



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME (HOME GAMES)

Monday September 20

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

Tuesday September 21

Girls VAR Golf
vs. Cranbrook 3:30

Thursday September 23

Girls VAR Golf
vs. OLSM 3:30

Boys VAR Tennis
vs. Armada 4:00

Girls F/JV/VAR Volleyball
vs. Utica 5:00/6:30

Boys JV/VAR Soccer
vs. Melvindale/Armada
5:30/7:00



The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Cross Country team took first at the Averill Distance Invite while the Boys finished seventh



BOYS SOCCER FINISHES 2-1 AT ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team finished 2-1 at an annual tournament with Groves, Flushing, and Frankenmuth. The Irish began the day with an impressive 2-1 win over Birmingham Groves. Connor McGlynn had a first half goal with Jeronimo Ballesty picking up an assist and Ballesty would score the deciding goal himself in the second half. In the second game, Notre Dame picked up a 3-1 win over Flushing. Santino Bidawid, Massimo Vitale and Joey Liparoto all scored in the win while Jake Lanham and Vitale added assists. In the final match of the day, the Irish fell 1-0 to host Frankenmuth.

IRISH PLACE SEVENTH AT ORANGETHEORY INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team took seventh overall and first amongst Division Three teams at the OrangeTheory Invite played at Hudson Mills Golf Course. The Irish finished with a team score of 424 strokes on the day. The balanced Notre Dame scoring effort was led by Emily Szalach, who medaled with a 103. Brooklyn Haddad (105), Brooke Cousins (107), and Amanda Roth (109) also factored into the scoring for the Irish.

GIRLS TAKE FIRST, BOYS SEVENTH AT AVERILL INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls and Boys Varsity Cross Country teams competed at the Averill Invitational at the difficult Kensington Metro Park course over the weekend. The Girls Varsity team placed first overall in the silver division (medium sized schools with enrollment between 1,000 and 1,500), edging out Mercy by one point. Zoe Hoke (second), Maria Nunning (third),

Erin Connelly (seventh) and Kate Stacey (17th) all earned medals in the process. Nicole Carson, finishing just three spots from a medal, rounded out the scoring for the Irish who notched their first invitational victory of the season. Skylar Vanhecke and Ally Heaman medaled in the JV race. For the Boys, Wade Robinson won his first race of the season and posted the second fastest time for a sophomore in all divisions with a time of 17:47 on a course that features one of the biggest hills the team will face this season. Featuring a lineup that included four freshman and two sophomores, the Irish finished a respectable seventh out of 15 teams. Junior Captain Ben Kinkade and sophomore Troy Kilanowski ran season bests turning in strong performances with times of 20:26 and 21:07, respectively. Freshmen Ryan Wojichowski, Isaac Brook, Sam Phillips, and Nick Mardelli all ran personal bests at the invitational. For Mardelli, it was his first varsity race. Next up for the Irish is the 53rd annual Duane Raffin Festival of Races at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

DEFENSE PACES IRISH IN WIN OVER LOYOLA

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team moved to 3-0 season, defeating Detroit Loyola 23-8 in a battle of ranked teams. The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, scoring on their opening possession (extra point was blocked). Loyola would maintain the lead into the second quarter until the Irish turned defense into offense. Johnny Dreer returned an interception nine yards for a Notre Dame score to put the Irish up 7-6 and Evan McGhee would record an interception on the next Loyola drive. After the Notre Dame drive stalled out, a punt down to the one yard line would set up an Evan Noga safety to increase the lead to 9-6.

Heading into halftime, Jacob Tuttle would find Billy Newman for a 25 yard passing score to put Notre Dame up 16-6 at the break. In the third quarter, the Bulldogs would get a safety of their own to make it a one score game, but early in the fourth quarter Tuttle would connect with Dreer for a six yard score to put the win away. The Notre Dame defense finished with three interceptions on the evening, coming from Dreer, who added eight tackles, McGhee, and Walter DeCasas, who also had six tackles and four pass breakups. Defensive ends Alex Scherle and Evan Noga continued their strong campaigns by combining for 10 sacks. Tuttle had 108 passing yards and Newman led all receivers with 75 yards. McGhee ran for 105 yards on 18 carries while Jeremy Gale added 36 yards through the air on a trick play.



Johnny Dreer returns a second quarter interception for a touchdown as the Irish defeated Loyola 23-8

NOTRE DAME SWEEPS MARYSVILLE, LCN

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team added two more wins with straight set victories over Marysville and L'Anse Creuse North. Aly Borellis finished with 29 service points, including three aces, 12 kills, and 30 assists over both matches while Ally Berent had 17 service points, six aces and 18 digs. Josie Bloom had 19 digs, Bianca Giglio had 19 kills, Sophia Sudzina had nine kills, and Sara Nouhan, Abby Nellis, and Grace Wenaas all finished with eight kills.



