



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS



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

**Saturday February 29**

**Boys/Girls Bowling  
MHSAA Regional  
10:00 at Oak Lanes**

**Competitive Cheer  
MHSAA Regional  
11:00 at Novi**

**Wednesday March 4**

**VAR Girls Basketball  
vs. Clawson/DCDS  
5:30 at DCDS**

## **GIRLS SKI TAKES SECOND CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLE; BOYS SKI TAKES FOURTH AT MHSAA FINALS**

### **GIRLS SKI TAKES SECOND STRAIGHT STATE TITLE**

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Ski team claimed back-to-back MHSAA Division Two State titles following the MHSAA Championship on Monday at Nub's Nob. After finishing with a perfect score at Regionals, Notre Dame scored 56 points at the State Final, besting second place Harbor Springs (114.5 points) and third place Petoskey (116). In the Giant Slalom, Meghan Kozole paced the Irish with a fourth place finish while Delaney Flavin (ninth), Sydney Schulte (11th) and Keeley McLeod (12th) also scored for the Irish. Claire Kirchner finished in 16th and Hailey Schindler took 30th out of the field of 67 racers. In the Giant Slalom, Kozole once again Notre Dame with a third place finish. Schulte was sixth, Flavin was 16th and Peyton Schindler took home 18th to lead the Irish scoring effort. Notre Dame has now made it to the Finals as a team in 16 of the last 17 years and took home the 2006 State Title in addition to the win last season.



**The Notre Dame Girls Varsity  
Ski team claimed their second  
consecutive MHSAA Division  
Two State title**

### **BOYS SKI TAKES FOURTH AT MHSAA FINALS**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Ski team earned a fourth place finish at the MHSAA Championship on Monday at Nub's Nob, finishing with a team score of 134. In the Giant Slalom, Jack Lintol earned an eighth place finish to lead the Irish while Kaden Hovey (11th), Chase Flavin (21st) and Teegan McLeod (25th) also contributed to the scoring effort in the field of 68 racers. Lintol also placed fifth in the Slalom, posting the top Notre Dame time once again. Flavin (20th), Frank Roth (35th), and McLeod (36th) rounded out the Irish scoring in the event. Petoskey High School took home the overall team title with a score of 56.

### **BASKETBALL DROPS CLOSE GAME AT LHN**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team dropped a road decision to Macomb Lutheran North 74-72. In a high-scoring game for both teams, the Irish hit 12 three-point baskets while the Mustangs had eight of their own. Notre Dame trailed by eight at halftime but rallied to take a second half lead. However, turnovers late in the fourth quarter proved to be the difference. Sophomores Jon Risi and Jack Olis led the Irish in scoring while Jacob Bendtsen played solid defensively and added 18 points. Bendtsen nearly won the game at the buzzer but a deep three point attempt just popped out of the basket.

### **SWIMMERS HEAD TO OAKLAND COUNTY INVITE**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team took part in the Oakland County Championship meet. All swim programs in the county, regardless of size and division, participate in the event. Even though only four swimmers from Notre Dame qualified for the meet, while many larger programs field dozens of swimmers, the Irish did well, scoring (placing in the top-six) in every event they participated in. All swimmers and relays posted season best times, with many being state qualifying times. Lars Boehme placed 11th in the 100 Free (in a state qualifying time), led off the 200 Free relay in a state qualifying time and placed 15th in the 100 Backstroke. Sam Burek secured a state qualifying cut in the 200 IM. Griffin Gushman scored in both the 200IM (12th) and the 500 Free (11th). The team of Boehme, Gushman, Burek and Anthony Dupuis also earned a state cut in the 200 Free relay (10th) and the 400 Free Relay (14th). "The team is in a great position for the upcoming state competition in March at Oakland University" said coach Mark McGreevy. "The boys are right on track with times as we head into the last leg of the season. We have just two more meets and then into the final big push and tapers".



