



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME (HOME GAMES)

Saturday January 8

VAR Hockey vs. Farmington 8:10

Monday January 10

VAR Hockey vs. Bloomfield 8:40

Tuesday January 11

Boys F/JV/VAR Basketball vs. Adams 4:00/5:30/7:00

Wednesday January 12

Boys VAR Bowling vs. Clarkston 3:45

Girls JV/VAR Bowling vs. Clarkston 3:45

IRISH GET WIN OVER DRAGONS HEADING INTO BREAK

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team picked up a 63-54 win over Lake Orion heading into Christmas Break. The game started at a fast pace with both teams scoring early and often. Senior captain Jon Risi kept his hot scoring streak going by scoring 13 points in the first quarter. The game was tied 16-16 at the end of the first. The Irish took a slight 32-28 lead into halftime after a late run to end the half. Risi and Jack Olis scored 27 of Notre Dame's 32 first half points. The Irish used the halftime break to regain their focus and used a third quarter run to take control of the game. The game was won on the defensive end for the Irish. In the third quarter the Irish forced Lake Orion to turn the ball over several times, which led to easy baskets on the offensive end. The Irish led by nine heading in to the final quarter and kept that margin for the rest of the game. Risi was the leading scorer for the Irish, finishing with 27 points, followed by Wade Robinson with 13 and Olis with 11.

HOCKEY REACHES FINALS AT NORTHVILLE INVITE

The Notre Dame-Oxford-Avondale Varsity Hockey team took part in the Northville Holiday Invitational over the Christmas Break. The team took the opening game on the tournament 3-1 over the Bay Area Thunder to advance to the championship game. Brady Bassett had a goal and an assist in the win, Andrew Fraser had two assists, and Evan Gaeschke also added an assist. In the tournament final, the team fell to host Northville by a final score of 6-0.

IRISH TOP MAPLES AT ROUND BALL CLASSIC

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team earned a 72-60 win over Adrian High School at the 26th Annual Roundball Classic held at Ferndale High School. After being tied 19-19 after the opening quarter the Irish took a 44-37 lead heading into halftime. Notre Dame maintained a 56-51 lead after three quarters and closed out the win from there. Jack Olis led the Irish with 27 points to earn MVP honors for the game. Wade Robinson added 16, Jon Risi had 11, and Jacob Tuttle finished with 10 points in the victory.

BOYS BASKETBALL GETS ROAD WIN OVER FGR

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball got back in the win column with a 48-44 victory over Father Gabriel Richard. The atmosphere was intense for this Saturday afternoon road game at Father Gabriel Richard. The contest proved to be a game of runs as the Irish jumped out to an early double digit lead in the first quarter. Gabriel Richard made a run at the end of the first quarter to close the double digit lead to 15-7. FGR won the second quarter 15-7 to leave the game tied 22-22 at halftime. The halftime break proved to be exactly what Notre Dame needed as the Irish took a commanding double digit lead in the third quarter, aided by six points in the quarter by Jon Risi. However, FGR stormed back at the quarter's end to cut the Irish lead to seven. The third quarter run from FGR spilled over to the fourth and they eventually tied the game late in the last quarter. The game was tied with less than a minute to go in the game, when sophomore Wade Robinson took it to the basket and finished with a layup to give Notre Dame four point lead.

The Irish sealed the four point victory with two made free throws by Jack Olis. The Irish were led in scoring by Robinson with 19 points, followed by Jon Risi with 15.

GIRLS BOWLING GRABS VICTORY OVER AVONDALE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team picked up a 28-2 win over Avondale, taking all 10 points in the Baker games. Therese Allard won both games and is 6-0 for the season. Cass Thorman won both games and has won her last four games while Palmer Wencley won both of her games. Mia Mojares and Theresa Fadool each picked up a win as well for Notre Dame.

BOYS BOWLING BESTS AVONDALE FOR FIRST WIN

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team earned a 26-4 win over Avondale. The Irish won all 10 points in Baker games, shooting a season high 346 in the two games. Anthony Ghaith won both of his games, bowling a 325 series. Marko Cvetkovic won both games and bowled his high game of the season with a 175. David Brouns led the team with a 347 series, winning one game with a 189 and leading the team with a 183 average.

HOCKEY OUTLASTS LAPEER

The Notre Dame-Oxford-Avondale Varsity Hockey team defeated Lapeer by a score of 6-5. Brady Bassett led the way with two goals and an assist. Andrew Fraser added one goal and one assist while Zach Conroy also picked up an assist in the victory.



