



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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

## WRESTLING HAS STRONG SHOWING AT MEMPHIS INVITE; JV GIRLS SKI TAKES DON THOMAS CUP

**Friday February 4**

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

**Monday February 7**

**Girls JV/VAR Basketball vs. Almont 5:30/7:00**

**Wednesday February 9**

**VAR Wrestling MHSAA District 6:00**

### SECOND HALF SURGE LIFTS IRISH PAST CAPTAINS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team got back in the win column with a road win over Waterford Kettering, 70-39. Despite the convincing win, much of the first half was a closely contested game. Each team traded baskets for most of the first and second quarters. The Irish led 12-10 after the first only to see their two point first quarter lead turn into a 25-23 halftime deficit. Notre Dame used the half time break to re-energize and swarmed Kettering on the defensive end in the third quarter. The defense led to easy baskets on the offensive end as the Irish won the third quarter 23-3. The fourth quarter was more of the same with the Irish playing stellar defense, which led to more easy baskets. The Captains were held to 14 second half points, while the Irish scored 47. Sophomore Wade Robinson led the Irish in scoring with 21 points. The duo of Jack Olis and Jon Risi finished with 14 points a piece. Evan Noga had nine for the Irish and Brian Lopez finished with seven.

### IRISH GO 4-1 AT MEMPHIS TEAM TOURNAMENT

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team had a strong showing at the Memphis Invitational, going 4-1 with wins over Brown City, Sandusky, Lutheran Northwest, and Memphis. The tournament saw a three-way tie for first place with the Irish placing second on a tiebreak. Nick Meli, Jeronimo Ballesty and Joey Aiello went undefeated with 5-0 records while Evan McGhee and Joey Benenati went 4-1.

### IRISH DROP CLOSE MATCH TO BLACKHAWKS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team dropped a match to Brandon, 18-12. The Irish fell behind 10-0 heading into individual games. Marko Cvetkovic won his first game as did John Jernigan and Felipe Sanchez. The Irish won totals and headed into the final game down 12-7. Cvetkovic bowled a season high 190 and high series 338, to earn his second win of the day and Jernigan finished strong with a 178 and 327 series, also winning both games. Anthony Ghaith won his second game by three pins and Sanchez just missed on a spare in the 10th frame as the Irish dropped the series by 26 pins.

### IRISH KEEP HOME WIN STREAK ALIVE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team kept its four-game home win streak alive with a 71-60 victory over Lapeer. The Irish controlled the game from start to finish largely due to the play of senior captain Jack Olis, who had a season-high 32 points on the night. Olis connected on four three-pointers in the win and was a perfect six of six from the foul line. Notre Dame never trailed in the game. The home court advantage for the Irish was on full display as the team made 10 three-pointers in the game (Olis with four, Wade Robinson with three, Jacob Tuttle with two and Brian Lopez adding one). The Irish started off the game strong but Lapeer never let the led game get out of control. Notre Dame was up 16-12 after the first quarter and 34-31 at half time. The Irish played their best basketball in the third quarter. Olis scored 11 points in that quarter alone that helped the Irish secure a comfortable 11 point lead, which ended up being the final margin of victory. Robinson scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and Tuttle finished with eight points in the victory.

### GIRLS BOWLING GETS WIN OVER BRANDON

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team earned a 27-3 win over Brandon. The Irish took all baker games in the match. Therese Allard won both of her games, Palmer Wencley and Casmiera Thorman each earned a win, and Mia Mojares won by default. Kaity Heaman also added a win for the Irish, shooting a high game of 166.

### BOYS TAKE FIRST, GIRLS SECOND AT GS RACE

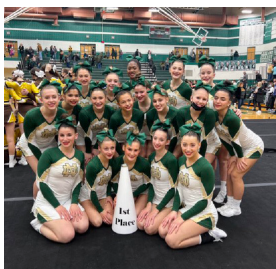
The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Ski team placed first at the latest SEMSL Giant Slalom meet with the Girls Varsity team placing second. Both teams picked up head-to-head wins over Lake Orion and Bloomfield Hills in the process. For the boys, Frank Roth (third), Chase Flavin (fourth), Nick Uhaize (sixth) and CJ Studt (eighth) all placed in the top-10 with Teegan McLeod adding an 11th place finish. Peyton Schindler (fourth) and Claire Kirchner (seventh) placed in the top-10 for the girls with Amanda Roth and Regan Condit also adding to the scoring effort.

### JV GIRLS TAKE DON THOMAS CUP, BOYS PLACE SIXTH

The Notre Dame Girls JV Ski team took first place at the annual Don Thomas Cup race that featured 14 teams and over 260 racers. Audrey Kutoth finished as the co-gold medal winner in the Super G race and took second in the Giant Slalom. Ella Warner placed third in both race to help lead the Irish. Maria Nunning (sixth), and Tina Yeras also medaled and contributed to the scoring effort. The Boys JV team placed sixth in a field of 14 teams. Blake Banninger took ninth to earn a medal. Paul Valentino (17th), Jacob Samuels (22nd), and Andrew Brownell (35th) also scored for the Irish.