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## GALE, MELI QUALIFY FOR MHSAA REGIONAL MEET; BOYS BASKETBALL GETS WIN OVER AVONDALE



**Nick Meli and Nick Gale both qualified for the Individual MHSAA Wrestling Regional meet**

### WRESTLING QUALIFIES TWO FOR REGIONAL MEET

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team qualified two wrestlers at the MHSAA Individual District meet held at Fenton High School. Nick Gale placed second in his weight class to qualify for the Regional meet while Nick Meli pulled off a couple of upsets to place fourth in his weight class. Both wrestlers will head to Gaylord next weekend for the MHSAA Regional meet.

### BASKETBALL GRABS WIN OVER AVONDALE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team got back in the win column with a 55-51 victory over Avondale as the Irish celebrated seniors Ethan Johnson, Nathan Perkins and Brennan Holycross. The Irish took a 19-18 lead into halftime and did not relinquish it in the second half. Notre Dame was led in scoring by Johnson (13), Jacob Bendtsen (nine) and Perkins (eight).

### CHEER TAKES FIRST AT DELTAPLEX INVITE

The Notre Dame Varsity Competitive Cheer team competed in the DeltaPlex Invitational in Grand Rapids on February 15th. The event featured thirty-four teams in Division Two and Three for the morning session and was a prelude to the playoffs coming over the next two weeks. Notre Dame started strong, and led their division with a score of 228.9 in round one and 222.86 in round two. Only a few points separated the Irish from second and third place.

Round Three, perhaps the most difficult and typically the round in which many teams tend to stumble, saw Notre Dame have a few uncharacteristic missteps and lose points, as did several other teams, including their close competitors. In the final tally, Notre Dame came in first with a total score of 753.46, Monroe Jefferson posted a score of 751.64, good for second place and Paw Paw came in third with a score of 738.1. Over the next couple weeks, the Irish will compete in District and Regional events as they work toward securing a spot in the State Finals

### IRISH TOP TARS IN OT

The Notre Dame Hockey team closed regular season play with a 3-2 win in overtime against Anchor Bay. The Irish held a 2-0 lead after two periods on goals by Vincent Anderson and strong play in goal from Teddy Ecker (37 saves). However, the Tars would score on the powerplay in the opening minute of the third and with their goaltender pulled for an extra attacker would get the equalizer with only 10 seconds remaining. In overtime, the Irish would be awarded a powerplay midway through the session. Following a David Mohr shot attempt, Nick Wagner would collect the rebound and fire home a backhand shot to give Notre Dame the win.

### BOYS BOWLING GETS WIN OVER FITZGERALD

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team picked up a 26-4 win over Warren Fitzgerald. The Irish took a 10-0 lead heading into

individual games after sweeping the baker points. David Brouns won both of his matches with a 168 and 187, John Jernigan won a match with a high game of 179 and Anthony Ghaith took both of his matches and had a personal record two-game series of 404.

### GIRLS BOWLING TOPS WARREN FITZGERALD

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team earned a 28-2 win over Warren Fitzgerald. Mia Mojares, Therese Allard, Liana Jouhet and Cass Thorman each earned a win while Sophie Quirk and Theresa Carrier each won both of their matches.

### JV BOYS BASKETBALL ADDS THREE MORE WINS

The Notre Dame Boys JV Basketball extended their winning streak to 11 games and improved their record to 13-5, adding three more wins in the past two weeks. The Irish defeated Southfield Christian on Tuesday, 59-31. Brian Lopez (11), Michael Sadecki (nine), Evan Noga (eight), Nick Long (seven) and Luke Babich (six) led the way offensively for the Irish. Prior to this game, Notre Dame defeated Lutheran North 53-44 and Avondale 49-34. Against Lutheran North, Lopez had 14 points, Noga finished with 13, Billy Newman added 11 and Babich pitched in with 10. Noga led all Irish scorers against Avondale with 19 points followed by Newman with 11 and Jacob Kalil with seven.



