



NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME (HOME GAMES)

Tuesday August 30

Girls VAR Golf vs. Mercy 3:30

VAR Volleyball Quad 5:00

Wednesday August 31

JV Football vs. Renaissance 5:30

Boys VAR Soccer vs. OC 7:30

Thursday September 1

Girls JV Golf vs. SCA 3:30

Boys VAR Tennis vs. Williamston 4:00

NOTRE DAME TOPS BRONCHOS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team got back in the win column with a 3-0 victory over Holly. Alex Ruschak got the offense started with a goal off of a head header with an assist going to Jack Kilpatrick. Nico Liparoto would convert a penalty kick with five minutes remaining in the opening half to put the Irish up 2-0 heading into the break. Santino Bidawid would add an insurance marker with 28 minutes to play off of a short corner from Will Lanham and Nicholas Grembi would finish off the shutout in net for Notre Dame.

BOYS TENNIS OPENS SEASON AGAINST DE LA SALLE

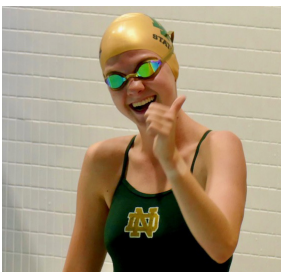
The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team dropped its opening match of the season 5-3 to Warren De La Salle. Nico Clem, Ethan Fitzpatrick, Nolan Tompkins, Paolo Fregoli, Marc Farah, and Jacob Evans delivered strong performances in their first ever high school matches. Ryan Wells earned a third set tiebreak win for the Irish in his flight while the fourth doubles team of Farah and Evans also came together to pick up a victory.

IRISH HOLD OFF FALCONS TO EARN VICTORY

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim and Dive team earned a 98-88 win over Rochester High School. Meet strategy was key, as many girls swam new events while still adding points to the Irish team total. Notre Dame took first, second and third place in the 200 Freestyle led by Grace Linenfelser, Mia Skandalaris, and Mariana Spada. The 50 Freestyle, was also a one, two, three sweep led by Alex Williams, Olivia Powell and Tori Devine. Allison Voto and Kiersten Alexander took second and fifth, respectively, in diving. Notre Dame took second through fourth in the 100 Butterfly (Emma Ciesla, Devine, and Aria Kim) and also the 100 Freestyle (Rita Hajjar, Powell, and Skandalaris). Williams took first in the 500 Freestyle while Lauren Chojnacki and Spada added third and fourth place finishes. In the 200 Freestyle Relay, the team of Hajjar, Linenfelser, Powell and Williams took first while the team of Lexie Hunter, Spada, Mia Palizzi and Skandalaris took third. Ciesla earned a state cut in the 100 Backstroke to take second place while Linenfelser added a third place finish. In the 100 Breaststroke, Chojnacki and Hunter took fourth and fifth for the Irish. In the final event of the evening, Notre Dame took second (Williams, Devine, Skandalaris, and Ciesla) and third (Spada, Kim, Linenfelser and Chojnacki) in the 400 Freestyle Relay to hold off the Falcons and take the final available points.

IRISH REACH FINALS AT LINDEN INVITE

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team opened its 2022 season by going 4-1 at the Linden Invitational. The Irish began the day with a 25-18, 25-20 win over Hartland. Grace Wenaas led the offense with seven kills and Bree Blakeslee added five. Blakeslee also had 15 digs on defense while Aly Berent chipped in 12. Margo Sudzina had 18 assists and went 16-of-16 from the service line. Notre Dame then defeated Pinckney 25-17, 25-18. Wenaas again led the charge with five kills while Sudzina dished out 18 assists. In the final matchup of pool play the Irish met up with host Linden and once again came away with a victory 25-20, 25-12. Sudzina had another strong match recording four aces, 28 assists and 12 digs. Wenaas and Blakeslee each added five kills while Mya Kattula added 21 assists and five kills. The Irish came out as the overall #1 seed after pool play and took on Lake Fenton in the semifinal, earning a 25-16, 25-9 win. Blakeslee and Wenaas had six kills each, Kattula had 14 assists and Sudzina added 16 more assists. Notre Dame never got into rhythm in the tournament final, falling to host Linden 25-13, 25-23. Wenaas finished with six more kills, Sudzina had 21 assists and Kattula added 15 assists.



Alex Williams took first in the 50 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle for Notre Dame against Rochester



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MA 5/6 Football
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Grace Wenaas had 15 kills for Notre Dame against Lake Orion



Margo Sudzina finished with 16 assists for the Irish in the win over Lake Orion

GIRLS GOLF TAKES MATCH AGAINST DIVINE CHILD; VOLLEYBALL GOES 2-1 AT ANNUAL QUAD

GIRLS GOLF GETS VICTORY OVER DIVINE CHILD

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team defeated Divine Child 191-202 in a match played at Crystal Lake. Emma Roth led the Irish with a 43 while Emily Szalach added a 46. Morgan Bissett and Ashley Larimer each finished with a 51 in the victory for Notre Dame.

NOTRE DAME GETS SHUTOUT WIN OVER CRESTWOOD

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team moved to 2-0 on the season with a 1-0 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Will Lanham had the only goal of the match, converting a penalty kick with 27 remaining in the first half. Owen Thieme recorded the victory and shutout in net for the Irish.

