



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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## THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME (HOME GAMES)

Monday September 19

Boys VAR Tennis  
vs. LO 4:30

Thursday September 22

JV Football  
vs. Powers 5:30

Boys VAR Soccer  
vs. Mott 7:30



Sophia Sermo had 10 serving points for Notre Dame against Our Lady of the Lakes



Aly Berent was perfect on serve receptions against L'Anse Creuse North

### NOTRE DAME TAKES HOME OPENER OVER LHN

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team moved to 2-1 on the season with a convincing 50-7 win over Lutheran North. The Irish jumped out to a 13-0 lead following the first quarter as Jacob Tuttle threw touchdown passes to Evan Hoke (15 yards) and Zach Conroy (19 yards). The lead would grow to 35-0 heading into halftime courtesy of two Zach Mylenek touchdown runs (25 and one yards) and a punt block that was recovered in the end zone by Evan Gaeschke. Mylenek would add a 20-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and Roman Cherfoli rounded out the scoring with a nine-yard touchdown run in the fourth. Defensively, Drew Heimbuch finished with five tackles while Gaeschke and Sergio Gasperoni each had four. Caden Husch added an interception while Landon Hehl had three tackles and a sack.

### IRISH COMPETE AT CHALLENGING AVERILL INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls and Boys Cross Country teams competed at the Averill Invitational on the very difficult Possum Hollow course at Kensington on Saturday finishing third and 12th, respectively. Maria Nunning (third), Skylar Vanhecke 10th, and Sydney Schulte 14th all medaled for the girls. For Schulte, it was her first varsity medal in only the second race of her career. Addison Mikel and Mary Larocca rounded out the scoring for the Irish. Violet Dedivanaj was the top team finisher in the JV race and

Jamie Thomas set a personal record despite the challenging course with multiple hills and temperature in the mid 80's. Ben Kinkade was the lone medal winner for the boys finishing 15th overall. Isaak Brook, Ryan Wojichowski, Chris Hunter, and Nick Mardelli rounded out the scoring for the boys. Jack Leuchtmann did well in his first varsity race and Vinny Tartaglia set a personal record in the varsity race.

### IRISH GO UNBEATEN AT ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team finished 1-0-2 at an annual rotating tournament that also includes Flushing, Frankenmuth and Groves. The Irish started the day with a convincing 2-0 win over Flushing. Matthew Marshah and Joey Liparoto both netted goals for Notre Dame with Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo picking up two assists. In the second game, the Irish battled to a 1-1 draw with Frankenmuth. Will Lanham had the game-tying goal on a penalty kick for the Notre Dame. Immediately after, the Irish stayed on the field to battle Groves to a 1-1 draw on their home turf. Marshah had the lone Irish goal in the match with Alex Ruschak drawing an assist.

### IRISH FINISH UNBEATEN IN HOME QUAD

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team went 3-0 at a quad that also featured Our Lady of the Lakes, L'Anse Creuse North and Linden. The Irish (21-6-1) opened up against the Lakers and took the match in three sets; 25-9, 22-25, 25-15. Grace

Wenaas led the attack with nine kills in 12 attempts. Bree Blakeslee added with nine kills and Delaney Zielke kicked in six kills. Sophia Sermo served up 10 points, three on aces, while also leading on serve reception with eight. Mya Kattula contributed 12 service points, four aces and had eight assists while Margo Sudzina dished out 23 assists. Next up was the Crusaders from L'Anse Creuse North. The Irish came out strong on their way to a 25-10, 26-16 win. It was Wenaas leading the way again with 13 kills in 18 attempts while also serving up six points, including a pair of aces. Blakeslee had 12 kills, Kattula added six kills while handing out 10 assists and Sudzina added 12 assists. Aly Berent had six points, with three aces and seven service receptions without an error. The final match saw Notre Dame take on Linden, who the Irish split with earlier this season at a tournament. This time it was all Irish as they handed Linden a 25-11, 25-11 loss. The Irish kept the Eagles out of system for much of the match with aggressive serving and well-placed attacks. Wenaas added 11 more kills, six points and three aces. Kattula collected seven kills and dished out six assists. Blakeslee had six kills while Sudzina added 19 more assists to her team leading totals along with seven points and two more aces. Audrey Thummel and Sermo had seven points with Thummel also adding a pair of aces.



