



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME (HOME GAMES)

Friday October 1

VAR Football
vs. Erie Mason 7:00

Monday October 4

Boys VAR Tennis
vs. WLN 4:00

Tuesday October 5

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

Wednesday October 6

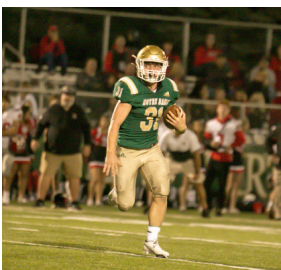
Girls VAR Golf
MHSAA Regional 9:00

Thursday October 7

Boys JV/VAR Soccer
vs. Brother Rice 5:30/7:00



Bradron Prater had both a rushing and receiving touchdown in Notre Dame's 28-14 win over Divine Child



Evan McGhee finished with 136 rushing yards against Divine Child

IRISH TAKE HOMECOMING GAME OVER DIVINE CHILD

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team moved to 4-1 on the season with a 28-14 win over Divine Child on Homecoming. After a scoreless opening quarter, the Irish got on the board in the second quarter courtesy of a two yard run by Bradon Prater. The Falcons would answer late in a defensive-dominated first half with a five yard rushing score to send the teams to the locker room knotted at 7-7. Notre Dame would score twice in the third quarter, both on passing touchdowns. Jacob Tuttle hit Johnny Dreer for a 18 yard touchdown before finding Prater for a 16 yard score to up the lead to 21-7. Divine Child closed the gap to 21-14 before a second Tuttle to Dreer touchdown, this time from 11 yards out, put the game away. Jeremy Gale and Chris Galle both finished with five tackles to lead the Notre Dame defense, with Galle adding six tackle assists. Evan McGhee rushed 17 times for 136 yards, including an 81 yard run, while Prater had 60 rushing yards and a touchdown. Tuttle was an efficient 17 of 22 for 171 and three touchdowns, with Dreer leading all Irish receivers with 47 yards and two scores. Gale added five catches for 46 yards with Alex Scherle adding 36 receiving yards.

NOTRE DAME, ARMADA PLAY TO DRAW

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team played to a 4-4 draw against Armada. Nico Fandino picked up the lone singles win for the Irish at third singles. The doubles pairings of Alex Housey and Trevor Rowe (second) and Matt Kafarski and Aidan Mehta (third) each earned three set wins while the fourth doubles pairing of Adam Hak and Beck Silver won in straight sets.

NOTRE DAME RUNNERS COMPETE AT LINDEN

The Notre Dame Girls and Boys Cross Country teams competed in the Linden Classic, otherwise known as the "mud bowl" on Saturday, placing fifth and eighth overall, respectively, in the large school division comprised of DI and DII schools. The Linden course, which is often the site of the MHSAA Regional championship tends to collect water and mud near the finish line, but after three days of torrential downpours, the course was muddy from beginning to end. The team, missing a few key Varsity runners did not disappoint. Freshman Maria Nunning was the top finisher (eighth overall) for the Irish with a time of 22:47, which was a personal record (PR) despite the mud. Seniors Anna Hauck (21st) and Kate Stacey (26th) also medaled for Notre Dame by finishing in the top 30 overall. Sophomore Addie Bellows and senior Jessie Kennedy rounded out the scoring for the team, almost. Notre Dame was tied with Wixom St. Catherine at 116 points after the first five runners crossed the finish line, which is normally how meets in cross country are scored. The tie was created by Notre Dame's sixth and seventh runners, freshman Erin Connelly and senior Nicole Carson, both finishing ahead of St. Catherine's fifth place runner, pushing their overall team score back. Connelly's finish (Notre Dame's sixth place runner) ahead of St. Catherine's sixth place runner was the tiebreaker. In the boy's race, sophomore Wade Robinson led the Irish with a fifth place finish and time of 18:04. Junior Ben Kincade, freshman Sam Phillips, sophomore Troy Kilanowski and freshman Chris Hunter rounded out the scoring for the Irish. Juniors John Milback and Thomas Belej also ran varsity. For Robinson, it was his fifth straight

top five performance of the season. Despite the conditions, freshman Lucas Lanfear ran a PR by almost a minute in the junior varsity race, joining Nunning and freshman Erin Galbraith as the only athletes to PR on the day. Afterwards, coach Guest commented "I think it was fun for the kids to run in the mud. The conditions were nasty and probably accounted for a good minute, to minute ten, slower performance for the athletes, but they all stuck it out in the mud, literally. I was surprised to see how well they all cleaned up for the homecoming dance later in the evening".

