



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

**Friday October 23**

**VAR Football  
vs. Marine City 7:00**

**Saturday October 24**

**VAR Volleyball  
Quad Match 12:00**

**Tuesday October 27**

**VAR Volleyball  
Quad Match 5:00**

**Wednesday October 28**

**VAR Volleyball  
Quad Match 5:00**



**Jacob Bendtsen finished with five total touchdowns for Notre Dame in the 48-8 win over Flint Beecher**



**Julia Fitzgerald represented Notre Dame as an individual qualified at the MHSAA State Finals Girls Golf tournament**

## **IRISH GET ROAD WIN OVER FLINT BEECHER**

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team moved to 4-1 on the season with a convincing 48-8 win at Flint Beecher. The Irish were in control from start to finish, jumping out to a 27-0 lead at halftime. Jacob Bendtsen threw two first quarter touchdowns, one to Clayton Bone for 59 yards and another to Johnny Dreer from 10 yards out. Bendtsen added a 10 yard rushing score in the second quarter and found Bone once again, this time for a 12 yard score. Notre Dame continued to add on in the third quarter as Bendtsen threw his fourth touchdown of the game, this time to Billy Newman for 60 yards. After Beecher got on the board early in the fourth quarter the Irish responded with touchdown runs from Michael Kirchner (nine yards) and Aaron McGhee (four yards) to provide the final margin. Defensively, Alex Scherle had three sacks and seven solo tackles while Evan McGhee recovered a fumble. Christian Bowser, Evan McGhee, and Nick Meli added sacks for Notre Dame. Bendtsen finished the game 11 of 19 for 228 yards and four touchdowns to go with a rushing score. Bone caught 5 passes for 107 yards and two touchdowns while Kirchner contributed 95 yards rushing.

## **VOLLEYBALL BESTS ADAMS ON SENIOR NIGHT**

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team rebounded after a tough quad the previous night to defeat

Rochester Adams on Thursday evening 25-23, 25-13, 21-25, 25-16 on Senior Night. Senior Livy Kowalkowski led the Irish with a great defensive effort, digging up 21 Highlander attacks while 27 serve receptions, 13 serving points and three assists. Josie Bloom was solid on defense with 11 digs, eight receptions, six kills and six points. Bianca Giglio was unstoppable at the net with 18 kills and three blocks while Aly Borellis was right behind her with 17 kills, 23 assists, four blocks, 18 digs, and seven points. Margo Sudzina had a team high 27 assists for the Irish and Abby Nellis had a personal high of four blocks. Notre Dame will carry a 24-8 record into a quad on Saturday.

## **FITZGERALD REPRESENTS IRISH AT STATE FINALS**

Julia Fitzgerald represented Notre Dame as an individual qualified at the MHSAA State Finals Girls Golf tournament held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East course over the weekend. Fitzgerald finished with a score of 99 in her round, placing 76th in the field featuring over 100 golfers.

## **IRISH HEAD TO LAKEWOOD QUAD**

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team went 1-2 at a quad held at Lake Odessa Lake Woods High School. The Irish started the day a bit sluggish against the third ranked team in division one, falling to Lowell 13-25, 25-21, 13-15. Aly Borellis collected 11 kills and 12

assists, Sophia Sudzina had nine kills, and Sara Nouhan added six. Defensively, Olivia Kowalkowski had four service points, 12 serve reception and nine digs. Josie Bloom continued to shine on the court with four serving points, a team high 23 serve receptions and six digs. Aly Berent added four service points, six receptions and five digs and Hanna Rutilla pitched in eight receptions and four digs. The second match of the day found Notre Dame against host Lakewood, the team that eliminated the Irish in the 2019 state tournament. Again the Irish started off slowly scoring only 14 points in the opening and falling to the Vikings 14-25, 25-27. Borellis and Sudzina each had five kills, while Bianca Giglio contributed four kills and five serving points. On the defensive end, Bloom had a team high eight digs and Kowalkowski added five digs, six serve receptions, and five points. The final match of the day found the Irish against Marshall in the third meeting of the year for the two teams. Marshall kept the match close but in the end Notre Dame pulled away with a 25-17, 26-24 victory. Giglio led the Irish attack with eight kills and five points. Sudzina added seven kills and a pair of blocks, Abby Nellis collected five kills and two blocks, and Borellis dished out 12 assists. The defensive effort was once again led by Kowalkowski with seven points, 12 receptions and four digs and Bloom with four points, nine receptions and three digs.



