



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS



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**THIS WEEK AT  
NOTRE DAME  
(HOME GAMES)**

**Saturday February 1**

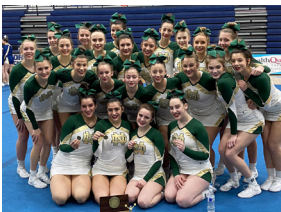
**Hockey  
vs. Chippewa Valley 6:10**

**Monday February 3**

**Boys/Girls Bowling  
vs. Royal Oak 3:30**

**Tuesday February 4**

**F/JV/VAR Girls Basketball  
vs. LO 4:00/5:30/7:00**



A week after taking part in the Cougar Spirit Invite, the Notre Dame Competitive Cheer team earned the 2020 Oakland County Championship with a score of 767.38



Jack Anderson had a goal for Notre Dame against Marysville

## BOYS BASKETBALL GETS WIN AT CRESTWOOD; CHEER COMPETES AT COUGAR SPIRIT INVITE

### BASKETBALL GETS WIN AT CRESTWOOD

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team earned a decisive 65-51 win on the road against the Crestwood High School Chargers. Leading scorers for the Irish were Jacob Bendtsen, who had 33 points with 13 of his points earned at the foul line, Jacob Anderson with 15 points, including three 3-pointers, and Ethan Johnson who finished with nine points. Other scorers included Brennan Holycross, Jack Olis, Jonathan Risi and Alex Scherle. Overall, Notre Dame went 18 for 22 from the free throw line in the victory.

### GIRLS BOWLERS GET SHUTOUT VICTORY

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team picked up a 30-0 win over Birmingham Groves as the Irish took all baker and individual games. Theresa Carrier shot a high series for the season with a 398 for two games while Liana Jouhet and Sophie Quirk both had high two-game series. As a team, Notre Dame shot a high series 747 and high totals for season (1458) in the victory.

### IRISH FALL TO WILDCATS ON LAST-SECOND FREE THROWS

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Basketball team dropped a 33-32 decision to Oxford High School. Trailing 27-19 after three quarters the Irish rallied to take

a 32-30 lead, but the Wildcats would get a basketball at the buzzer and an ensuing free throw would give Oxford the victory. Justina Gaynor had 14 points to lead Notre Dame while Malorie Wilson finished with 11.

### IRISH DROP MATCH TO GROVES

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team fell to Birmingham Groves 27-3. David Brouns led the Irish with a 357 two-game series to earn a win against his opponent. Anthony Ghaith also picked up two victories for Notre Dame. John Jernigan shot a high game and series of the season, Zachary Hogan shot a high game of 145 and high series of the season, and Leelan Banta shot his high series of the season.

### CHEER HEADS TO STONEY CREEK INVITE

The Notre Dame Varsity Cheer team competed in the Stoney Creek Cougar Invitational over the weekend. The meet, known as one of the elite cheer events of the season with many of the top teams in the state in attendance did not disappoint. Notre Dame started out with bang, leading its division after round two with a score of 459.7, ahead of their main rival by only .32 points. The Irish grit and determination showed through, but the third round included some uncharacteristic stumbles, which resulted in lower than anticipated score. Further complicating

the Irish chances was a precision penalty in round two which cost the team additional points. In the end, Notre Dame finished with a combined score of 751.8, enough for a respectable fourth place finish amidst steep competition. The Irish learned some valuable lessons and appear determined to not let this deter them from their main goal of winning another state title.

### WRESTLERS HOST QUAD MATCH

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team went 1-1 in a home quad meet, winning 48-24 against Lutheran Westland and falling 40-27 to Macomb/Dakota. Nick Gale, Joey Benenati, Joey Grossi, and Reid Gaboury all went 2-0, while Nick Meli, Christian Bowser, and Peter Channo each picked up a win.

### IRISH FALL TO MARYSVILLE IN OVERTIME

The Notre Dame Hockey team fell 3-2 to Marysville in overtime. Second period goals by Jack Anderson and Nick Wagner gave the Irish a 2-0 lead, but the Vikings would take advantage of numerous powerplay chances to tie the game in the third period and score the eventual winner. Teddy Ecker finished with 28 saves in goal for Notre Dame.