**The Notre Dame Girls JV Ski team took first place at the annual Don Thomas Cup while the Boys took sixth**



**The Notre Dame Competitive Cheer team took first at the Lake Orion Invite**





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## BOYS 8TH GRADE GETS ANOTHER VICTORY OVER ST. JOSEPH; GIRLS 5TH/6TH BASKETBALL GRABS FIRST WIN



Regina Carpanese makes a layup for the Girls 5/6 Basketball team in their win over St. Joseph

### GIRLS BOWLING GETS WIN OVER RAVENS

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team earned a 29-1 win over Royal Oak. The Irish took all baker games and totals to grab an early lead. Therese Allard won both of her matches with a 188 and 162, Kaity Heaman took both of her matches with a 275 series, Casmiera Thorman took both games and shot a high game of 168, Mia Mojares added two wins with a 148 and 180 and Palmer Wencley also won a match for Notre Dame.

### IRISH FALL TO ROYAL OAK

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team dropped a 21-9 match to Royal Oak. Marko Cvetkovic won his first game with a 194 and David Brouns won his second game with a 182. Anthony Ghaith fell to his opponent despite rolling a 209 game and shooting high series of 399 for the night.

### BOYS 8TH GRADE GETS THIRD WIN OVER ST. JOSEPH

The Notre Dame Boys 8th Grade Basketball team took on St. Joseph for the third time this season. Similar to the first two contests, the Irish's full court defensive pressure led to easy buckets and a commanding 24-10 halftime lead. The second half was not much different as the Irish held the Mavericks scoreless and ran away with a 36-10 victory. Leading the Irish on the offensive end was Sam Stowe with 15 points, Ben Liparoto (seven), and Lucas Kattula (six) with Lucas Bigelow, Ashton Gust, PJ Stieber and Jack Leuchtmann all chipping in with two points each. With the victory, Notre Dame improves to 11-2 on the year and 5-1 in league play.

### OXFORD HANDS IRISH FIRST SETBACK OF SEASON

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Bowling team dropped its first match of the season to Oxford by a score of 21-9. The Irish dropped the first baker game while taking the second and totals to go up 6-4 heading into individuals. Therese Allard and Kaity Heaman won their first games, but the Irish lost totals by 12 pins to head into the final game down 11-8. Allard also won her second game and Mia Mojares had the highest totals for Irish but the team still fell by a few pins.

### IRISH DROP CLOSE MATCH AGAINST WILDCATS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Bowling team fell to Oxford 16-14. The Irish pulled out all stops with a season high 204-158 win in first baker game and also took the second baker game and totals to go up 10-0 going into individual competition. Needing only six points to win the match, Anthony Ghaith, Max Thornton won their first games but Notre Dame lost the series and saw its lead cut to 12-7. Ghaith and Marko Cvetkovic won their second games while the rest of the Irish bowlers lost by few pins. Ghaith bowled his high series of the season with a 387. John Jernigan bowled a high 199 game and high series of the season while Felipe Sanchez bowled a high season series of 330.

### IRISH FALL TO WILDCATS

The Notre Dame Girls JV Bowling team dropped a 24-6 decision to Oxford. Lily Mojares won her match, Angela Mora shots personal recrod 152 game and high seriesto win a match, Valentina Sedona bowled her high game of the season and the Irish team bowled a high series of the season with a 975.

### GIRLS 5TH/6TH BASKETBALL GETS FIRST WIN OF SEASON

The Notre Dame Girls 5/6 Grade Basketball team captured their first win of the season by defeating St. Joseph 27-19. The Irish played full court man-to-man defense ,which caused the Mavericks some trouble with handling the ball. Fifth grader Saniya Tucker led the Irish with 14 points, 12 which occurred in the second half. Regina Carpanese recorded multiple steals and scored eight points. Adriana Dedvukaj and Sofia Arinez followed with two points each, while Emma Stieber contributed a free throw. Josie Simon provided a solid defensive effort.

### ST. JOSEPH BEST GIRLS 5TH GRADE BASKETBALL

A short roster and a tough week caught up to the Notre Dame Girls 5th Grade Basketball team, resulting in a 22-8 loss to visiting St. Joseph. It was the second game of the week for the Irish, who had just eight players available. The game was 4-4 after one quarter, but the Irish players could muster only two baskets the rest of the way as fatigue set in. Abby Zanolli led Notre Dame with four points and Anaya Patel and Leah Dekutoski chipped in two each.

### MAVERICKS TOP NOTRE DAME 7TH/8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

The Notre Dame Girls 7/8 Grade Basketball team fell 32-15 at home to St. Joseph. The Irish came out strong, taking a 7-6 lead at the end of the first quarter with Audrey Simon, Emma Stowe and Ellie Whalen scoring. But the Mavericks' effective full-court press helped them take an 18-9 lead into halftime. Notre Dame hung tough and made a few runs but was never able to mount a full comeback. Stowe finished with five points to lead the Irish (2-5). Nella Kaminskas also scored for Notre Dame.