



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

Friday October 2

**VAR Equestrian  
Regional Meet 10:00**

**VAR Football  
vs. DCDS 7:00**

Saturday October 3

**Boys JV/VAR Soccer  
vs. FGR 8:30/10:00**

Tuesday October 6

**F/JV/VAR Volleyball  
vs. DC 4:30/5:30/7:00**

Thursday October 8

**JV Football  
vs. Milford 5:30**



**The Notre Dame  
Equestrian team secured  
a district championship  
and will compete in  
regionals this weekend**

## **VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS GOODRICH QUAD; EQUESTRIAN TEAM CLAIMS DISTRICT TITLE**

### **VOLLEYBALL GETS THREE WINS AT GOODRICH QUAD**

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team improved to 14-1 with victories over Saginaw Valley Lutheran, Goodrich, and Frankenmuth. In the opening match of the day, Saginaw Valley Lutheran gave the Irish all that they could handle, taking the first set 26-24 before falling in the final two sets 25-12, 15-12. Abby Nellis picked up a pair of blocks in the opening moments of the second set to spark Notre Dame. Aly Borellis collected 12 kills, 12 digs, eight assists and 11 serving points, including two aces. Bianca Giglio hit at a team high .562 clip with nine kills while Sophia Sudzina had eight kills and Sara Nouhan collected five. Sophomore setter Margo Sudzina had a team-high 16 assists and scored seven times from the service line. Libero Josie Bloom dug up 14 Charger attacks and had 18 service receptions and Livy Kowalkowski added 11 digs and nine service receptions. Aly Berent had 11 digs and six receptions in the win. In the second match of the day the Irish defeated host Goodrich 25-11, 25-20. Sophia Sudzina led Notre Dame with 11 kills and three blocks. Borellis hit .444 with 10 kills, five service points, two blocks, and five assists. Hannah Rutilla had a team-high seven service points including an ace, and six digs. Kowalkowski was solid on defense with 14 digs and 10 serve receptions and Margo Sudzina turned in another strong performance with 15 assists and four service points. In the final match, Notre Dame defeated

Frankenmuth 25-12, 25-14. Sophia Sudzina had six kills, hitting .545, and Giglio added six more kills. Borellis had four kills, six assists and five digs. Berent scored 10 points, including four aces, while adding five digs, and five receptions. Margo Sudzina collect seven more assists, Bloom scored six points, three aces and six digs while Rutilla contributed four digs. Leah Grief had the match winning kill and added four assists. Elyssa Wallace continued to play well with five serve receptions, two digs and nine service points, including four aces.

### **IRISH SPLIT THREE MATCHES AT ATHENS**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team finished 1-1-1 at the Troy Athens Invite over the weekend. The Irish began the day with a 5-3 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson. Frank Roth earned a win at second singles for Notre Dame, who also swept the doubles matches with David Mohr and Ben Valade (first doubles), Alex Housey and Aidan Mehta (second doubles), Anthony Ghaith and Trevor Rowe (third doubles), and David Brouns and Keaton Fitzgerald (fourth doubles) getting victories. In the second match, Notre Dame played to a 4-4 draw with Livonia Churchill. Cole Bennett (first singles) and Roth (second singles) along with Housey and Mehta (second doubles) and Max Thornton and Valade (third doubles) all picked up wins for the Irish. Host Troy Athens defeated Notre Dame in the final match of the day.

### **EQUESTRIAN TEAM TAKES FIRST AT DISTRICTS**

Entering the third and final district meet, the Notre Dame Equestrian team held a 91 point lead over the next closest team. Hoping to secure a trip to regionals for the fourth consecutive year, the Irish came out of the gates fast and did not let up until they crossed the finish line at the end of the day. The team scored a total of 185 points and secured a district championship with a three meet total of 563 points, and 85 point margin of victory over the next closest team. The Irish were again led by Kendall Lance with 44 points, Cara DeFelice with 41 points, and Grace Parker with 33 points. Sophomore Lilly Urban had a breakout day with 18 points and a near perfect ride in the trail event for her first ever first place result. Colette Bockrath once again won the timed event and Madison Fraser came in second place in the Equitation Over Fences class. Sophomore Ava Holman was consistent throughout the day with a total of 22 points highlighted by a second place in the Reining event. Freshmen Carmen Thomas wrapped up the scoring for the Irish with a fourth place finish in Equitation Over Fences. Notre Dame will advance to Regionals next weekend where they hope to secure a trip to the state finals.



