



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

VOLLEYBALL TAKES MHSAA STATE TITLE; GIRLS SWIM HAS IMPRESSIVE STATE FINALS MEET

Friday December 3
Girls JV/VAR Basketball
vs. Armada 5:30/7:00

Tuesday December 7
Boys F/JV/VAR Basketball
vs. Loyola 4:00/5:30/7:00



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The Notre Dame 8th Grade Boys Basketball team began its season by taking the St. Germaine Thanksgiving tournament title

IRISH SWEEP NORTH BRANCH FOR STATE TITLE

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team claimed its fourth overall MHSAA State Title and first since 2017 with a straight set 25-17, 25-17, 25-12 win over North Branch. Offensively, Miss Volleyball finalist and Ole Miss commit Aly Borellis once again led the Irish with 17 kills, 13 assists, and nine digs. Bianca Giglio, headed to Marshall next year, added 10 kills. Josie Bloom, also a Miss Volleyball finalist who will play next year at Virginia Tech, had 20 digs while Elyssa Wallace had 17 digs. Margo Sudzina added 19 assists and seven digs in the victory while Sophia Sudzina had four kills and three digs. Borellis, Giglio, Bloom, and Sophia Sudzina were four-year starters for Notre Dame and reached the Final Four in Battle Creek each season of their high school careers. In addition, the Irish were also led by Seniors Leah Greif, Abby Nellis, Sara Nouhan, Hanna Rutila, and Wallace. The Irish finish the season 64-1 and ranked first in Division Two.



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GIRLS SWIM HAS STRONG SHOWING AT STATE FINAL

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Finals Meet held at Calvin College, earning 69 team points to go along with a number of impressive finishes. The Irish started the day with a ninth place finish from the 200 Medley Relay team of Alina Stanczak, Emma Ciesla, Tessa Boehme and Olivia Powell. Stanczak then earned a 16th place finish in the 100 Freestyle while Grace Linenfelser took 16th in the 500 Freestyle. Stanczak returned to medal with a seventh place finish in the 100 Butterfly and Ciesla would earn two medals, taking eighth in the 100 Breaststroke and third in the 100 Butterfly. The 400 Freestyle Relay team of Ciesla, Powell, Elizabeth Gruden, and Alex Williams would cap the day with a 14th place finish in the event.

IRISH BEST GRC TO ADVANCE TO STATE FINALS

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team defeated three-time defending State Champion Grand Rapids Christian in four sets 25-23, 21-25, 25-23, 25-16 to advance to the MHSAA State Finals match. The Irish took control late in both the first and third sets, breaking ties of 20-20 in the opening set and 15-15 in the third set and eventually capitalizing on match point in both. In the fourth set, Notre Dame jumped out to a 14-4 lead and never looked back on the way to the win. Offensively, Aly Borellis led the Irish with 26 kills, 23 assists, and 11 digs. Bianca Giglio added 17 kills while Sophia Sudzina chipped in with 12. Defensively, Josie Bloom and Ally Berent were once again key for Notre Dame. Bloom had 24 digs while Berent tallied 12. Margo Sudzina added 19 digs with 29 assists for the Irish.

CRANES BEST IRISH IN SEASON OPENER

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Basketball team dropped its season

opening game to Cranbrook 31-24. The Irish jumped out to a two point lead after the first quarter before the Cranes came back to take an eight point lead into the half. Notre Dame cut the lead to four in the second half but could not close the deficit further. The Irish had a well balanced scoring attack with seven girls scoring, and played some stifling defense holding Cranbrook to 11 points in the second half. Jazelle Yaldo lead all scorers with six points, Michelle Pieper added five points, and Jessie Kennedy added four points.

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL GETS WIN OVER CRANBROOK

The Notre Dame Girls JV Basketball team won its season opening game 38-9 over Cranbrook. With eight girls scoring, the Irish took the lead from the beginning and never looked back. Addison Bellows led all scorers with 10 points while Nicole Voto and Emily Teolis each added eight.

BOYS 8TH GRADE TAKES ST. GERMAINE TOURNAMENT

The Notre Dame Boys 8th Grade Basketball team started its season by taking the title at the St. Germaine Thanksgiving tournament. The Irish defeated St. Isaac 40-5, St. Anne 33-27, and St. Joseph 36-30 in pool play to advance to the championship game. In the final, the Irish shook off a slow start against St. Mary Mt. Clements and took control of the game early in the second quarter en route to a 39-21 victory. Leading the Irish on offense throughout the tournament were Sam Stowe (30 points, 14 assists), Ben Liparoto (26 points, nine steals), Lucas Kattula (23 points, 35 rebounds) and Logan Tuttle (21 points, seven steals) Defensively, Notre Dame was led by Lucas Bigelow, Bonner Upshaw and PJ Stieber in the tournament win.