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## SWIM GETS HOME WIN OVER HARPER WOODS; SKI TEAMS CONTINUE STRONG SEASONS

### SWIMMERS GET WIN OVER HARPER WOODS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team dominated a shorthanded Harper Woods team by a score of 81-30 in their first home meet of the season. The Pioneers had several swimmers unavailable, which provided opportunities for Notre Dame swimmers to compete in off events. They responded well, with Paul Vigneau winning both the 200 and 500 Free in personal best times. Oliver Kayi won the 100 Breaststroke, also in a personal best time. Faris Majoub prevailed in the 100 Free, and Lars Boehme swam to victory in the 100 Backstroke. Griffin Gushman earned a State qualifying time in the 200 IM. There were several other personal best times achieved, including Majoub and Kayi in the 200 Free, Anthony Dupuis in the 100 Free, and Nick Mazzola in the 100 Backstroke.

### JV BOYS GET CONVINCING WIN OVER CRESTWOOD

The Notre Dame Boys JV Basketball team dominated both offensively and defensively in a 61-42 win over Crestwood. Leading scorers were Evan Noga (16), Joe Yaldo (15), Jacob Kalil (nine) and Luke Babich (nine).

### SKI TEAMS CONTINUE SEMSL SUCCESS

After a significant snow fall at Pine Knob and a team training weekend at Nubs Nob, the Notre Dame Varsity Ski teams continued their success in both Giant Slalom and Slalom events. In the Slalom, the Girls placed five in the top 15 positions led by Senior Meghan Kozole taking first overall by 0.16 seconds. Sydney Schulte (fourth), Claire Kirchner (ninth), Delaney Flavin (12th) and Keely McLeod (14.5) also earned top placements for the Irish who finished second only to Clarkston by only four points. The Boys Slalom runs were led again by juniors Kaden Hovey (fifth) and Jack Lintol (seventh) along with freshmen Chase Flavin and Teegan McLeod (11th and 19th respectively). Senior captain Brian Marx rounded out the scoring, placing 28th. As a team the Irish also took second overall behind only Rochester Adams. Both the Girls and Boys teams dominated all four head-to-head opponents in the Giant Slalom events, taking first over Stoney Creek, Rochester, Waterford United, and Berkley-Avondale-Troy. The Girls had lowest possible score (10), taking first through fourth place in three of the four matches. The Irish we again led by Kozole, Schulte, Kirchner and McLeod. The Boys also posted scores of 10-10-11-14 compared to 29-34-36-38 to their opponents. Senior Geordan Bolden pushed through an injury to be a top-four scorer for Notre Dame.

### JV SKI TEAMS HAVE STRONG WEEK

Excellent snow conditions allowed the Notre Dame JV Ski teams to compete in both Giant Slalom and Slalom events. The weekend of training at Nubs Nob with the Varsity proved to pay off as the Girls captured second place in both events, led by Freshman Amanda Roth taking fourth and third overall, Seniors Olyvia Smoger (seventh) and Lydia Evans (fourth and eighth), and juniors Angela Leach and Olivia McGettrick also scoring. The Boys took first in the Giant Slalom with first place overall going to junior, JP LeFaivre. Ben Pocius and Alex Hein captured third and fourth spots while freshman Blake Banninger completed scoring in 11th for a team low of 19 points.

### BOYS JV BASKETBALL COMES BACK TO TOP FGR

While down most of the game, the Notre Dame Boys JV Basketball team regrouped in the fourth quarter, buckling down on defense and making critical free throws (Luke Babich and Alex Wagner), to beat Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 58-53. Leading scorers for the Irish were Babich (16), Evan Noga (nine), Billy Newman (nine) and Chris Galle (nine).



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## GIRLS BOWLING GETS WIN OVER BRANDON; HOCKEY DROPS GAME AT MAC SHOWCASE

### GIRLS BOWLING FALLS TO MERCY

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team dropped a 20-10 decision to Mercy in a match that came down to the last few frames. The Irish and Marlins were neck-and-neck in the first baker game with Mercy taking the game by 14 pins. The Irish pulled ahead in the second baker game and grabbed totals to go into individual games leading 6-4. Therese Allard bowled a personal record high game of 202 and two-game PR series of 352, winning both of her games. Mia Mojares stepped up from JV and earned a win while Palmer Wencley was brought up to help the Irish. Anchor and Captain Theresa Carrier rounded out the Notre Dame effort, winning her first game with a 199.