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## FOOTBALL BESTS HARPER WOODS IN HOME OPENER; GIRLS COLF COMPETES AT OAKLAND COUNTY INVITE

**Saturday October 3**

**5/6 Football  
vs. St. Regis 12:00**

**7/8 Football  
vs. Oakland Christian 2:00**

**Monday October 5**

**7/8 Green Volleyball  
vs. St. Joseph 5:30**

**5/6 Volleyball  
vs. St. Joseph 6:00**

**7/8 Gold Volleyball  
vs. Everest 6:30  
vs. St. Joseph 7:30**

**4/5 Volleyball  
vs. Everest 7:00  
vs. St. Joseph 8:00**

**Wednesday October 7**

**MS Cross Country  
vs. St. Patrick 5:30**

**Thursday October 8**

**MS Soccer  
vs. Shrine 7:30**

### IRISH TAKE HOME OPENER OVER HARPER WOODS

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team picked up a 35-14 win over Harper Woods in its home opener. After falling behind 6-0 in the first quarter following a 50-yard touchdown run by the Pioneers, the Irish responded on their next possession with a 17-yard touchdown run by Jacob Bendtsen to take a 7-6 lead. Notre Dame added to the lead in the second quarter when Bendtsen found Clayton Bone for a 29-yard touchdown. After the Irish defense forced a turnover on downs, Bendtsen found John Dreer for a 14-yard score just before the half to put Notre Dame up 21-6. The Irish took control in the third quarter. Bendtsen added his second rushing touchdown, this time from 14 yards out, and Michael Kirchner finished off the scoring effort with a 33-yard touchdown run. Defensively, Alex Scherle finished with two sacks while Evan Noga and Caleb Webb had one each. Billy Newman added five tackles and Noga had four with five tackle assists. Bendtsen finished with 131 yards passing and another 25 on the ground. Kirchner carried 15 times for 84 yards and Bone caught 6 passes for 82 yards. The Irish, 2-0, will host Country Day on Friday.

### JV FOOTBALL IMPROVES TO 2-0 ON SEASON

The Notre Dame JV Football team moved to 2-0 on the season, defeating Whitmore Lake 41-0. The Irish offense started quickly with a three play, 60 yard scoring

drive capped off by an 18-yard touchdown pass from Jacob Tuttle to Jeremy Gale. Later in the opening quarter Darryn Moore recovered a fumble to give the Irish the ball and Braden Prater rushed for a two yard touchdown to increase the lead. The defense, led by Matthew Sadecki, forced a punt by the Trojans and Gale scored on a 55-yard return. The defense stymied the Trojan offense to force another punt, which Gale returned once again, this time from 62 yards out for his third touchdown of the game. Whitmore Lake continued to struggle against the tough Irish, defense giving the ball back again. A rushing touchdown by Tuttle gave the Irish a 34-0 first quarter lead. The Trojans next drive took over 11 minutes but resulted in no scoring and Notre Dame took the 34-0 lead into halftime. The only scoring in the second half was a touchdown run by Zach Mylenek on an 83 yard jet sweep. Mylenek also kicked five extra points on the day. Jacob Samuels was strong on defense with several big tackles, Teegan McLeod recovered a fumble, and Nathan Bloom finished with 11 solo tackles and 6 assists.

### IRISH RIDERS IMPRESS AT FIRST TWO DISTRICT MEETS

Late last week, the Notre Dame Equestrian team traveled to the Saginaw County Fairgrounds for district meets one and two. The eight person team competed in 17 different events, with each event being doubled judged. At the end of the day the Irish had a 91 point lead over the closest competitor in the five team field. Kendall Lance

led the way with 103 points, including four first place and two second place results. Grace Parker had an outstanding day with 81 points and continued her dominance in the Equitation Over Fences class. Cara DeFelice contributed 79 points, including five first place results and a clean sweep of the always difficult Hunt Seat Bareback class. Colette Bockrath and her speed horse LeRoy provided excitement at the end of the day and swept the Timed Event with two first place results, tallying 31 points for the Irish. Wrapping up the scoring for Notre Dame was Ava Holman (46), Madison Fraser (15), Lilly Urban (12), and Carmen Thomas (11).

### CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS RACE AT SPARTAN INVITE

The Notre Dame Boys and Girls Cross Country team placed fifth and third respective at the 2020 Spartan Invitational held in Webberville. Wade Robinson, Lexi Fraser, Maddie Monaghan, and Tess Censoni medaled to help lead the Irish.

