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Ellie Miller (above left) and Jared Kelson (above right) swim the butterfly legs of the 200 medley relays. Miller's team won their race in the McKay meet Thursday, Jan. 8. Kelson's team took second.

# Boys, girls dole out losses to McKay in pool

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

The Celtic girls and boys swimming teams picked up their second wins of the week over the McKay Royal Scots Thursday, Jan. 8.

We're finally getting back in shape. Because of the early start with the three new teams, we're just starting to get the hang of things," said Marcos Goodman.

The boys won their side of the meet 115-43, the girls won 131-27

Goodman won the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:12.77 in the McKay meet. He was also part of the winning (1:47.49) 200 free relay team.

Goodman is hoping to drop his time in the backstroke to around 1:02 by the time the district meet rolls around, but already shaved off six seconds since the season began.

He said the team is seeing the dividends of becoming more of a family in and out of the pool.

"I want the seniors to inspire the freshmen this year because our freshmen are fantastic. I'm really proud of where we're going with the season. Our distance swimmers are amazing this year," Goodman said.

Other winners for the boys were: Tanner Hughes in the 200 individual medley in 2:29.69; Dean Parker in the 50 free in 26.71 and the 100 breast in

1:15.74; Isaiah Holt in the 100 butterfly in 1:11.15; Evan Alger in the 100 free in 1:00.37 and the 500 free in 6:20.50; and Hughes, Parker, Holt and Alger in the 400 freestyle relay in 4:04.44.

Head Coach Casey Lewin singled out Hughes for his improvement in the IM.

"He's been putting in a lot of work on his breaststroke and he's starting to see his times drop in that race," Lewin said.

In girls races, senior Josie Ellis said the team's relay performances keep getting better.

"All the swimmers in those races times have dropped tremendously and they're putting out 100 percent effort in the pool," Ellis said.

Ellis won the 50 free in 28.49 at the McKay meet, but said the she's still not where she wants to be.

"My goal is under 25 seconds. I also want to get under

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a minute in the 100 free. I'm at 1:02, but I'm still trying to make those last couple of seconds go away," she said.

Ellis was part of a winning 200 free relay team that included Sara Eckert, Samantha Williams and Marissa Kuch with a combined time of 1:52.73. She was also lead-off in the winning (4:08.50) 400 free relay team with Eckert, Anjelica Glassey and Kuch.

Other winners for McNary included: Glassey, Bailey White, Ellie Miller and Williams in the 200 medley relay; Glassey in the 200 free in 2:31.37 and 100 backstroke in 1:14.38; Kuch in the 200 IM in 2:18.47 and 100 free in 55.21; Abby McCoy in the 100 butterfly in 1:22.63; and Kiana Briones in the 100 brest in 1:20.64.

Despite a spate of illness that, Lewin said, seems to have attacked most everyone on the team, he's pleased that a num-

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ber of swimmers are either putting up personal best times or are right on pace with where they were before winter break.

"We've had several freshmen who have been hanging out in the junior varsity time slots that are starting to put pressure on some of our varsity kids. That's good motivation for our varsity swimmers," Lewin said.

(Editor's note: The headline of

the swimming story in the Jan. 9 edition of the Keizertimes mistakenly identified McKay as the team McNary faced Tuesday, Jan. 6. The story said it was North Salem. The headline was incorrect.)

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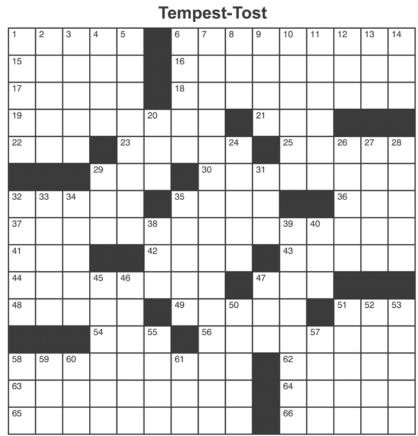
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