### IRISH DROP MATCH TO EAGLETS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team fell 22-8 to Orchard Lake St. Marys. The Irish lost the first baker game by seven pins and dropped the second by six pins in a very competitive start to the match. Newcomer John Jernigan won his first match and scored a personal record with a 175 game. David Brouns won his first game as did Zack Hogan as the Irish took seven points in the first individual games to close the gap to 12-7. Anthony Ghaith earned a win in the second individual games for Notre Dame, who was unable to overcome the deficit following the baker games.

### HOCKEY FALLS TO ROMEO AT MAC SHOWCASE

The Notre Dame Hockey team dropped a 6-3 decision to Romeo High School at the Macomb Area Conference Showcase. Dadvid Mohr, Brady Bassett and Vincent Anderson all scored for the Irish and goaltender Teddy Ecker made 41 saves to earn showcase honors.

### 5/6 GIRLS EARN WIN AT ST. MARY MC

The Notre Dame 5/6 Grade Girls Basketball team (4-4) defeated St. Mary Mt. Clemens 24-12 in one of their best efforts of the season. In the first quarter, the Irish played solid as they maintained a slim 4-3 lead. The second quarter saw the Irish explode as they scored 10 points and held St. Mary to only four. The Irish would prove they were a superb defensive team as they only allowed five additional points in the second half. This defensive effort was led by Anna Lis, Sabrina Kobylecki and Sadie Shook. Ellie Whalen helped with three blocks, while Kobylecki had two steals. Offensively, Emma Stowe (14 points) led all scorers as she was double and triple teamed most of the game. Whalen (two points) and Audrey Simon (six points) demonstrated superior ball handling skills breaking St. Mary's press and getting the team set in their offense. Meredith Wilson chipped in with two points and grabbed many rebounds.

### GIRLS BOWLING GRABS WIN OVER BRANDON

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team picked up a 23-7 win over Brandon. The Irish took the first baker game before dropping the second to take a 6-4 lead heading into individuals. Captain Theresa Carrier led the Irish with a personal record series of 427, winning both games with a 190 and 237. Therese Allard bowled her PR high game of 190 and won both of her matches while Liana Jouhet finished the night by winning both of her matches. The Boys Varsity team dropped their match to Brandon 19-11. David Brouns led Notre Dame by bowling a 190 and 193 to take both of his matches.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLERS CONTINUE CYO PLAY

The Notre Dame Middle School Bowling team entered into Week Four of CYO play. Auggy Villajuan bowled personal record high score (137) and first-year bowler Lucas Mazzola bowled personal record high score (106) and PR high series (184). Zack Mylenek continued his strong season with a high score of season (162) and high series of season (270).

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## 5/6 GOLD, GIRLS GET WINS OVER OLL; JV BASKETBALL COMES BACK TO TOP BROTHER RICE

### 5/6 BOYS GREEN DROPS GAME TO RAVENS

The Notre Dame 5/6 Grade Boys Green Basketball team traveled to Our Lady Refuge for a divisional game. The Irish came out of the gate strong on both ends of the court and roared to an 11-2 lead after the first quarter. Refuge chipped away at the lead in the second but the Irish held on for a 12-8 halftime lead. The Ravens came out of the locker room on fire, putting up 14 points in the third, including a buzzer beating three, to take a lead 22-17. From there, the teams traded baskets until the buzzer went off with the Ravens coming out on top, 28-23. The Irish were led by the bigs with Lucas Kattula and Lucas Bigelow each scoring six points each. Also scoring for the Irish were Sami Khouri (five points) with Austin Reese, Ashton Gust and Joey Bialy each chipping in with two.

### IRISH COME BACK TO BEST WARRIORS

In an exciting back-and-forth battle, the Notre Dame Boys JV Basketball team overcame a 14 point halftime deficit to defeat Brother Rice 46-44. In the final seconds of the game, Joe Yaldo made two free throws to give the Irish the win. High scorers for the Irish were Evan Noga (16), Yaldo (11) and Luke Babich (10). Alex Wagner and Chris Galle contributed strong defensive efforts to help hold the Warriors to 10 second half points, and just one fourth quarter point.

### 5/6 BOYS GOLD HOLDS ON FOR WIN OVER LAKERS

The Notre Dame 5/6 Grade Boys Gold Basketball team managed to hang on and beat a much improved Our Lady of the Lakes team by a score of 20-19. In a back-and-forth battle, The Irish came out on top to get their fourth win of the season. Leading the scoring for Notre Dame was Presley Younan with eight points, followed by Alek Wernis with six, Lucas DiGrande with four and Will Hannah with two.