Jon Risi led Notre Dame with 27 points in the 63-54 win over Lake Orion



Jack Olis had 27 points in Notre Dame's win over Adrian at the Roundball Classic





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WRESTLERS HAVE STRONG OAKLAND COUNTY INVITE; BOYS 8TH GRADE REACHES FINALS AT SHRINE INVITE

Saturday January 8

Girls MA 5th Basketball vs. St. Patrick 8:30

Girls MA 7/8 Basketball vs. St. Patrick 8:30

Girls MA 5/6 Basketball vs. St. Patrick 9:50

Boys MA 7th Basketball vs. St. Patrick 9:50

Boys MA 5th Basketball vs. St. Patrick 11:10

Boys MA 8th Basketball vs. St. Patrick 11:10

Boys MA 6th Basketball vs. St. Patrick 12:30

WRESTLERS IMPRESS AT OAKLAND COUNTY INVITE

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team took part in the competitive Oakland County Tournament prior to the Holiday Break. Nick Meli earned a runner-up finish in this weight class, finishing with nine wins on the day. Joey Aiello, Lee Lindsey, Evan McGhee, and Joey Benenati also advanced to the championship bracket in their weight classes for Notre Dame.

BOYS BASKETBALL DROPS ROAD GAME TO DIVINE CHILD

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team dropped a 83-70 decision at Divine Child. The Irish got off to a quick start with Brian Lopez hitting a three pointer and Jack Olis throwing down a thunderous one-handed dunk. Divine Child regained their composure and took a 23-20 lead after the first quarter. Notre Dame struggled to stop Divine Child all game long as the Falcons scored another 23 points in the second quarter to take a 46-32 half time lead. Things looked momentarily good for the Irish after the third quarter. Olis made three, three pointers in the third quarter which helped cut into the Falcon lead. However, it proved to be too little too late, as the Falcons continued their strong play in the fourth quarter and kept a double digit lead for most of the second half. Olis led the Irish in scoring with 19 points. Jon Risi had 12 points for the Irish. Sophomore Jacob Tuttle was a huge spark for the Irish adding 12 points on the offensive end and playing great on the defensive end. Wade Robinson finished with eight points and Lopez had seven points.

BOYS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL REACHES FINALS AT SHRINE

The Notre Dame Boys 8th Grade Basketball team looked to stay undefeated over the break as they took part in the Royal Oak Shrine Christmas Tournament. The Irish opened the tournament against Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and cruised to a 31-21 victory. In the second game, Notre Dame had a rematch from earlier in the year with St. Anne and for the first time this season the Irish trailed at the half, 13-8. Led by a strong team defensive effort, the Irish held St. Anne to a single point in the second half and came back to win a nail-biter by a score of 16-14. From there, it was on to the Championship game to take on a strong team in the host Shrine. The Irish started fast and built a 12-10 lead going into halftime. Unfortunately, a cold shooting third quarter cost the Irish as they lost their first game of the season 31-27. Leading the Irish on offense throughout the tournament was Sam Stowe (40 points, 11 rebounds), Logan Tuttle (15 points, eight rebounds), Lucas Kattula (seven points, 23 rebounds) and Bonner Upshaw (six points, three rebounds). On the defensive end, Notre Dame was led by Sam Piechocki, Lucas Piechocki and Ashton Gust. Now sitting at 9-1, the Irish kick off the second half of the season against St. Patrick while looking to remain unbeaten in league play.

GIRLS 5TH GRADE BASKETBALL FALLS TO EVEREST

Thanks to a hot-shooting opponent and a cold-shooting day for itself, the Notre Dame Girls 5th Grade Basketball team was defeated 22-6 by Everest. The Irish could manage just one free throw through the first half, falling behind 10-1 at intermission. The second half was a bit closer, as the Irish were outscored only 12-5 after the break. Abby Zanolli led the way for Notre Dame with five points. Leah Dekutoski, with one point, was the only other Irish player to score.

GIRLS 7TH/8TH BASKETBALL DROPS GAME TO EVEREST

The Notre Dame Girls 7/8 Grade Basketball team fell 24-10 to Everest. Though the Irish struggled to put points on the board, they clamped down on defense, particularly in the second half; shutting out the Mountaineers in third quarter while drawing within six points heading into the fourth. Unfortunately, Notre Dame ran out of gas in the final six minutes. Despite the loss, the team showed improvement on both ends of the floor, not to mention a ton of character. Seventh grader Izzy Kaminskas led the Irish with six points, while eighth grader Emma Stowe added four.



Nick Meli earned a second place finish in his weight class at the Oakland County Wrestling Championships