



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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## THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME (HOME GAMES)

Tuesday October 18

Boys VAR Soccer  
MHSAA District  
vs. LHN 7:30

Thursday October 20

F/JV/VAR Volleyball  
vs. NF 5:00/6:30



**Billy Collins, who also recovered two fumbles, makes a reception for Notre Dame against Gladwin**



**The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team honored seniors Lauren Chojnacki, Lexi Hunter, Aria Kim, Grace Linenfelser, Alex Williams and Allison Voto prior to their 120-70 win over Flint Powers**

### IRISH TAKE DISTRICT OPENER OVER ARMADA

The Notre Dame Varsity Soccer team defeated Armada 6-1 in the opening round of MHSAA District play. The Irish struck first 12 minutes into the game as Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo captured the first goal off a corner kick deflection. Notre Dame went into the half with a 1-0 lead despite a couple dozen shots on goal and majority of the possession. Santino Bidawid scored a free kick only a minute into the second half, giving the Irish a 2-0 lead. Three minutes later, Will Lanham drew a foul in the box and netted the PK, giving the Irish a more comfortable 3-0 lead. Notre Dame kept the pressure on netting three additional goals in the second half by Andrew Schaldenbrand (assisted by Ben Liparoto), Alex Ruschak (assisted by AJ Paulson), and Seamus Maher (assisted by Matthew Marshah).

### IRISH FALL TO GLADWIN IN BATTLE OF RANKED TEAMS

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team dropped a 33-27 decision to Gladwin in a battle of two of the top-ranked teams in Division Five. The Flying G's took an early 6-0 lead, scoring on a double-pass trick play only the see the Irish answer immediately on a 57 yard touchdown pass from Jacob Tuttle to Joey DeCasas. Notre Dame would go up 13-6 in the second as Tuttle found Jeremy Gale for a 22 yard score but Gladwin would score twice after in the quarter to take a 19-13 lead into halftime. The teams would trade touchdowns in the

second half with Tuttle connecting with Matthew Sadecki for a 25 yard score in the third and Zach Mylenek scoring on a one yard run in the fourth, but the Irish could not draw any closer than six points. Gladwin would seal the win with an interception on the final Notre Dame drive to remain a perfect 7-0 on the year. Tuttle threw for 220 yards on the night while Mylenek ran for 51. Gale led all Irish receivers with 61 followed by DeCasas with 55. Defensively, Billy Collins recovered two fumbles and had six tackles while Sadecki recovered a fumble and had five tackles. Evan Gaeschke also had a fumble recovery with Drew Heimbuch (five tackles) and Nathan Bloom (four) also delivering strong efforts.

### SWIM TOPS FLINT POWERS ON SENIOR NIGHT

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team earned a 120-70 win over Flint Powers on Senior Night. Prior to the meet, seniors Lauren Chojnacki, Lexi Hunter, Aria Kim, Grace Linenfelser, Alex Williams and Allison Voto were honored along with the parents for their commitment and dedication to the program. The meet started off with a win in the 200 Medley Relay followed up by a second, third and fourth place in the 200 Free by Olivia Powell, Mia Skandalaris, and Mariana Spada. Powell and Spada both dropped more than two seconds off their times. Emma Ciesla won the 200 IM with Aria Kim and Rita Hajjar also scoring points. Wins continued in the 50 Free by Williams and Voto in the diving event. Spada,

Tori Devine and Cat Zaleski brought home second, third and fourth place on the 100 Fly with Devine earning a season best. The 100 Free followed with point earners in Hajjar, Skandalaris, and Kim. Grace Simon also dropped another .46 seconds in the event. First, second, and third place went to Williams, Linenfelser, and Chojnacki in the 500 Free and the 200 Free Relay swam away with first and second places as well. In the 100 Backstroke, Powell, Elie Kim, and Simon were in the top six with Kim dropping almost two seconds. Other time drops in the Backstroke were had by Edie Byrd and Mia Carles. The last individual event was the 100 Breaststroke. Ciesla easily walked away a winner, but also dropped to a season best by two seconds. Lexi Hunter, and Caroline Powell had a fourth and fifth place finishes. The evening ended with the Irish taking another first, second in the 400 Freestyle Relay.

