



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

## Varsity Football Takes Opener Over Linden; Cross Country Starts Season at MI Catholic Invite

Tuesday September 7

Boys VAR Tennis vs. Lansing Christian 4:00

Boys JV/VAR Soccer vs. OLSM 6:00/7:30

Wednesday September 8

VAR Volleyball Home Quad 5:00

Thursday September 9

Girls VAR Golf vs. DC 3:30

Boys VAR Tennis vs. DCDS 4:00

JV Football vs. TBD 5:30

### Cross Country Starts Year at MI Catholic Invite

The Notre Dame Boys and Girls Cross Country teams traveled to DeWitt to compete in the 16th annual Michigan Catholic Cross Country Invitational sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. The team spent Friday night at the St. Francis Retreat Center, enjoying time to bond as a team with a pre-course inspection, spaghetti dinner, chapel time and campfire with s'mores. The team rose early in the morning for a light breakfast before competing in temperatures that approached 90 degrees as the day went on. Despite the blistering heat, the Irish ran well and after the race, all the teams participated in an outdoor Mass on the retreat grounds. On the Boys side, Sophomore standout Wade Robinson finished fourth overall in leading Notre Dame to a 12th place finish with a time of 17:38. Junior Ben Kinkade and freshman Ryan Wojichowski, Chris Hunter and Isaac Brook rounded out the scoring for the Irish. Wojichowski, Hunter and Brook were competing in their first high school race and first varsity race. Senior leader Josh Trulik and sophomore Troy Kilanowski also competed in the varsity race. For the Girls, newcomer Zoe Hoke announced her presence with a fourth place finish in her first high school varsity cross country meet with a time of 20:27 in the 5K race, leading the Irish to a 12th place finish overall. Adriana Lorenz, Nicole Carson, Kaity Heaman, Kate Stacey and Katie Bucci rounded out the varsity line-up for the girls. For Lorenz, it was her first high school and first varsity race. The JV Girls 5K team of Anna Hauck, Erin Connelly, Megan Tompkins, Nicole Spengler, Erin Dawiedczyk, Ally Heaman and Jillian Essig placed second overall for a great team finish. Anna Hauck was the overall winner and Erin Connelly finish fourth, both medaling in the

process. Freshman Skylar Vanheck had a strong second place finish among the girls in the JV two mile. Following the meet, Coach Guest remarked, "The team is young, but working hard and improving, which is all you can ask for as a coach. The heat on the course was intense, but the athletes responded well. We also had a lot of fun at the retreat house and were able to bond as a team. I was very proud of all our athletes. It's going to be a great season."

### Boys Tennis Takes Close Match Over De La Salle

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team picked up a 5-4 win over Warren De La Salle. Frank Roth earned a first singles victory in three sets for the Irish, who also received wins from the doubles pairings of Max Thornton and Ben Valade (first), Alex Housey and Trevor Rowe (second), Adam Hak and Beck Silver (fourth), and Keaton Fitzgerald and Anthony Ghaith (fifth).

### Irish Drop Match to Marlins

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team dropped a 189-171 match to Mercy played at Crystal Lake. Emma Roth led the Irish with a 42, followed by Amanda Roth (47), Brooklyn Haddad (49), and Abby Stowe (51).

### Irish Best Linden at Gridiron Class in Opener

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team started its 2021 season with a 34-8 win over Linden at the Vehicle City Gridiron Classic held at Kettering University's Atwood Stadium. The Irish took control early and never looked back, building a 20-0 lead in the first quarter. Jacob Tuttle connected with Billy Newman for a 25-yard touchdown to open the scoring and Bradon Prater would add a two-yard touchdown run. The Notre Dame special teams would also get involved as Chris Galle returned a blocked punt 15 yards for a score of his own. The Eagles got on the board with a safety in the second quarter but a four-yard touchdown pass from Tuttle to John Dreer just prior to halftime would up the Irish lead to 27-2 at the break. Evan McGhee would add a 23-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to round out the Notre Dame offense. The Irish defense was strong all evening, forcing several turnovers and sacks. Galle and Walter DeCasas had interceptions while Dreer and Matthew Sadecki were credited with fumble recoveries. Alex Scherle and Evan Noga each recorded three sacks while Landon Hehl added one. Tuttle finished with 91 yards through the air and two scores while the rushing trio of Aaron McGhee, Evan McGhee, and Prater combined for 132 yards.



