



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

## **GIRLS SKI TAKES THIRD STRAIGHT TITLE; GIRLS, BOYS BOWLERS DRAW WITH TRILLIUM**

**Saturday February 27**

**Boys F/JV/VAR Basketball vs. FGR**  
12:30/2:00/3:30

**Monday March 1**

**Boys VAR Bowling vs. PCA 3:45**

**Girls JV Basketball vs. Armada 5:30**

**Tuesday March 2**

**VAR Wrestling Quad Match 5:30**

**Wednesday March 3**

**Boys F/JV/VAR Basketball vs. Davison**  
4:00/5:30/7:00

**Thursday March 4**

**Girls JV/VAR Basketball vs. LHN 5:30/7:00**

### **GIRLS SKI TAKES THIRD STRAIGHT TITLE, BOYS EARN PROGRAM BEST FINISH**

It was a year of firsts for the Notre Dame Girls and Boys Varsity Ski teams as they competed at the MHSAA Division Two State Finals held at Boyne Highlands. The Girls team finished as the state champion for the third year in a row with a score of 77, the first time a team below the 45th parallel has ever won three consecutive titles. The Irish won in decisive fashion with a 38 point margin. The Boys finished in third with a score of 72 but had the highest finish in school history, only one point behind second place Great North Alpine and 15 points behind first place Petoskey, two perennially dominate teams from Northern Michigan. The Boys team had their first ever individual state champion, JJ Lintol, in giant slalom while the Girls also had their first individual champion, Sydney Schulte, in slalom. It is also the first time a Division Two school has had an individual champion on both its Girls and Boys teams in the same year. The Irish had to accomplish all these firsts against nine teams as well as additional top skiers who qualified individually, which included 70 men and 70 women from around the state that are the very best in their respective regions. The Girls team was led by Schulte who took first place in slalom (87.14 seconds) and fourth in GS (60.11) to cap off a year of dominate skiing. The overall win was once again truly a team effort with all six of the varsity girls that raced on Monday scoring for the team in at least one discipline. Scoring for Notre Dame were Claire Kirchner (11th in slalom and 14th in GS), Keely McLeod (12th in GS), Delaney Flavin (18th in slalom and 19th in GS), Peyton Schindler (16th in GS), and Hailey Schindler (31st in slalom). The Boys team followed up their dominate win at regionals with a very strong showing at the State Finals. Notre Dame was led by Lintol who followed up his double win at regionals with a first place finish in GS (61.35) and a second place finish in the slalom (82.50).



**JJ Lintol (above) was the individual state champion in the giant slalom while Sydney Schulte (below) was the individual state champion in the slalom**



The Irish had two more racers finish in the top ten, Teegan McLeod and Chase Flavin, earning them both the distinction of First Team All-State. Scoring for the team were Flavin with a tenth in GS and 17th in slalom, McLeod with eighth in GS and 25th in slalom and Nick Uhazie with a 16th in GS and 24th in slalom. Frank Roth had strong back up scores with a 23rd in GS and a 29th in slalom. Also skiing for Notre Dame were JP LeFavre in GS and Alex Hein in slalom.

### **BOYS BASKETBALL DROPS OT GAME TO ROCHESTER**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team suffered a heartbreaking loss to Rochester in overtime, 79-73. The Irish jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first before Rochester came back to take a 15-14 lead after one quarter. The second quarter was back and forth with Rochester taking a three point lead at half time. The second half remained exciting with both teams fighting for the lead. Alex Scherle hit a free throw late in the fourth quarter to put the Irish up by two but Rochester scored just as time expired to force overtime. In overtime the Irish went cold and Rochester made critical plays to pull off the overtime victory. Notre Dame had three players score in double digits: Wade Robinson with 19 points, Jacob Bendtsen with 17 points and Jon Risi with 16 points.

### **IRISH CRUISE TO WIN AT NEW LOTHROP**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team got back into the win column with a road victory against New Lothrop. The Irish were in control from start to finish, leading 39-13 at halftime on their way to a final margin of 72-46. Freshman Wade Robinson led all scorers with 16 points. The Junior duo of Jon Risi and Jack Olis scored 14 and 13 points each, respectively, and Freshman Jacob Tuttle added 10 points for the Irish.

### **BOYS BOWLING BATTLES TO TIE WITH TRILLIUM**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team battled to a 15-15 draw with Taylor Trillium. The Irish began the night by winning the first baker game before dropping second game and losing totals by 17 pins to head into individual games down by two points. In the first games, Max Thornton and Harley Collins pulled off wins for the Irish and Notre Dame won the first game totals 758-703 to go up 10-9 in the match. Collins won his second game with a 175 while Thornton and Anthony Ghaith pulled of wins. Ghaith shot a 218 with a two-game series of 398 for the Irish. Notre Dame was ahead by 30 pins, with Trillium's anchor bowler needing three strikes in the last frame to win the second team game. With the whole bowling alley looking on, Trillium's anchor did bowl three strikes to tie the match for the evening.

### **GIRLS BOWLING TIES TRILLIUM**

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team tied Taylor Trillium 15-15. The Irish started slow, falling behind 10-0 heading into individual games. Therese Allard and Theresa Fadool earned wins in their first individual games and Cass Thorman had a tie as the Irish gained six and a half points going in to the second set of games, beating Trillium by 11 pins. The second games featured the same type of back-and-forth scoring, with Kaity Heaman and Fadool winning their matches and Allard tying her opponent. Fadool finished the night with a personal best game of 171 and a high two-game series of 317.