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Saturday September 17

7/8 Football  
vs. OLL 9:00

5/6 Football  
vs. OLL 11:00

Tuesday September 20

MA Soccer  
vs. Shrine 6:00

7/8 Gold Volleyball  
vs. St. Patrick 6:15

6th Volleyball  
vs. St. Patrick 6:15

5th/6th Volleyball  
vs. St. Patrick 6:15

7/8 White Volleyball  
vs. St. Patrick 7:00

4th/5th Volleyball  
vs. St. Patrick 7:00

7/8 Green Volleyball  
vs. St. Patrick 7:15



**Maria Nunning, Skylar Vanhecke, Sydney Schulte and Ben Kincade all earned medals at the Averill Distance Invite**

## GIRLS GOLF GETS WIN OVER MARIAN; GIRLS SWIM TAKES SMISL RELAYS MEET

### NOTRE DAME GETS WIN OVER MARIAN

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team defeated Marian 169-225 in a match played at Crystal Lake. The balanced Irish scoring effort was led by Brooklyn Haddad with a 40 while Ashley Larimer (42), Emily Szalach (43) and Emma Roth (44) also posted top scores in the victory.

### NOTRE DAME SHUTS OUT CESAR CHAVEZ

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team defeated Cesar Chavez 8-0. The Irish struck quickly, with Jake Lanham scoring just three minutes into the contest, Notre Dame would add seven more goals with Lanham, Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo, Ben Liparoto, Joey Liparoto (two), Eddie Abboud and Edziu Lis also scoring to end the game early due to goal differential. Matthew Marshah (two), Abboud, Will Lanham, Jack Kilpatrick and Ben Liparoto had assists and Nicholas Grembi captured the clean sheet in goal to record another Notre Dame shutout.

### IRISH, CARDINALS PLAY TO DRAW

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team battled to a 1-1 draw with Melvindale. Santino Bidawid had a first half goal for the Irish, converting a penalty kick after Edziu Lis drew a foul. However, the Cardinals would get the equalizer with just eight minutes remaining in the contest. Notre Dame moves to 7-1-6 on the year and is now unbeaten in its last 11 matches.

### IRISH DROP CLOSE MEET TO YELLOW JACKETS

Coming off a victory at the SMISL Relay meet over Adrian, Tecumseh, Bedford and Detroit Country Day over the weekend, the Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team dropped a very close meet to Detroit Country Day by a final score of 94-92. Despite the loss, the Irish continued to drop times and earned more state cuts. First place finishes and state cuts were achieved by Alex Williams in the 200 Free, Grace Linenfeler in the 500 Free and Emma Ciesla in the 100 Breaststroke. Williams also took first in the 100 Free with Rita Hajjar placing third and Mia Palizzi taking sixth. Ciesla won the 100 Butterfly while Mariana Spada placed third and Cat Zaleski took sixth. Tori Devine, Aria Kim and Spada took second, fourth and fifth in the 200 IM. Olivia Powell was fourth in the 200 Free and second in the 100 Backstroke while Kim and Devine took third and fourth in the 100 Backstroke. Lauren Chojnacki had fifth place finishes in the 200 Free and 100 Breaststroke and Hajjar, Linenfeler and Mia Skandalaris took third through fifth in the 50 Free. Skandalaris also took third in the 500 Free while Lexi Hunter came in fifth. Hunter went on to swim the 100 Breaststroke with a sixth place finish. Allison Voto and Kiersten Alexander finished third and fifth, respectively, against a very competitive group of Country Day divers to round out the scoring.

