



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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## THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME (HOME GAMES)

Tuesday September 6

Girls VAR Golf vs. OLSM 3:30

Wednesday September 7

Girls JV Golf vs. Clarkston 3:25

VAR Volleyball Quad 5:00

Boys JV/VAR Soccer vs. DCDS 6:00/7:30

Thursday September 8

Girls VAR Swim vs. John Glenn 6:30

### XC TEAMS BEGIN SEASON AT MICHIGAN CATHOLIC INVITE

The Notre Dame Cross Country teams kicked off their season with an overnight trip to the St. Francis Retreat Center for a night of team bonding that included practice, dinner, chapel service, and a bonfire. The race, hosted by the Michigan Catholic and the Knights of Columbus, featured Catholic schools from all over the state. The course took place on the beautiful 200-acre retreat grounds and included an all-team mass after the race.

The girls finished in seventh place, led by sophomore Maria Nunning and junior Zoe Hoke, who both medaled by finishing in the top 20. For Nunning (ninth overall) it was a strong performance to start the year. Hoke performed well (19th overall) despite only two days of practice to prepare for the race. Sophomore Skylar Vanhecke finished just out of the medal at 21st place, notching a career personal record by more than a minute. Senior Sydney Schulte, sophomore Mary Larocca, sophomore Addie Mikel and senior Jillian Essig rounded out the varsity squad. For Schulte, Larocca, and Mikel it was their first high school cross country race. For Vanhecke and Essig, it was their first time competing at the varsity level. Violet Dedivanaj, Abbie Dunn, Valentina Sedano, Anna Wisely, and Lauren Fletemier all medaled in the JV two-mile race, leading the Irish to a first place finish. The boys team finished ninth overall, lead by senior Ben Kinkade who finished 23rd overall, just outside of the medal awards. The sophomore quintet of

Isaac Brook, Ryan Wojichowski, Nick Mardelli, Christian Estrellas and Vinny Tartaglia, along with senior John Milback rounded out the varsity lineup for the Irish. Brook, Wojichowski, Milback, Mardelli, and Estrellas had a combined improvement of 12:02 versus last year's race. For Tartaglia, it was his first race. Thomas St. Andre medaled for the boys in the JV two-mile race by finishing in the top 10 in his first race ever.

### IRISH FINISH UNBEATEN AT PETOSKEY INVITE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team traveled to Petoskey to compete in an annual invitational against strong competition from divisions one and two. The Irish started out the weekend with a 2-0 win over Ann Arbor Skyline. Santino Bidawid got Notre going with a first half goal, chipping in at ball on a breakaway after the Irish high press prevailed. Notre Dame captured a second goal when Ben Liparoto took a hard foul in the box and Nico Liparoto converted a penalty kick. In the second game, the Irish and De La Salle battled to a 0-0 draw. Robbie Strimpel and Nico Liparoto led the defense, while goalie Owen Thieme continued his season-long shutout streak. In the final matchup, the Irish and UD Jesuit played to a 1-1 draw. Just 18 seconds into the contest, Jake Lanham had a cross to Bidawid to give the Irish the early advantage, but the Cubs would get a first half equalizer before both teams played to a scoreless second half.

### IRISH TAKE SIXTH, ROTH PLACES FOURTH AT COUNTIES

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team placed sixth out of 19 teams at the Oakland County Division Two Tournament held at Crystal Lake, finishing with a team score of 365. Emma Roth led the Irish with a 81, placing fourth individually amongst the field of 91 golfers. Emily Szalach (94), Amanda Roth (94) and Brooklyn Haddad (96) also contributed to the scoring effort for Notre Dame.

### NOTRE DAME DROPS OPENER AT CLINTON

The Notre Dame Varsity Football dropped its season opener 30-27 at Clinton. The Red Wolves led from start-to-finish, scoring on their opening possession and answering each Irish scoring drive. Jacob Tuttle threw first half touchdown passes to Evan Gaeschke (34 yards) and Matthew Sadecki (three yards) but Notre Dame still trailed 22-13 at the break. Zach Mylenek scored on a 23 yard run in the third quarter to cut the deficit to two points, and Tuttle would add a four yard run in the fourth quarter but the Irish would never draw even as Clinton used a strong rushing attack to run down the clock. Tuttle threw for 150 yards on the night while Mylenek ran for 93 yards. Gaeschke led all receivers with 62 yards and Jeremy Gale added 57. Defensively, both Bradon Prater and Drew Heimbuch finished with eight tackles to lead Notre Dame.



The Notre Dame Cross Country teams began their seasons at the Michigan Catholic Invite in DeWitt





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MA Soccer vs. Shrine 6:00

7/8 Gold Volleyball vs. OLR 6:15

6th Volleyball vs. OLR 6:15

5th/6th Volleyball vs. OLR 6:15

7/8 White Volleyball vs. OLR 7:00

4th/5th Volleyball vs. OLR 7:00

7/8 Green Volleyball vs. OLR 7:15

### VOLLEYBALL FINISHES 2-1 AT HOME QUAD

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team moved to 12-4 on the season, going 2-1 in a home quad. The Irish opened the action defeating Troy Athens 25-9, 25-20. Grace Wenaas and Bree Blakeslee paced the offence with six kills each while Mya Kattula chipped in five. Margo Sudzina dished out 15 assists, Kendall Smith was perfect from the service line scoring eight points, including two aces, and Sophia Sermo added five points. In the second match, although Notre Dame held leads in each set the Irish fell 25-23, 25-21 to Rochester. Blakeslee led the offense with eight kills and Wenaas added five kills and five points from the serving line. Smith added two more aces and five points. In the final matchup, the Irish defeated Oxford for the third time in a week, once again in three sets 25-14, 16-25, 25-20. Wenaas once again led the charge with 10 kills, five service points and three aces. Kattula added six kills and eight assists while Sudzina had 17 assists and eight points, including two aces.



Mya Kattula had eight assists for Notre Dame in the win over Oxford



Bree Blakeslee records a dig for the Irish

### BOYS TENNIS GETS A PAIR OF VICTORIES

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Tennis team earned a pair of 7-1 victories over Clawson and Plymouth Christian. Against Clawson, Matthew Vogel and Brooks Warner earned their first wins of the season while Marc Farah and Jacob Evans had a come-from-behind victory in the match against Plymouth Christian.

### GIRLS VARSITY GOLF DROPS MATCH TO ST. CATHERINE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team fell 192-184 to St. Catherine in a match played at Crystal Lake. Emily Szalach finished with a 42 to lead Notre Dame. Morgan Bissett (47), Brooklyn Haddad (51) and Ashley Larimer (52) rounded out the scoring for the Irish.

### IRISH FALL TO MARLINS

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team dropped a match played at Crystal Lake to Mercy, 194-171. Emma Roth and Emily Szalach both shot a 46 for the Irish while Amanda Roth and Alex Triantos each finished with a 51.

### IRISH GET HOME SHUTOUT OF OAKLAND CHRISTIAN

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team pick up a 8-0 home win over Oakland Christian. Santino Bidawid got the offense started with a goal on a free kick at the 25 minute mark and Will Lanham would add a goal on a penalty kick just over five minutes later. Matthew Marsheh would score from 20 yards out with an assist going to Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo to put the Irish up 3-0 at halftime. In the second half, Lanham, Edziu Lis, Marsheh, Joey Liparoto and Sanchez-Montalvo would all add goals as the game ended on a score differential. Jack Kilpatrick added three assists, Jack Mueller had two assists and Nicholas Grembi recorded the win and shutout in net.



Will Lanham had two goals for Notre Dame in the shutout win over Oakland Christian