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### IRISH BEST DCDS IN OVERTIME FOR DISTRICT TITLE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team captured its first MHSAA District title since 2017, defeating Detroit Country Day 2-1 in overtime, the second overtime win in a span of three days for the Irish. The first half was a defensive battle with neither team being able to find the back of the net despite shots off the post late in the half for the Irish. Just over six minutes into the second half Notre Dame would get on the board as Jeronimo Ballesty headed in a Jake Lanham corner kick to put the Irish up. The lead would stand until the 14 minute mark of the half when the Yellow Jackets capitalized on an odd man advantage to tie the score at 1-1 and send the game into overtime. In similar fashion to the District Semifinal, Notre Dame would score just three minutes into the extra frame as Lanham chipped a shot from the right of the penalty area near the sideline past the Country Day goalkeeper. Joey Liparoto added an assist on the goal. For the next 17 minutes, Notre Dame goalkeeper Owen Thieme and the Irish defense made the lead stand up to secure the District title by a 2-1 margin.



**Jeronimo Ballesty celebrates after scoring a second half goal for Notre Dame**



**Jake Lanham, who scored the game-winning goal in overtime, and Will Lanham fight for possession of the ball against Country Day**

### NOTRE DAME RECORDS SECOND STRAIGHT SHUTOUT

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team picked up its second consecutive shutout with a 54-0 win over Flint Beecher. Jacob Tuttle connected with Chris Galle for an 11 yard touchdown to open the scoring in the first quarter and Billy Newman returned an interception for a touchdown to put the Irish up 13-0 in the opening frame. Notre Dame would add to the lead with three second quarter touchdowns coming on a three yard pass from Tuttle to Alex Scherle, another interception returning for a touchdown this time by Galle, and a three yard touchdown run by Bradon Prater to go up 33-0 heading into halftime. In the third quarter,



**Billy Newman returns an interception for a touchdown in Notre Dame's win over Flint Beecher**

Newman scored on a 10 yard pass from Tuttle and Michael Sadecki caught a four yard touchdown from Tuttle. Aaron McGhee added a fourth quarter touchdown run of five yards to round out the offense. Scherle and Evan Noga recorded sacks in the game while Galle and Landon Hehl had four solo tackles each. Tuttle finished 12 of 16 for 149 yards and four touchdowns. Prater led the Irish with 67 rushing yards and 50 receiving yards while McGhee added 50 yards on the ground.

### IRISH REACH ELITE EIGHT AT BEAST OF THE EAST

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team reached the Elite Eight round of the competitive Beast of the East tournament. The Irish opened the tournament by defeating Portage Central 25-16, 25-22. Aly Borellis had 11 kills, 13 assists and seven digs while Bianca Giglio had nine kills, six serving points, two aces and five digs. Josie Bloom was once again stellar on defense with 22 receptions, 16 digs and three assists. Ally Berent finished with 10 serving points, including five aces, six receptions and nine digs. Sophia Sudzina (five kills) and Grace Wenaas (four) also contributed to the Irish attack. In the second match, Notre Dame defeated Allen Park 25-4, 25-8. Bloom led all scorers from the line with 13 points (five aces), four receptions and eight digs. Leah Greif had six points, two aces and 14 assists. Borellis added eight kills, 12 assists, and five digs. Giglio had six kills, Wenaas had four, and both Abby Nellis and Sara Nouhan finished with three. The final match in pool play saw Notre Dame defeat Byron Center in three sets, 25-20, 23-25, 15-11. Berent had eight points, two aces, three kills, nine receptions and 19 digs. Margo Sudzina added seven points, three aces, 14 assists and six digs. Giglio had 15 kills, and served nine points while Borellis had nine kills, 15 assists, four receptions and three digs. Wenaas and Sophia Sudzina each had five kills while Nouhan added

four. Notre Dame entered bracket play as a number one seed and took on Mattawan. Using a new lineup, the Irish still found a way to prevail 31-29, 25-22. Bloom once again frustrated the Wildcat attackers with another strong performance that included 20 receptions, 19 digs and a pair of assists. Borellis scored six points, including three aces, and 13 kills. Margo Sudzina had six points, 17 assists and four digs and Greif had nine assists. Berent turned in a solid defensive effort with 10 digs and six receptions. Sophia Sudzina helped the cause with her best offensive performance of the day added nine kills, Giglio kicked in eight kills and seven digs while Nouhan had a solid offensive performance adding seven kills. Notre Dame fell from the ranks of the unbeaten at the hands of Mercy in the Elite Eight. The Marlins used a tenacious defense to defeat the Irish in three sets 22-25, 25-16, 9-15. Margo Sudzina served up nine points with three aces, and 13 assists while Greif dished out 15 assists and collected seven digs. Bloom added 16 digs and 16 receptions to keep the Irish in the match while Berent added 12 and 10. Borellis scored eight points from the service line to go with 10 kills and 10 digs. Rounding out the offensive effort were Nouhan with eight kills, Sophia Sudzina with seven and Giglio with six.