### VOLLEYBALL GETS SWEEP OVER ROCHESTER

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team avenged an earlier season loss to Rochester by defeating the Falcons in straight sets 25-12, 25-16, 25-9. Grace Wenaas led all attackers with 13 kills to go with four blocks. Bree Blakeslee chipped in five kills while Delaney Zielke, Sophia Sermo and Mya Kattula all had three. Zielke also contributed six blocks and Kattula added 11 assists and 12 points from the service line with three aces. Margo Sudzina dished out a team-high 17 assists and served up nine points, including three aces.





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## THIS WEEK AT ND MARIST (HOME GAMES)

Saturday October 15

MA 7/8 Football vs. NOC 8:30

MA 5/6 Football vs. NOC 10:15



Maria Nunning led Notre Dame with a 37th place finish at the Oakland County Championship race



12 Notre Dame athletes had the opportunity to attend the MHSAA Women in Sport Leadership conference over the weekend

## CROSS COUNTRY HEADS TO OAKLAND COUNTY MEET; GIRLS SWIM COMPETES AT ORPHAN INVITE

### SWIMMERS COMPETE AT ORPHAN MEET

The Notre Dame Girls Varsity Swim team took part in the Orphan "Schools Without Pools" Invite, with the proceeds of the meet going to the Home of Refuge International Orphanage located in Naco Honduras. Highlights from the meet were wins by Emma Ciesla in the 200 IM and 100 Free and Alex Williams in the 500 Free. There were some significant time drops made by Aria Kim and Grace Simon in the 200 Free, 4.28 and 6.65 seconds, respectively. Other notable drops were by Mia Skandalaris with a 1.55 drop in the 200 IM, Mia Carles taking off 4.40 seconds in the 50 Free and 2.82 in the 100 Free, and Cat Zaleski dropping 1.29 in the 100 Backstroke.

### IRISH BEST FGR IN REGULAR SEASON FINALE

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Soccer team defeated Father Gabriel Richard 3-0 in the regular season finale. 12 minutes into the contest, Will Lanham drew a foul and converted a PK opportunity to put the Irish up 1-0. That score would stand until 20 minutes left in the contest, when Santino Bidawid scored the second Notre Dame goal off a free kick. Jack Mueller would add an insurance marker minutes later, scoring on a rebound following a Matthew Marshesh deflected shot. Nick Grembi and Owen Thieme split the shutout in net for the Irish, who finished the regular season 11-1-9.

### RUNNERS HEAD TO OAKLAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Notre Dame Varsity Cross Country teams competed at the Oakland County Championship at Kensington Metro Park. The girls finished in second place among division two schools only, two points behind Detroit Country Day. Maria Nunning ran her best race of the year and finished 37th overall, narrowly missing All-County honors, which goes to the top 30 runners in all divisions combined. The boys team was not able to defend their championship from last year, but finished a respectable fourth overall and the young team with five sophomores on varsity continues to improve each week.

### BOYS JV SOCCER TAKES SEASON FINALE

The Notre Dame Boys JV Soccer team defeated Father Gabriel Richard by a score of 1-0 in their final game of the season. The Irish scored in the first half off of a corner kick, on which Henry Graff had a header into the net. The defense delivered another strong performance and held the opponent scoreless for the 11th time on the season. The Irish finish the year with a record of 14-4-1.

### BAND COMPETES AT DISTRICT FESTIVAL

The Notre Dame Marching Band traveled to Bloomfield Hills High School to participate in the MSBOA District IV Marching Band Festival. The band performed their Mamma Mia showcase, including I Had A Dream/Mamma Mia, The Winner Takes It All, and Dancing Queen under the baton of senior Drum Majors John Milback and Max Thorton and junior Drum Major, Grace Simon. The Irish received a Superior rating (I) for their performance.

