



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

## **BOYS SWIM EARNS ADDITIONAL STATE CUTS; BOYS BASKETBALL GETS WIN OVER FGR**

Friday March 5

**VAR Bowling  
vs. Fitzgerald 3:30**

**VAR Hockey  
vs. WLN 7:45**

Saturday March 6

**VAR Girls Bowling  
vs. Oxford 10:00**

**VAR Hockey  
vs. West Bloomfield 6:00**

Tuesday March 9

**VAR Bowling  
vs. Summit 3:45**

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

Wednesday March 10

**VAR Bowling  
vs. DC 3:30**

Thursday March 11

**Boys F/JV Basketball  
vs. Brother Rice 4:00/5:30**

### **IRISH HAVE STRONG SHOWING AT OAKLAND COUNTY**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team competed in the Oakland County meet on Saturday. This meet includes all Oakland County high school teams, regardless of size or class. Despite being a small division three team the Irish swimmers had an outstanding meet, competing well against the bigger programs in the county and securing multiple MHSAA state cut qualifying times. The meet got off to a good start with Senior Griffin Gushman posting a fifth place finish in the 200 Free at 1:46.18 and Junior Anthony Dupuis achieving a state cut qualifying time in the same race. Paul Vigneau also posted a personal best time in the 200 Free. Freshman Pierce Marchese dropped almost eight seconds in the 200 IM, placing 19th to achieve his first state cut. Senior Lars Boehme followed with a 19th place in the 50 Free to also get a state cut. Gushman swam a 4:45.59 to finish third in the 500 Free, just 1.5 seconds out of first place. In the next individual event, Dupuis and Marchese collected their second state cuts in the 100 Backstroke. Notre Dame fielded two relay teams, both of which qualified for the state meet, with the team of Dupuis, Vigneau, Boehme and Gushman placing 11th in the 200 Free Relay and the team of Dupuis, Marchese, Boehme and Gushman placing 12th in the 400 Free Relay. In total, the Irish secured an incredible seven state cut in a meet that ranks as one of the top Oakland County performances in Notre Dame Boys Swimming history.

### **NOTRE DAME GETS HOME WIN OVER FGR**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team bounced back with a 59-54 home victory over rival Father

Gabriel Richard. The Irish never trailed and had a 26-23 lead at halftime. Notre Dame built on that lead with a 12-9 in third quarter advantage to hold on to the six point win. Junior Jon Risi had a fantastic performance on both offense and defense with 17 points, five rebounds and five steals. Junior Jack Olis contributed 15 points and Seniors Jacob Anderson and Jacob Bendtsen had nine and eight points, respectively.

### **SKI TEAMS CLOSE SEASON AT SEMSL MEET**

The Notre Dame Girls and Boys Ski teams took part in their final meets of the season as the Southeast Michigan Ski League (SEMSL) championships were held at Alpine Valley ski hill on February 25 as part of a reschedule date. The top teams and individual skiers, both from divisions one and two from the four southeast Michigan ski hills who qualified during the divisional races earlier in the month competed in men's and women's slalom and giant slalom (GS) competitions. A mix of Notre Dame Varsity and JV ski team members participated. Top ten honors were awarded to JJ Lintol (first place in both the slalom and GS), Delaney Flavin (seventh in slalom and eighth in GS) and Keely McLeod (fifth place in GS).

### **IRISH CAP REGULAR SEASON WITH WIN OVER HOLLY**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team finished off their regular season with two final meets this week. On Tuesday, the Irish took on Brother Rice and continued to drop time as Notre Dame received its 16th state cut, this one coming in the 200 Medley Relay. Freshman Pierce Marchese led off, followed by teammates Anthony Dupuis, Griffin Gushman and Lars Boehme as the Irish bested the state

cut time by two seconds. Marchese jumped right back in the pool and dropped 1.64 in his 200 Free and later in the meet he dropped 7.65 seconds in his 500 Free. Paul Vigneau joined the fun dropping .61 seconds in his 50 Freestyle and not to be outdone, Senior Griffin Gushman had a season best time by dropping .88 seconds in his 100 Backstroke. "We may not have the numbers to win a meet, but we sure have heart. This team has not stopped amazing me! Every meet we have multiple drops by multiple swimmers. I can't ask anything more than that" said Coach Mark McGreevy after the week. However, Coach McGreevy had to eat his words later in the week as Notre Dame swam to victory in the final regular dual meet of the season over Holly. It was a big night for Senior Miguel Martinez and Sophomore Oliver Kayi. "I love those two swimming each other. It's a matter of pride for Miguel to not let Oliver beat him. And tonight it was another fun race. Miguel managed to hold off the Sophomore and in the process both dropped to personal best times." Martinez dropped three seconds while Kayi dropped nearly two in the 100 Freestyle. Vigneau strolled his way to a victory in the 200 and 500 Freestyles and dropped nine seconds to take the 500 by more than a pool length. Dupuis and Marchese finished first and second in the 100 Butterfly and Dupuis and Boehme took first and second the 100 Backstroke. Gushman added another first place in Breaststroke and the three Seniors teamed up to dominate the 200 Free Relay. "It was great to see the boys finish the season with a well deserved victory" said Coach McGreevy. "We will spend the next three weeks getting ready for our League Meet and State Meet. It's certainly has been a great season so far and the boys are excited to charge into their big season ending meets."