**Nick Wagner scored in overtime to help lead Notre Dame to a 3-2 win over Anchor Bay**



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## SWIM CELEBRATES SENIOR NIGHT AGAINST DCDS; 7/8 GIRLS FALL TO HOLY FAMILY IN PLAYOFF



**The Girls Basketball team had the opportunity to attend a Detroit Pistons game, which featured a surprise visit from Pistons legend Isiah Thomas. The team also took in an Oakland University Women's Basketball game and had a chance to meet with the team.**



### COLTS TOP IRISH

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Basketball team fell 46-28 against Troy in their regular season finale. Justina Gaynor led the Irish with nine points while Anise Kruse added six. Notre Dame will await the winner of Clawson and Country Day to begin MHSAA District play.

### IRISH FALL TO AVONDALE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Basketball team fell on the road to Avondale by a score of 55-36. Malorie Wilson led the Irish with 19 points while Kaitlyn Jansen finished with eight for Notre Dame.

### HOLY FAMILY TOPS IRISH IN CYO PLAYOFF

The Notre Dame 7/8 Girls Basketball team fell 35-25 at Holy Family in the opening round of CYO playoffs. The Wildcats stormed out to an 8-0 lead, and held an 11-4 edge at the end of the first quarter. The Irish battled back, allowing just four points over the next six minutes while cutting the lead to three at the half. The third quarter proved to sink Notre Dame, as the Wildcats outscored the Irish 11-2 in that frame and never looked back. Mya Kattula led all scorers with 11 points, and Sophia Sermo added seven. Notre Dame finished the season with a 6-8 record, with five of those losses coming by five or fewer points.

### JVB GIRLS GRAB WIN OVER BOBCATS

The Notre Dame Girls JVB team earned a home win over Grand

Blanc by a final score of 33-23. The Irish were in scoring by Michelle Pieper with 12 points and Mia Daher with eight and used a strong defensive effort to move their season record to 10-9.

### 5/6 GOLD BASKETBALL TAKES SEASON FINALE

The Notre Dame 5/6 Boys Gold Basketball team won their final game of the season against St. Patrick 18-5. Presley Younan was the high scorer with 11 points while Lucas Digrande had four points and Danny Healy had three points.

### IRISH COMEBACK FALLS JUST SHORT AGAINST ST. PATRICK

The Notre Dame Girls 5/6 Basketball team ended their season with a loss to St. Patrick, moving their final record to 4-6. At the end of the first half, the Irish trailed 16-5, which included an end of quarter buzzer beater three-pointer by Emma Stowe. The Irish did not give up, as they came out of halftime with all cylinders burning. Notre Dame succeeded in keeping St. Patrick's scoreless in the third quarter with a big effort on defense. Midway into the fourth quarter, the Irish managed to tie the score 19-19 causing the opponent to take a timeout to regroup. The Irish gave it all they had, but just could not get on top and fell 22-19. Ellie Whalen and Stowe led the Irish with nine points apiece, while Audrey Simon chipped in a free throw. The defensive effort was led by the entire team, but especially Ruby Ignasiak, Anna Lis and Meredith Wilson.

### SWIMMERS HOST DCDS ON SENIOR NIGHT

On Senior Night, where Faris Mahjoub was honored, the Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team dropped a closely contested meet against Detroit Country Day. The Irish won five of the 11 events, and there were many well contested races. Heat winners included Lars Boehm (50 Free and 100 Backstroke) and Griffin Gushman (100 Fly) along with the 200 Medley and 400 Free relays. There were also many excellent swims with season best times posted. Anthony Dupuis and Paul Vigneau dropped time in the 200 Free, Oliver Kayi dropped in the 200 IM and 100 Breaststroke and Nick Mazzola posted a best time in the 100 Free. Sam Burek had a 100 Free best time leading off the 400 Free Relay and Gushman dropped time leading off the 200 Free Relay, as well as posting a best time in the 100 Fly. Miguel Martinez posted his best swim in the 50 Free, breaking the 30 second mark for the first time. Mahjoub capped off senior night with season best times in the 100 Free and 50 Free. "We saw some excellent swims tonight. Paul (Vigneau) dropped 7.2 seconds in his 200 freestyle and 11.7 seconds in the 500. Those types of drops are unheard of at this point in the season. Many others had drops in time – this is a great sign heading to taper. Leagues and the State Meet are going to be very exciting," Coach Mark McGreevy added. "Their hard work is paying off."