid penalties. Taking bad penalties will really make things tough."

In addition to avoiding the

penalty box, Forsberg also stressed the importance of rebounds on the offensive side of the puck.

"We have struggled at times during the year to score on rebounds. That's something we have been working on and it will be important in the game," said Forsberg.

The varsity coach also believes that a key to winning the semifinal game is an optimistic mindset.

"We have to stay positive and work hard the whole game, whether it's the 'semis' or state," said Forsberg. "Momentum can shift quickly in hockey, and keeping a good attitude has helped us play some of our best hockey the last couple of games."

The team has faced extra pressure all season since last year's state championship victory. The expectation for this season has been to win state, but losing their core of seniors, including captain Molly Klare and alternate captain Carla Zalesky, has made that a more daunting task.

"We feel a ton of pressure going in to these games," said Sullivan.

"Lots of players graduated last year, but despite being a young team, we have been on a roll."

The Trevians accumulated a 4-10-2 record during the second half of the season, but still earned a 3 seed in the state tournament, and thanks to a postseason run, the team remains positive and ready to face the next challenge.

"Everybody was on a different page early on in the season, but we have come together as a team and now we all have the same goal," said Dynek.

Sullivan echoed her teammates thoughts.

"No one expected us to make it past the quarterfinals," she said. "The most important thing we can do is stay focused. Hockey is a mental game. Both teams have trained so hard for this. The winner is going to be whichever team wants it more."

## The calm before the (March) madness ensues

by Michael Dugan

It's no question that with the snow melting and spring on the horizon, March Madness is the center of attention in the sports world for the remaining days of March and the opening days of April.

Sure, the NHL and NBA are in full swing, but there's something special about the annual NCAA Tournament that separates it from everything else in the sports world.



The magic of March Madness has made its way to the White House. President Obama fills a bracket out for ESPN each year. | **AP Images**

Perhaps the unique component of "The Big Dance" is the impeccable presence of magic. From the Cinderella stories to the undefeated teams chasing perfection, there seems to be a storyline every time the final whistle blows in each game.

Every year there are moments that leave even the casual fan either awestruck or in tears. 2010 featured Ali Farokhmanesh leading the unheard-of Northern Iowa Panthers over the top-seeded Kansas Jayhawks and advancing to the Sweet 16.

Twelfth seeded George Mason made an improbable run all the way to the Final Four before losing to the eventual champion Florida Gators in 2006.

And who could forget Butler going to the national championship game two years in a row?

Then there was Kemba Walker leading UConn through the Big East Tournament and to the title in unheard of fashion in 2011. His protégé Shabazz Napier did the same thing last year for the Huskies, bringing the national championship back to Storrs as the first seven seed to ever win the championship.

These are stories to last a lifetime, and so much can be discussed with one common thesis: in March, anything can happen.

And this year is no exception. The field of 68 teams is set, and perhaps the most intriguing storyline of the tournament is whether or not Kentucky can go undefeated for the first time since Indiana did it back in 1976.

Picking Kentucky is a safe bet almost every year, especially when its starting lineup looks like it does this season. Coming off a runner-up finish in last year's tournament, the Wildcats are hungry for redemption.

One could justify their selection of Kentucky by looking at the paint presence of junior Willie Cauley-Stein, the guard play of freshmen Tyler Ullis and Devin Booker, or even the playmaking ability of sophomore twins Aaron and Andrew Harrison

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