### GIRLS SWIM GETS VICTORY OVER TROY ATHENS

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team defeated Troy Athens 124-56. Emma Ciesla broke the 2006 Athens Pool Record in the 100 Fly with a personal best time of 1:01.01. Several swimmers also showing continued improvement including Elizabeth Gruden in the 200 IM, Lexie Hunter and Grace Simon both dropping over a minute each in the 200 Free, and Hannah Hutchinson shaving off tenths in her 50 Free with a time of 28.4. Diver Allison Voto won the diving portion with a score of 162.40.





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## CROSS COUNTRY COMPETES AT FGR INVITE; IRISH TOP CLAWSON TO ADVANCE TO DISTRICT FINAL



**Maria Nunning, Wade Robinson and Zoe Hoke all medaled at the FGR Invitational**

### IRISH RUNNERS HEAD TO FGR INVITATIONAL

It was Senior Day at the Father Gabriel Richard Invite at Hudson Mills Metropark and the Notre Dame Varsity Cross Country seniors did not disappoint with eight out of 10 seniors setting season or career bests on the mostly flat, but still challenging course that featured woods, meadows, and great competition. The Girls and Boys Varsity teams finished seventh and ninth overall with Zoe Hoke (fourth), Maria Nunning (14th) and Wade Robinson (fourth) earning medals and spots on the podium. The girls were led by Hoke (19:52), Nunning (20:14), Anna Hauck (21:53), Kate Stacey (21:55), Adri Lorenz (22:12), Erin Connelly (22:16) and Tess Censoni (24:31). Hoke, Nunning, Stacey, Lorenz and Connelly all set personal records (PR's) at the race. Robinson (16:40), Ben Kincade (18:11), Troy Kilanowski (18:51), Isaak Brook (19:13), Sam Phillips (19:16), Chris Hunter (19:30) and Ryan Wojichowski (19:45) led the boys team with Kincade, Kilanowski, Brook, Phillips, Hunter and Wojichowski all setting PR's in the process. In total, 11 girls and nine boys on the team achieved PR's on the day which featured ideal racing conditions. Both teams have been moving up in the rankings with the boys currently ranked fifth and the girl third in the region, moving up from eighth and sixth. The girls are only seconds ahead of Marian in the rankings, who they finished second to in the County Championship last week. The boys are now within two minutes of the combined team time of third ranked Goodrich in the region. The top three teams in each region advance to the state finals at MIS.



**The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team took the Farmington Invitational, sweeping all four matches**

### JV VOLLEYBALL TAKES FARMINGTON INVITE

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team took the Farmington Invitational, sweeping all four matches. The Irish opened the day with a 25-8, 25-22 win over North Farmington. Audrey Thummel brought the Irish out of a deficit with 12 service points, including three aces, while Gigi Nadeau added five. Madison Pawlowski led Notre Dame with five kills and Bree Blakeslee added two. The Irish took the second match 25-13, 25-11 over Birmingham Groves. Anastacia Wachowiak finished with nine serving points in the match with Ryann Simmonds, Nadeau, and Thummel adding four each. Sophia Sermo had five kills in the win for Notre Dame. The Irish started bracket play with a 25-8, 25-10 win over host Farmington. Simmonds had nine serving points while Thummel finished with eight. Blakeslee added seven and Wachowiak finished with six. Sermo added six kills with Thummel, Blakeslee, and Pawlowski finishing with four. In the finals, Notre Dame defeated Lutheran Northwest 25-22, 25-17. Nadeau had seven serving points, including three aces, to go with a pair of kills. Sermo had four kills with Pawlowski adding three and Natalia Green finishing with two in the win.



**Zach Mylenek had three touchdown runs as Notre Dame defeated Marine City 19-14**

Trojans took an early lead 11 minutes into the match and would maintain that lead for the next 68 minutes. Despite chances at both nets, including attempts off the posts and crossbars, neither team could find the back of the net. With 49 seconds remaining in the contest, Jeronimo Ballesty was awarded a free kick and was able to power the ball past the Clawson wall and goalkeeper to tie the score and keep the Irish season alive. Notre Dame carried the momentum into overtime, and Eddie Abboud would score the eventual game-winning goal, with an assist going to Nathan Kalil, just two minutes into the first extra period. Goalkeeper Owen Theime, who made several key stops throughout the night and in overtime, and the Irish defense would make the lead hold up.

### JV VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS GOODRICH, CLIO

The Notre Dame JV Volleyball team earned straight set wins over Goodrich and Clio. The Irish defeated the Martians 25-11, 25-20. Audrey Thummel had four serving points and four kills while Sophia Sermo had eight serving points, including three aces. Mya Kattula had three kills, Bree Blakeslee had three serving points, and Abigail Hannan had the game-winning dig. In the second match, Notre Dame defeated Clio by identical counts of 25-14, 25-14. Gig Nadeau had six serving points, including an ace, to go with two blocks, Sermo had seven serving points, and Ryann Simmonds added two. Kattula added four serving points, while Blakeslee had two aces and three kills in the win. Anastacia Wachowiak collected several digs and Natalia Green was strong at the net for the Irish.

### IRISH ADVANCE WITH OT OVER OVER CLAWSON

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team earned a come-from-behind, 2-1 win over Clawson in overtime in the MHSAA District Semifinal round. The

### JV FOOTBALL CLOSES SEASON WITH VICTORY

The Notre Dame JV Football team finished the season strong with a 19-14 win over Marine City. Zach Mylenek scored on a one yard first quarter

