

GIRLS HOCKEY

NT overpowers Glenbrook

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From the opening faceoff, the New Trier girls hockey team dominated time of possession and shots in a Dec. 18 contest with Glenbrook.

Even the lucky breaks went to the Trevians, as a fluke goal started what would eventually become a 9-1 victory for New Trier.

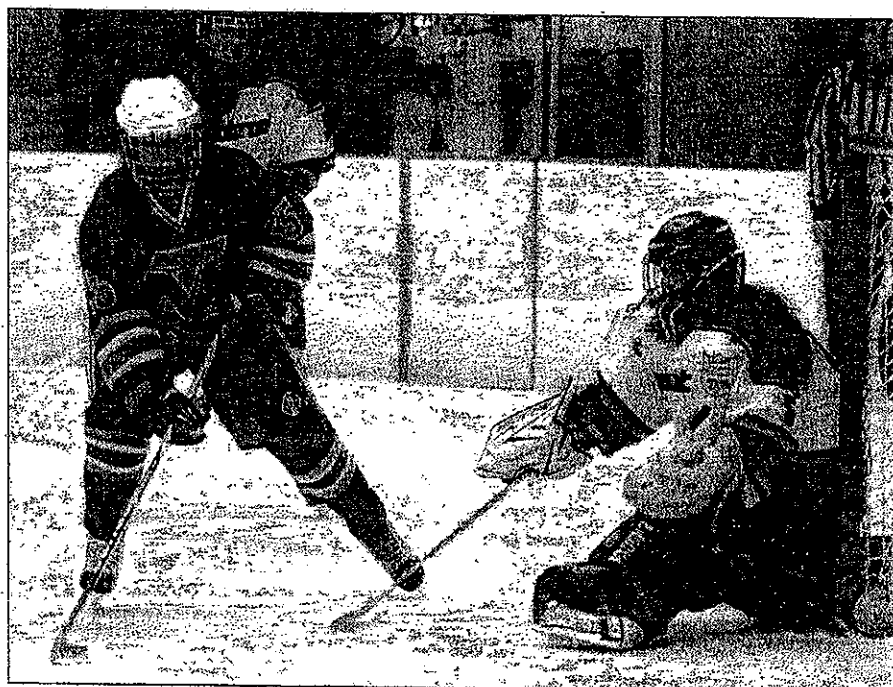
New Trier's Jackie King-som tried to slide the puck to a teammate in front of the net, but the puck went off a defender's stick and flipped into the air, over the head of goalie Sarah Lanphere and into the back of the net with 11 minutes, 17 seconds left in the period.

The Trevians' Sheila McCain scored two goals in the first period after that, one of which came short-handed before a Glenbrook power-play goal, and Lauren Michalec scored the fourth goal in the period.

Glenbrook's only goal came in the first, when Faith Geraghty lit the lamp with an assist from Sarah Fisher.

It was a power-play goal with 59 seconds left in the first period, but it gave the team some hope, down 4-1 at the time.

"I thought our team did a good job on the defensive end. It could have gotten real ugly real fast, but it



New Trier's Lauren Michelac (left) sets up for one of her team's nine goals Dec. 18 in its win over Glenbrook at the North Shore Ice Arena. JACK HARDMAN/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

didn't," Glenbrook coach Ryan Anderson said. "You build this game up as a David versus Goliath and then they score a fluke goal and it demoralizes you."

New Trier's Barrett Sullivan scored the first goal of the second period with 8:54 left, quickly followed by Ivy Dynek's first goal with 7:20 left.

On a power-play opportunity, Carolyn Hickey put a shot into the back of the net for the Trevs, and she followed it up with another in

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 19 issue of *The Current*, it was incorrectly stated that New Trier hockey programs swept Loyola in the annual quadheader.

The JV team of Loyola Academy bested New Trier 1-0 in a shootout.

The Current recognizes and regrets this error.

the third period with 11:15 left.

Dynek scored her second goal, unassisted, after weaving through the defense with 8:57 remaining.

"The girls are looking

good, very sharp. They came out ready to play," New Trier coach Nelson Forsberg said. "We have a lot of depth and that helps us a lot. You can't take games off."

HEADLINERS

STANDOUT EFFORTS

KAT MCKEON LAKE FOREST

Girls Gymnastics: The senior standout placed third on the balance beam (9.2) in the highly competitive Lake Forest Invitational on Jan. 5.

McKeon, who finished seventh in the all-around with a 9.3 average, added a sixth-place finish on bars (9.4), while she was 12th on vault (9.35) and 15th on floor (9.275).

Teammate Kylie Carlson was a top-10 finisher in two events: beam (7th, 9.0) and vault (10th, 9.4). The LF senior was 15th in the all-around.

The Scouts went into the 11-team meet without two of its top performers: Carly Schmidt (vacation) and Brittany Moccia (injury). Moccia sustained a fractured finger during a meet at Stevenson just before Christmas.

The Scouts scored a 131.175, which placed them 10th in the team standings.

"We have to adjust a little," said Lake Forest coach Robin Straus.

Prairie Ridge came out on top in this tough field (150.00). Lyons was the runner-up with a 149.67, while three-time reigning state champ Carmel Catholic took third (145.625).

AVERY SPITZ HIGHLAND PARK

Girls Gymnastics: The freshman continues to be a bright spot for the Giants, who placed sixth in the Evanston Invitational on Jan. 5.

Spitz came up with an 8.25 routine to place seventh on vault. And she was eighth on the uneven bars with a score of 7.35. She added a 7.50 on the balance beam and a 7.90 on floor.

Teammate Bianca Oviedo had

the team's best floor routine: 7.925. She added a 7.4 on beam.

The vault was HP's best team event (30.850) behind Spitz, Kendall Robbins (7.55), Ellie Maite (7.55) and Kim Major (7.50).