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### SWIMMERS CONTINUE TO DROP TIMES AT RECENT MEETS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team took on Cranbrook and Country Day in a tri meet and followed that up with a meet against Walled Lake Central. With a smaller roster size and no divers, the Irish continue to focus on individual improvement and have shown growth by leaps and bounds at each meet. Coach McGreevy noted, "We had two meets this week and it's quite amazing how much drop in times we saw over the two meets. The boys are really focused heading into our County Meet on Saturday where five of our eight swimmers will be competing." Freshman Diego Betancourt, a first year swimmer, dropped five seconds in his 100 yard Freestyle at both meets for a total of 10 seconds dropped this week alone. Oliver Kayi had his personal best 200 Freestyle Tuesday, dropping 19.93 seconds, while his teammate Miguel Martinez dropped 14.94 seconds in the same race. Anthony Dupuis dropped nearly three seconds in his 500 Freestyle while Paul Vigneau, dropped nearly five seconds. Freshman Pierce Marchese broke the minute ceiling while dropping 3.76 seconds in his 100 Butterfly for a time of :59.47 on Tuesday. On Thursday, he almost did the same in the 100 Backstroke, coming in with at 1:00.34 gaining a new best time by 3.51 seconds. Captain Griffin Gushman dropped 1.57 seconds in his 100 Backstroke taking first place against Walled Lake Central as Marchese chased him for second. Senior Lars Boehme made his season debut and will bring a lot of speed back to the lineup as Notre Dame prepares for the state finals meet.

### WRESTLERS GO 2-1 AT UD QUAD

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team had a great outing at UD Jesuit, going 2-1 with victories against Lutheran North and Berkley. Freshman Troy Kilonowski and Junior Evan McGhee went undefeated with a 3-0 record for the day while Joey Benenati, Aaron McGhee,

Nick Meli, and Jeronimo Ballesty all went 2-1. The Irish will head to Monroe Jefferson this weekend and host their first home meet on Tuesday.

### HOCKEY DROPS GAME TO MARYSVILLE

The Notre Dame Hockey team dropped a 5-1 decision to Marysville. Andrew Fraser had the lone goal for the Irish while Dawson Richards finished with 34 saves in goal.

### BOYS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL GETS WIN OVER OL LAKES

The Notre Dame Boys 8th Grade team earned a 27-20 win over Our Lady of the Lakes White. The Irish played incredible defense, forcing 35 turnovers. Joey Klott led the Irish with 15 points, 10 steals, and seven rebounds. Colin Whalen chipped in six points and three steals and Nate Seaman grabbed six rebounds.

### BULLDOGS GET CLOSE WIN OVER NOTRE DAME

Last Tuesday, Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team lost to an old Catholic League rival Loyola 64-63 in a hard-fought battle. From start to finish it was a close contest with the halftime score 40-38 favoring the Bulldogs. The Irish took an eight point lead in the fourth quarter only to lose it down the stretch, handing Loyola the one point victory. Junior sharp shooter Jack Olis hit five threes and finished with 19 points to lead all scorers. Captain Jacob Bendtsen contributed 15 points and eight rebounds and Junior Jon Risi finished the game with 15 points.

### KNIGHTS BEST IRISH 5/6 BASKETBALL TEAM

The Notre Dame Girls 5/6 Basketball team fell short against Shrine 32-22. Tessa Bordogna and Cristiana Giglio led the Irish with eight points apiece and Emily Gumma, Daniela Alonso, and Emma Steiber each had a bucket.

### BOYS 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL FALLS TO KNIGHTS

The Notre Dame Boys 6th Grade Basketball team dropped its first home game of the season to Shrine by a score of 13-5. Alec Wernis led the Irish with all five points.

### JV BOYS BASKETBALL WINS AT ARBOR PREP

The Notre Dame Boys JV Basketball team go back on the winning track with a 51-38 victory at Arbor Prep. The first half was competitive, as Notre Dame led 8-6 after the first quarter and 19-17 at halftime. However, a strong third quarter start by Notre Dame quickly bumped the lead to double digits and the Irish never looked back. Evan Hoke led the scoring with 13 points followed by Matthew Sadecki with 11 and Darryn Moore with eight. Joe Wilcox had a nice floor game in his first start at point guard this season.

### FALCONS CLIP BOYS FRESHMAN TEAM

The Notre Dame Boys Freshman Basketball team suffered their first loss of the season to Rochester by a score of 37-34. Caden Husch led the way with scoring a with Darryn Moore and Ryan Bucci helping on the defensive end. MJ Peters and Connor McGlynn also continued to show growth on the court.

### IRISH DROP GAME TO ARBOR PREP

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team had another tough matchup against a strong Arbor Prep team, losing 63-56. The Irish were down five to ten points all game but rallied in the fourth quarter to bring the deficit to two points. In the end Arbor Prep made clutch baskets and free throws to seal the seven point victory. Junior Jack Olis led the Irish with 22 points followed by Senior Jacob Bendtsen with 15 points and Freshman Wade Robinson with 14.

