

FASTBREAK



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THREE PLAYERS OF
THE WEEK

1. **Pete Burnside** (above). The New Trier rising senior pitcher threw five innings, giving up only one earned run and striking out seven in the Wilmette Waves' 4-3 loss to Warbird Senators 17U-Riggins Saturday, July 7, in a tournament in Bloomington, Ill.
2. **Charlie Owens**. The rising Loyola senior outfielder had five hits, scored six runs and drove in two RBI in three games against Niles North and the Chicago Chapparals.
3. **Donald Stricklin**. The rising New Trier baseball player had seven hits, three RBI and scored two runs over five games for the Wilmette Waves last week.

New Trier and Marshall face off in rematch of 1965, '66 classics

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In 1965 and 1966, New Trier High School squared off against Chicago Public League powerhouse Marshall High School in two consecutive supersectional matchups, with a trip to the state finals on the line.

Fast-forward 52 years and now the two teams rekindled their historical connection as the two schools played in a charity-exhibition game that served a great cause.

On July 2, the New Trier and Marshall basketball teams participated in the second annual Net Gain fundraising event held at Lake Forest High School.

The Trevians and Commandos bookended the second game of a double-header matchup that also included Lake Forest and Orr Academy, the two-time defending Class 2A state champions.

Net Gain was inspired by award-winning Chicago Sun-Times sports writer, Rick Telander, who in 2017 wrote a five-part series highlighting the Orr basketball team, and its path to the 2017 Class 2A state championship amidst playing and living

in the turbulent and violent streets of the West Side of Chicago.

Telendar, along with the help of Tom Dickelman, Fred Koch, and Phil LaScala, the head coach of the LFHS varsity basketball team, planned, organized, and eventually carried out the inaugural Net Gain charity event which debuted a single-exhibition game between Lake Forest and Orr.

Joe Dondanville, a documenter who was in attendance for the first Net Gain event in 2017, was impressed by what Lake Forest and Orr had accomplished. At the time, Dondanville was working on a project of his own, "Gamechangers," a documentary about the 1965 and 1966 supersectional matchups between New Trier and Marshall and how basketball can serve as common ground that connects different communities together.

A 76-minute masterpiece, Dondanville captured the perspectives of the New Trier and Marshall players, coaches, fans, and more and centered it around the 8 millimeter footage of the two games.

"The players from the '65 and '66 New Trier and Marshall teams hadn't seen each other for 50 years," Dondanville said. "That night basketball, the love of the game, and

seeing themselves play was just magical. It was as though old friends were getting together again."

After seeing the connection between the two ideas, Dondanville approached Net Gain about expanding the field to four teams to include New Trier and Marshall. A private viewing of the completed documentary was held in March for Lake Forest and New Trier players to watch.

"There were a lot of ex-New Trier basketball players that attended the event," New Trier head coach Scott Fricke said. "It was really cool to see the style of basketball then and the rivalries and that kind of added to the game we played Monday."

"It's really about how basketball can be a bridge between communities which is what Net Gain is about," Dondanville said. "Even in today's world, they don't cross paths much except for sports."

Sure enough, the idea was warmly received and the old rivals were added onto the docket.

Also in attendance were Tom Anderson and Richard Bradshaw, who played in the 1965 and 1966 supersectional games. Anderson, now living in Lake Forest, played for New Trier and eventually went on to compete collegiately for Washington & Jefferson College and Miami University of Ohio. Brad-



Spencer Boehm looks to pass to a teammate during an exhibition game against Marshall July 2 in Lake Forest.
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shaw starred for Marshall and earned the Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year honors in 1966 and continued his basketball career for the University of Kansas Jayhawks.

"It felt nostalgic," Anderson said. "It's always nostalgic when your former high school plays anyone but since it was Marshall, it really brought up memories."

Anderson has enjoyed the last few years of making the Gamechangers documentary, as well as experiencing the Net Gain event. The former New Trier player truly appreciates the opportunity he has gotten to bridge his own past with his own contemporaries and recognizes what Net Gain is trying to achieve for the younger generation.

"One of the most dramatic things that has hap-

pened to me in the last few years is that one I've crossed the furthest bridges with is one of my closest friends, Bradshaw," Anderson said. "My biggest regret is that I've only known him for the last two-and-a-half years and not the last 48. That's the takeaway from this experience. It becomes the inspiration to pull together these two communities and families together to show them what could be."

It was competitive first half for the Commandos, but alas, the Trevians busted the game wide open in the second half and ran away with a 71-56 victory.

New Trier used its superior height and length to disrupt Marshall shooters, clean up the glass, and finish over outstretched hands. The Commandos

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LISTEN UP

"I think I learned a lot from the camp, both mentally and physically."

Jack Drury — Former Loyola student after his experience at the Carolina Hurricanes prospect camp.

TUNE IN

What to watch this week

GOLF: It's the middle of summer and time to hit the links at your local course.

- Visit any one of the local park district golf courses to get some summer golf in.

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capitalized off of turnovers late in the first and second quarters along with pushing the ball in transition to cut their deficit to 35-33 entering halftime.

But in the second half, it was all New Trier as it used a 14-0 scoring run to take control of the game. The dynamic duo of senior forwards Ciaran Brayboy and Spencer Boehm was in full effect, as the two were able to overpower double and sometimes triple teams thrown at them in the post and were able to pass over the defense to

open shooters and cutters. "Participating in the game was really fun," Brayboy said. "It was a low-pressure environment that had deep historical roots from decades ago."

"The game was a story of two separate halves," Fricke said. "We started executing better and taking better care of the ball in the second half."

Ultimately, the event was a great success. Net Gain has now raised over \$40,000 in its two years of operation with the proceeds dedicated to finance Orr's and now Marshall's athletic programs. Net Gain year two also achieved its ultimate

objective: to connect different racial and socioeconomic backgrounds and communities together by using the game of basketball as a binding and unifying mechanism.

The addition of New Trier and Marshall to the Net Gain tradition appears to be a trend for future games and events designated to keep the two distinct communities of the North Shore and West Side of Chicago in contact with each other.

"I'm trying to get a regular season game with Marshall and Lake Forest and Orr," Fricke said. "We're trying to have a shootout like this summer's except during the season."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

10 Questions with Lily Conley

The New Trier girls soccer player will be a senior on this upcoming season's team.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

Africa because I've always wanted to see all the exotic animals.

What's the best part about being a New Trier athlete?

The best part is having teammates and coaches you go to school with and see in the halls. It's how close you become with your team and coaches.

If you could play any other sport, what would you play and why?

Probably basketball because I played it my freshman year.

What's been your favorite moment at New Trier?

Winning the state championship my freshman year.

What's one item on your bucket list?

To go skydiving.

What's the hardest



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part about soccer?

Trying to stay focused and on point, trying to stay completely locked in.

What's the best advice you've ever gotten?

To keep working at something, even if it's not going your way. My dad gave me that advice.

What's the best part about playing soccer?

The team and the friendships you make.


What's one song that's on your playlist?

Before a game, the last song our team listens to is "Lose Yourself" by Eminem.

What's one thing people don't know about you?

I lived in Germany during second and third grade.

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