



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS



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

**CHEER TAKES FIRST AT LAKE ORION INVITE;  
GIRLS SKI TAKES DIVISIONAL TITLES**

**Friday February 7**

**F/JV/VAR Boys Basketball  
vs. Cornerstone  
4:00/5:30/7:00**

**Saturday February 8**

**Hockey  
vs. Legion 6:10**

**Tuesday February 11**

**F/JV/VAR Boys Basketball  
vs. Oxford 4:00/5:30/7:00**

**Wednesday February 12**

**Boys/Girls Bowling  
vs. DCDS 3:30**

**Thursday February 13**

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

**Boys Swimming  
vs. DCDS 6:30**

## **IRISH TAKE FIRST AT DIVISIONAL MEET**

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Ski team captured Divisional titles in both the Giant Slalom and Slalom events at Pine Knob for the third straight seasons. Top finishers in the Slalom were Meghan Kozole (first), Sydney Schulte (fourth) and Claire Kirchner (fifth) while Kozole (second), Schulte (third), Kirchner (sixth) and Delaney Flavin (eighth) earned top placements in the GS for the Irish.

## **IRISH TAKE ON OXFORD, ADAMS IN TRI MEET**

The Notre Dame Varsity Swimming team participated in a Tri-Meet against Oxford and Rochester Adams. While the Irish lost to both teams, they had a good showing against two division one programs. The Irish won two events outright, including Lars Boehme in the 50 Free and Griffin Gushman in the 500 Free (lowering his season best time). There were several other very close races and numerous swimmers continued to post season best times. Those include Anthony Dupuis in the 100 Backstroke and 200 IM, Paul Vigneau in the 200 and 100 Free, Miguel Martinez in the 100 Fly, Faris Mahjoub in the 100 Free and Oliver Kayi in the 100 Breaststroke. The continued improvement is a good sign for the balance of the season. Next up for Notre Dame is the Oakland County Championship on Saturday at Waterford Mott.

## **CHEER TAKES FIRST AT LAKE ORION INVITE**

The Notre Dame Varsity Competitive Cheer competed in the Lake Orion Dragon invitational over the weekend, an event that featured many of the elite teams in the state across the top divisions. As teams begin to gear up for a run to the state finals, many use this event to make their mark and put others on notice. In the Division Three bracket, the competition remains fierce with a few points separating the top teams. Notre Dame's rounds one and two proved solid, but a few motion errors and a stumble put the Irish 3.28 points behind the leader and main rival heading into round three. Like a championship fight, the Irish came out swinging in the final round and landed a very difficult routine with very few flaws. While it appeared to be their best round three of the season, the score did not quite reflect it and Notre Dame remained in second place. However, not all was lost. The leading team still needed a solid score to finish on top, but an error cost them eight points and opened the door for the Irish. Notre Dame would go on to take Lake Orion Invitational with a score of 769.14, followed by Monroe Jefferson with a 763.04 and third place Richmond with a 759.72. The Irish are back in action next on February 15 at the Deltaplex in Grand Rapids.

## **IRISH HAVE STRONG SHOWING AT CLIO AS GALE BREAKS WINS RECORD**

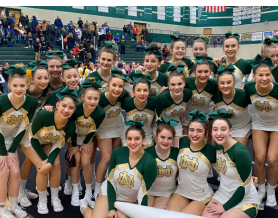
The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team had a strong weekend at the Clio Invitational, going 4-1 on the day as a team and placing first in their pool. Individually, Christian Bowser, Aaron McGhee, Lee Lindsey and Peter Channo all went 3-2, Sami Bayasi went 1-1, and Nick Gale went 4-1. Evan McGhee, Reid Gaboury, and Nick Meli all went undefeated finishing with a 5-0 record and earning individual medals for the tournament. With his four-win performance, Gale officially broke the Notre Dame record for most career wins, achieving his 114th win by the end of the tournament.

