

TEAM RECOGNITION 2020

ND Varsity Golf Teams: 1968 and 1969

The 1968 golf season was ND's first as a competitive team in school history. Little did Buffalo Bishop Smith League opponents know that the Irish golfers would take the league by storm, and go undefeated [7 - 0] en route to capturing the Msgr. Martin Championship by defeating St. Mary's of Lancaster, Bishop Gibbons of North Tonawanda, DeSales of Lockport, Diocesan Prep of Buffalo, Cardinal Mindszenty of Dunkirk, Lackawanna Father Baker and St. Francis of Athol Springs on the links!

The 1968 team was coached by Fr. John "Ace" Zeitler [ND HOF '91] and led by All-Catholic team members Gary Conte, Rich Canty, and the Steiner brothers: Jeff and Greg. Rich Canty, 2nd on the team behind Gary Conte, was the leading scorer while posting wins in 21 of 21 possible matches! Mike Fee, Mike Lamendola and Tom Tillman were also members of this historic team's entry into Bishop Smith league competition!

Much to the dismay of the prior year's Bishop Smith League opponents, Fr. Zeitler's ND 1969 team was back stronger than ever and "ran the table" for the second straight year in an undefeated fashion [7 - 0], once again capturing the Msgr. Martin Golf Championship! The '69 team was once again led by All Catholic golfers Gary Conte '69, Rich Canty '69 Jeff Steiner '70 and Greg Steiner '71. Dennis Lockard '72 was ND 5th golfer on yet another undefeated season.

2 consecutive undefeated seasons and 2 consecutive Msgr. Martin Golf Championships . . . Not bad performances by Fr. Zeitler's 1968 and 1969 Fighting Irish Golf squads!

ND Varsity Golf 1968



Row One: J. Steiner, G. Conte.
Row Two: T. Tillman, M. Fee, F. Lamendola,
G. Steiner, Father John Zietler

ND Varsity Golf 1969



Row One: G. Steiner, D. Lockard,
Row Two: G. Conte, R. Canty, J. Steiner,
Father Zeitler, Moderator.