

1) Name: Maggie Lyon

2) Suburb you lived in (when you went to New Trier): Wilmette

3) What year did you graduate NT? 2012

4) Where do you live now? Chicago

5) New Trier sport(s): Basketball and Softball (only Freshman year for Softball)

6) Who were your coaches? Teri Rodgers (basketball) and Coach Loftus (freshman softball)

7) HS sports accomplishments/awards/honors: All-State, All-Conference, 2-year Team Captain

8) Favorite high school *individual* sports memory:

I was able to make it downstate for the 3-point shooting contest for 3 of my 4 years at New Trier which was really fun getting to compete against girls from all over the state. The best part of it though was for my Senior year, I had about 8 teammates who made the trip down with me to cheer me on which meant so much to me.

9) Favorite high school *team* memory: Beating Loyola to win the Sectional my Freshman year

10) Who was your biggest team rival or individual rival in HS, and where did they go to school?

I would say our biggest team rival was either Loyola or GBS and the biggest individual rival would be Jewell Loyd from Niles West. I was on the same AAU basketball team as Jewell in the Springs and Summers so it was always fun to play against her in high school season.

11) Favorite class and/or teacher at NT:

One of my favorite parts of New Trier was my Advisery, so naturally, I loved my adviser, Mrs. Loring. My favorite class I took at New Trier was Junior year American Studies class and my favorite teacher was Ms. Cristofani. I love history and she did a great job of asking thought-provoking questions and facilitating interesting discussions. I felt like I learned a lot in the class but also had fun while doing it.

12) Where did you attend college: Northwestern University

13) Compare your HS sports experience to your college experience:

I would say the similarity between the two is that for both I made incredible friends from the teams that I was on. The best memories were the funny practice stories we shared, or whenever we would hang out outside of the sport whether it be on bus rides or carb fests. The biggest difference between the two would just be the level of play. In High School, it seemed a little more social, whereas in college it became like your full-time job. It was a 365 day a year commitment where you were constantly training and working towards a goal.

14) College sports accomplishments:

- Big Ten Freshman of the Year
- 4-time All-Big Ten, 3-time Academic All-Big Ten
- Big Ten Distinguished Scholar
- Program Record for 3-pointers made
- Participated in the State Farm 3-Point Contest my senior year at the Final Four
- 3-year Team Captain

15) Favorite college sports moments:

Making the NCAA Tournament my Junior season for the first time in 20 years for the program. It was amazing. In the offseason leading up to that season, we got a new Strength and Conditioning coach and she was VERY intense. I have never been pushed so hard physically and mentally than I was with her. She instilled a culture of mental toughness that I will take with me forever. The struggle we had as a team in the offseason made all of the wins 100 times better and made the NCAA Tournament berth that much sweeter.

16) Area of study: Major in Communication Studies, Minor in Marketing, and Minor in History

17) What do you do now?

I work as a Communications Manager for Priority Sports and Entertainment which is a full-service sports management firm based in Chicago.

18) If you could go back in time and give yourself advice/wisdom as you are starting freshman year at New Trier, what would that advice be?

I would say to try and enjoy every little part of the journey. Whether that be a tough practice, open gym, long film session, conditioning run, late-night bus ride, success or failure, it all contributes to the larger picture and makes the journey that much better. It is so easy to get caught up in the negatives at times that you can forget that playing sports is a privilege and a joy. I would just tell myself to really appreciate every minute you get to play a sport you love even in the good and bad times.

19) What would you do differently if you could do it again?

Not to sound cliché but I honestly wouldn't do anything differently. If I did choose something, it would be not making the same mistakes I did – on or off the court – but I wouldn't have been able to learn from them if I hadn't made them. You only get to where you're going, or where you want to go, if there are bumps in the road. There are no shortcuts so I wouldn't want to change anything.