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## JV FOOTBALL TOPS PINCKNEY; 7/8 FOOTBALL TEAM MOVES TO 4-0

**Saturday October 24**

**5/6 Football  
vs. St. Lawrence 9:00**

**7/8 Football  
vs. Holy Family 11:00**

**Tuesday October 27**

**MA Soccer  
vs. Everest 6:00**



**The Notre Dame Girls  
Swim team picked up a  
80-14 win over Dearborn  
High School**



**Both the Notre Dame  
Boys and Girls Cross  
Country teams placed  
second at the MHSAA  
Pre-Regional meet. The  
Irish will advance to the  
MHSAA Regional meet  
next Saturday**



### IRISH HEAD TO QUAD MEET

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team had a tough time finding its rhythm and fell to Oxford, Clarkston and Lake Orion in their 14th annual quad that was postponed from August. The opening game saw Oxford (HM in Division One) and Notre Dame battle back and forth before Oxford pulled away with a 25-23 win in the first set. In the second set the Wildcats stormed out to a 9-1 before the Irish fought their way back to draw within one, but the Wildcats responded to take the set 25-21 and the match. Aly Borellis put away 12 kills, Livy Kowalkowski had 10 digs and 21 serve receptions, and Josie Bloom added seven digs for Notre Dame. Notre Dame then took on Clarkston, currently ranked seventh in Division One. The Irish came out strong but eventually fell in the first set 26-28. Notre Dame took the early lead in the second set and never looked back winning 25-15. The final set went to Clarkston 25-14. Borellis had 14 kills and 11 points, including nine in a row in the second set, and five aces. Bianca Giglio had seven kills, Bloom had 19 digs, and Aly Berent had 25 serve receptions. The final match up on the day had the Irish taking on host Lake Orion. Again the Irish took an early lead, 4-1 before the Dragons fought back to take the set 25-20. The final set was close throughout but Lake Orion held the lead for the win, taking the match 2-0. Borellis again led the offense with 11 kills while Bloom had five digs.

### JV FOOTBALL GETS WIN OVER PINCKNEY

The Notre Dame JV Football team improved to 4-1 with a 37-14 victory over Pinckney. Jacob Tuttle threw touchdown passes of 57 yards to Evan Hoke and 13 yards to Matthew Sadecki to give the Irish a 14-0 lead. Pinckney scored to end the first quarter to cut the lead to seven but an interception by Evan Hoke was converted into a two yard touchdown run by Braden Prater to give the Irish a 20-7 halftime lead. The Pirates scored on a passing touchdown to make it a 20-14 game in the third quarter. Tuttle found Sadecki for a seven yard score to increase the lead to two possessions and after the Irish defense kept Pinckney from scoring despite a first a goal Notre Dame used the momentum to score on a 46 touchdown run by Tuttle, with Nathan Bloom catching a pass from Tuttle for the two point conversion. The Notre Dame defense capped their strong performance with a safety by Jai Fox. Prater (11 tackles), Sadecki (six) and Caden Husch (five) led the defensive charge and Zack Mylenek kicked three extra points. Prater rushed 29 times for 96 yards, Jeremy Gale had seven catches for 74 yards, Hoke had three catches for 72 yards, and Sadecki had three catches for 42 yards. Tuttle finished with 153 yards rushing on 11 carries and completed 14 of 22 passes for 190 yards.

### IRISH PARTICIPATE IN CYO LEAGUE MEET

The Notre Dame Middle School Cross County teams took part in the CYO League meet held at Willow Metropark. Alec Wernis led the Irish on the Boys side with a 16th place finish while Chris Hunter placed 30th in the field of over 150 runners. Annabella Kilanowski paced the Girls for Notre Dame with a 16th place finish at the meet.

### 7/8 FOOTBALL REMAINS UNBEATEN

The Notre Dame Middle School 7/8 Grade Football team won their fourth straight game, this time by a score of 26-0 over UD Jesuit Academy. There Irish were powered by a stout defense and a dynamic balanced offensive attack. UD Academy came into the game with an unblemished 3-0 record, having not allowed a point in it's first three games. The Irish offensive attack was launched on its first drive with a 25-yard pas from Billy Bologna to Colin Ignasiak down to the Cubs one-yard line, Bologna finished off the drive with a one yard rushing touchdown. Alex Grochowski had two rushing touchdowns and Bologna added a second rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter. The Irish received key contributions offensively and defensively across the roster. Notre Dame now sits atop the division with a 4-0 mark, having scored 115 points and yielded only 12 points in it's first four contests.



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