IRISH, DCDS BATTLE TO 1-1 DRAW

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team battled to a 1-1 draw at Detroit Country Day in a potential MHSAA District 40 preview. The Irish took a 1-0 lead into halftime, as Massimo Vitale scored from 40 yards out midway through the half with an assist going to Will Lanham. The Yellow Jackets would get the equalizer early in the second half and neither team, despite chances on both end, would be able to break the tie. Goalkeeper Owen Theime finished with six saves in goal for Notre Dame on the night.



Massimo Vitale had a first half goal for Notre Dame against DCDS





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VOLLEYBALL WINS IN STRAIGHT SETS OVER UTICA; GIRLS JV GOLF TAKE SECOND AT LAKE ORION

Monday October 4

MA Soccer vs. IC 7:30

Tuesday October 5

7/8 Green Volleyball vs. OLR 6:00

5/6 Volleyball vs. OLR 6:00

7/8 Gold Volleyball vs. OLR 7:00

4/5 Volleyball vs. OLR 7:00

Thursday October 7

7/8 Gold Volleyball vs. St. Hugo 6:00

IRISH SWEEP MATCH OVER REGINA

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team made it 35 straight wins to open the 2021 season with a 25-15, 25-15, 25-14 win over defending Catholic League champion Warren Regina. The Irish once again used a balanced attack with Sophia Sudzina leading the way with seven kills. Bianca Giglio added six and Aly Borellis had five. Borellis also added six serving points, four blocks, and 12 assists. Defensively for the Irish, Josie Bloom once again stood out as she finished with 14 digs, 13 serve receptions without an error and six points from the service line. Hanna Rutila played well with six receptions and six digs while Leah Greif pitched in with nine assists. Elyssa Wallace and Ally Berent each served up five points and added an ace in the victory.

JV GIRLS GOLF GETS WIN OVER OXFORD

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team defeated Oxford 206-215 in a match played at the difficult Metamora Country Club. Freshman Audrey Thurman led the Irish with a 46, tying her personal record and finishing with three pars. Ashley Larimer added a 50, Meghan Mourad and Megan Fitzgerald both had a 55, and Morgan Bissett rounded out the scoring for the Irish with a 56.

GIRLS SWIM BESTS FLINT POWERS ON SENIOR NIGHT

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team picked up a 97-79 win over Flint Powers on Senior Night. Several swimmers continued to show improvement including Emma Ciesla in the 500 Free, Grace Simon, in the 100 Back, Ruthie Evans and Tori Devine in the 50 Free and Tessa Boehme in both the 200 Free and 100 Fly. Olivia Powell and Caterina Zaleski recorded personal best times in the 100 fly and 200 IM. Alex Williams impressed with a near four second time drop in the 100 Fly, while Mia Palizzi showed a drop of over two seconds in the 100 Free. The meet was also an opportunity for the Irish to celebrate seniors Hallie Fox, Kate Fox, Katie Schmidt, Elizabeth Gruden, and Alina Stanzak. Next up for Notre Dame is the Oakland County Championship meet this weekend. The Irish will send Boehme, Ciesla, Devine, Grace Linenfelder, Stanczak, Gruden, Williams, Powell and Rita Hajjar, along with diver, Allison Voto to the meet after they achieved qualifying times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL XC HEADS TO STONEY CREEK JAMBOREE

The Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country team competed in its second CYO Jamboree meet held at Stoney Creek Metropark. Despite cold and rainy conditions, the Irish continued to post strong times. Matthew Ivory placed first for Notre Dame in 13:39, followed right behind by Coplin Serota in 13:41. John Hunter (14:41), Annabella Kilanowski (15:17) and William Platt (15:25) rounded out the top-five while Lucia Brewer, Andrew Nunning, Sullivan Dooley, Lea Simjanovski, and Cara Sadowski all improved upon their previous times.

JV VOLLEYBALL BESTS SADDLELITES

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team earned a 25-10, 25-22 straight set win over Regina. Outstanding servine from Gigi Nadeau and Mya Kattula helped set the pace for the offense in the opening set. Natalia Green had four kills and Bree Blakeslee and Nadeau each added two. In the second set, the Irish defense helped to slow the Saddlelite offense and secure the win. Ryann Simmonds, Sophia Bahu, Anastacia Wachowiak, and Abby Hannan had key digs throughout the match and Green, Blakeslee, Nadeau, and Audrey Thummel each added multiple kills.

