

# HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

**By Ross Forman**

\* Ya gotta feel for Cary Grove, which has a 1-24 record, and is 0-19 in the North-Central Division. The Trojans' lone victory was against Carmel, 5-3, on Nov. 24 in Crystal Lake.

\* Loyola Gold stopped New Trier Green, 6-3, in Winnetka on Dec. 14.

\* Providence Catholic is primed for a run deep into the playoffs, with a 31-4-1-2 record, including a 13-0-1-0 mark in the Catholic League. The Celtics had a 13-game winning streak earlier this season, and were undefeated (one tie) in a 19-game stretch. After losing to Glenbrook North, 2-1 in overtime, on Nov. 17, Providence won its next 10.

\* St. Rita barely slipped past St. Ignatius, winning 4-3 on Dec. 12 in Crestwood. The Mustangs led by a goal before the Wolf Pack scored three unanswered second period tallies. Ryan Willock has had a strong season for St. Ignatius, including a key goal and two assists against St. Rita.

\* Highland Park forward David Shapiro has 17 goals, 5 assists in 19 North-Central Division games, including 5 game-winning goals.

\* Andrew Cole has played 855 minutes in goal for the co-op BG/H/W Stampede this season, and boasts a 92 save percentage. He leads the league in minutes played, by a matter of seconds, over Asael Orozco of St. Patrick. Orozco has a 4.26 GAA.

\* BG/H/W raised more than \$3,000 for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry in its annual Stick It To Hunger fundraiser. The total surpassed last year's event total by about \$1,000.

\* The AWF Renegades have only allowed 5 goals against in the team's first 10 Suburban Division games.

\* Erin O'Connor (Loyola) leads Metro Girls in scoring: 20 goals, 8 assists in 10 games played. New Trier's Ivy Dynek leads Metro Girls with 5 game-winning goals. Warren's Logan Harper has 13 goals and 3 assists, including 4 game-winning and 3 shorthanded tallies.



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