

High School Happenings

By Ross Forman

- Highland Park stands on top of the North Central Division, with a 15-1-3 record, two points ahead of Maine Township and BG/H/W. New Trier Blue collected 27 points in 19 games, while the CCM Tigers and New Trier White had 24. Cary-Grove finished 0-19 and only scored 16 league goals while surrendering 125.
- The co-op Lakers JV team was undefeated in 20 games, finishing 15-0-5.
- Noah Pickus (Highland Park) and Derek Dyball (Maine Township) each scored 21 goals in 19 games.
- BG/H/W senior forward John Cappuccetti had 5 powerplay goals among his 12 in 16 games played.
- The AWF Renegades are the team-to-beat in the Suburban Division, and have scored 71 goals in 11 games.
- Sophomore Stephen Hill (Lockport) and senior Patrick Boniecki (Guerin) are two of the top playmakers in the Suburban Division.
- Lincoln Way is making a surge in the West Division, led by two senior sensations: Alex Cerda (25 goals, 10 assists) and Kyla Barna (16, 20).
- The race for the scoring title in the West is a six-player battle with Matt Bosler (Glenbard), Benjamin Vietri (Waubonsie Valley), Troy Nelson (Naperville Central), Thomas Stobart (Waubonsie Valley), Scott Sunire (Naperville Central) and Chris Zajac (Naperville Central) battling for bragging rights.
- The Ross-Ryan Show has been sensational this season for the co-op Upper Fox Valley girls' team. Sophomore forward Katelynn Ross has 17 goals, 11 assists in 12 goals, while sophomore defenseman Natalie Ryan has 16 goals, 9 assists.
- The battle for the Metro Girls title is the tightest race in years. Upper Fox Valley has been challenged this season by New Trier, Fenwick, Barrington, Latin School of Chicago, Loyola, the Rattlers, and Lake Forest, among others.
- Providence remains perched on the top spot in the Catholic League at 16-0-1. The Celtics have scored a league-leading 96 goals in 17 league games and only surrendered 22.
- Marist is still looking for its first league win.
- St. Viator teammates Robert Renner and David Kellner have been battling for the Catholic League scoring title. Renner leads by one point, and both have five game-winning goals.

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