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## 5/6 GIRLS BASKETBALL GRABS WIN OVER OL LAKES; BOYS 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL TAKES TWO CLOSE GAMES

### IRISH FALL TO LAKELAND

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team dropped another close game to Lakeland on the road, 55-49. The Irish jumped out to a quick 20-10 lead in the first quarter but then went cold from there, only scoring 29 points for the rest of the game. The second half was back and forth with each team holding the lead, but Lakeland took control in the fourth quarter to solidify the win. Juniors Jack Olis and Jon Risi combined for 33 of Notre Dame's 49 points with 17 points and 16 points, respectively.

### JV BASKETBALL GETS WIN OVER LAKELAND

The Notre Dame JV Basketball team got back on the winning track with a 41-33 victory at Lakeland. The Irish only managed two points in the first quarter to find themselves in a 7-2 hole. In the second quarter, strong defense by Caden Husch and Eddie Abboud helped make up the deficit to give the Irish a 15-14 halftime lead. After a competitive third quarter resulting in a 25-25 tie, the game looked like it was going to be tight to the end. The fourth quarter started out as a back-and-forth affair until about three minutes to go. Rajah Alexander-Nevels took over the offensive side of the game by scoring eight straight points in a one minute span. He started his scoring barrage by making two of three from the free throw line after getting fouled attempting a three pointer. Alexander-Nevels then followed that with two three pointers the quickly built a comfortable lead for Notre Dame with a two minutes to go. Alexander-Nevels led the Irish in scoring with 10 points followed by Matthew Sadecki with nine. Robby Strimpel had another strong game on the boards for the Irish.

### HOCKEY DROPS GAMES TO ETA LEGION

The Notre Dame Hockey team dropped both ends of a doubleheader to the Eastern Thumb Area Legion. Evan Gaeschke had two goals and an assist in the opening game for the Irish while Brady Bassett, Andrew Fraser, and Justin Joliat also scored a goal each. David Mohr had two assists for Notre Dame. In the second game, Fraser and Bassett once again found the back of the net for the Irish.

### 5/6 GIRLS BEST OL LAKES

The Notre Dame Girls 5/6 Basketball team earned their first win of the season by defeating Our Lady of the Lakes 19-13. Cristiana Giglio led the team with 11 points, while Tessa Bordogna chipped in eight. The Irish held the Lakers to just four points in the second half. The defensive effort was led by Emma Stieber, Piper Beaudoin and Emily Gumma.

### 7/8 GIRLS DROP GAME TO OL LAKES

Our Lady of the Lakes handed the Notre Dame Girls 7/8 Basketball team (0-2) a 42-16 defeat. The Lakers stormed out to a lead that quickly became insurmountable. Emma Stowe led the Irish with seven points. She was one of five Notre Dame players to figure in the scoring column, along with Ruby Ignasiak, Mya Kattula, Audrey Simon and Ellie Whalen.

### BOYS 6TH BASKETBALL GETS WIN OVER OL LAKES

The Notre Dame Boys 6th Grade Basketball team pulled off a comeback win to beat Our Lady of the Lakes 27-24. Alec Wernis led the Irish with seven points and Luciano Ruma added six points in the victory.

### JV BOYS CRUISE PAST NEW LOTHROP

The Notre Dame JV Basketball team earned its second two game winning streak of the season with a 47-21 at New Lothrop. After a modest first quarter start, the Irish were able to take a comfortable 26-11 lead after two quarters. In the second half, Notre Dame was on cruise control, allowing ample playing time for the entire team. Matthew Sadecki led the scoring again with 16, followed by Evan Hoke with 13. Joe Wilcox had another nice floor game, Robby Strimpel was strong on the boards, and Nolan Tompkins had great all around game.

### BOYS 6TH TAKES BATTLE WITH OAKLAND CHRISTIAN

The Notre Dame Boys 6th Grade Basketball team pulled off another close game victory, beating Oakland Christian 19-17. Max Robin led the Irish with six points and Luco Wisniewski tacked on five points as well.

### JV BOYS FALL TO ROCHESTER

The Notre Dame JV Basketball team saw its two game winning streak can to an end after a 50-38 home loss to Rochester. The first three quarters were competitive as the Falcons led by two at halftime and 39-35 after three quarters. The turnover bug hit the Irish team in the fourth quarter while Rochester found another gear. Matthew Sadecki led the Irish in scoring again with 15 points and supported by Robby Strimpel with 12.