### GOLFERS HEAD TO OAKLAND COUNTY INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team placed 16th at the Oakland County Division One Championship tournament held at Fieldstone Golf Club. The Irish finished with a team score of 427 strokes, led by Julia Fitzgerald, Emma Roth, Amanda Roth, and Rachel Rook.



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## GIRLS SWIM STARTS SEASON WITH THREE WINS; CROSS COUNTRY TAKES TRI MEET



**The Notre Dame 7/8 Football team began their season with a shutout win over Cabrini**



### GIRLS SWIM STARTS SEASON WITH THREE WINS

The delay of the swim meet season has not dampened spirits of Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team's hope for a successful season. The proof of their hard work and energy was clear to see in three wins against Lakeland, Brandon-Goodrich, and Oxford High Schools. The Irish opened the season with a 108-72 win over Lakeland. In the first event of the night, Alina Stanczak, Josi Honoway, Emma Ciesla, and Kasia Bennett earned a state cut in the 200 Medley Relay. The energy continued with nine out of 10 events being taken by Notre Dame swimmers. Winners include Stanczak, Honoway, Elizabeth Gruden, Bennett, Grace Linenfelser, and Ciesla. Notre Dame then defeated Brandon-Goodrich 115-51. Adding points were relay winners Grace Linenfelser, Lexi Hunter, Olivia Powell, Rita Hajjar, Kate Fox, Aria Kim, and Tessa Boehme. Also earning individual wins for the first time were Olivia Powell, Lauren Chojnacki. Stanczak, Ciesla, Bennett, and Honoway all had multiple wins in the Irish victory. In their latest meet, the Irish edged Division-One Oxford by a score of 92-90. Coaches Mark McGreevy and Mary Colombo pulled together a great strategy, maximizing each swimmer against a larger opponent to earn as many points as possible. Individual wins were earned by Gruden in the 200 Free and the 500 Free, Ciesla in the 100 Fly, Bennett, Stanczak in the 100 Back, and Honnoway in the 100 Breaststroke.

Following the three meets, Coach McGreevy noted "The influx of our seven freshman along with a strong Sophomore and Junior class has finally given this team the depth to be a formidable force this season. We had good feelings as this team showed great dedication working through 5:00 a.m. outdoor practices until almost mid-September. Both Coach Colombo and I believed we would be very strong and will just be getting better all year. It's going to be an exciting season in a crazy year the girls will never forget."

### IRISH TAKE TRI MEET WINS

The Notre Dame Boys and Girls Cross Country teams picked up wins in a home tri meet over Southfield Christian and Richmond. Wade Robinson, Eli Seitzinger, Adam Martin, and Nathan Vogel all placed in the top-five on the boys side while Marianna Ricci, Anna Hauck and Allie Dawiedczyk finished second, third, and fourth respectively for the girls to secure the win.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL XC TAKES ON WALDON

The Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country team took on Lake Orion Waldon Middle School. The boys were led by Alex Wernis (third), Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo (fourth), Lucas DiGrande (sixth), Chris Hunter (eighth) and Tyler Leung (10th), who all earned top-10 finishes. Siddarth Mohindra, Sullivan Dooley, and Nick Kavanaugh all placed in the top-20 as well for Notre Dame. On the girls side, Annabella Kilanowski

led the Irish with a seventh place overall finish. Lilly Hamilton, Talia Mohindra, and Cara Sadowski also all placed in the top-25 in the race.

### 4/5 VOLLEYBALL TAKES TWO FROM ST. LAWRENCE

The Notre Dame 4/5 Volleyball team started off its season with a pair of wins over St. Lawrence. The Irish swept both games, winning 25-17, 25-15, 15-13 in the opening match before taking the second 25-12, 25-14. 15-9. Strong serving by Winnie McCormick helped lead Notre Dame in the wins.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER TIES ST. LAWRENCE

The Notre Dame Middle School Soccer team played to a 2-2 draw with St. Lawrence in their opening game on the season. Michale Khouri scored the first goal for the Irish after a great dribble, beating multiple defenders and slotting the ball through the goalies feet. The second Notre Dame goal came from Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo, who was able to sneak in behind the Mustang defense after a great long ball from Edziu Lis. Despite several more scoring chances for the Irish the game ultimately ended in a tie,

### 5/6 VOLLEYBALL WIN OPENER OVER LAKERS

The Notre Dame 5/6 Volleyball team picked up a season-opening win over Our Lady of the Lakes by scores of 25-12, 25-8, 15-8. Tessa Bordogna and Lillian Stolzenfeld provided great serving efforts for the Irish in the win.



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