



# NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS

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## VOLLEYBALL REACHES MHSAA REGIONAL FINAL; TWO RUNNERS COMPETE AT MHSAA XC FINALS



**Maria Nunning and Skylar Vanhecke represented Notre Dame at the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals**

### TWO SENIOR ATHLETES SIGN TO PLAY IN COLLEGE

This past week, two Senior student-athletes from Notre Dame signed on to play athletics at the college level. Allison Berent signed with the University of Alabama to play Volleyball and Alex Williams signed at Grand Valley State University to play Soccer. Congratulations to both of these athletes and best of luck as they represent the Irish at the next level.



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### VOLLEYBALL ADVANCES TO MHSAA REGIONAL FINAL

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team advanced to the Regional Final round of the MHSAA state playoffs with a three set victory over Warren Regina. The Sadelites got off to a fast start, taking a 10-4 lead in the opening set. The Irish took a timeout and responded with six straight points to tie the game at 10. From there it was back-and-forth until a kill by Delaney Zielke sealed the 25-22 victory for the Irish. The second set looked much like the first with both teams taking narrow leads until the Irish pulled ahead at 10-9 and never surrendered the lead, taking the set 25-22. The final set started the same as the two earlier sets until Notre Dame got its offense going to secure the 25-11 win. Grace Wenaas led the offense with 13 kills while also collecting eight points at the service line. Zielke found the floor for seven kills while Mya Kattula chipped in six kills, 14 assists and three service points. Sophia Sermo continued to take teams out of system with her serves as she

scored 12 points from the line while adding five kills. The defense of Ally Berent kept the Irish in the game as she added 13 digs to her team leading totals and served nine points including a pair of aces. Margo Sudzina set up the offense with 23 assists in the win.

### IRISH SEND TWO TO MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

The Notre Dame Varsity Cross Country team sent two runners, who qualified individually, to the MHSAA Division Two State Final race held at Michigan International Speedway. Maria Nunning set a personal record of 19:47 on the tough MIS course while Skylar Vanhecke ran a 21:38 in her first finals appearance. The race, which had 253 participants between team and individual qualifiers, also featured winds exceeding 25 MPH.

### BRONCOS BEST IRISH IN MHSAA REGIONAL FINAL

The Notre Dame Varsity Volleyball team fell to North Branch in the MHSAA Regional final 12-25, 25-21, 22-25, 16-25. Mya Kattula and Madison Pawlowski each chipped in with seven kill for the Irish. Grace Wenaas found herself double and triple blocked for most of the evening and but still collected 13 kills. Delaney Zielke had five blocks and Ally Berent played well defensively with 37 receptions and 11 digs. Margo Sudzina had 21 assists for the Irish, who finish the season with a 49-10-2 record.

### NOTRE DAME FALLS TO DCDS IN DISTRICT FINAL

The Notre Dame Varsity Football season came to a close as the Irish fell 35-19 to Detroit Country Day in the MHSAA District Final. The Yellow Jackets took a 14-0 lead into halftime as the Irish struggled to move the ball against a strong Country Day defensive unit. Special teams would provide a spark in the third quarter as Billy Collins returned a blocked punt 25 yards to cut the deficit to 14-6. However, Country Day would respond immediately, returning the following kickoff for a touchdown to go up 21-6. Later in the quarter, after Matthew Sadecki interception set Notre Dame up in the red zone, Jacob Tuttle connected with Jeremy Gale for a 13 yard touchdown to pull the Irish within eight. Following a defensive stop, Zach Mylenek would score on a 68 yard run early in the fourth quarter to get the Irish within two points at 21-19. Unfortunately, that would be as close as Notre Dame would draw as the Yellow Jackets would convert a fourth down for a 17 yard score and return an interception for a touchdown to put the game away. Notre Dame ends the season at 7-4, appearing in the postseason for the fourth consecutive year.