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7/8 Green Volleyball
vs. St. Joseph 6:00

5/6 Volleyball
vs. St. Joseph 6:00

7/8 Gold Volleyball
vs. St. Joseph 7:00

4/5 Volleyball
vs. St. Joseph 7:00

Tuesday September 21

MA Soccer
vs. IC 6:00

VOLLEYBALL WINS BC LAKEVIEW TOURNAMENT; GIRLS SWIM TAKES FIRST AT SMISL RELAY MEET

IRISH EARN THIRD TOURNAMENT WIN OF SEASON

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team took its third tournament title of the season, going unbeaten at the Battle Creek Lakeview Invite. The Irish opened the tournament with a convincing 25-10, 25-9 win over Vicksburg. Aly Borellis had two aces, five kills and 12 assists while Grace Wenaas had five kills and Bianca Giglio added four kills, nine points (six aces), and a pair of digs. Josie Bloom anchored the defense with seven digs and seven serve receptions while teammate Ally Berent served up 12 points (four aces) and six digs. Next in pool play the Irish took on perennial Division Four power Battle Creek St Phillip and jumped out to an early lead on their way to a 25-11, 25-17 victory. Borellis collected seven kills, dished out eight assists and had five digs. Sophia Sudzina chipped in five kills while Margo Sudzina added five points and 11 assists. Berent (11 points, five receptions and eight digs) and Bloom (six receptions and six digs) helped slow the Tiger offense down. The final pool matchup saw Notre Dame defeat Kalamazoo Central 25-11, 25-9. Defensive specialist Hanna Rutila led all scorers with nine points and four aces while Bloom collected 10 more digs. Wenaas had eight kills, Borellis had four kills, 10 assists and 12 digs, and fellow setter Margo Sudzina added 13 assists and three digs. Leah Greif made several strong defensive plays while Abby Nellis, Giglio, and Sophia Sudzina all had three kills for the Irish. In the elimination round the Irish faced off against Division Two fifth ranked Cadillac. After a slow start, Notre Dame pulled away for a 25-12, 25-9 win. Berent was tough from the service line, scoring 14 times, including five aces, to go with 13 digs. Bloom added nine more digs and 11 serve receptions while Borellis finished

with nine service points, 12 kills, 13 assists and 11 digs. Margo Sudzina had 11 assists with Giglio (five kills) and Sophia Sudzina (seven) also helping to pace the offense. Notre Dame was tested in both the semifinal and final rounds. In the semifinal, host Battle Creek Lakeview battled the Irish, but ultimately Notre Dame prevailed with a 25-21, 30-28 win. Berent and Bloom kept the Irish in the match with nine and eight digs and 10 and 22 receptions respectively while Berent added eight more service points. Greif came off of the bench to collect a couple of important digs to help preserve the win. Sophia Sudzina continued to be a force at the net with a team high 15 kills. Margo Sudzina had 19 assists and Borellis contributed nine kills, and 13 assists. In the championship match, Notre Dame took on Portage Northern. The Huskies played outstanding defense to slow the Irish attack and led by as many as five points in the opening set before the Irish defense took control. Nellis (5 five kills and a pair of blocks) collected the last two kills to seal the first set win at 26-24. The Irish completed the match with a 25-14 win in the final set. Bloom added 11 more receptions and 10 digs, Berent had seven points, 14 receptions, and 10 digs and Margo Sudzina dished out 15 assists. Sophia Sudzina was virtually unstoppable in the final match as she rung up 14 kills and had five digs while Borellis finished with nine points, six kills, 13 assists and six digs.

IRISH IMPRESS IN WIN OVER TROY ATHENS

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team finished with their best round of the season in a 189-208 win over Troy Athens at Crystal Lake. Three Irish golfers set personal records; Ashley Larimer with a 42, Elise Glotkowski with a 50, and Alex Triantos with a 50.

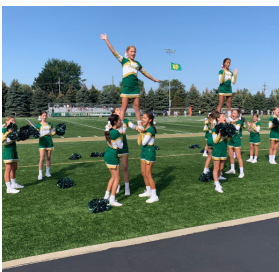
Larimer finished with three pars for the match while Triantos started off the night with a par on the first hole. Megan Fitzpatrick was strong from the tee box while Audrey Thurman exhibited a strong short game. Larimer and Morgan Bissett hit several key long putts in the match to help lead Notre Dame to the win.

NOTRE DAME TAKES FIRST AT SMISL MEET

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim and Dive team captured a first place finish at the SMISL Relay meet held at Adrian High School. The Irish finished with a total of 546 points, edging out second place Temperance Bedford (532) by 14 points. Notre Dame started off the day with a first place finish in the 200 Yard Medley Relay by Olivia Powell, Emma Ciesla, Alina Stanczak, and Rita Hajjar. The team of Grace Linenfelser, Lauren Chojnacki, Tessa Boehme, and Ella Warner also took third in the same event. In the 200 Freestyle Relay, Hannah Hutchinson, Lexie Hunter, Aria Kim, and Elizabeth Gruden combined to take second place while the team of Hunter, Powell, Stanczak, Gruden, and Katie Schmidt took first in the 5X100 Relay. In second place through nine events, the Irish used back-to-back first place finishes in the final two relays to take the team title. The team of Ciesla, Linenfelser, and Gruden placed first in the 3X200 Free Relay and the team of Stanczak, Boehme, Tori Devine, and Ciesla finished first in the 4X50 Under/Over Relay to seal the victory.



