



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

**Tuesday September 8**

**Girls VAR Golf  
vs. Divine Child 3:30**

**Thursday September 10**

**Girls JV Golf  
vs. Marian 3:30**

**Boys JV/VAR Soccer  
vs. Davison/Almont  
5:30/7:00**



**The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Cross Country team took second at the Michigan Catholic Invite**



**Wade Robinson placed second overall at the Michigan Catholic Invite**

## **CROSS COUNTRY STARTS YEAR AT MI CATHOLIC**

The Notre Dame Boys and Girls Cross Country teams competed for the first time this year at the Michigan Catholic Invitational at the St. Francis Retreat Center in one of the first competitions for any sport in the new COVID-19 era. The event, which consisted of 18 Catholic schools throughout the state, had to incorporate several new protocols to comply with local, state, and MHSAA standards for high school athletic events. Cross Country is considered a "low risk" sport by the MHSAA as it can be done outdoors, athletes can be placed in cohorts and staggered to promote social distancing, and there is no equipment sharing. Modifications took place including placing teams into defined camp areas, designating a special area for warm-ups (which were conducted in a clockwise rotation), eliminating spectators on the course and utilizing a staggered start system to social distance at the starting line. Parents could view the race from the safety of their cars in the parking lot where athletes passed multiple times and, of course, all coaches, athletes, officials, and spectators wore masks during the event. The boys finished in fourth place overall and the girls finished in second place, earning a runner-up trophy in the first ever St. Sebastian race, named in honor of St. Sebastian, the patron saint of athletes. In the boys race, newcomer Wade Robinson

(Freshman) finished second overall with a time of 17:21, which is the fourth fastest time for a Freshman boy in school history. Seniors Eli Seitzinger, Nate Vogel, Adam Martin and James Chabot rounded out the Varsity scoring for the Irish. Freshman Nolan Tompkins earned a medal, finishing ninth in the two-mile race for new runners. The girls Varsity race was led by Seniors Lexi Fraser and Maddie Monaghan, who finished third and sixth respectively for Notre Dame, and Freshman Mariana Ricci, who finished fifth in her first high school race. All three runners earned medals in the process. Alli Dawiedczyk and Kate Stacey rounded out the scoring for the Irish. Junior Nicole Carson, Junior Lauren St. Andre, and Freshman Morgan Bisset all medaled by finishing in the top ten in the two-mile race.

## **NOTRE DAME HEADS TO SENTECH SERVICES INVITE**

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team finished with a score of 404 strokes at the Sentech Services Invitational held at Kensington Metropark. Emma Roth medaled for the Irish with a team-low score of 91 while Julia Fitzgerald, Amanda Roth, and Rachel Rook also scored for Notre Dame.

## **GIRLS GOLF BEGINS SEASON AT HIGHEST HONORS**

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team began its 2020 season by participating at the Highest Honors Invite held at Huron Meadows Metropark. Rachel Rook posted the low team score for the Irish to medal while Julia Fitzgerald, Juliana Chabot, and Abby Wichers also finished with top performances for Notre Dame.

## **IRISH DROP MATCH TO ST. CATHERINE**

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team dropped a dual match to St. Catherine by a score of 215-174 strokes. Top performances for the Irish were turned in by Brooke Cousins (49), Reese Currie (54), Sofia Mukhtar (55), and Angela Leach (57).

## **IRISH, KNIGHTS BATTLE TO DRAW**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team battled to a 4-4 draw with Walled Lake Northern. Kadin Kinloch (first singles), Cole Bennett (second singles), and Kaden Hovey (third singles) all earned wins for the Irish along with the first doubles team of David Mohr and Frank Roth.



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## BOYS TENNIS BATTLE BACK TO DRAW WITH WILLIAMSTON; CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS HOST STONEY CREEK

### CROSS COUNTRY HOSTS FIRST MEETS

The Notre Dame Boys and Girls Cross Country teams hosted their first home meets in over a decade as the Irish took on Stoney Creek in a dual meet held at Riverbends Park in Shelby Township. Dual meets are being encouraged this year by the MHSAA to allow for better social distancing and control in comparison to large invitationals. The boys team fell to Stoney Creek 48-18. Freshman Wade Robinson placed third with time of 16:50 while Seniors Eli Seitzinger and Adam Martin also finished in top 10. The girls dropped a close match to the Cougars 29-26. Senior Lexi Fraser won the race individually and tied a career-best with time of 20:11. Freshman Mariana Ricci and Senior Maddie Monaghan placed fourth and fifth respectively in the narrow defeat.

### IRISH RALLY TO DRAW WITH WILLIAMSTON

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team battled back to earn a 4-4 draw at Williamston. Earning wins for the Irish were Kadin Kinloch (first singles) and Cole Bennett (second singles) along with the pairings of Max Thornton and Ben Valade (third doubles) and Anthony Ghaith and Trevor Rowe (fourth doubles). At one point, Ghaith and Rowe found themselves down 0-6, 2-5 but rallied back to earn the victory and preserve the draw for Notre Dame.

### IRISH DROP CLOSE MATCH TO MERCY

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team dropped a close match to Mercy High School, falling by three strokes. Leading the scoring for the Irish was sophomore Claire Ruschak, scoring her personal best with 50 strokes. Ashley Larimer, Maria Caton, Abby Stowe, and Alaina Orow also delivered top scoring efforts for Notre Dame.

### IRISH FALL TO DCDS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team fell 8-0 to Country Day. David Mohr and Frank Roth played well at first doubles for the Irish.

### CRANES BEST IRISH IN DUAL MATCH

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity dropped a match to Cranbrook 191-180 held at Crystal Lake. Amanda Roth shot a 43 to lead the Irish while Emma Roth followed with a 44. Maria Caton (50) and Julia Fitzgerald (54) rounded out the scoring effort for Notre Dame.

### IRISH OPEN SEASON AGAINST BLOOMFIELD

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team took on Bloomfield Hills in their first meet of the season. The Irish came out swinging, with Sofia Mukhtar scoring a team-low score of 50, including a par on hole 16, while freshman Emily Szalach got her first taste of the greens as a new Notre Dame golfer. Ashley Larimer had several great drives while parring hole 15 at Crystal Lake Golf Course. Junior Maria Caton had the team second lowest score and showed tremendous focus and strategy. Claire Ruschak rounded out the team scoring for Notre Dame. The Irish finished with a team score of 220, which was slightly higher than their competition from Bloomfield Hills.

### NOTRE DAME COMPETES AT MUSTANG INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team finished with a score of 410 strokes at the Mustang Invitational held at Huron Meadows Metropark. Rachel Rook medaled for the Irish with a team-low score of 94 while Amanda Roth, Brooke Cousins, and Julia Fitzgerald also delivered top performances for Notre Dame.



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