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New Trier and Marshall play in a polarizing matchup in 1966 that is the subject of "GameChangers." | PHOTO SUBMITTED

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New Trier vs. Marshall documentary part of Marquee's February lineup

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An infamous basketball rivalry that changed the sport in Illinois is getting primetime treatment this month thanks to the Marquee Sports.

The television network is airing “GameChangers,” a documentary about the 1960s playoff matchups between Marshall and New Trier high schools, as part of their Black History Month programming.

“GameChangers” was released in 2018 by Joe Dondanville, of Wilmette, and tells the story of the teams’ two tense contests in 1965 and 1966, respectively, at Northwestern University’s McGaw Memorial Hall. The latter of the two games, won by New Trier, ended with a spectator brawl.

The documentary explores the racial implications of the game and the time and how the players on each team rose above them.

The 77-minute documentary debuted on Marquee on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and will air three more times in the next week: 7pm Saturday, Feb. 20; 3pm Tuesday, Feb. 23; and 11am Saturday, Feb. 26.

According to a press release from Dondanville, Marquee is also promoting the GameChangers Foundation, which has awarded more than \$60,000 in grants and scholarships, primarily to high school students from Chicago's West Side.

For more information on “GameChangers” and the foundation, visit www.gamechangers.film



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