Varsity Golf Competes at Sentech Services Invite

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team placed 12th at the Sentech Services Invite held at Kensington Metropark, finishing with a team score of 384. Emma Roth paced the Irish with a 92 while Amanda Roth finished right behind with a 93. Morgan Bissett shot a 99 and Ashley Larimer rounded out the scoring for Notre Dame with a 100.

Irish Finish 2-1 at Annual Volleyball Quad

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team was back in action as the Irish hosted the 15th annual rotating quad with Lake Orion, Oxford, and Clarkston. Notre Dame battled tough, going three sets against all three opponents who received votes in MIVCA's initial rankings. The Irish opened against Oxford and came away with a 25-15, 24-26, 26-24 win. Grace Wenaas led the offense with 11 kills and Bree Blakeslee contributed eight. Margo Sudzina had 16 assists to go with 13 digs. Mya Kattula added eight assists and Aly Berent was solid on defense with 13 digs. The second matchup saw Notre Dame take on the high-powered offense of Clarkston. The Irish jumped out to leads in each of the first two sets but had to battle hard to come away with a split. The third set was all Wolves as their front line shut down the Irish offense to come away with the 25-23, 18-25, 25-14 victory. Wenaas and Blakeslee each had five kills. Blakeslee and Kendall Smith both had 10 digs while Delaney Zielke and Kattula collected three blocks each. Berent again was solid on the defensive end with 15 digs. In the final match of the evening, Notre Dame earned a 20-25, 25-16, 25-19 victory over Lake Orion. Notre Dame seemed to be cruising in the opening set, jumping out to a 8-2 lead before the Dragons chipped away to take the win. In the second set the teams traded points until outstanding defensive play forced Lake Orion into some hitting errors and the Irish pulled away. The deciding set

was not different as there were nine lead changes or ties, with neither team leading by more than two points until the Irish took the lead for good at 14-13. Wenaas had her best offensive effort with 15 kills. Margo Sudzina dished out 16 assists and Kattula had 13. Blakeslee finished with three aces and six kills, Smith set the tone from the service line with four aces and Zielke contributed with five kills.

Irish Get Shutout Win over Martians in Opener

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team kicked off the 2022 season with a 1-0 win over Goodrich. Sophomore Will Lanham provided the only offense of the game, scoring with only 12 seconds remaining in the opening half. Goalkeeper Owen Thieme and the Irish defense made the goal stand up, holding the Martians off the scoresheet to record the shutout victory.



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JV GIRLS GOLF DEFEATS MARIAN, BLOOMFIELD; JV SOCCER REMAINS UNBEATEN

GIRLS SWIM EARNS VICTORY IN SEASON OPENING MEET

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team started off its 2022 season with a 129-53 win over Brandon-Goodrich. Captain Alex Williams took first in the 100 and 200 Free, Rita Hajjar earned victories in the 50 and 500 Free, Olivia Powell won the 100 Backstroke and Emma Ciesla was first in the 200 IM and 100 Fly. Ciesla also earned a MHSAA state qualifying time in her 200 IM win. Allison Voto, also a team captain, took second in diving amongst a competitive field.

IRISH DROP CLOSE MATCH AT FLINT POWERS

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team dropped a 2-1 match at Flint Powers. The Chargers held a 1-0 lead at halftime and were able to hold off a second half charge from the Irish to preserve the win. Seamus Maher had the lone goal for Notre Dame with Nico Liparoto drawing an assist.

GIRLS GOLF STARTS SEASON AT HIGHEST HONORS INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity team began its 2022 season by placing 13th at the Highest Honor Invite held at Huron Meadows Metropark. Amanda Roth led the Irish with a 97, followed by Brooklyn Haddad with a 98. Emma Roth finished with a 101 while Emily Szalach rounded out the scoring efforts with a 103.

HIGHLANDERS BEST IRISH

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team dropped a 193-183 decision to Rochester Adams in a match played at Crystal Lake. Maren Studt led the Irish with a 45, including three pars. Audrey Thurman had her best round of the season to date with a 48. Meghan Mourad added a 49, sinking a 20-foot put on her final hole of the day. Megan Fitzpatrick finished with a 51.

BOYS JV SOCCER MOVES TO 4-0 ON SEASON

The Notre Dame Boys JV Soccer team moved to 4-0 on the season with a 4-0 shutout win over Holly. Seamus Maher had two goals to lead Notre Dame while Troy Whidden and Alex Apolonio added a goal each in the victory.

JV GOLF TAKES FIRST MATCH OVER BLOOMFIELD HILLS

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team earned a 195-208 win its season opening match over Bloomfield Hills held at Crystal Lake. Megan Fitzpatrick led the Irish with a 44 while Maren Studt added a 48. Audrey Thurman finished with a 51, Megan Mourad and Lucia Brewer both shot a 52 and Elaina Kalabat rounded out the scoring effort for Notre Dame.

JV GOLF GRABS WIN AGAINST MARIAN

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team earned a 181-196 win over Marian in a match played at Evergreen Hills. Meghan Mourad had a 49, including two birdies, to help lead the Irish. Audrey Thurman finished with a 52, Megan Fitzpatrick continued her strong play and Elaina Kalabat added a par for Notre Dame. Freshmen Lucia Brewer and Maren Studt were on a great pace for the day with Brewer at 44 after seven holes and Studt at 36