



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

**BOYS FIRST, GIRLS SECOND AT OAKLAND COUNTY XC MEET;  
VOLLEYBALL CONTINUES UNBEATEN STREAK**

Friday October 15  
VAR Football  
vs. Beecher 7:00

Thursday October 21  
JV Football  
vs. Marine City 7:30



**The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Cross Country team took the Oakland County Division Two team title**



**Zoe Hoke and Wade Robinson both earned All-Oakland County honors at the Oakland County meet**



**Aly Borellis finished with 11 kills, three blocks, two service points, 18 assists and four digs against Rochester**

**BOYS TAKE FIRST, GIRLS SECOND AT OAKLAND COUNTY**

The Notre Dame Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country teams finished first and second, respectively, among all Division Two, Three, and Four schools at the Oakland County Championship held at Kensington Metropark. The Boys had to beat out perennial rivals Orchard Lake St. Marys, Cranbrook and Country Day to secure the title. The Irish were once again led by sophomore Wade Robinson whose 17:35 time placed him 21st overall, earning All-County honors for the second year in a row. Junior captain Ben Kinkade finished with a 18:35, just three seconds from a personal record despite the notoriously difficult course which features multiple steep hills. Troy Kilanowski ran strong, improving his time from a previous Kensington race by 50 seconds. Freshmen Sam Phillips, Chris Hunter, Isaak Brook, and Ryan Wojichowski rounded out the varsity team that features six freshman and sophomores among the top seven. The Girls team, which ran shorthanded, finished second behind Marian, who the Irish will see later in the year at Regionals. Sophomore Zoe Hoke beat a quartet of top runners from DI Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Farmington and Troy by 1.5 seconds to finish 28th and grab All-County Honors, which are awarded to the top 30 athletes in the county from all divisions. Freshman Maria Nunning and Senior Anna Hauck laid down strong performances with Nunning improving her time by one minute versus her previous Kensington race. Adri Lorenz, Kate Stacey and Addie Bellows rounded out the Varsity lineup for the girls. The next race for the Irish will be the 37th Annual Gabriel Richard Cross Country Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark in Dexter.

**IRISH CONTINUE WIN STREAK WITH QUAD SWEEP**

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team picked up three more wins, sweeping a quad also featuring Goodrich, Eisenhower, and Bronson that was played using a best-of-five format. The Irish started the day with a 25-9, 25-14, 25-8 win over the Martians. Josie Bloom led the charge with four aces, 12 points, 16 receptions and 13 digs. Aly Borellis was right behind with three aces, 10 points, six kills, and 26 assists and Bianca Giglio led all attackers with 10 kills. In the second match, the Irish came away with a 25-3, 25-12, 25-9 over Eisenhower. Leah Greif led Notre Dame from the service line with an ace and 12 points while dishing out 15 assists. Aly Berent not far behind with three aces and 10 points while Bloom frustrated the Eagle attackers with 18 digs. In the final match, Notre Dame earned a 25-13, 25-16, 25-19 over Bronson, currently ranked fifth in Division Three. Borellis once again was solid for Notre Dame, adding four aces, 14 points, 12 kills, 19 assists, two blocks and nine digs to her impressive totals. Elyssa Wallace served up a pair of aces to go with 13 points, six receptions and four digs while Sophia Sudzina and Giglio each chipped in with 9 kills.

**IRISH SET SHUTOUT WIN OVER COBRAS**

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team moved to 6-1 with a 58-0 shutout win over Detroit University Prep Math & Science. The Irish scored three times in the first quarter with touchdowns coming on a 21 yard pass from Jacob Tuttle to Johnny Dreer, a six yard run by Jeremy Gale, and a 19 yard pass from Tuttle to Bradon Prater. Notre Dame extended the lead in the second quarter with a 67 yard

run by Chris Galle, a safety by Evan Noga, and a four yard run by Evan McGhee. In the third quarter, Alex Scherle caught a 26 yard touchdown from Tuttle and Aaron McGhee ran for a 10 yard score and Zach Mylenek added a 45 yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter to cap off the scoring.

**IRISH SET SHUTOUT WIN OVER COBRAS**

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team defeated Rochester 25-5, 25-12, 25-20 on Parents' Night. A pair of Miss Volleyball finalists played well in the last regular season home match. Josie Bloom served up nine points and collected four assists to go with a team high 14 receptions and 16 digs. With those 14 serve receptions, Bloom surpassed 400 on the season with only 24 errors. Aly Borellis led all attackers with 11 kills, three blocks, two service points, 18 assists and four digs. Borellis ranks first in the state and fourth in the nation in hitting percentage at .526. Leah Greif added four aces and 12 points while assisting on six kills. Elyssa Wallace was right behind with 11 service points and four aces. Bianca Giglio and Sophia Sudzina collected 10 and six kills, respectively, with Grace Wenaas kicking in four and Abby Nellis and Sara Nouhan adding three each. Nellis also had a team high four blocks. The Irish will head to the challenging Beast of the East tournament this weekend.