### IRISH COMEBACK FALLS JUST SHORT AGAINST LAKERS

The Notre Dame 7/8 Grade Girls Basketball team dropped a 33-28 decision at home to Our Lady of the Lakes. The Irish held a 4-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, but trailed 12-8 at halftime. After the Lakers opened up a double-digit lead in the second half, Notre Dame stormed back, cutting the deficit to five with just over a minute to play. But the Irish could not get closer as they fell to 4-5 overall, and 3-3 in league play. Notre Dame got a team-high nine points from Sophia Sermo, with Bree Blakeslee and Mya Kattula chipping in six apiece. Six players scored for Notre Dame.

### BOWLERS SET HIGH GAME MARKS IN CYO PLAY

The Notre Dame Middle School Bowling teams entered the third week of CYO league play. For the

A Division team, Aidan Cusac shot his high game and series of the season, Zachary Mylenek had a high series of the season (253), and Nick Privert shots a high game (159) and high two-game series (297) of the season. For the B Division team, Marko Cvetkovic rolled a high game of the season with a 158. Felipe Sanchez had a high game of 166 for the season with high series of 330 and Lucas Mazzola finished with a personal-record high game and high series for the Irish.

### 5/6 GIRLS GET WIN OVER OLL

The Notre Dame 5/6 Grade Girls Basketball team defeated Our Lady of the Lakes 24-15. The Irish got off to a slow start by scoring just two points in the first quarter, but found the net for the rest of the game scoring 22 points in three quarters. Emma Stowe led the way scoring 10 points, followed by Audrey Simon, Ellie Whalen and Meredith Wilson who each had four points. Ruby Ignasiak chipped in with a bucket. Whalen, Simon and Anna Lis each played exceptional defense, while Daniela Alonso contributed meaningful minutes to solidify the win.

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## WRESTLERS HEAD TO LAPEER TOURNAMENT; BOYS SWIM TAKES ON WATERFORD UNITED

### WRESTLERS COMPETE AT LAPEER INVITE

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team traveled to the Lapeer Invite. While the Irish were unable to take a match as a team, wrestlers performed well individually. The Irish lost two duals by one match and another dual by two matches. Nick Gale went 4-1, Lee Lindsey went 3-2 and had his first pin of the year against Lapeer High School, Reid Gaboury went 2-2, Nick Meli went 2-2, Evan McGhee went 1-0 to remain undefeated, Tai Moore went 1-1 and Joey Grossi went 1-1.

### BOYS BOWLING HEADS TO OAKLAND COUNTY INVITE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team took part in the Oakland County Tournament over the weekend. Anthony Ghaith placed 16th in the county (out of 120 bowlers) with a high game of 232. Ghaith also took 21st in the County for high series with a three-game total of 596, missing the top-10 by just 34 pins.

### SHORTHANDED IRISH FALL AT FRANKLIN

The Notre Dame Hockey team dropped a 3-1 game at Livonia Franklin. Antonio Popp had a second period goal to give the Irish a 1-0 lead but the Patriots would get a shorthanded goal early in the third and two more late goals to take the win. Teddy Ecker finished with 29 saves in goal for Notre Dame.

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### TROY UNITED SHUTS DOWN IRISH

The Notre Dame Hockey team fell 2-0 to Troy United. After a scoreless opening period Troy scored once in the second on a powerplay and added an insurance marker in the third. Teddy Ecker was once again strong in goal for the Irish, making 30 saves on the night.

### WATERFORD USES DEPTH TO TOP NOTRE DAME

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team dropped a well-contested meet to Waterford United by a score of 97-75. Notre Dame competed well in the events, winning six of the 11 swimming events. However, the depth of Waterford, with simply more swimmers proved to be the difference. Strong performances from Notre Dame included Anthony Dupuis winning the 200 Free in a season best time, Griffin Gushman winning the 100 Backstroke and 500 Free in a state qualifying time and Lars Boehme winning the 100 Free. Other season best times were posted by Paul Vigneau and Nick Mazzola in the 100 Free, Faris Mahjoub in the 50 Free and Oliver Kayi in the 100 Breaststroke. Notre Dame also won two of the three relay events. "The team continues to put out best personal times each week. This was a great meet for them. We won most of the races and the ones we lost were only by tenths of a second. It makes for exciting races and shows the fight in our boys to go after the victory. Only our numbers hurt us, not our ability to swim fast," Coach Mark McGreevy said after the meet.