



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

Friday October 30

**VAR Football  
MHSAA District  
vs. Hazel Park 7:00**

Monday November 2

**Girls VAR Swim  
vs. Marian 6:30**

Wednesday November 4

**VAR Volleyball  
MHSAA District  
vs. Lamphere 5:30**



**The Notre Dame Boys and Girls Cross Country teams took part in the Lake Fenton Freshman-Sophomore Invitational. Mariana Ricci and Addison Bellows earned medals on the Girls side while Wade Robinson medaled in the Boys race for the Irish**



## **IRISH SWEEP FINAL MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL REMAINS UNBEATEN**

### **IRISH SWEEP FINAL HOME QUAD OF SEASON**

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team ended the regular season by sweeping a home quad with straight set victories over Plymouth, Walled Lake Northern and Bloomfield. The wins have the Irish entering the state tournament with a 32-9 record and a six match win streak. Notre Dame opened up firing on all cylinders, defeating Plymouth 25-10, 25-11. Livy Kowalkowski served up 16 points from the line, including seven aces, to go with six digs and seven serve receptions. Josie Bloom kicked in six points, an ace and 13 digs. Aly Borellis and Bianca Giglio led the attack with seven kills each. The second match had Notre Dame going up against the Lakes Valley Conference champion Knights from Walled Lake Northern. The Irish were up to the task as they used a strong defensive effort to shut down the Knight attack. Kowalkowski was once again lethal from the service line as she racked up four more aces, 10 points, and had a team high 11 digs. Sophia Sudzina lead the Irish attack with six kills while Borellis and Giglio each contributed four kills in the 25-13, 25-18 win. Notre Dame closed out the day with a 25-15, 25-18 over Bloomfield. Kowalkowski picked up two more aces and six points to go with seven serve receptions and 14 digs. Bloom had a team high 10 serve receptions to go with seven points, two aces and seven digs. Margo Sudzina added five points, five digs and 11 assists while Giglio and Borellis led the offense with nine and six kills respectively.

### **IRISH PICK UP THREE WINS AT HOME QUAD**

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team picked up three wins in a home quad. The opening match up had the Irish take on Lutheran Northwest and the Irish prevailed 25-14, 25-10. Olivia Kowalkowski led all scorers with 12 serving points and a pair of aces to go with seven digs and six serve receptions. Sophia Sudzina found her rhythm and led the Irish attack with 14 kills to go with seven digs. Aly Borellis and Bianca Giglio had nine kills each while Borellis and Margo Sudzina dished out 15 assists each. The second contest of the day had Notre Dame taking on Father Gabriel Richard. It was Notre Dame who prevailed with a convincing 25-18, 25-16 win. Josie Bloom served up 13 points, including two aces, to go with 10 digs and 10 serve receptions. Kowalkowski kept up her steady defense with 11 digs, 10 serve receptions to go with seven points and a pair of aces. Giglio added five kills to the offense for the home team. The Irish finished the quad with a 3-1 win over Holly (25-18, 23-25, 25-21). Once again it was the defensive duo of Kowalkowski and Bloom who kept the Broncos from mounting much of a consistent attack. Kowalkowski had 34 digs and 23 receptions while Bloom had 11 digs, 13 receptions to go with a team high 12 points and three aces. Borellis (10 kills), Giglio (6 kills), and Sudzina (14 kills) provided the offensive punch that kept the Broncos out of system for much of the match.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL MOVES TO 5-0 ON SEASON**

Like objects in a rearview mirror, some things are closer than they appear. In this case that object was the precarious 16-12 lead the Notre Dame 7/8 Grade Football team held over Holy Family with only one untimed down for the Irish from the Wildcat 14-yard line separating the two teams from halftime. Quarterback Billy Bologna made good use of the bonus play with a 14 yard touchdown scamper that gave the Irish some breathing room with a 22-12 halftime lead. Fortunately, after making some halftime adjustments, the Irish kept their focus squarely out the front window, never looking back for a 44-18 victory that moved Notre Dame one game closer to an undefeated season. The game saw both teams return kickoffs for touchdowns with Alex Grochowski taking back the opening kickoff for a 70 yard Notre Dame score and Holy Family returning the favor with an 80 yard return for it's only second half touchdown. Once again, the Irish had key offensive and defensive contributions across the roster. Individually, the Irish were led offensively Bologna who connected on scoring passes of 52 and 50 yards to Colin Ignasiak while adding three additional scores on runs of 14, 33, and 41 yards. Kicker Ben Bingham was four of six on PAT kicks to round out the scoring. Notre Dame heads to the Ann Arbor Saints on Saturday where the Irish will attempt to complete an undefeated season.