### 4TH/5TH VOLLEYBALL CLOSES SEASON AT ST. PATRICK

The Notre Dame 4th/5th Volleyball team closed out its season with a back-and-forth match against St. Patrick. The Irish won the first set 25-18 before dropping the next two sets 15-25, 12-15. Notre Dame was led by Emilia Lukosavich with 11 aces and three kills. Anna Strimpel added four aces and Emilia Lucaj had four aces and a kill

### 5TH/6TH VOLLEYBALL DROPS CLOSE MATCH TO ST. PATRICK

The Notre Dame 5th/6th Volleyball team played a strong St. Patrick team to close out their season. The Irish opened up the match with a 25-21 victory and battled in the next two sets, dropping them 20-25, and 11-15. The Irish were led by Paige Schepper's 11 aces and four kills, Lilliana Michelsen's three aces, and Olivia Kobylecki's three kills.





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## VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS OKTOBERFEST QUAD; JV FOOTBALL GETS WIN OVER DIVINE CHILD

### IRISH SWEEP OKTOBERFEST QUAD MEET

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team hosted an Oktoberfest quad, featuring three traditionally strong opponents. The Irish began the day with division two HM Crosswell-Lexington. The first set went back and forth until the Irish found their rhythm and pulled away with a 25-22, 25-17, 25-14 win. Margo Sudzina scored 17 points from the serving line, including two aces, to go with seven digs and 17 assists. Grace Wenaas led all attackers with 18 kills followed by Madison Pawlowski with six, Bree Blakeslee with five and Mya Kattula with four. Blakeslee added a season-high 16 digs and Kattula added 10 assists. Senior defender Ally Berent had 16 digs, 17 serve receptions and Sophia Sermo served up 10 points, including two aces, to go with 10 serve receptions. Notre Dame took on five-time state champion Bronson in the second match. Once again, the first set was close until the Irish went ahead 10-9, never trailing again. Notre Dame took the next two sets 25-11 and 25-14 using a balanced attack and a strong service game. Wenaas once again led the Irish with 12 kills and three blocks followed by Blakeslee with nine and Kattula, Pawlowski and Delaney Zielke with six each. Sudzina and Kattula set up the offense with 18 and 11 assists, respectively. Sermo served up 11 points, including two aces, while putting on a strong defensive performance with 14 digs and five serve receptions. Ally Pilot added nine points with an ace from the back line while Audrey Thummel

had a season-high nine serve receptions. The final contest saw Notre Dame take on division two seventh ranked Frankenmuth. The Irish put in another dominating performance on their way to a 25-16, 25-21, 25-17 win. Berent had yet another impressive performance with 10 digs, 22 serve receptions, 13 points and a pair of aces. Sudzina dished out 12 assists while Kattula was right behind with 11. Kattula added nine digs, two kills and eight point. Blakeslee finished with 10 digs, 17 serve receptions, six kills, and 10 service points with two aces while Wenaas again led the Irish in kills with 10.

### IRISH PICK UP STRAIGHT SET VICTORY OVER DC

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team improved to 37-7-2 with a 25-20, 25-12, 25-19 straight set win over Divine Child. Grace Wenaas and Bree Blakeslee paced the offense with 10 kills each, with Blakeslee adding 10 digs. Mya Kattula contributed nine kills to go with nine assists. Margo Sudzina scored 13 points from the service line to go with a team-high 25 assists. Sophia Sermo added eight points and five kills. Ally Berent was once again stellar on defense, recording 25 serve receptions to go with 21 digs.

### JV FOOTBALL GRABS WIN OVER DIVINE CHILD

The Notre Dame JV Football team picked up a 26-6 win over Divine Child. The scoring started on the first drive with first down passes from Sam Stowe to Brodie Sink, alternating with first down runs by Lucas Bigelow, as the Irish marched downfield. The drive was capped with a Stowe to Sink strike for the touchdown, followed by an Owen Fulsher extra point. The next Irish possession resulted in a 70-yard connection, Stowe to Sink, for a quick 13-0 lead. The Falcons scored on special teams with a blocked punt return to cut the lead to 13-6 at half. The Irish came out in the third quarter with a scoring drive led by Drake Roa, who completed multiple passes to Nick Kobylecki for first downs. On a crucial fourth down play, Roa completed a touchdown pass to Kobylecki, extending the lead 20-6. Bigelow rounded out the scoring with a touchdown run to put the score 26-6. The Irish defense was tough all night, with interceptions by Jake Rose and Mark Galle, and multiple tackles throughout the game by Adrian Fernandez, Lucas Kattula, and Aidan Mahoney.