

FASTBREAK



22ND CENTURY MEDIA FILE PHOTO

1ST-AND-3

THREE STARS OF THE WEEK

1. **Scheinfeld leads NT to third-place state final finish. (ABOVE)**
Charlie Scheinfeld won his second consecutive 100-yard breaststroke and helped New Trier win two relays as the Trevs finished third at the IHSA state finals.
2. **Wieczorek helps New Trier Green win league title.**
The NT goalie made a combined 55 saves in two games as the Trevs beat Loyola Gold to win the Scholastic Hockey League title.
3. **Canning sets state record.** The Loyola senior became the first diver in IHSA history to finish top four in all four years.

Loyola, Regina athletes volunteer for good cause

Basketball clinic raises more than \$14K for Danny Did Foundation

MICHAEL WOJTYCHIW
Sports Editor

Seven years ago, the Danny Did Foundation started its annual Hustle & Heart Basketball Clinic to benefit the foundation and help raise awareness about epilepsy.

The Danny Did Foundation, whose mission is to prevent deaths caused by seizures, was founded by Mike and Mariann Stanton after their 4-year-old son Danny died suddenly on Dec. 12, 2009, in his sleep after suffering a seizure. Soon after, his uncle, Tom Stanton, then an assistant coach with the Loyola Academy boys basketball team, joined Mike and Mariann and now serves as the executive director of the foundation.

This year's clinic was held on Presidents Day, Feb. 20, at the Golf View Recreation Center in Niles, and broken up into two sessions, one for kids in kindergarten to third grade and the other for fourth to eighth grades. With the Stantons' connections to Loyola, both the girls and boys teams from the school volunteered to be counselors. Players and coaches from Regina, Benet, DePaul Prep, Notre Dame,



Members of the Regina girls basketball team at the clinic.

DePaul University and Truman College also volunteered.

"We had several high school coaches who were willing to get involved with our cause, in particular Kevin Clancy, an assistant coach at Notre Dame High School," Tom Stanton said in an email. "We wanted to do something that would be close to Danny's heart, so a day in the gym was a natural fit. Danny loved sports, and he always showed hustle and always showed heart. That's how the name of the clinic came about. This event is a way that we can celebrate his life, while helping to educate kids about epilepsy in a fun environment."

Each session consisted of a series of stations, with each station featuring a different basketball skill, followed by a segment of basketball contests, a talk

about seizure safety and then a dunk contest featuring the high school players. A total of 310 kids participated in Monday's clinic.

The Loyola boys basketball team, which has participated in all seven of the clinics, had all of their varsity players represented, as well as coach Tom Livatino and his kids.

"I envision myself as when I was a kid," said Loyola's Ramar Evans, a senior guard on the varsity team, who participated in the clinic for the third time. "I would look up to those players and I remember this one time there were a couple high school kids from Whitney Young and they came in and worked out with us. I gave them a high five and was like 'I'm never washing my hand again.'

"Now I'm older and I'm a high school player and I'm working them out and



The Loyola boys basketball team poses with campers during the 7th Annual Hustle & Heart Basketball Clinic Feb. 20 in Niles. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

they do the same thing and it's a good feeling to see how you impact kids."

Despite having a sectional semifinal game later that night, several members of the Loyola girls varsity squad, also attended and volunteered as counselors, something that Loyola girls basketball coach Jeremy Schoenecker was proud of.

"I think our girls get a lot of it because they know that they were campers one day and they always looked forward to it," Schoenecker said. "We do so many things here at Loyola that people don't know about and with me being there and my daughter being a camper that day, as well as Tom Livatino and his kids being campers, it is a fun event and you're pleased to see so many people helping for a great cause and also seeing both Loyola teams

doing great things."

The clinic has gotten bigger every year, something that Tom Stanton has been delighted to see.

"This year we had more sponsor partners than any year prior," Tom Stanton said. "We see that as a reflection of our supporters viewing this as a positive event that pulls the community together. They want to be a part of that. We also had more schools than ever partner with us to volunteer. The involvement of these high school and college teams is what drives the clinic and gives it great energy."

The clinic was able to help the Danny Did Foundation even more by raising \$14,050.

"Knowing you're raising money for a great cause is a win-win for everybody," Schoenecker added.

LISTEN UP

"To win 20-plus games in a season and to win a regional, there's nothing to put your head down about."

Jeremy Schoenecker — Loyola girls basketball coach after his team's Feb. 20 sectional semifinal loss to Evanston.

TUNE IN

What to watch this week

GIRLS WATER POLO: New Trier gets its season underway against conference rival GBN.

NT hosts Glenbrook North at 6:30 on Wednesday, March, 8 in Winnetka.

INDEX

41 - Athlete of the Week

41 - This Week In

Fastbreak is compiled by Sports Editor Michael Wojtychiw, m.wojtychiw@22ndcenturymedia.com.