



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

Friday September 25

VAR Equestrian
District Meet 10:00

VAR Football
vs. Harper Woods 7:00

Monday September 28

Boys VAR Tennis
vs. Divine Child 4:00

Tuesday September 29

VAR Cross Country
vs. Southfield Christian
4:30

Boys JV/VAR Soccer
vs. DCDS 6:00/7:30

Wednesday September 30

Girls JV Golf
vs. Divine Child 3:30

Boys VAR Tennis
vs. Jewish Academy 4:00

Thursday October 1

Boys JV/VAR Soccer
vs. Goodrich 6:00/7:30



**The Notre Dame Girls
Cross Country team took
first at the Whitmore Lake
Invite while the Boys team
took second**



IRISH RUNNERS IMPRESS AT WHITMORE LAKE

The Notre Dame Cross Country teams took first in three out of the four races at the Whitmore Lake Invite over the weekend. The Boys Varsity team brought home a second place trophy, with Wade Robinson placing first overall with a time of 16:40 and Eli Seitzinger placing fifth overall with a time of 17:54. Adam Martin, Nathan Vogel and James Chabot rounded out the scoring for the Irish. Freshman Connor Brewer set a personal record of 19:37 in only his second Varsity race. The JV Boys team won hands down in its race by placing three runners (Ben Kinkade, Matthias Rangel, and Troy Kilanowski) in the top-five. The Girls Varsity team took home a first place trophy in commanding fashion, placing six runners (Lexi Fraser, Maddie Monaghan, Allie Dawiedczyk, Mariana Ricci, Anna Hauck and Tess Censoni) in the top eight spots. The JV team also won heavily with a total score of 15 points, the lowest possible score in Cross Country. In the JV race, Morgan Bisset, Jessica Kennedy, Kate Stacey, Nicole Spengler, Meghan Tompkins and Alyson Tiller placed first through sixth respectively for Notre Dame.

NOTRE DAME SHUTS OUT HERITAGE IN OPENER

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team kicked off the 2020 season with a 38-0 win at Saginaw Heritage. After each team went scoreless on their opening

possessions, the Irish grabbed an early 2-0 lead following a safety. On the ensuing drive, Jacob Bendtsen connected with Ryan Cueny for a 23-yard touchdown to increase the lead to 9-0. In the second quarter, Notre Dame would add to the lead as Bendtsen completed a short pass to Clayton Bone, who would go 50 yards to provide Notre Dame with a 17-0 lead (following a two-point conversion) at halftime. The Irish would pull away in the third quarter, scoring three times to provide the final margin of 38-0. Bendtsen would score on runs of one and two yards and Bone would catch his second touchdown of the game, this time from 15 yards out. Bendtsen finished 9-of-11 on the night for 144 yards and three scores, also adding in two rushing touchdowns. Bone caught seven passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns while Evan Noga led the defensive effort with seven tackles and two sacks. The Irish return home this upcoming Friday to host Harper Woods.

IRISH GET HOME WIN OVER HOLLY

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team picked up a 6-1 win over Holly High School. Andrew Marshesh, Eli Seitzinger, and Gabe Myers all had first half goals for the Irish, who found the back of the net three more times in the second half. Joshua Reid went the distance in net to earn the victory for Notre Dame.

IRISH GRAB HOME WIN OVER SADDLELITES

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team improved to 11-1 on the season with a 25-9, 26-24, 25-17 home win over Regina. Leading the way offensively for the Irish was Aly Borellis with 15 kills, 19 assists, two blocks and two aces. Sophia Sudzina added 14 kills while Bianca Giglio chipped in with eight. Margo Sudzina had 21 assists and eight serving points while Liv Kowalkowski was a perfect 16-for-16 from the service line, scoring 10 points, including two aces.

IRISH GET WIN OVER MUSTANGS

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team picked up a 175-177 win over Marian in a match played at Stonecroft Golf Club. Emma Roth led the Irish by shooting a 36, including saving par on a par-four by sinking a shot from 120 yards out. Julia Fitzgerald (42), Brooke Cousins (47), and Amanda Roth (50) also posted top scores for Notre Dame in the victory.



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SOTER-CRANE INVITE FEATURES "PHOTO FINISH"; JV FOOTBALL TOPS HERITAGE IN OPENER

Saturday September 26

4/5 Volleyball
vs. St. Lawrence 9:00/10:00

7/8 Green Volleyball
vs. OLL 9:00
vs. Holy Family 10:00

5/6 Volleyball
vs. OLL 11:00

7/8 Gold Volleyball
vs. Holy Family 11:00

Wednesday September 30

MA Soccer
vs. St. Hugo 6:00

Thursday October 1

5/6 Volleyball
vs. St. Patrick 6:00

7/8 Green Volleyball
vs. St. Patrick 6:00

4/5 Volleyball
vs. St. Patrick 7:00

7/8 Gold Volleyball
vs. St. Patrick 7:00

IRISH HAVE STRONG SHOWING AT DC INVITE

The Notre Dame Cross Country teams performed well at the second annual Divine Child Soter-Crane Invitational held at Nankin Mills Park off of Hines Drive in Dearborn. The Boys harriers placed third overall with the top five runners, Wade Robinson (second), Eli Seitzinger (11th), Adam Martin (18th), James Chabot (27th) and Nate Vogel (30th), all finishing in the Top-30 to earn medals. Connor Brewer, Tyler Wojichowski, Matthias Rangel and Ben Kinkade rounded out the Varsity squad for the Irish. Brewer, who finished one spot out of the medals, was the second fastest freshman in the race (to Robinson) and set a personal record of 19:20 in just his second Varsity start. Chabot and Wojichowski also set personal bests in the race. The greatest excitement was the rare "photo finish" between Divine Child runner Michael Hegarty and Robinson. Such finishes while common in the 100 meter dash rarely come into play in a five kilometer (3.11 mile) cross country race. While Robinson's foot crossed the line first, the camera showed that Hegarty's torso (the part of the body that counts) crossed the finish line 1/100 of a second ahead of Robinson. Robinson did use the finish to propel himself to a new personal record of 16:36, which is now the fastest cross country time ever recorded by a freshman at Notre Dame. Robinson was excited, but modest with his performance.

