

so versatile and our offensive line did such a nice job blocking that it didn't affect him."

New Trier's first possession was a nine-point swing. The Trevians took the kickoff and were stopped by the Titans' defense on their 1-yard line.

The Trevian defense came to the rescue on Glenbrook South's first series and forced a punt. Glenbrook's Boomer Crann, back in his end zone, saw the center snap sail far over his head for a safety.

Then Ryan Spellman returned the Glenbrook South

The Titans' furthest advancement in the first half was to their 31.

In the second half, Glenbrook South had far better field position. Quarterback Dave Splithoff, operating from the shotgun formation, saw some flaws in the Trevians' secondary and completed seven of eight passes for 125 yards. Splithoff also mixed in an occasional run and broke the New Trier shutout bid by kicking a 22-yard field goal in the third period, trimming the deficit to 9-3.

Boomer Crann finds little operating room as New Trier's Simon Berk and Tom Duda (13) corral the Glenbrook South wide receiver after he pulls in a pass.

However, New Trier was not to be denied. Lottich, who passed for 116 yards in the first half, picked right up from where he left off and gunned a 43-yard completion to Neumayer to the Glenbrook South 1. On the next play, Lottich took it into the end zone.

"Lottich has the ability to read defenses and complete a

pass to his second or third option," Mortier says. "I think he completed passes to five different receivers."

In the final quarter, Glenbrook South threatened late to cut the lead, but the New Trier defense, led by Peter Naughton and Blake Macleod, stopped the Titans cold on the Trevian 11.

"I thought defensively we

played a good game," Harris said. "Our defense was on the field for the whole first half, but the mobility of Lottich and the running of Geary were the major differences in the game."

New Trier will be home Friday night against Niles West (3-2) while Glenbrook South travels to 0-5 Waukegan Saturday afternoon.

Pan-Am gold lands Delneky special invitation

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Peter Delneky took a giant step recently toward his goal of competing for an Olympic medal one day.

Now, if his teachers will just help him along the rest of the way...

The New Trier High School senior captured the gold medal in karate in his Junior Division (75 kilograms) weight class at the Pan-Am Games in Brazil Sept. 11-12.

That showing earned him a personal invitation from the coach of the Senior national team to train in Lake Placid (N.Y.) at the Olympic Training

Center, and also landed him a berth in the World Games scheduled to begin Oct. 30 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Now Delneky, a Northfield resident, must negotiate homework terms with his teachers if he expects to miss class time.

"I understand their concerns about me being absent for a couple of weeks, but this is an opportunity of a lifetime, and I can't pass it up," Delneky says. "I just hope my teachers will understand that. This is a chance for me to experience something not many people will experience. I was very ecstatic when the president of the national federation personally invited me to go to a training session.

I've gotten a lot of respect from the members of the Senior team, and that doesn't come easily."

Neither do gold medals. But Delneky now owns three of them, including two in a row after moving up to a heavier weight class this year.

"When I won it the first time I was only 12, and the feeling was unbelievable," he said. "Then I won last year and it was a relief because it had been so long since I won the first one.

"When I won in Brazil, it made me feel like I wasn't a fluke, that I had the talent to do this again and again. And I had to beat two of the hometown favorites from Brazil to win it, so that was very satisfying."

In previous Pan-Am appearances, Delneky was among the heaviest of the competitors in his weight class. That all changed this year.

"Most of the guys were close to (the maximum) 164 pounds and were over 6-feet tall, and here I was looking up at them at about 5-8 and 157 pounds," he says. "Moving up a class definitely made it more difficult.

"Mentally, I felt like I didn't have the control over my opponent that I usually do. I just had to be faster and stay on my guard, and that's what I did."

Now we'll find out how quick he is with his homework.