Jacob Tuttle threw for 91 yards and two touchdowns as the Notre Dame Varsity Football team opened its season with a 34-8 win over Linden



Erin Connelly, Anna Hauck and Skylar Vanhecke all earned medals at the MI Catholic Invite JV race



Alex Scherle hauls in a fourth down reception to keep a Notre Dame offensive drive alive





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## VOLLEYBALL TAKES FIRST AT MT. MORRIS INVITE; GIRLS JV GOLF EARNS THREE VICTORIES

Friday September 3

5/6 Football  
vs. HFRS 10:00

7/8 Football  
vs. HFRS 12:00

Thursday September 9

MA Soccer  
vs. WW Christian 7:30



**The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team went unbeaten at the Mt. Morris Invite to claim the tournament title**

### IRISH TAKE TOURNAMENT TITLE AT MT. MORRIS

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team took its second tournament of the season, going unbeaten at the Mt. Morris Invite. The Irish started the day with victories over Birmingham Roper, Allen Park Cabrini and Mason in pool play and entered the elimination bracket as the number one seed. In the playoff bracket the Irish had a rematch with eighth-seeded Cabrini and defeated the Monarchs 25-12, 25-11. In the second round, Notre Dame defeated Mason 25-16 and 25-12 to gain entry into the championship round. In the final, the Irish took a convincing 25-12, 25-19 win over St. Catherine to claim the tournament title. Abby Nellis had her best day in an Irish uniform, collecting 31 kills and a team leading nine blocks. Bianca Giglio had a team high 36 kills and Aly Borellis collected 35 kills, scored 19 points and had 43 assists. Sophia Sudzina added 18 kills, Grace Wenaas scored 24 points from the service line, including 17 aces, to go with her 13 kills and Margo Sudzina dished out a team high 54 assists and scored 19 points, including five aces. Ally Berent scored a team high 47 points with 17 aces and made some point saving defensive plays while Josie Bloom led the Irish in digs and service receptions, had a handful of kills, and scored 23 points with 10 aces.

### JV GOLF GETS VICTORY OVER DRAGONS

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team earned a 210-226 win over Lake Orion in a match held at The Bluffs at Boulder Pointe. Ashley Larimer led the Irish with a 49, followed by Morgan Bissett with a 50. Audrey Thurman shot a 53 and Alex Triantos rounded out the scoring, including a par on hole number six.

### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL REMAINS UNBEATEN

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team kept its undefeated record intact by defeating Oxford, Rochester and Holly in its home opener. First up for the Irish was Oxford. Notre Dame used a balanced attack to take the 25-12, 25-17 victory. Aly Borellis, Bianca Giglio and Sophia Sudzina combined for 21 kills while Josie Bloom and Ally Berent played well in the back court. Margo Sudzina collected 10 assists and Borellis added nine. The Irish took on Rochester in match two. The Falcons came out strong and held a lead by as many as five points late in the first set. Sara Nouhan and Giglio took over at the net while Bloom made some stellar defensive plays and served up six aces as the Irish fought their way back to earn a 25-23 win. The second set was all Notre Dame as the Irish took the set 5-9. In the final match of the day, Notre Dame defeated Holly 25-4, 25-9. Hanna Rutila served up nine aces while Grace Wenaas picked up eight.

### BOYS TENNIS HEADS TO ST. CLAIR INVITE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team took part in the St. Clair tournament, facing difficult competition in setbacks to St. Clair, UD Jesuit, and Almont. Max Thornton and Ben Valade provided the highlight for the day with a first doubles win on their match against Almont.

### FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL BEGINS POWER SERIES

The Notre Dame Freshman Volleyball team finished 1-2 in the first round of the Mercy Power League Series. Keira Maher and Alyssa Sadowski all had multiple kills with Fran Daogaru and Reese Hehl having multiple blocks in the middle. Tina Yeras played a full round and delivered a strong performance as well for the Irish.

### JV VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO AT MERCY POWER SERIES

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team finished 2-1 in the first round of the Mercy Power League Series. The Irish opened the day with wins over Troy Athens and Oxford before falling to Brighton in three sets. Notre Dame will head into the upcoming bracket play as the second seed.

### IRISH TAKE REMATCH WITH CLARKSTON

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team earned a victory in a rematch with Clarkston by a score of 195-212 in a match played at Crystal Lake. Morgan Bissett finished with a 44 to lead the Irish while Audrey Thurman had a 46, including a birdie. Ashley Larimer continued to score in the mid-40's while Megan Fitzpatrick, Meghan Mourad and Alex Triantos rounded out the scoring in the win.

### NOTRE DAME BESTS GROVES

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team picked up a 197-205 win over Birmingham Groves at Crystal Lake. Meghan Mourad shot her best round of the season, Ashley Larimer had two pars, and Audrey Thurman had a par. Morgan Bissett, Megan Fitzpatrick, and Elise Glotkowski also contributed to the Irish scoring effort.



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