## **IRISH COMBACK FALLS SHORT AT BERKLEY**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team dropped a road game to Berkley 49-36. After falling into a double-digit hole in the second half, the Irish battled back in the fourth quarter to cut the Bears lead to two before Berkley ended the game on an 11-0 run to secure the win. The Irish were led by senior captain Ethan Johnson with 13 points and sophomore Jon Risi with 12 points.



**The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Ski team captured Divisional titles in both the Giant Slalom and Slalom**



**The Notre Dame Competitive Cheer team took first at the Lake Orion Invite**

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## GIRLS BOWLING GETS WIN OVER ROYAL OAK; HOCKEY SHUTS OUT BISHOP FOLEY UNITED



**The Notre Dame Varsity Dance team took part in the Pistons Pom Competition held at Little Caesars Arena. The Irish took second place overall in both the Pom and Hip Hop categories, finishing just a few points out of first**

### IRISH PLACE TOP-THREE AT DIVISIONAL MEET

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Ski team earned a top-three finish at the Divisional meet held Pine Knob. Jack Lintol earned a first place finish in the GS to lead the Irish while Kaden Hovey took fifth in the Slalom. Chase Flavin and Teegan McLeod also earned top-20 placements in the Slalom for Notre Dame.

### IRISH FALL TO VIKINGS

The Notre Dame Hockey team fell 3-2 to Marysville. The Irish took an early lead with goals from Vincent Anderson and David Mohr but the Vikings responded with two goals in the first before getting the game-winner late in the third period; Teddy Ecker continued his strong season in goal for the Irish with 37 saves.

### IRISH BOWLERS BEST RAVENS

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team defeated Royal Oak 29-1. Sophie Quirk a personal record game with a 172 and took both of her individual games. Theresa Carrier had high series for the Irish, shooting 343 after two games. The JV team also picked up a 23-7 win over Royal Oak. Katie Heaman won both of her matches and scored a PR two-game series of 259. Palmer Wencley had the highest series of the night, bowling a two-game score of 285. Ella Spender won both of her matches and Maddie Lawrence also picked up a win.

### IRISH PLACE TOP-10 AT DIVINE CHILD

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team earned a top-10 finish at the Divine Child Invite. Theresa Fadool, Liana Jouhet and Sophie Quirk all shot their high games of the season as the Irish had their high series of the season (796). Theresa Carrier medaled, placing fourth among 107 bowlers to lead Notre Dame while Therese Allard placed 26th.

### IRISH GET SHUTOUT OVER BISHOP FOLEY UNITED

The Notre Dame Hockey team picked up a 5-0 shutout win over Bishop Foley United. Vincent Anderson had two goals for the Irish while Vaughn Carraher, Brady Bassett and Joey Maniaci also scored in the victory. Teddy Ecker stopped all 10 shots he faced in net to pick up his fourth shutout of the season.

### ARBOR PREP TOPS IRISH

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball fell to a strong Arbor Prep team on Friday by a score of 54-31. A slow start to the game proved to be the downfall for Notre Dame as the Irish only scored two points in the first quarter. Jon Risi finished with eight points to lead the Irish.

### NOTRE DAME TAKES 8TH AT DIVINE CHILD INVITE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team took eighth at the Divine Child Invite. Zack Hogan bowled a personal record high game of 171 and Anthony Ghaith placed 20th out of 79 bowlers at the tournament.

### IRISH DROP MATCH TO RO

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team fell to Royal Oak 26.5-3.5. Harley Collins led the Irish, winning both matches for the night. Anthony Ghaith earned a split and had the high series for the team, shooting a two-game total of 349.

### NOTRE DAME TEAMS TAKE SECOND AT DON THOMAS

The Notre Dame Boys and Girls JV Ski teams placed second at the Don Thomas JV Invitational Meet. For the Boys, Ben Pocius took first in both the GS and Super GS races to lead the Irish. Alex Hein was seventh in the GS and fifth in the Super GS while JP LeFaivre was fifth in the GS and sixth in the Super GS. For the Girls, Lydia Evans took third in the GS and sixth in the Super GS, Amanda Roth was fifth in the GS and seventh in the Super GS, and Olyvia Smoger took ninth in the GS and 11th in the Super GS.