### IRISH HEAD TO ANNUAL LAKEVIEW INVITE

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team traveled across the state to participate in the Battle Creek Lakeview tournament. The Irish started off slowly with a split against Marshall 22-25, 25-23. Grace Wenaas collected nine kills and Bree Blakeslee had five. Next up was a matchup with Battle Creek St. Phillip. Notre Dame took the match 25-8, 25-18, with all 11 players seeing action. Wenaas led the way again with seven kills and Madison Pawlowski added five kills. Ally Pilot led the Irish on serve receive with five. In the final match of pool play, the Irish defeated Kalamazoo Central 25-18, 25-13 to earn the second seed heading into bracket play. Notre Dame took on Kalamazoo Christian in the opening round of bracket play and earned a three set win 22-25, 25-17, 15-12. Wenaas had 10 kills and three blocks while Mya Kattula contributed seven kills. Aly Berent was solid on defense with 17 serve receptions and four digs and Sophia Sermo finished with 11 serve receptions and five digs. In the semifinal, the Irish took on host Battle Creek Lakeview. Notre Dame took the first set 25-22 before the Spartans battled back to take set two 25-16. The final set of the match went back-and-forth before Lakeview came out on top 15-12. Wenaas collected 11 kills, two blocks and an ace, Blakeslee added seven kills and Pawlowski had five. Berent had 26 serve receptions, nine digs and an ace and Sermo picked up a pair of aces and had 11 serve receptions.



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## MIDDLE SCHOOL XC OPENS UP CYO SEASON; 6TH, 7TH/8TH GOLD VOLLEYBALL GET FIRST WINS

### 4TH/5TH VOLLEYBALL TRAVELS TO OL REFUGE

The Notre Dame 4th/5th Volleyball team traveled to Our Lady of Refuge where they played strong against a talented Ravens team. The Irish dropped the match 18-25, 16-25, and 8-15. Notre Dame was led by Anna Strimpel with two aces and two kills, Emilia Lukosavich with two aces, and Thea Robins with two kills.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL XC COMPETES AT FIRST CYO LEAGUE MEET

The Notre Dame Marist Cross Country team fought well in a loss to St. Patrick this past Saturday in a meet held at Hess-Hathaway Park. The young Irish team almost pulled out the Varsity win while the JV squad showed much promise in the first race of the season. Calvin Koch (14:47) led the varsity team two-mile race along with Andrew Nunning (15:42) and Thomas Binkowski (16:29). Natalie Esseily (18:09) finished an impressive fourth place on the Notre Dame team as a first-time runner. The Irish were rounded out by Cara Sadowski (32:15). The JV squad 1.25-mile race was led by Graden Grech (12:31) and David Shorter (12:49). Strong performances were also put in by Austin Rudder (13:10), Pranya Beri (13:25) and Mason Stoffer (13:54).

### 6TH VOLLEYBALL PICKS UP FIRST VICTORY OF SEASON

The Notre Dame 6th Grade Volleyball team secured its first win on the season, defeating St. Joseph. The Irish set the tone in the first set with great team play and communication to defeat the Mavericks 25-6. In the second set, St. Joseph rallied back to lead Notre Dame throughout most of the set, but the Irish, on great serving, prevailed 27-25. In the final set, the Irish defeated St. Joseph 15-8. For the match, Campbell Bordogna had 10 aces and two kills, Josie Simon had six aces and two kills, Addison Kushuba had eight assists, four aces and two kills, Jozlyn Clemens added five assists, three aces, and a kill, and Lilly Buero finished with six aces.

### IRISH DROP CLOSE MATCH TO ST. JOSEPH

The Notre Dame 5th/6th Grade Volleyball team played a back-and-forth match against St. Joseph. The Irish opened up with a strong 25-11 win in the first set with great serving. The second set was tight, with the Irish dropping the set 21-25. The third set continued the even play between the two teams, with St. Joseph defeating the Irish 11-15. Notre Dame was led by Jillian Powell with eight aces, eight kills and an assist, Sophia Schoenleber with four aces and a kill, Victoria Attallah with five aces and two kills, and Olivia Kobylecki with three aces and two kills.

### 7TH/8TH GOLD GOES 2-1 IN OPENING WEEK

The Notre Dame 7/8 Gold Volleyball team finished its first week of play, going 2-1. After a tough loss to Our Lady of Refuge, the Irish rebounded nicely, defeating St. Joseph in straight sets 25-20, 25-22, 15-12. Solid serving was the key, with Saleena Bahu serving 13 straight points to keep the Irish in the first set. Jessica Tomaszewski also delivered nine straight points in the second to help seal the win. In addition, Marissa Lawson and Vanessa Artinian both scored their first kills of the season at crucial points during the match, with Alivia Gaynor delivering a number of key assists. Notre Dame then took on Our Lady of the Lakes, winning again in straight sets 25-18, 25-14, 16-14. Emily Bassett had a strong serving performance, including five aces Tomaszewski recorded two kills and Emma Stieber, Nina Patrico, Bahu and Vanessa Artinian contributed a kill each. Strong defensive play by Liv Warner and Daria Lovin helped close out the match in favor of the Irish.



