



# **The Comcast Network Game of the Week**

**Boys Lacrosse: Loyola Academy vs. New Trier**

**Game Date/Time:** Thursday, May 12, 5:30 p.m.

**Broadcast Dates/Times:** Saturday, May 14, Noon and 4 p.m.; Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 21, Noon and 4 p.m.

**Where:** New Trier Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Rd., Northfield.

**Records (as of 5/11):** Loyola Academy (10-5), New Trier (9-4).

**Key Players:** Loyola Academy – Luke Cowan, Brendan Dolan, Dylan Harris; New Trier – Patrick Callahan, Rory McGinnis, Mick Parks, Chad Sawyer.

**Fast Facts:** Much is made of rivalries in high school sports, but you would be hard-pressed to find a more competitive, sustained and familiar rivalry than the one that exists between the Loyola Academy and New Trier boys lacrosse programs. The schools are so close in proximity that New Trier coach Tom Herrala joked that Loyola may walk to the New Trier Northfield campus for Thursday's game. The past six years, New Trier has won the state championship, and remarkably, the last five titles came at the expense of Loyola in the championship game. Prior to New Trier's run, Loyola won three straight state titles, which was preceded by yet another state runner-up finish. Four of the last five meetings between the two teams have been decided by one goal, including last year's state title game, a 7-6 New Trier win. The Trevians have the brightest star in the game in Parks, an All-American as a junior who is committed to lacrosse powerhouse Virginia. He has 38 goals and 25 assists to lead the team. Sawyer is his main partner on the offensive end. The Trevians are battle tested after facing a heavy out-of-state schedule against some of the nation's best teams. Loyola is paced by Cowan, one of the top attackers in the state. Dolan flanks him offensively and Harris, a junior, is the team's top defender. Only eight seniors appear on the Ramblers' roster this season, but they still rank No. 2 in the state behind New Trier.

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