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## IRISH TAKE BACK-AND-FORTH MEET FROM ROCHESTER; JV FOOTBALL CLOSES SEASON WITH WIN



**The Notre Dame Girls Swim team picked up a 94-89 win over Rochester in a meet that came down to the final relay**

### GIRLS SWIM GETS WIN AT ROCHESTER

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team took aim at another D1 school on Thursday evening. The Irish knew, faced with a 13 point diving deficit, they would need to swim strong once again to have a chance against the Rochester Falcons. Notre Dame was up by one, 39-38, after and the wild match saw the lead swing back-and-forth three times. The Irish gained the lead after a 1-2-3 performance in the 500 Freestyle led by sophomore Alex Williams, with a person best by three seconds, followed by Elizabeth Gruden and Grace Linenfelser separated only by three seconds. Rochester then took over the lead again going into the last event by taking 1-2-3 in the Breaststroke. Down by a few points going into the final relay, the Irish had to hunker down, and that they did just that. Right out of the blocks, Alina Stanczak opened a lead that Rochester could not overcome. The Notre Dame B relay managed to pull into third capping the evening with a 94-89 Notre Dame victory to move the Irish to 9-1 for the season. After the meet Coach McGreevy explained "We didn't win tonight relying on our top swimmers, it was truly a team win! I emphasize the importance of second through fifth place – all points that help make the victory. If we lost any of those spots, we would have lost the meet. Girls like Williams, with three personal bests, and Chanel Issa also having three best times, including dropping eight seconds in the 100 Free, made it one of the most exciting meets I have ever watched."

### JV FOOTBALL TOPS MARINERS IN FINALE

The Notre Dame JV Football team defeated Marine City 63-28 in the season finale for the Irish. The Mariners could not stop the Irish's high powered offense as Notre Dame scored on every possession. The Irish took a 20-0 lead when Jacob Tuttle found Zach Conroy for a two yard touchdown, Braden Prater rushed for a 33 yard score, and a Jeremy Gale forced fumble recovered by John Jernigan that later resulted in a Tuttle 27 yard touchdown pass to Matthew Sadecki. The Mariners scored to make it 20-8 before Irish scored 29 unanswered points. Gale caught a 57 yard scoring pass from Tuttle (with a two-point conversation on a Tuttle pass to Conroy), Prater rushed 42 yards for a touchdown, and Gale returned an interception 65 yards for a score. To begin the second half, Conroy forced a fumble that was recovered by Prater and turned into a Sadecki 13 yard reception from Tuttle. Notre Dame scored two more touchdowns on a six yard jet sweep by Luke Mylenek and an 89 yard run by Prater. The offensive line composed of Landon Hehl, Nick Privert, Korey Restrepo, Nolan Tompkins and Jai Fox played outstanding in the win and the defense finished with four sacks (two by Sadecki and one each by Prater and Hehl) to go along with the three takeaways. Gale and Sadecki led the team in tackles with seven each. Prater rushed 15 times for 250 yards and three scores while Tuttle eclipsed 1,000 yard passing mark for the season going 13 of 16 for 225 yards and four touchdowns. The Irish finish the season at 5-1.

### IRISH GO 2-1 AT QUAD MEET

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team continued to improve with a good showing in a quad on Saturday, going 2-1 with their only loss against a ranked Marian team. Notre Dame opened the quad with a convincing 25-15, 25-18, 25-11 win over St. Catherine. The Irish took early leads and never looked back as their defense seem to frustrate the Stars. Olivia Kowalkowski led the defense with 14 digs, Hanna Rutila added 10 and Ally Berent and Josie Bloom contributed nine and eight respectively. Aly Borellis led the attack with 13 kills and Sara Nouhan added seven kills. Notre Dame took on Utica in the middle match and defeated the Chieftains 25-14, 25-12, 25-13. Borellis and Bianca Giglio combined for 26 kills while Bloom and Kowalkowski once again put up a solid defense as they combined for 37 digs and 22 serve receptions. The final match featured two local power houses as Notre Dame took on the highly-ranked Mustangs of Marian. The Irish fought hard but the Mustangs had a little more offensive punch to take the match 19-25, 18-25, 23-25. Sophia Sudzina led all Irish attackers with 15 kills while Giglio had 11. Borellis knocked down 11 kills to go with her 19 assists and Margo Sudzina added 20 assists. Bloom had 10 digs and 15 serve reception while Kowalkowski dug up 14 Mustang attacks and had 27 serve receptions.



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