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## BOYS JV SOCCER TAKES ANNUAL TOURNAMENT; JV FOOTBALL MOVES TO 4-0 ON SEASON

### BOYS JV SOCCER TAKES FIRST AT ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

The Notre Dame Boys JV Soccer team retained its perfect record, going 3-0 at an annual rotating tournament that also includes Flushing, Frankenmuth and Groves. Notre Dame began the day with a 2-0 win over Frankenmuth with goals from Seamus Maher and Alex Apolonio. The Irish followed that up with a 1-0 victory over a tough Groves team with the lone goal scored by Evan Asmar. The final game against Flushing ended in a 1-0 victory with the goal scored by Maher. The defense and goaltending was outstanding as Notre Dame held its opponents scoreless throughout the day.

### IRISH PLACE 12TH AT FARMINGTON INVITE

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Golf team placed 12th at the Farmington Invite held at Glen Oaks Golf Course, finishing with a team score of 377. Brooklyn Haddad paced the Irish with an 89 with Emma Roth (94), Amanda Roth (95) and Morgan Bissett (99) also contributing to the scoring effort.

### IRISH GET WIN OVER DRAGONS

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team defeated Lake Orion 182-210 at Crystal Lake. Meghan Mourad had a personal best 46 while Maren Studt added a 41 with three pars. Elaina Kalabat and Lucia Brewer both had a 52 and Audrey Thurman and Megan Fitzpatrick rounded out the day with a 49 and 46, respectively.

### GIRLS JV GOLF GETS VICTORY OVER MERCY

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team defeated Mercy 203-214 at Glen Oaks Golf Course. Lucia Brewer and Audrey Thurman set the pace for the Irish with pars on the first hole. Maren Studt led Notre Dame with a 43, including two birdies, while Megan Fitzpatrick rounded out the scoring with a 53.

### GIRLS JV GOLF TAKES MATCH OVER OXFORD

The Notre Dame Girls JV Golf team earned a 179-192 win over Oxford in a match played at Crystal Lake. Megan Fitzpatrick had a team and personal best with a 40, including three birdies and a 12-foot par putt to finish her round. Audrey Thurman had a 43 with four straight pars and Maren Studt finished with a 44, including a birdie.

### IRISH MOVE TO 4-0 WITH WIN OVER KNIGHTS

The Notre Dame JV Football team earned a 27-8 win over Walled Lake Northern to move to 4-0 on the season. Neither team scored in the opening quarter, with Brody Sink ending two Knight drives with interceptions. The first Walled Lake Northern drive of the second quarter also came to a stop via an interception, this time by Aidan Mahoney. The Irish then put together the first scoring drive of the game with key plays being a Sam Stowe to Nick Kobylecki first down pass, followed by key runs by Stowe on a keeper and a hard run

by Andrew Brownell. Stowe kept up the air assault with a first down pass to Colin Whalen and the drive was capped with a touchdown run by Lucas Bigelow. Owen Fulsher added the extra point, his first of three extra points on the night. The Knights attempted to tie the score before halftime but were driven back by a goal line stand by the defensive line of James McCowan, Tyler Leung, Henry Ewles and Adrian Fernandez. The half ended with a hard stop by Mark Galle on a Knight reception at the two yard line, keeping the score at 7-0. The second half started with a 55-yard touchdown pass on the first possession from Stowe to Sink, increasing the Irish lead to 14-0. The next Walled Lake Northern possession ended in the third interception of the night by Sink. During the next Notre Dame offensive series on a fourth down, Stowe and Sink teamed up again for a 34-yard score to extend the lead to 20-0. The Irish defense then forced a turnover deep in Knight territory when an errand shotgun snap was recovered at the Knights six yard line by Mahoney. Notre Dame scored on fourth down with a short pass from Stowe to Mark Galle, extending the lead 27-0. The Knights reached the scoreboard with a late in the contest on a scoring pass followed by a successful two-point pass conversion.



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