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

**GIRLS SWIM PLACES NINTH AT MHSAA FINALS;
BOYS, GIRLS SKI TEAMS TAKE SECOND**

Wednesday January 27
Girls VAR Bowling
vs. DCDS 3:30



The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team celebrates a ninth place finish at the MHSAA State Finals meet



Notre Dame Seniors Cole Bennett and Elena Schwegman were each named finalist for the MHSAA Scholar Athlete award earlier this week



GIRLS SWIM TAKES NINTH AT MHSAA STATE FINALS

Following a 56 day delay and two separate attempts to restart the season, the Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team capped off the 2020 Fall athletic season with a ninth place finish at the MHSAA State Finals meet held at Lake Orion High School. Alina Stanczak led the way for Notre Dame, earning All-State honors in the 100 Freestyle (fourth place) and 100 Backstroke (fourth place). Stanczak was also a member of the 100 Medley Relay team along with Emma Ciesla, Josi Honoway, and Kasia Bennett that took fourth place and the 4X100 Freestyle Relay (Ciesla, Elizabeth Gruden, Bennett) that took seventh. Ciesla took 25th in the IM and 21st in the 100 Butterfly individually and Bennett placed 32nd in the 50 Freestyle. The 4X50 Free Relay of Alex Williams, Rita Hajjar, Olivia Powell, and Gruden placed 18th and Gruden finished 13th in the 200 Freestyle and 15th in the 500 Freestyle individually. Grace Linenfelser had her best time in the 500 Freestyle, placing 13th, and Tessa Boehme placed 24th in the Backstroke. Honoway, who also qualified for states in the 100 Breaststroke the previous two seasons, finished off the scoring effort by breaking the top-16 for the first time with a 14th place finish for Notre Dame.

BOYS SKI TAKES SECOND IN SLALOM, GS RACES

In the second week of the Pine Know league season, the Notre Dame Boys Varsity Ski team showed many individual improvements that led to a close second place finish in giant slalom (GS) to Rochester Adams as well as a second in slalom, this time to Bloomfield Hills. All three of these teams were able to place their top four finishers in the top 15 overall

in both disciplines, demonstrating how tight the scoring is in these matchups. Notre Dame won both of its head-to-head matchups against Lake Orion and Waterford United by wide margins. JJ Lintol led the Irish with a first place finish in slalom by almost two seconds. Also scoring for Notre Dame were Teegan McLeod, Chase Flavin and Frank Roth in seventh, 10th and 15th respectively. Nick Uhazie added a 16 th place finish on one of his runs as well. In GS, Lintol took first place to lead the Irish, finishing with a combined time of 34.56 seconds, just a single one hundredth ahead of the second place finisher. Contributing to the team's overall second place finish, only three points behind Rochester Adams, were Flavin (seventh), McLeod (eighth) and Roth (ninth) while Uhazie had a strong 18th place second run in GS.

GIRLS SKI PLACES SECOND IN SLALOM, GS RACES

In the second week of the Pine Knob league season, the Notre Dame Girls Varsity Ski team took second overall in both their Giant Slalom (GS) and Slalom races, only losing to Clarkston by two points. In their head-to-head matchup with Lake Orion and Waterford United, the Irish won handily with the top four girls, whose times count for scoring, all placing in the top 10 for GS and in the top 11 for Slalom. Notre Dame's depth was evident with all six girls finishing in the top 15 for GS and top 20 for slalom. Sydney Schulte again led the Irish in scoring this week with a second place finish overall in slalom with a combined time of 44.47 seconds. Also scoring were Peyton Schindler (fifth), Claire Kirchner (seventh) and Delaney Flavin (11th). Keely McLeod and Amanda Roth added great runs, placing 16th and 17th, respectively, as a backup if needed. In giant slalom (GS) Schulte was again the top finisher

for Notre Dame with a fourth place result, followed closely by McLeod (sixth). Schindler and Kirchner tied for seventh place. The times for McLeod, Schindler, and Kirchner were separated by 14 one hundredth's of a second. Rounding out the scoring for the Irish was Flavin with a ninth place finish and Roth in 15th, both outstanding backup results for scoring.

JV GIRLS TAKE FOURTH IN FIRST SLALOM RACE

The Notre Dame Girls JV Ski team participated in its first slalom race on Thursday, The Irish finished fourth, with three of the top four finishers in the top 20. Notre Dame was only 11 points behind the third place team and had six finishers on the challenging course. The slalom event was led by Audrey Kuyoth, who finished in fifth place again this week with a combined time of 58.62 seconds over her two runs. Also scoring for the team were Madison Monaghan (13th), Angela Leach (20th) and Juliana Chabot (28th).The team also had strong backup scoring from Ingrid Keller (30th) and Allison Dawiedczyk (31st).

JV BOYS EARN THIRD IN OPENING SLALOM RACE

In their first slalom race of the season, the Notre Dame Boys Ski team took home a third place finish, only three points out of second place. Notre Dame displayed strong balanced skiing from the top four finishers this week, all placing in the top 20. The team was led by Alex Hein who finished in third place with a combined time of 44.86 seconds, less than 1.5 seconds off the first place pace. Also scoring for the Irish were Paul Valentino III (13th), Jacob Wade (16th) and Nathan Vogel (17th). Aiden Cusac added a 23rd place finish as back up for scoring.

