

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

# Friday October 28 VAR Football MHSAA District vs. SCS South Lake 7:00 Wednesday November 2

VAR Volleyball

MHSAA District

vs. CK 5:00



Jacob Tuttle and Jeremy Gale celebrate one of their two first quarter touchdowns against **Detroit Edison** 



Skylar Vanhecke, Ben Kinkade, and Maria Nunning all earned medals at the Northern Michigan Championship race

# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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## **VOLLEYBALL TAKES WILLIAMSTON INVITE:** IRISH HAVE STRONG SHOWING AT LAKE FENTON MEET

#### IRISH HAVE STRONG SHOWING AT 9TH/10TH INVITE

Being a young team has its advantages. The Notre Dame Boys and Girls Cross Country teams competed in the Lake Fenton 9th/10th Invite and did very well. In a field that consisted of freshman and sophomore athletes from mostly division one schools, the boys took sixth place and the girls earned their second runner-up trophy of the season, finishing just four points behind Ann Arbor Huron. Sophomores Isaak Brook (seventh), Chris Hunter (13th), and Nick Mardelli (14th) all medaled for the boys in the 10th grade division by finishing in the top 25. Freshman Jack Leuchtmann rounded out the scoring for the Irish. The girls race was a battle between two powerhouses with Ann Arbor Huron taking first, second, fourth and 10th for 17 points and Notre Dame taking third, fifth, sixth and seventh for 21 points. Notre Dame had a significant presence in the race with 16 freshman and sophomore girls earning medals. Maria Nunning, Skylar Vanhecke, Mary Larocca, and Addie Mikel were the point scorers for the race, with Mikel The Notre Dame Boys and Girls setting a personal record of 22:40. Next up is the regional meet hosted by Waterford Mott at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford. The boys are currently ranked sixth and the girls are ranked fourth in a region that will send the top three teams to the state finals at Michigan International Speedway.

#### IRISH GET WIN OVER EDISON

The Notre Dame Varsity Football team closed regular season play with a 42-6 win over Detroit Edison. Jacob Tuttle threw two first quarter touchdown passes, both to Jeremy Gale (seven and eight yards) to put the Irish up early. Zach Mylenek had a two yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter while Tuttle ran for a 42 yard touchdown as Notre Dame went up 28-6 heading into halftime. Mylenek added a 36 yard touchdown run in the third and Joey DeCasas finished off the scoring with a 35 yard interception return for a touchdown. Tuttle threw for 101 yards and ran for another 84 while Mylenek broke the century mark, finishing with 129 yards on the ground. Gale led all Notre Dame receivers with eight receptions for 44 yards and two touchdowns. Caden Husch had five tackles and Matthew Sadecki added four. Jake Gartin, Evan Gaeschke and Billy Collins each had three with Collins and DeCasas both earning interceptions.

#### IRISH TRAVEL TO NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Cross Country teams traveled north to compete in the Northern Michigan Championship in Gaylord, finishing seventh and fifth, respectively, in the large school division. The race was held on "The Classic" Golf Course at the Otsego Club Ski and Golf Resort. It was the first time that the Irish were placed in the large school division and the team performed well with nine personal records, two season

bests and three athletes earning medals. Maria Nunning, the team's top female runner, ran a 19:49 setting a new personal record and breaking 20 minutes for the first time in her career. Skylar Vanhecke and Ben Kinkade continued their strong season finishing 19th and 20th in their respective races. Medals were awarded to the top 25 in each division. Nick Mardelli set a PR of 19:06 as he continues to improve each race.

#### NOTRE DAME TAKES WILLIAMSTON TOURNAMENT

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team closed out regular season play by going 6-0 at the Williamston Invite, winning their second tournament of the year without dropping a set. In pool play, the Irish defeated host Williamston 26-24,25-12, Portland 25-8, 25-20 and Huron Valley 25-8, 25-13 to advance as the number one seed. Notre Dame kept the momentum going into bracket play with wins over Lake City 25-14, 25-22, Birch Run 25-14, 25-22 and, in the finals, St. Johns 25-23, 25-20. Fittingly, the Irish were led by their trio of seniors, who have now collected 194 career wins. Grace Wenaas scored 33 points, including a team high 12 aces, to go with 57 kills and 11 blocks. Margo Sudzina dished out 67 assists, had 14 digs, 35 points and 10 aces. Alabama commit Ally Berent had 81 serve receptions, 44 digs, 24 points and eight aces. The #3-ranked Irish, 46-9-2, will now enter into one of the toughest MHSAA districts in the state that features the first, third, ninth and an honorable mention ranked teams.

