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Glenbrook South Titan Booster Club Newsletter

A weekly round-up of Glenbrook South High School Athletics

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Boys Basketball downs New Trier in OT

GBS Boys Basketball Team defeated New Trier Thursday night 63-62 in overtime! First GBS Conference win at New Trier since 2008.

Joe Shapiro had 18 points, 11 in the second half, including two clutch free throws in OT. Dominic Martinelli had 17. Justin Leszynski scored 12, and Brendan Wolf made three clutch 3's.

Earlier in the week, the Titans downed Hersey 66-60 on the road. Martinelli was 14-for-15 at the free throw line, bringing him to 74-for-79 from the charity stripe through the first five games. Dom made 44 straight free throws, the 10th longest streak in state history. Incredible!

Next up for the Titans is a home game Friday night against Niles West.

[More on the New Trier game from the Glenview Lantern:](#)

One of Phil Ralston's main concerns heading into the season was who would score for his team when opponents honed in on Dominic Martinelli.

The Glenbrook South head coach got his first glimpse of just that against New Trier on Thursday, Dec. 5, in an overtime battle in Winnetka. New Trier limited what South's lead scorer Martinelli could do and although it wasn't perfect, the Titans filled in when it mattered, coming away with a 63-62 win, South's first in Winnetka since 2008.

"The important lesson here is that we need to have guys figure things out and not have to rely on Dominic to do everything," Ralston said. "It took us three and a half quarters to figure that out. We'll learn from this and this is an important lesson for us."

One of the key helpers was Joe Shapiro, who made critical baskets for the Titans in the fourth quarter and overtime period when the Trevians double and triple-teamed Martinelli, limiting what he could do in the post. Shapiro scored

18 points, leading the team in points with Maritnelli scoring 17. Shapiro scored 11 in the second half.

With the score tied at 55 entering overtime, South ran out to a 6-2 run, but like New Trier did for much of the second half, it make critical shots toward the end. The Trevians had a chance to win the game, but couldn't convert on an inbounds play on their own baseline.

Maritnelli scored two points in the overtime period and let his teammates make plays when New Trier limited his chances with the ball, something that will be important as the season progresses.

"I just decided I'm going to let other guys step up and they did," Martinelli said. "We got open looks and I'm glad that we won the game."

South cruised out to a 10-0 lead and lead by 24-14 in the first quarter before the Trevians started to limit Maritnelli's chances with the ball and made it a three-point game at the half. The combination of limiting the Titans' top scorer and running backdoor passes, which lead to open shots.

Martinelli has deservedly received a lot of attention in the Chicago high school basketball world after his impressive first five games to the season, including one where he tied a program-record 51 points in a game. Ralston commented how humble his lead scorer has been with the recognition, but how he also might feel pressure to perform more at moments instead of looking for his teammates, something that was evident against New Trier.

"When you've been on a run like he has and you're touching the ball and think you're going to score, you're trying to perform, you feel like you're letting the team down," Ralston said. "He needs to let go of that part of his ego and make his teammates better."

Martinelli and the Titans will continue to learn but they're happy to start off conference play with a win in a tough environment. He knows this won't be the last time an opponent puts its best on the Titans' lead scorer and in order

for South to achieve its goals this season, they'll need strong perseverance like its win against the Trevains to make it happen.

"I think we have to come together as a team and work it out," Martinelli said. "Teams are going to throw everything at us, we're having a great season. We just have to be ready for anything."





Girls Gymnastics off to solid start

The Glenbrook South girls' gymnastics team has started the season with two big wins.

On Tuesday, November 26, the varsity team won the Glenbrook Quad invite with a team total of 138.80 beating Deerfield, Evanston and Vernon Hills.

On Tuesday, December 3, the team traveled to Maine East winning at all three levels. The varsity team topped Maine East 139.25 to 94.70.

The varsity team was lead by senior, and co-captain, Jenna Hartley winning vault and balance beam. Senior, and co-captain, Emily Wyngarden won bars and sophomore standout Mackenzie Podulo won floor. The next competition for the Titans is Tuesday, December 10th, against Niles West, under the Titan Dome.