**IRISH END REGULAR SEASON WITH SCORELESS DRAW**

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team closed its regular season with a 0-0 draw against Lake Fenton. Owen Theime recorded the shutout in net for the Irish, who will travel to Clawson for an MHSAA District Semifinal match on Monday.





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## JV VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS POWER SERIES; GIRLS SWIM GETS VICTORY OVER HOLLY

Saturday October 16  
5/6 Football  
vs. St. Peter 9:00  
Thursday October 21  
5/6 Football  
vs. West Catholic 5:30



**Isabella Kaminskas controls the ball for the Notre Dame Middle School Soccer team in the 3-1 win over St. Mary Mt. Clemens**



**The Notre Dame 7/8 Football team gathers following their 20-16 win over St. Joan of Arc in the CYO Quarterfinal round**

### JV VOLLEYBALL GOES 3-0 AT FINAL POWER SERIES

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team went 3-0 at the Mercy Power Series over the weekend to finish the season-long slate 8-1 at the competition. The Irish started the day with a come-from-behind 19-25, 25-23, 15-7 win over Anchor Bay. Mya Kattula had 12 serving points and five kills, Bree Blakeslee had four kills, Gigi Nadeau and Audrey Thummel had strong games from the service line and at the net, and Anastacia Wachowiak and Natalia Green both had several digs. Notre Dame defeated Romeo 25-22, 25-21 in the second match. Strong serving from Blakeslee, Nadeau, Kattula, and Thummel helped lead the Irish to the win. Thummel, Kattula, Nadeau, Keira Maher, and Green all had multiple kills, Ryann Simmonds was strong on the defensive end, and Wachowiak had a key dig that led to the game winning point in the opening match. In the final match of the day, the Irish defeated Flushing by identical scores of 25-16, 25-16. Nadeau had six serving points, including two aces, in the opening set while Wachowiak added four. Nadeau and Thummel led the offense with three kills each. Wachowiak added seven serving points, with three aces, in game two while Simmonds and Thummel each had three. Nadeau had three more kills and Kattula and Thummel were both strong at the net defensively for Notre Dame.

### GIRLS SWIM GETS WIN OVER HOLLY

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team picked up a win over Holly. The Irish received first place finishes in the 200 Medley Relay from the team of Aria Kim, Lauren Chojnacki, Mariana Spada, and Tori Devine, Alina Stanczak in the 200 Free, Alex Williams in the 200 IM, Rita Hajjar in the 50 Free, Hajjar in the 100 Free, Chojnacki in the 500 Free, the 200 Free Relay from the team of Williams, Elizabeth Gruden, Hajjar, and Stanczak, Williams in the 100 Back, Chojnacki in the 100 Breaststroke, and the 400 Free Relay team of Gruden, Williams, Devine, and Stanczak. Chojnacki dropped 23 seconds in the 500 Free, Hannah Hutchinson dropped four seconds in the 100 Free, Katie Schmidt had a three second improvement in the 200 Free and nearly two seconds in the 100 Free, and Grace Simon dropped nearly five seconds in the 100 Back.

### JV FOOTBALL TAKES DEFENSIVE BATTLE

The Notre Dame JV Football team won a defensive battle at Troy Athens by a final score of 7-2. Zach Mylenek provided the lone touchdown of the game with a 94 yard run in the second quarter while the Red Hawks counted with a safety, also in the second quarter. The game came down to the final drive, where a Joey DeCasas interception in the endzone sealed the win for the Irish. The defense as a whole was impressive for Notre Dame with two goal line stands, two interceptions by DeCasas and strong performances by Drew Heimbach, Aidan Cusac, Jacob Samuels, and Corey Restrepo. The Irish now sit at 5-2 on the season and will host Marine City next week in their season finale.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL XC TAKES DUAL MEET

The Notre Dame Middle School Cross Country team placed fifth overall at the CYO Jamboree meet held at Hess Hathaway Park, defeating Sacred Heart in the process in a dual meet. Coplin Serota placed 10th overall in the meet and first for Notre Dame to lead the Irish. John Hunter took 20th, William Platt was 23rd, and Annabella Kilanowski and Sullivan Dooley rounded out the scoring for Notre Dame.

### JV VOLLEYBALL BESTS ATHENS

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team defeat Troy Athens in straight sets 25-23, 25-13. Gigi Nadeau had six straight serving points in the opening game and closed the match with the final two points. Ryann Simmonds also had six points in the first set while Bree Blakeslee added four kills, including the game-winner. Mya Kattula and Natalia Green each had two kills as well. In the second set, strong serving by Nadeau, Audrey Thummel, and Anastacia Wachowiak led the Irish to the win. Blakeslee added three kills while Kattula and Nadeau had two each.

### JV VOLLEYBALL GETS WIN OVER ROCHESTER

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team moved to 32-3 with a 25-17, 25-21 win over Rochester. In the opening set, Sophia Sermo had seven serving points followed by Anastacia Wachowiak (five) and Bree Blakeslee (three). Blakeslee, Sermo, and Madison Pawlowski each added a kill. In the second set, Mya Kattula, Gigi Nadeau, and Ryann Simmonds each had four serving points while Pawlowski added two kills. Audrey Thummel added a block for the Irish in the win.

