



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

VOLLEYBALL EARNS FIFTH STRAIGHT REGIONAL TITLE; CROSS COUNTRY CLOSES SEASON AT STATE FINAL MEET

Saturday November 13

**Girls VAR Swim
SMISL Championship
10:00**



The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team defeated Marysville in straight sets to claim its fifth straight MHSAA Regional title



Ben Kinkade, Wade Robinson, Zoe Hoke, and Maria Nunning represented Notre Dame as individual qualifiers at the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals



The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team celebrates a MHSAA District title following a win over Clawson

VOLLEYBALL TAKES FIFTH STRAIGHT REGIONAL TITLE

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team won its fifth straight and 13th overall MHSAA Regional title with a 25-16, 25-14, 25-13 win over Marysville. Sophia Sudzina collected 15 kills to lead the Irish attack, with Bianca Giglio adding 10 service points, including four aces, to go with 10 kills. Abby Nellis had eight kills, Grace Wenaas chipped in with seven and Ally Berent had four. Berent was also solid on defense with 11 serve receptions and 14 digs. Margo Sudzina scored nine points from the line, had nine digs, and dished out a team high 20 assist while Leah Greif collected 11 assist and nine service points. Miss Volleyball finalist Josie Bloom continued to anchor the defense with 18 digs and 15 serve receptions to go with 13 service points and three aces. Notre Dame, now 61-1, will take on Detroit Country Day in the MHSAA Quarterfinal round.

XC RUNNERS CLOSE SEASON AT MHSAA STATE FINALS

The Notre Dame Varsity Cross Country team finished its season with a strong performance by four individual athletes who qualified and competed at the MHSAA DII State Championship Invitational at Michigan International Speedway (MIS). In total, 254 girls and 270 boys participated in the race. The girls team featured sophomore Zoe Hoke, who ran a personal record 19:41 and finished 44th in the state, and freshman Maria Nunning who ran a 20:47 and finished 137th. It was the first state finals appearance for both girls. In addition to Hoke's top 50 finish, she also earned Academic All State by qualifying for states and reaching the GPA requirements. The boys team featured sophomore Wade Robinson, who ran a career second

best time of 16:38, finishing 50th, and junior Ben Kinkade, who also ran a career second best time of 18:03 and finished 201st. Both athletes were only seconds from their career bests on a tough course that produced very few personal records on the day, including zero in the top ten. More than 50 teammates, coaches and parents were in attendance to watch the race from the suites at MIS and to cheer on our individual qualifiers, which was a great show of support and a terrific way to end a good season.

FOUR SENIOR ATHLETES SIGN TO PLAY IN COLLEGE

This past week, four Senior student-athletes from Notre Dame signed on to play athletics at the college level. Aly Borellis has signed with University of Mississippi to play Volleyball; Josie Bloom signed to play Volleyball for Virginia Tech; Bianca Giglio signed to play Volleyball at Marshall University; and Jordan Smith signed to play Softball at Central Michigan University. Congratulations to all four of these athletes and best of luck as they represent the Irish at the next level.



Jordan Smith, Bianca Giglio, Aly Borellis, and Josie Bloom all signed to play college athletics this past week

IRISH TOP CLAWSON TO TAKE DISTRICT TITLE

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team defeated Clawson in straight sets, 25-11, 25-12, 25-13 to claim the 24th MHSAA District Title in the school history. Josie Bloom continued to anchor the defense, picking up 21 digs and 19 serve receptions. Ally Berent also put in a solid performance with 11 digs and 10 service points, including four aces. Margo Sudzina dished out 17 assists, served 15 points with five aces and had 11 digs while Leah Greif added a dozen assists. The Irish again used a balance attack to keep the Trojans defense guessing. Bianca Giglio collected nine kills, Grace Wenaas pitched in with eight and Sophia Sudzina and Sara Nouhan each added six kills. Abby Nellis added five blocks, Wenaas also finished with five blocks while Giglio added three.

IRISH ADVANCE TO REGIONAL FINAL

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team advanced to the MHSAA Regional Final with a 25-14, 25-11, 25-17 win over Regina. The offense was led by Grace Wenaas, who had a match high 11 kills on 13 attempts to go with four blocks. Sara Nouhan and Sophia Sudzina contributed seven kills each. Bianca Giglio scored nine points from the service line, including four aces, while driving home five kills. Abby Nellis pitched in with three blocks, Leah Greif dished out 15 assists and scored 10 from the line while Margo Sudzina had 13 assists and six service points. Once again the Irish defense was solid, Josie Bloom collecting 12 digs, 12 service points and two aces. Hanna Rutila scored eight points from the line and had five receptions and four digs while Elyssa Wallace had four receptions and nine digs.