The Girls continued their streak of top finishes by bringing home the second place trophy in the invitational despite running on tired legs and short-handed with two varsity runners unable to compete. Lexi Fraser (third), Maddie Monaghan (fourth), Allie Dawiedczyk (10th), Anna Hauck (11th) and Mya Fromwiller (24th) all medaled for the Irish. For Fromwiller, it was a season record and first Varsity medal. Jessica Kennedy, Kaity Heaman and Nicole Spengler rounded out the varsity squad. Kennedy also set a personal record in her first varsity race. Tommy Joppich and Addie Bellows were the top finishers in the JV race. Bellows was also the top overall finisher. The Soter-Crane Invite is named after Erika Crane, a standout runner from Divine Child, and the older sister of former Notre Dame captain Aaron Crane (Class of 2019).

NOTRE DAME, AVONDALE PLAY TO DRAW

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team battle to a 4-4 draw with Avondale High School. Kadin Kinloch (first singles), Cole Bennett (second singles), and Collin Kang (fourth singles) all earned wins for the Irish while the first doubles pairing of David Mohr and Frank Roth picked up the long doubles win for Notre Dame.

JV FOOTBALL TAKES SEASON OPENER

The Notre Dame JV Football team picked up a 36-12 win over Saginaw Heritage in its season opening game. After falling behind 6-0, the Irish responded with an Evan Gaeschke touchdown run to tie the score at six. Both teams then traded touchdowns, with Notre Dame converting its extra point to take a 13-12 lead before the Irish scored 23 unanswered to close to contest and provide the 36-12 margin. Jacob Tuttle finished 10 of 12 passing for 133 yards while adding 104 rushing yards and a score. Gaeschke had 78 yards on the ground, including three touchdowns, while Jeremy Gale caught four passes for 76 yards. Braden Prater added a touchdown, Matthew Sadecki led the defensive effort with 10 tackles, a fumble recovery, and a safety, and Zach Mylenek converted four PATs for Notre Dame.



The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team celebrated senior night with a 6-0 win over Armada High School



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MIDDLE SCHOOL XC HOSTS ST. JOSEPH; BOYS TENNIS SWEEPS MATCH OVER FGR



The Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country took on St. Joseph and Clarkston Middle School this past week



The Notre Dame Middle 7/8 Football team poses with guest speakers from the Detroit Lions

MIDDLE SCHOOL XC HOSTS FIRST MEET

The Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country team hosted St. Joseph over the weekend, the first meet that the Irish have hosted on campus in over three years following the construction of the "E" wing. Of the 13 Irish runners only two were returning members. Nerves and adrenaline were high, but the Irish ran with determination. The Mavericks edged out Notre Dame by a score of 30-25. Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo took third overall with a time of 14:05 while Lucas DiGrande was fourth at 14:20. Chris Hunter (fifth) and Annabella Kilanowski (eighth) also finished in the top-10. Tyler Leung took 13th to round out the scoring effort for Notre Dame.

IRISH TOP MARLINS IN DUAL MEET

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team picked up a 168-181 win over Mercy in a match played at Crystal Lake. Emma Roth led the Irish with a 40 while Julia Fitzgerald (41), Rachel Rook (42), and Abby Wichers (45) also posted top scores for Notre Dame.

MIDDLE SCHOOL XC TAKES ON CLARKSTON

The Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country team took on Clarkston Middle School. The Boys ended up falling 30-25 despite placing four runners in top-10. Alec Wernis (third), Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo (fourth), Chris Hunter (sixth), Lucas DiGrande (seventh), and Tyler Leung (14th) all scored points for Notre Dame while John Hunter, Siddarth Mohindra, and Nick Kavanaugh also delivered strong performances. All eight boys improved their times from the previous meet. On the Girls side, Adri Lorenz finished as the overall meet winner in a time of 14:42 while Annabella Kilanowski placed third. Talia Mohindra and Cara Sadowski rounded out the scoring effort for Notre Dame, with Sadowski dropping 3:02 from her previous race.

JV GOLFERS GET WIN OVER MERCY

The Irish came out swinging on a beautiful Wednesday afternoon, taking their match 197-216 over Mercy. Sofia Mukhtar continued to lead the Irish, finishing with a low score of 45. Maria Caton and Emily Szalach followed, each shooting a 50. Personal bests were turned in by Alaina Orow and Abby Stowe, who both showed their skills on their improved drives and short games. Claire Ruschak rounded out the team with a strong short game.

IRISH SWEEP MATCH AGAINST FGR

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team earned an 8-0 win over Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard. Kadin Kinloch, Cole Bennett, Ben Valade, and Collin Kang all earned wins at singles for the Irish while David Mohr and Frank Roth, Alex Housey and Aidan Mehta, George Moussa and Trevor Rowe, and John Brykalski and Anthony Ghaith all picked up victories in doubles matches.

IRISH HEAD TO DICK'S SPORTING GOODS INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team finished with a team score of 439 at the Dick's Sporting Goods Invite held at Glenbrier Golf Club. Rachel Rook led the Irish with a 98 while Julia Fitzgerald, Brynn Caldwell, and Brooke Cousins rounded out the scoring effort for Notre Dame.



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