Bonner Upshaw carries the ball for Notre Dame in the 7/8 Football team's 30-0 shutout win over Our Lady of the Lakes



The Notre Dame Middle School Cheer team performs a sideline routine during the 7/8 Grade Football game



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BOYS SOCCER SHUTS OUT CESAR CHAVEZ; 4/5, 7/8 GOLD VOLLEYBALL WIN TWO MATCHES



Will Lanham had two goals as the Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team defeated Cesar Chavez 5-0

BOYS SOCCER GRABS SECOND STRAIGHT WIN

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team continued its strong recent stretch with a 5-0 win over Cesar Chavez Academy. Will Lanham got the Irish on the board just over four minutes into the match and Andrew Schaldenbrand added a goal at the 22 minute mark. Lanham would add his second goal of the game, this one coming on a PK, just six minutes later to give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead at halftime. Nathan Kalil and Anthony Zaleski would add second half goals for the Irish in the shutout victory.

7/8 GOLD VOLLEYBALL TAKES BOTH MATCHES

The Notre Dame 7/8 Gold Volleyball team continued their winning ways, besting St. Anne in straight sets 25-16, 25-12, 15-8. Anna Kafarski had 11 serving points, followed by Daniela Alonso with nine. Excellent net play by Gabrielle Brook helped set the tone, and Kiana Gamez delivered some key service points in the win. Adriana Johnson also contributed well on both offense and defense. The Irish team also prevailed in a close match against St. Patrick. Notre Dame took the first set 25-14, with great serving from Tessa Bordogna, who led the way with 12 service points. St. Patrick took the second set 16-25 before the Irish got focused and back on track, taking the final set 15-10 and earning another victory. Gamez and Dakota Robinson provided solid defense, breaking the serve of multiple St. Patrick players. Lillian Stolzenfeld made several key plays in the final set and Johnson scored her first kill of the season

IRISH DROP MATCH TO LHN

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team dropped a 202-176 match to

Lutheran High North played at Crystal Lake. Emily Szalach led the Irish with a 44 while Amanda Roth (49), Emma Roth (53), and Abby Stowe (56) also posted top scores for Notre Dame.

MIDDLE SCHOOL XC STARTS SEASON AT CYO JAMBORREE

The Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country team competed in its first meet over the weekend, a CYO Jamboree meet held at Stoney Creek Metropark. In the two mile Varsity race, the Irish were led by Matthew Ivory, who finished in 14:01. Not far off the pace were John Hunter (14:38). William Platt (15:18), Anabella Kilanowski (15:23), and Lucia Brewer (15:44) who also contributed to the scoring effort. Andrew Nunning, Sullivan Dooley, Lea Simjanovski, and Cara Sadowski delivered strong performances in their first races of the year as well for Notre Dame.

4/5 VOLLEYBALL EARNS TWO VICTORIES

The Notre Dame 4/5 Volleyball team took both of their matches in the opening week of the season. In the first match, the Irish took the first two sets 25-21, 25-20 to earn a win over St. Hugo. Serving was critical throughout the game, with Addison Kushuba, Jozlyn Clemens, and Campbell Bordogna leading the way from the line. Great offense and defense was also provided by Josie Simon, Saniya Tucker, Anaya Patel, and Valencia Sitto. In the second match, Notre Dame dropping the first set 21-25 to St. Patrick before rallying from a 10-point deficit in the second set to win 25-18. In the third set, Simon provided outstanding serving on the way to a 15-8 win. Great defense was played by Brielle Gendreau, Molly Robins, Clemens, and Lily Buero.

IRISH HEAD TO NORTH FARMINGTON INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team placed 22nd at the North Farmington Invite held at Glen Oaks Golf Club, shooting a team score of 453. Emma Roth finished with the low score for the Irish with a 97 and was followed in scoring by Amanda Roth, Sofia Mukhtar, and Alaina Orow.

JV VOLLEYBALL TAKES GOODRICH TOURNAMENT

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team earned a tournament win at the Goodrich Invite over the weekend, finishing a perfect 5-0 on the day. The Irish opened with a 25-16, 25-15 win over Orchard Lake St. Marys. Strong hitting by Sophia Sermo and serving from Anastacia Wachowiak helped lead Notre Dame to the victory. In game two, the Irish defeated host Goodrich 25-18, 25-21. Ryann Simmonds provided strong serving and Bree Blakeslee had several key hits. In the final game of pool play, Notre Dame won in straight sets 25-14, 25-20 against Lake Fenton. Audrey Thummel and Gigi Nadeau were solid from the serving line while Madison Pawloski and Mya Kattula helped to pace the offense. In the elimination round, the Irish once again defeated Lake Fenton, this time by a final count of 25-16, 25-14. Nadeau provided a strong serving effort with Pawloski and Kattula continuing to play strong at the net. The championship game went three sets with the Irish outlasting Huron Valley Lutheran 25-17, 22-25, 15-12. Blakelee, Simmonds, Nadeau, and Sermo were tough from the serving line throughout the match and the Irish as a team were solid defensively.



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