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## SIX SENIORS ANNOUNCE COLLEGE SIGNINGS; JV BOYS BASKETBALL GRABS TWO WINS



**Connor Gaeschke (Football, Northern Michigan), Nalin Fox (Football, Purdue), Spencer Wittebort (Lacrosse, Tampa), Antonio Popp (Football, Hope), Brian Marx (Golf, Hope) and Julian Lee (Football, Hillsdale) all committed to play in college**



**Notre Dame students had the opportunity to attend the Women in Sport Leadership Conference over the weekend**

### SIX STUDENT ATHLETES SIGN WITH COLLEGES

Six senior student-athletes from Notre Dame signed on to play athletics at the college level this past week. Nalin Fox has signed with Purdue University to play football; Connor Gaeschke will play football at Northern Michigan University; Julian Lee signed to play football at Hillsdale College; Brian Marx will be on the golf team at Hope College; Antonio Popp signed to play football at Hope College; and Spencer Wittebort will play lacrosse at the University of Tampa. Congratulations to each of these athletes on their accomplishments.

### JV BOYS ADD TWO MORE VICTORIES

The Notre Dame Boys JV Basketball team added two more convincing wins, defeating Arbor Prep 54-39 and Berkley 66-44 to bring their record to 8-5 on the season. Defensively, the team has effectively and consistently been able to force turnovers and improve rebounding, which have been key to sparking their six-game winning streak. Leading scorers for the Irish against Arbor Prep were Evan Noga (13), Luke Babich (10), Billy Newman (eight), Joe Yaldo (seven) and Chris Galle (seven). Against Berkley, leading scorers for Notre Dame were Noga (21), Galle (10), Yaldo (10), Alex Wagner (six), and Brian Lopez (five).

### JV SKI TEAMS TAKE SECOND

The Notre Dame Boys and Girls JV Ski teams both earned second place finishes at the SEMSL Divisional meet held at Pine Knob. Ben Pocius took first in the GS race with a combined race time of 34.91. Alex Hein took fourth and JP LaFaivre tied for 12th to place in the Top-20. For the Girls, Amanda Roth took third, Lydia Evans came in fourth and Angela Leach took 12th.

### 7/8 GIRLS SPLIT PAIR OF CYO CONTESTS

The Notre Dame Girls 7/8 Basketball team split a pair of contests last week. On Thursday, the Irish downed Our Lady of Refuge in a road contest, winning 33-26. Seven of the eight available players scored for Notre Dame, led by Sophia Sermo (nine) and Mya Kattula (eight). Two days later, the Irish fell by double digits at Everest. Notre Dame's record moves to 5-6 overall, and 4-4 in league play.

### CYO BOWLERS POST TOP SCORES

The Notre Dame Middle School Bowling teams continued on with CYO league play this past weekend. Marko Cvetkovic bowled high game of season (172) and Aidan Cusac bowled high game of the season (139) and high two-game series of season (265). Cusac and Nick Privert (144) also bowled their high baker games of the season for the Irish.

### IRISH GET WIN OVER DCDS

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team picked up a 29-1 win over Country Day. Sophie Quirk won both of her matches while Mia Mojares, Cass Thorman and Liana Jouhet each earned a win. Therese Allard won both games, bowling a 163 and 193 while recorded another PR two-game series of 356. Theresa Carrier won both of her matches with a 199 and 172, improving her record to 13 wins and one loss. The Girls JV Bowling team also took on Country Day. Ella Spender had a strong day, winning both games and setting personal records with a game of 166 and two-game series of 268. Palmer Wencley had two wins and Maddie Lawrence also had a win for the Irish.

### IRISH FALL TO YELLOW JACKETS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team fell 27-3 against Country Day. David Brouns won both matches and leads the Irish with a 9-4 record. Zack Hogan won his second game by one pin and John Jernigan improved his personal record two-game series to 282.

### IRISH FALL AT EVEREST

The Notre Dame Boys 5/6 Gold Basketball team lost to a much improved Everest Academy team 17-9. Presley Younan had seven points to lead the Irish while Alec Wernis added two.

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