JV GIRLS GOLF BESTS WILDCATS

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team pulled off a 197-208 win over Oxford in a match played at Crystal Lake. Alex Triantos finished with a 48, including a par on hole six, while Ashley Larimer also added a 48. Morgan Bissett finished with a 50, including a par on hole three. Megan Fitzpatrick and Elise Glotkowski both had a 51, with Glotkowski driving the green on hole seven, and Meghan Mourad rounded out the Irish scoring effort with a 52 that included pars on holes seven and eight.



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IRISH SHUT OUT FOWLerville ON SENIOR NIGHT; VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS ST. CATHERINE



The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team celebrated Senior Night in the win over Fowlerville

IRISH GET SENIOR NIGHT WIN OVER FOWLerville

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team defeated Fowlerville 7-0 on Senior Night. Jeronimo Ballesty got the Irish offense started with a penalty kick goal just 12 minutes into the game, and would add his second goal of the night just seven minutes later. Anthony Zaleski and Jack Mueller would also tally first half goals as Notre Dame took a 4-0 lead into the break. Ballesty would continue his outstanding night with two more second half goals and Nathan Kalil would chip in with the final Irish goal. Josh Reid went the distance in net to earn the win and shutout for Notre Dame. The Irish also took the opportunity to honor seniors Ballesty, Jakob Dutz, Lucas Karolski, Reid, Massimo Vitale, and Zaleski at halftime.



Austin Reese carries the ball for the Notre Dame 7/8 Football team in the 39-14 win over UD Jesuit Academy

NOTRE DAME TOPS STARS IN STRAIGHT SETS

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team swept St. Catherine 25-17, 25-13, 25-11. Aly Borellis led the offensive attack with 13 kills while dishing out 15 assists and adding eight digs. Bianca Giglio had six kills and Grace Wenaas finished with eight kills, six digs and two blocks. Kendall Smith served up six points, including two aces, and had 11 assists. Josie Bloom led the defense with 10 digs and seven serve receptions. Aly Berent contributed seven digs and 11 serve receptions while Hanna Rutila had five points, five digs and six serve receptions

GIRLS GOLF COMPETES AT OAKLAND COUNTY INVITE

The Notre Dame Varsity Golf team placed 17th at the Oakland County Division One Championship tournament held at Twin Lakes Golf Course, firing a team score of 395 strokes. The balanced Irish scoring effort was led by Amanda Roth (96). Brooke Cousins (98), Emily Szalach (100), and Emma Roth (101). Notre Dame will now prepare for the MHSAA Regional tournament being held this upcoming Wednesday at Pontiac Country Club.

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL TAKES HOME OPENER

The Notre Dame Freshman Volleyball team took its home opener over Utica in three sets. Tina Yeras continued her strong serving with four aces was also playing solid defensively. Reese Hehl led the Irish with five kills while Elaina Kalabat chipped in with a number of key digs in the second and third sets

7/8 GOLD VOLLEYBALL GETS A PAIR OF VICTORIES

The Notre Dame 7/8 Gold Volleyball team picked up two wins during the course of the week. The Irish picked up a 25-17, 19-25, 15-7 win over Our Lady of the Lakes, rebounding after dropping the second set to secure the victory. Notre Dame also defeated St. Anne 25-18, 25-20, 13-15 behind excellent serving. Berkleigh Kennedy led the way with 14 service points, including eight in a row to take the second set, which Notre Dame never led until Kennedy started her serving run. Daniela Alonso had nine service point for the match.

JV VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS ST. CATHERINE

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team defeated St. Catherine 25-7, 25-19. In the opening set, Mya Kattula and Gigi Nadeau had seven points each while Bree Blakeslee added two kills and Madison Pawlowski had several blocks. Nadeau had nine straight points in the second game and Abby Hannan served up the winning point. Blakeslee, Kattula, and Audrey Thummel had multiple kills in the win.

IRISH HEAD TO CAMP AGAWAN CYO JAMBOREE

The Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country team took part in a CYO A Division Jamboree meet held at the Camp Agawam course in Orion Township. Coplin Serota finished second overall at the meet in a time of 13:11 while William Platt (14:26, 18th) and Annabella Kilanowski (14:30, 20th) also placed in the top-20. John Hunter and Lucia Brewer rounded out the scoring for the Irish while Sullivan Dooley, Andrew Nunning, Lea Simjanovski, and Cara Sadowski also posted strong times.