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

BOYS SKI TAKES SECOND AT MHSAA FINAL; SCHULTE EARNS SECOND STRAIGHT SLALOM TITLE

Wednesday March 9
**Boys VAR Basketball
MHSAA District
vs. LHN/Lamphere 5:00**

BOYS SKI PLACES SECOND AT MHSAA FINAL

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Ski team placed second overall at the MHSAA State Finals competition held at Schuss Mountain. The finish marks the best placement for a Notre Dame team in the history of the boys program. The Irish took first in the Giant Slalom with 44 points and tied for third in the Slalom with 55 points. Petoskey was the overall team title winner with a score of 86 with the Irish right behind with 99. In the GS, Chase Flavin (ninth) and Teegan McLeod placed in the top-10 to earn medals with Nick Uhazie (17th) and CJ Studt (21st) also scoring for the Irish. In the Slalom, McLeod earned another top-10 finish by taking fifth in the race while Flavin (13th), Frank Roth (16th) and Studt (36th) rounded out the scoring effort.



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SCHULTE TAKES SLALOM, GIRLS PLACE 6TH AT STATE FINAL

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Ski team placed sixth overall at the MHSAA State Finals competition held at Schuss Mountain. As a team, the Irish tied for second in the Slalom with 57 points and finished sixth in the Giant Slalom with 72 points. The top-six teams were separated by only 25 points as Cadillac was the overall champion with 104 points while Notre Dame had a total of 129 for the day. In the Slalom, Sydney Schulte earned her second consecutive MHSAA Individual State Championship, placing first amongst all competitors. Peyton Schindler (12th), Amanda Roth (27th) and Regan Condit (37th) added to the scoring effort. In the Giant Slalom, Schindler placed sixth to earn a medal as a top-10 finisher. Claire Kirchner (13th), Roth (14th) and Eve Pocius (56th) also scored for Notre Dame.



Sydney Schulte (left) earned her second consecutive MHSAA Individual State Championship in the Slalom

CHEER EARNS TRIP TO MHSAA STATE FINAL

The Notre Dame Varsity Competitive Cheer team competed in MHSAA Division Three Regional playoff competition held at Grand Blanc High School. Twelve teams competed with the top four teams advancing to the State Finals this upcoming Saturday in Grand Rapids. The Irish once again showed why they are perennial state title contenders with several outstanding rounds. Notre Dame finished with a team score of 778.16 to place second and advance to the MHSAA State Finals and earn a chance at another championship.

BOYS BASKETBALL DROPS REGULAR SEASON FINAL

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team dropped its regular season finale to Flint Carman-Ainsworth 74-65. The first half was back-and-forth as the Irish took a 31-29 lead into the break. The Cavaliers took control in the third quarter and though Notre Dame would chip away at the deficit Carman-Ainsworth continued to hit key shots and free throws late in the fourth quarter to put the game away. The Irish had four players reach double figures as Wade Robinson had 23 points, Brian Lopez added 12, Jack Olis finished with 11 and Jon Risi contributed with 10. Notre Dame ends the regular season at 13-7 and awaits the winner of Lutheran North and Lamphere in the MHSAA District tournament beginning on Wednesday.



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IRISH QUALIFY TWO FOR WRESTLING STATE FINAL; BOYS BASKETBALL BATTLES TOP-RANKED UD JESUIT



Jeronimo Ballesty and Nick Meli became the first Notre Dame Wrestlers to qualify for the MHSAA Individual State Finals since 2009

WRESTLERS ADVANCE TWO TO MHSAA STATE FINAL

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team had two individuals advance out of the MHSAA Individual Regional Tournament. Nick Meli finished as the runner-up in the 215 weight class and Jeronimo Ballesty took third in the heavyweight class. Meli and Ballesty will now become the first Notre Dame wrestlers to advance to the MHSAA Individual finals since 2009 and will compete at Ford Field this upcoming weekend.

IRISH BATTLE UD JESUIT

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team took on one of the top teams in the state as they traveled to play CHSL regular season champion UD Jesuit. While much of the first half was back-and-forth, the Cubs used a late run to take a 32-26 lead into the break. UD Jesuit scored 27 points in the third quarter to expand their lead to 21 as the Irish struggled to make shots from behind the arc. Notre Dame won the fourth quarter 19-15 but still fell 74-57. Wade Robinson led the Irish with 18 points in the game. Jack Olis and Jon Risi had 12 and 11 points, respectively, while Brian Lopez added 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL GETS WIN AT OKEMOS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team picked up a 65-57 road win at Okemos. The Irish took a 41-26 lead into halftime and never looked back. Jack Olis and Wade Robinson each had 23 points in the victory while Jon Risi added 13.

CHEER PLACES SECOND AT MHSAA DISTRICT

The Notre Dame Varsity Competitive Cheer team competed in MHSAA Division Three District meet held at Clawson High School. Ten teams competed with the top four teams advancing to the Regional round. The Irish showed their champion pedigree with several outstanding rounds and some of their highest scores of the year. In the end, Notre Dame finished a close second with a total score of 784.84 to advance in the playoff.

BOYS FALLS AT GOODRICH

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team dropped a 70-61 decision at Goodrich in a game featuring two of the top-ranked teams in division two. The Irish led 14-13 after the first quarter and 37-28 at halftime, connecting on five three-pointers in the half. Poor shooting and turnovers in the third quarter saw a nine point lead turn into a two point deficit and the Martians continued their momentum into the fourth to take the win. The Irish had four players score in double digits with Brian Lopez finishing with 14 points, Jon Risi and Wade Robinson both scoring 13 and Jack Olis adding 12.

IRISH CLOSE SEASON WITH WIN OVER OL REFUGE

The Notre Dame Girls 6th Grade Basketball team capped off its season with a 19-10 win over Our Lady of Refuge. Saniya Tucker led the Irish with 10 points, while Sofia Arinez contributed four. Adrianne Kosin and Emma Stieber provided some key fourth quarter points as they scored three and two points respectively. Defensively, Notre Dame was led by Josie Simon, Allison Ivory and Adriana Dedvukak.

GIRLS 5TH GRADE GETS WIN OVER RAVENS

The Notre Dame Girls 5th Grade Basketball team ended its season on a high note with a 22-6 victory over visiting Our Lady of Refuge. The win left the Irish with a record of 3-6-1 for the season. Notre Dame showed good patience on offense and played tough defense against the Ravens in what was the team's most complete game of the season. Abby Zanolli and Addison Kushuba led Notre Dame with eight points each.

GIRLS 7TH/8TH TAKES SEASON FINALE

The Notre Dame Girls 7th/8th Basketball team finished its season with a convincing home win over Our Lady of Refuge, 27-15. After a bit of a slow start, the Irish turned up the offense at the end of the first quarter, taking an 8-2 lead at the first break. Notre Dame led 21-5 at the half and never looked back. Ellie Whalen led the way with 17 points. Audrey Simon and Emma Stowe added baskets, as Nella and Izzy Kaminskis. Notre Dame (4-6) finished its season on a two-game win streak.