

Three Stars of the Week

Sam Stoddart, senior



The senior gymnast was dominant at the Spartan Classic last Saturday. Returning from an injury that sidelined her last season, Stoddart won all four events and the all-around on Saturday.

Will Dellva, senior



Dellva has been the epitome of consistency for the New Trier bowling team throughout his career. On Tuesday, he bowled a 223, 225, and a 204, leading the Trevians to a 2 pin win over Grant.

Kathryn Pedi, junior



After playing a big role in her team's success last year, Pedi has been asked to contribute even more with the absence of last year's seniors. She answered the call, drilling a game winning 3-pointer with two seconds remaining to give the Trevians a 42-39 win over Hersey.

Girls basketball runs over Evanston

by Blake Sammann

When talking about this year's girls basketball team, all head coach Teri Rodgers had to say was, "They just play hard, it's so fun to coach kids that play hard."

In front of a large home crowd, the girls basketball team did not disappoint against rival Evanston.

The Trevians dominated every facet of the game from start to finish, using a punishing press defense, a strong post presence, and great perimeter shooting to stifle the Wildkits.

The game was back and forth early on due to sloppy ball control from both teams, and with 3:16 left in the first quarter, Evanston found itself up 12-6.

"I think we were being careless with our passes," said senior Jackie Welch. "Both teams were very fast and very athletic. So we just needed to be a lot more calm and we figured that out, it just took a little bit".

The game began to settle down for New Trier when Welch drove to the rim and drew the foul, signaling a momentum shift that would last for the for the rest of the game.

After that play, the Trevians



The girls team after its win at the Thanksgiving Tournament | NT Website

went on a 12-2 run and took a 16-14 lead with 1:03 left in the first quarter. They wouldn't look back.

Rodgers utilized a press defense late in the first quarter which worked spectacularly, causing consecutive 5-second violations on the Wildkits and three steals.

"I wanted to pick up the energy, I felt we were just a little flat and a little nervous," she added.

In the second quarter New Trier continued to distance themselves from the Wildkits, outscoring Evanston 20-8.

"Our wings were all over, we had great traps," said Rodgers.

Evanston was unable to drive

into the lane due to the intimidating post presence of junior Jeannie Boehm, who ended up with eight blocks on the night.

Boehm complimented of her teams outside shooting ability, and how it makes it easier when the game gets physical in the post.

"When it gets that physical, shots don't fall my way so it's nice to have teammates I can rely on," said Boehm. "You could kick it out to them and we win by twenty."

The third quarter was even more physical, culminating with Boehm's elbow accidentally colliding with the face of Evanston's Leighah-Amori Wool.

Night League Preview

by Matthew Horvitz

The New Trier Night League season has begun, and the Senior Boys and Junior/Senior Girls divisions appear to be in for an extremely competitive season.

In the senior boys division, Black Magic has claimed the championship two of the past three years. They went undefeated freshman and sophomore year until the Red Devils, led by senior Jack Koltin, beat them in the championship last season.

Senior Jack Klein, who switched from Team Hub to Black Magic for his final year of eligibility, is chasing a ring.

"I wanted to win a championship senior year," said Klein, who has been playing in Night League for three years and demonstrates tremendous passion.

"I like it simply for the reason that you can just drip in swag and ball out with your blood brothers any given Wednesday," he explained.

Black Magic has been dominant two weeks into the season, largely due to senior big man Matt Kaskey. Kaskey has been posting roughly 25 points and 12 rebounds a game.

"I think there are only a couple of squads this year to look out for. I would say Ryan Hartigan is a contender because of Nick "Thick Nick" Krauskopf. The kid is just so thick," said Klein.

Senior Michael Roeser, a member of Team Hub, thinks that his team is a contender. "We are the hungriest team in the league," Roeser asserted.

Roeser's team is extremely competitive on the court. "We chirp our opponents during the games to get in their heads. We do whatever it takes to win."

Roeser believes his team is not the only contender adding that Black Magic, Red Devils, and Ryan Hartigan all have a shot at the championship. All three teams have jumped out to undefeated starts, while the Red Devils are 1-1.

There is no doubt that Senior Boys Night League is extremely competitive. According to Klein, Black Magic is one of, if not the most competitive teams out there.



Senior shooting guard Gabby Kraus plays for The Squad | Minturn

"We are as competitive as it gets. When you have two rare breeds of athletes such as Charlie Schoder and Scott "Biceps" Hammes" said Klein.

On the flip side, the Junior/Senior Girls division appears to be competitive as well. Senior, four year Night League player, and captain of Smokin' Bulls, Rachel Palmer, said that Girls' Night League is "underratedly competitive."