NOAH PICKUS HIGHLAND PARK

Boys Hockey: He's up to 38 goals.

The Highland Park junior continues to be prolific on the ice. In 32 games, Pickus also has 32 assists which gives him a team-high 70 points.

The Giants (27-9-2) also feature two other high-powered players in Alex Block (26 goals, 28 assists) and Alec Shapiro (30 goals, 22 assists). Jonathan Chudacoff has 29 points (12 goals, 17 assists).

Ethan Fischbein and Ben Berger have been solid in the net. They have 11 wins each.

ERIN O'CONNOR LOYOLA ACADEMY

Girls Hockey: O'Connor has been a scoring machine for the Ramblers (10-4 in the Metro). The junior has tallied 27 goals to go along with 10 assists for a team-best 37 points.

Freshman Lindsay Getz currently is the No. 2 in points for LA: four goals, nine assists. Teammate Kathleen O'Connor, a sophomore, has seven goals and four assists for 11 points. Freshman Elizabeth Wright also has seven goals, while fellow freshman Kathryn House has six assists.

Claire Kennedy and Mia Rascia are sharing time in goal. Kennedy has 129 saves. Rascia has 92 saves.

IVY DYNEK NEW TRIER

Girls Hockey: This sophomore

forward has tallied 17 goals in 13 Metro games this season. She also has eight assists for a team-leading 25 points.

The Trevians, who are 12-0-2 in the Metro League, also are receiving solid work from Carolyn Hickey (11 goals, four assists), Sheila McCain (six goals, nine assists), Rebecca Lindblad (four goals, 10 assists), Grace Dynek (five goals, seven assists), Claire McCain (six goals, five assists), Mia Solberg (four goals, six assists) and Jacqueline Kingdom (five goals, five assists).

Goalie Nicole Diesing has made 112 saves. She has a 0.69 goals-against average.

ANNA BLECK LAKE FOREST

Girls Hockey: Wearing jersey No. 17, Bleck has been a productive scorer for the Scouts (11-2-1 overall). The junior leads the team with 21 points (14 goals, seven assists).

Bridget Roche is right behind her with 11 goals and eight assists for 19 points.

Caroline Knop is the team's third leading scorer with five goals and seven assists.

In goal, Sami Schechter leads the team with nine wins and 96 saves. Lindsay Projansky has four wins and 83 saves.

Prior to the holiday break, the Scouts claimed a couple of tight victories, topping Homewood-Flossmoor 2-1 and Fenwick 1-0. Assisted by Nina Wilson, Roche came up with the game-winner against HF. Frannie Sensenbrenner tallied the first goal on a rebound off Maddie Pfalzer's shot.

Roche, meanwhile, scored the lone goal in the Fenwick game. She was assisted by Wilson. Projansky had 22 saves in the shutout. ■

The year in sports—in case you missed it



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EDITOR

Another year of high-school sports, another year of world-class talent and trophy-case-filling accomplishments.

So much goes on in a 12-month stretch between New Trier, Loyola Academy and Regina, it is impossible to recap for you every single highlight. Therefore, I'm not going to really try.

For example, here's a couple numbers given to me by the New Trier A.D. Nineteen of 29 New Trier teams won a conference title. Seventeen of 29 won a regional or sectional. Ten NT teams finished in the top four places in state, three state champs and six in the fall alone.

Wow.

What I'm going to do, is use this 600-word or so space to run (not walk) you through what happened on the high-school sports scene in the area. Good luck following

The story of the winter 2012 was the New Trier boys swimming. The Trevs celebrated the program's

medals as a senior (two on relays).

Loyola was no slouch on the boys swim scene, finishing seventh with much thanks to Andrew Jovanovic's state title in the 100-yard butterfly.

In other winter action, NT's boys and girls basketball teams didn't make it as far as they'd have liked, but we watched the end of two storied careers in Connor Boehm (Dartmouth) and Maggie Lyon (Northwestern).

The Loyola girls, however, shocked the IHSA Class 4A world by upsetting everybody on their way down to Bloomington, where they picked up a fourth-place trophy.

The New Trier girls gymnastics team and its version of the Fierce Five vaulted its way to state for the first time in 17 years.

Michael Palonian was the first Rambler ever to wrestle to a state medal, taking sixth, and as a team, New Trier made it to the final 16 in the dual tournament.

Hockey again bled into the spring season and New Trier again stole the spotlight, but this time it was the girls who brought home the state cup.

The spring season was filled with action with the New Trier and Loyola softball teams piling up wins



The Loyola girls soccer team was one of the many teams and athletes in celebration mode in 2012. 22ND CENTURY MEDIA FILE PHOTO

In boys ball, New Trier came in with high hopes and won a regional, but were ousted in sectional play.

The New Trier and Loyola girls soccer teams were ranked top-five all year and forged a rivalry once again. New Trier ousted unbeaten Loyola in the sectional title, but were ousted themselves by GBS in the supersectional.

New Trier's and Loyola's boys volleyball teams were overshadowed by state runner-up Glenbrook North.

mile run while Jessica and Courtney Ackerman earned two All-State honors each in distance runs.

Boys tennis for New Trier took second in state while the Trevs' boys lacrosse team fell short of its eighth straight title. Instead, Loyola finally got the title back, while the Ramblers' girls won their fourth straight crown.

Summer break ... Ahhhhh OK, I'll speed things up since this just happened.

The Trevs' football team

way, nice season but out in the first round.

Loyola did what it does, going 8-1, the only loss coming to a Dallas team in Ireland, and made it to the state semifinals, losing to Glenbard North.

The boys soccer team didn't win a regional, but celebrated longtime coach Craig Fairbairn, who retired at season's end.

The New Trier girls volleyball team had the second-best season in the program's