



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

SWIMMERS HAVE STRONG STATE FINAL MEET; BASKETBALL BESTS CRANBROOK FOR DISTRICT TITLE

- Monday April 12
 - VAR Baseball vs. Troy 4:00/6:00
 - JV Softball vs. Bloomfield 4:30/6:00
- Tuesday April 13
 - Girls VAR Tennis vs. Troy Athens 4:00
 - Girls JV/VAR Lacrosse vs. Huron Valley 5:30/7:00
- Wednesday April 14
 - JV Baseball vs. Troy 4:00
 - VAR Softball vs. Powers 4:30/6:00
 - Boys VAR Lacrosse vs. Adams 6:00
- Thursday April 15
 - Girls JV Tennis vs. Cranbrook 4:00
 - VAR Baseball vs. Troy Athens 4:30

SWIMMERS POST STRONG STATE FINALS MEET

The Notre Dame Boys Swim team took part in the MHSAA State Finals meet held at the Holland Aquatic Center. Leading off the day in the 200 Freestyle, Griffin Gushman earned a fifth place finish with a personal best time of 1:44.31 while Anthony Dupuis came in at 29th place with a 1:52.63. Lars Boehme then tied for 10th place in the 50 Freestyle in 22.07, just missing the top-eight by .03 seconds, while also placing 14th in the 100 Freestyle in 49.07. In the 500 Freestyle, Gushman returned and broke the Notre Dame school record, taking third place in a time of 4:41.64. The 200 Freestyle relay stepped up next and although the Irish posted the best time of the season at 1:31.89, the Notre Dame team of Dupuis, Paul Vigneau, Gushman, and Boehme fell short of top eight. Dupuis then took part in the 100 Backstroke and placed 18th with a time of 56.85. In the final event of the day, the Irish would break a second school record, taking 10th in the 400 Freestyle Relay. The team of Vigneau (52.69), Dupuis (50.71), Boehme (47.93), and Gushman (48.28) finished with a time of 3:19.61. Overall, Notre Dame took 14th out of 36 teams taking part in the meet.

PIONEERS TOP IRISH IN REGIONAL FINAL

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball season came to a close with a 55-35 loss to Croswell-Lexington in the MHSAA Regional Final. The Irish struggled to score on the evening as the Pioneer defense forced Notre Dame into an off shooting night. Jacob Bendtsen led the Irish offense with 12 points while Jack Olis had seven, Jon Risi had six, and both Jacob Anderson and Gabe Myers finished with four.

BASKETBALL TOPS CK FOR DISTRICT TITLE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team claimed an MHSAA District title following a 68-62 win over Cranbrook. After trailing 21-20 after the opening quarter, Notre Dame responded to lead 39-37 at halftime. The Irish extended the lead to 55-49 after three quarters and were able to hang on despite a strong push from the Cranes. Jacob Bendtsen led a balanced Notre Dame scoring attack with 15 points. Brian Lopez, Gabe Myers, and Jack Olis each finished with 12 points while Jon Risi added 11 in the win.

CHEER TAKES THIRD AT MHSAA FINALS

The Notre Dame Competitive Cheer team placed third at the MHSAA State Finals meet held at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University. The Irish earned a round one score of 230.90, a round two score of 221.72, and a round three score of 314.80 to finish with a total score of 767.42. Richmond took first with a 771.62 while Paw Paw was second with 770.72. Notre Dame will graduate five seniors from this year's Regional Championship team; Sierra Arbelaez, Jacqueline Bialy, Annelise DePorre, Olivia Duoba, and Sydney Hoepfner.

IRISH ADVANCE PAST NEW HAVEN

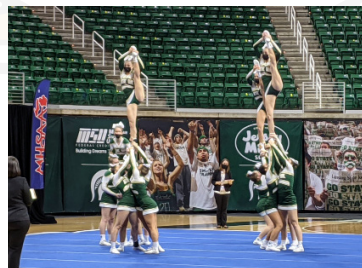
The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team earned a 55-49 win over New Haven to advance to the MHSAA Regional final. After leading 17-13 after the first quarter, the Irish trailed 30-28 at halftime. An early run in the third quarter gave Notre Dame a 10 point advantage mid way through the third and the Irish were able to hang on down the stretch. Jack Olis led the Irish with 15 points while Jacob Bendtsen and Jacob Anderson each finished with 12. Jon Risi added seven points for Notre Dame, who will now take on unbeaten Croswell-Lexington for the Regional championship.

