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McNary's Jacob Vasas tries to avoid a tag in rundown during McNary's game with Cleveland High School.

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start putting the ball in play.

It's easier to start hot than get warmed up," Goff said.  
McNary won its first game of the season Monday, March 16, hosting Cleveland High School. After a pair of errors

plated two runs for Cleveland in the second inning, the Celts responded with six of their own in the bottom of the frame en route to a 14-7 win.



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The Keizer Celts fifth grade basketball team after taking second place in the state tournament.

## Youth team 2nd in state

The Keizer Celts boys fifth grade basketball team competed in the 2015 State Basketball Championships in Central Oregon March 14 and 15.  
Early round wins against Grants Pass and Sherwood moved the Celts into the semifinals where they prevailed over Silverton 45-42.

Facing a tough Pendleton team in the finals, the Keizer Celts battled strong to eventually force overtime. A desperation three-pointer by Pendleton as time ran out handed the second place Celts their only tournament loss, 43-42. The team finished the regular season 23-11 and captured championships in Dayton

and Beaverton tournaments earlier in the year. The team members are: Isaac Scroggins, Eric Olsen, Hayden Kaiser, Tyler Copeland, Logan Ready, Jackson Garro, Braidon Copeland, Cooper Cripe, Anthony Cepeda and Bo Bielby. The Celts are coached by Scott Kaiser and Andrew Copeland.

## POWER: 'I want to keep challenging them'

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she's faced in summer leagues.

"We aren't all on the same team in summer league, but it will be nice to see them in a new setting," Villarreal said.

Junior Kinsey McNaught said it's the extra things the team has added to practices that give her high hopes.

"We've upped our conditioning and everything else looks better as a result," McNaught said. "It's given us a different tempo and our practices are more upbeat."

McNary had a powerful line-up in 2014 and two of the biggest surprises were freshmen Hannah Carr and Nicole Duran, now back for their sophomore seasons. The team is adding four more freshmen to the varsity roster this season.

As last season progressed, the Celts' biggest obstacles became illness and injury. In nearly every game in the late season, two our more positions had to be rearranged as a result of missing players. Keeping players healthy is a priority for Wise, but he also hopes to see the team readjust their mental approach to the game as well.

"For the past couple of years, we'd seem to start off good and then kind of plateau. This year, I want to keep challenging them and to have them challenge each other. If we can do that week-to-week, we'll do well this season," Wise said.

The Lady Celts beat Grant High School 12-0 on the road in their first game of the season Monday, March 16, The Keizer teams hosts Jesuit High School Friday, March 20, at 5 p.m.

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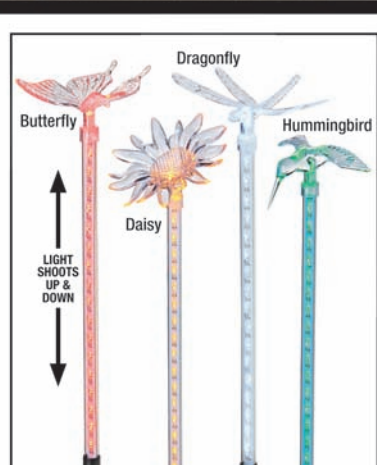


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