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Boys Swimming & Diving win Warrior Relays

Boys Swimming & Diving started the season with a bang by winning the 7-team Warrior Relays Invite.

The boys set three meet records in the process.

Relay record breakers were Mike Hadjiivanov/Adam Zuiker/Elliot Chen/Max Rybchuk/Syphax Raab/Sami Moussally.

All three levels will be hosting a powerful Stevenson team this Friday at 5 p.m.



Poms Titan Dance Challenge

Varsity and JV Poms completed in the Titan Pom Challenge at the Titan Dome on Sunday.

Varsity took first place in Jazz and third in Poms.

JV took first place in Jazz and Poms, and won the overall JV division.

Great job, Ladies!



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Wrestling beats GBN, completes weekend sweep

The boys varsity wrestling team went 4-0 over the weekend.

On Friday, the varsity wrestling Beat GBN 42-25 at pack the place in the main gym.

On Saturday, the wrestling team beat Lake Park, Maine west, and thornton Fractional south to remain undefeated.

The wrestling team will host new trier on Friday night in the field house.



GBS Hockey Tops Loyola; Competes in Two Tournaments

Coming off the thrilling yet heartbreaking loss to GBN on the eve of Thanksgiving, Titans hockey returned to the rink for a busy stretch which included two tournaments and a league game against Loyola.

The Titans didn't have any time to dwell over the overtime loss to GBN as the squad hit the ice Thanksgiving morning against Maine in the Loyola Academy Thanksgiving Classic. GBS jumped out to an early lead when AJ Gnospelius scored on an assist from Nicolas Botvinnik. The Titans extended the lead in the second period with goals from Gavin Miller and Hunter Niemann, assisted by Will Friedman and Joe Young, respectively. Fatigue set in during the third period as Maine closed the gap to 3-2 but Connor Wall was able to preserve the victory.

Despite four players sitting due to injuries, GBS received solid play from the entire squad to defeat St. Rita in the second match of the tournament by a score of 7-4. Theo Papalas and Joe Young contributed two goals each while Remy Doyle, Jack Przybylo and Max Ibarra each scored. Solid efforts were provided by Matty Barrett and Landon Garrett on defense while Peter Lanscioni and Parker Davidson applied pressure up front.

To determine which team would reach the semi-finals, GBS took on league rival St. Viator on Saturday. Skating again without four players due to injury, GBS succumbed to Viator in a sloppy 5-0 loss. In addition to the injuries, the team was emotionally and physically drained from three consecutive days with a game, including the GBN match.

In a return to league action, GBS looked to sweep Loyola in the three-game regular season series. From the beginning, it was a fast-paced battle. Loyola took an early 1-0 lead but GBS responded with a short-handed goal by Botvinnik after Friedman knocked the puck loose for the scoring opportunity. Less than a minute later, Loyola scored on the same power play to retake the lead. The teams traded goals midway through the second period as Miller put home a great pass from Young and Przybylo went end-to-end with a beautiful finish over the goalie's shoulder. The goal by 'Shibs' tied the game at three

after Loyola had regained the lead after Miller's goal. Just prior to the end of the period, GBS took the lead for the first time as Papalas slapped a pass from Botvinnik into the net. Loyola refused to quit and evened the score in the third period once again but GBS regained the lead for good on their second short-handed goal of the game, this time by Friedman assisted by Botvinnik. Max Ibarra contributed an empty net goal prior to Loyola scored a six on four goal in the waning seconds of the game to complete a 6-5 Titans victory and sweep of the regular season series.

GBS traveled to Jamestown, NY for the National Invitational which features powerful teams from the Midwest, east coast and Ontario. The first opponent was Holy Ghost Prep from Philadelphia. The Titans started strong with Miller scoring on a one-timer from the high slot from a perfect pass by Friedman. Despite the early momentum, the wheels came off as a combination of bad bounces, errors and poor communication led to five goals in five minutes for Holy Ghost in the first period. Showing tremendous fortitude, the Titans applied pressure in the second and third period to narrow the gap to 5-3 (goals by Jack Muir and Frank Addante) and hit the post multiple times. Frustration crept in and the Titans gave up two goals in the final minute of the game including a power play goal to end with a 7-3 defeat.