While Night League does bring out the competitive side in people, that doesn't mean that it isn't a fun time and chance to meet some new people.

Palmer likes Night League because "it's a way to be fun and competitive with your friends, while also playing girls who you'd never talk to in school."

Smokin' Bulls have won their first two games, and are looking to have a successful season and possibly earn themselves a championship. But that doesn't mean that other teams aren't going to stand in their way. "LeBrontourage has a player who just quit basketball, and so does The Squad so they both seem like big contenders this year," said Palmer.

There is no doubt that all eight teams are competitive and want to win the championship.

Will one of the junior teams knock off a senior team and win the Girls' bracket? Or will a senior team end their Night League career on top? Will Black Magic reclaim their throne after last year's upset? Only time will tell, but we cannot wait to see what will happen.

Boys bowling holds its own against Stevenson

by Elizabeth Byrne

On Dec 6, New Trier boys bowling placed ninth out of twenty five other Illinois teams at the 2014 Cougar Classic.

The bowling season is halfway over, stretching from October to the end of January, and the Trevians have stayed consistent throughout this season.

The team has scored a total of 5,473 points. The head boys bowling Coach Scott Durkin was extremely proud of his team's results this weekend.

"The best game we bowled was this tournament [Cougar Classic] against many of the best teams in the state. It was amazing to place top ten." Said Durkin.

New Trier Junior, Ryan Foy, bowled a near perfect game, scoring 276 points. A perfect game in bowling will add up to 300 points, as a result of 12 strikes. Foy bowled 10 strikes and placed 21st out of the top 25 bowlers at the tournament.

"Bowling a score of 276 this weekend was really eye opening to me because it showed that getting 10 strikes in a row is doable and it's really hard for many players to stay consistent in order to score a perfect game," said Foy.

Stevenson placed first with 6,278 points in the Cougar Classic, with three of their players placing in the top ten bowlers of the tournament.

Having already lost their first game against Stevenson, the team is prepared for their second match on Dec 11.

In this match they hoped to defeat Stevenson and try to settle the score after the football's loss to Stevenson in the playoffs in November, but some scores can never be settled.

Another natural rival this year for New Trier is Evanston. The Varsity team has beaten Evanston in the past and they placed higher in the tournament this year. They faced Evanston again on Dec 18.

The team has faced some difficulties this year with the

However, the Trevians continued to pull away, and by the end of the third quarter, the depth of the Trevians' bench became apparent, especially in juniors Haley Greer and Autumn Kalis, who both finished the night with double digit points.

"The depth of our bench really helped," said Welch. "I know that when I go out there I can play hundred and ten percent, and know that if I get tired someone else will replace me easily, and just knowing that helps so much."

In the fourth quarter, New Trier's lead never dipped below seventeen points as the Trevians continued to smother the sputtering Wildkits.

With 1:31 left in the game, Rodgers pulled the starters and put in the reserves who picked up right where the starters left off, rounding out the game with a score of 62-43.

With such a dominating win, the Trevian faithful will have a lot to cheer for later in the season. The Trevians proved that this team has the capability of repeating the success of last year.

"They are really unselfish, they don't care who scores, they just want to win," concluded Rodgers.

majority being younger and lacking experience.

Most of the 22 players this season, are coming from the sophomore class. The Varsity squad is made up of one senior, two juniors and four sophomores.

"We have a generally young team this year. We graduated a lot of our starting varsity last year," said Durkin.

Most bowling teams often have trouble with a young team because of the lack of knowledge from new players.

"They show up and the most they've ever bowled is at a birthday party with bumpers. We don't have a feeder program," said Durkin.

New Trier has tackled this problem by teaching their five new freshmen and setting the standard of what it takes to be a good bowler for prospective players.

The bowling team has a practice and competition schedule similar to basketball or baseball. The team practices every day after school at Classic Bowl in Morton Grove and participates in two to three matches a week with tournaments on the weekend.

"Some students don't realize how big of a commitment bowling is. Many think it's a club and not a serious sport. We practice as much as any other New Trier sport," said Durkin.

Contrary to what non-bowlers may think, matches and tournaments are not boring and yawn-worthy. They are just as exciting as any IHSA sport.

"It's not just a secluded thing in some lazy bowling alley. It's competitive. There's cheering and yelling and high-fiving. It's just like any other sport, just bowling ball instead of basketball," said Durkin.

Last year, the boys bowling team were regional champions, placed second in sectionals and competed downstate for the IHSA state title.

Durkin hopes to do the same this season by returning to the state finals, and perhaps improving on last year's finish.