SOFTBALL TAKES OPENER OVER WARREN MOTT

The Notre Dame Varsity Softball team opened the season with a 13-1 home win over Warren Mott. Sophomore Ryann Simmonds picked up her first varsity win for the Irish, yielding a single run on one hit, striking out six. Simmonds helped her cause at the plate by going two for two, scoring twice, and driving two home. Offensively, Jordan Smith belted a two-run shot over the right center, clearing the fence by twenty five feet. Elena Schwegman had a pair of hits, including a triple, scoring twice and with two RBI. Freshman Abigail Hannan also had a pair of hits, scored twice, stole a base and drove in one while Sophomores Regina Roose and Amanda Roth each went two for three and scoring twice in their varsity debuts.



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BASEBALL SHUTS OUT COUSINO IN OPENER; TRACK STARTS SEASON AT JIM GARDNER INVITE

BASEBALL GETS SHUTOUT IN SEASON OPENER

The Notre Dame Varsity Baseball team opened its season with an 8-0 shutout win over Warren Cousino. Junior Luke Babich got the opening day start, going five innings and allowing only two hits. Senior Andrew Meny and Sophomore Jeremy Gale added two RBI each in the win for the Irish.

ERIE MASON COMES BACK TO BEST NOTRE DAME

The Notre Dame Varsity Softball team fell to 1-1 on the season as they dropped a 15-14 decision to Erie Mason. The Eagles scored nine runs combined in the sixth and seventh innings to earn the comeback win. Offensively, Ryann Simmonds finished five for five with four RBI for Notre Dame while Meaghan Orloski added four hits, three RBI, and scored three runs. Jordan Smith hit her second home run of the season, a three-run shot, and scored three runs. Amanda Roth had three hits and two RBI for the Irish.

IRISH DROP OPENER TO DIVINE CHILD

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Lacrosse team dropped its season opener to Divine Child by a score of 14-6. Delaney Flavin and Ava Buchanan each had two goals for the Irish while Elise Glotkowski and Abby Stowe added a goal each.

GIRLS TRACK TAKES FIRST AT JIM GARDNER INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Track and Field team kicked off its 2021 season with a first place finish at the Jim Gardiner Invite held at Aquinas College. Mya From willer had a strong day for the Irish, taking first in the high jump, 60 Meter Dash, and 200 meter dash. Emily Mourad placed first in the long jump, third in the 60 meter dash, and second in the 200 meter dash. Lexi Fraser was first in the mile and second in the 800 meter race and Zoe Hoke took first in the 800 meter race and second in the mile. Kate Stacey was first in the 400 meter dash, and Madison Monaghan was third in both the mile and 800 meter run for Notre Dame.

BOYS TRACK PLACES FOURTH AT JIM GARDNER INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Track and Field team began the 2021 season with a fourth place finish at the Jim Gardiner Invite held at Aquinas College. Clayton Bone earned a first place finish in the long jump to help lead the Irish.

BOYS 8TH GRADE GETS WIN AT OL LAKES

The Notre Dame Boys 8th Basketball team picked up a win over the weekend over Our Lady of the Lakes White 21-18. Nate Seaman led the Irish with 13 points. The Irish played outstanding team defense and led on the defensive end by Joey Aiello, whose energy led to multiple Laker turnovers.

IRISH CLOSE SEASON WITH WIN OVER SACRED HEART

The Notre Dame Girls 7/8 Basketball team finished its season in style, defeating Academy of the Sacred Heart 31-5. The Irish jumped out to a quick lead, turning defense into offense behind two steals and layups from eighth grader Izzy Gumma. Notre Dame never trailed and never looked back. Seven Irish players scored, led by eighth grader Mya Kattula and seventh grader Emma Stowe, who scored eight points apiece. Seventh grader Tia Carouba added four, while classmates Ruby Ignasiak (three), Madeline Bingham (two), and Audrey Simon (two) also figured in the scoring column.

IRISH DROP ROAD GAME TO EVEREST

The Notre Dame Girls 5/6 Basketball team fell on the road to Everest. Tessa Bordogna led the Irish with four points, followed by Daniela Alonso and Emily Gumma with two points each. Anna Lis put in a solid effort defensively, collecting many rebounds. Piper Beaudoin recorded two steals.