The Titans responded convincingly against the University School from Cleveland the following day. In what was probably the most complete game of the year, GBS dominated in all phases of the game to finish with an 8-1 victory. Joe Young scored twice while goals were contributed by Papalas, Daniel McKay, Muir, Niemann, Kyle Everson and a highlight reel effort by Friedman. Jeff Keating provided the steady hand in net.

Still with a chance to advance to the semi-finals, the Titans took on Bethel Park from the Pittsburgh area. Once again, GBS played a fast-paced, high pressured game. The sound of pucks off the posts rung through the arena and gasps from the crowd as the Bethel Park goalie made save after save. An untimely puck bobble and slip resulted in two goals by Bethel Park in the first period. The Titans continued the pressure in the second and third periods but

for the balance of the game, Bethel Park resorted to a defensive oriented style by icing the puck and flipping it out of their zone at every opportunity. In a game of bounces and great goaltending, GBS concluded their tournament play with a 4-1 loss.

GBS returns to the ice this week with a rematch against New Trier on Friday at 7:00 at Heartland Arena in Lincolnwood and against St. Viator on Sunday at 7:55 at Mount Prospect Arena.



Join the Titan Booster Club: 2019-20 Membership

Membership registration remains OPEN for the Glenbrook South Titan Booster Club for the 2019-20 school year.

Your membership gets your family free admission into all varsity basketball games.

[Click here to register on our website.](#)

There are three levels of membership, starting at \$50. Gold membership for \$200 includes an exclusive Titan premium gift you can't get anywhere else: a Navy and gold nylon 21" wide duffel bag with padded handle, detachable strap, and GBS logo (see pic below).

100% of your membership fee is used to provide funds for:

A retractable screen system that divides the Fieldhouse space between the indoor track and the three courts to ensure a safe and productive practice environment. EVERY GBS STUDENT will benefit since the screen will also be used during PE classes.

Coaches' wish lists for equipment their teams need for training and competition. (Approximately \$65,000 in equipment purchased in 2018 and 2019, as well as \$350,000 given to GBS in 2017 to construct the outdoor bathroom/concession facility that benefits all students as well as the community).

Scholarships for GBS summer camps, CSL leadership conferences, and two deserving college bound athletes.

Three code of conduct breakfasts throughout the year.

Don't wait! [Register now for the 2019-20 Titan Booster Club.](#)



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GBS Cheerleading Jr. Titan Cheer Clinic



Who: Students in K-8th Grade

What: Learn cheers, stunts, jumps & dance and perform with the GBS Varsity Cheerleaders

Where: Practice in the GBS Main Gym and perform at the GBS Boys' Basketball Game

When: Practice Wednesday, 12/11 and Thursday, 12/12; Perform Saturday, 12/14

Cost: \$40 per cheerleader

*Cost includes t-shirt, clinic, and pizza on Saturday

2019 Clinic Schedule

Wednesday, December 11th

Check-in will begin at 4:15pm

Clinic: 4:30pm - 5:45pm in the GBS Main Gym

Attire: Comfortable active clothing, gym shoes & hair pulled back

Thursday, December 12th

Clinic: 4:30pm - 5:45pm in the GBS Main Gym

Attire: Comfortable active clothing, gym shoes & hair pulled back

Saturday, December 14th

Please meet at 4:00pm in the Cafeteria (next to Main Gym) for pizza and warm-up

Game will begin at 5:00pm in the GBS Main Gym

Attire: GBS Cheer Shirt, comfortable black bottoms, gym shoes & hair pulled back

***Please remember to bring a water bottle each day & no jewelry or gum**

Complete your registration online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/JrTitanCheer2019>

We accept cash or check. Please make checks payable to **GBS Cheer**

*All registrations must be completed by **Tuesday, November 26th**

Questions? Contact Coach Middleton at amiddleton@glenbrook225.org
or (847) 486-5739



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Titans in the News

Sun-Times: No individual player who made a bigger statement or shined brighter during Thanksgiving week than Glenbrook South's Dom Martinelli

Boys Basketball vs. Hersey

Boys Basketball downs New Trier in OT

Glenbrook South wrestling downs Glenbrook North

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