

Celt boys rout Vikings on the tennis court

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Aside from a 6-2 win, the McNary High School boys varsity tennis teams pulled a number of surprises out of their hats in a match with North Salem High School Wednesday, April 1.

"Maybe they don't have the more fine-tuned strokes, but they analyze the opponent, play to their own strengths, run everything down and even figure out their opponents' weaknesses," said Lisa Reid, McNary head coach.

The good day started with a win by Roman Kuklica in the No. 1 doubles spot. He won with set scores of 6-2 and 6-0. Junior Luis Audelo followed him with a win in three sets.

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— Lisa Reid
McNary head coach

but calmed down and played better. Then he got frustrated. Once it was tied 1-1, I kept my cool," Audelo said. His set scores were 4-6, 7-5 and 6-1.

Alphonso Pacheco won in consecutive sets of 6-3 and 6-4.

"It was only a two-set match, but he dug deep," Reid said.

In doubles matches, Dante Garibay and Hayden Sader

staged the comeback of the evening.

After losing the first set 4-6, Garibay and Sader were on the ropes at match point in the second set when they rallied to win 7-6. They won the third set 6-1.

Sam Farr and Carlos Flores won in sets of 6-3 and 6-1. Pedro Reyes and Isaiah Forsythe won in sets of 7-5 and 6-2.

"It was a great day for our team from top to bottom," Reid said.

Audelo said the Celts performed well because they've relied on each other.

"We can get better by just working together and supporting each other by helping each other with the little things. We can learn something new every day out here," he said.



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Cambrian Partridge launches the discus in competition during the Sprague meet.

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The Lady Celts have a recent history of dominating in relays and said the 4x400 team is holding steady while the 4x100 team is a work in progress.

The Lady Celts dominated in the field events while suffering an uncharacteristic struggle in the 4x100 race. The usually consistent 4x100 team dropped the baton on the first handoff.

Danielle Duran won the 400 meter in 1:03.61; Kailey Douth won the 1,500 in 5:18.18; Marissa McGrath topped the podium in the 3,000 meter; and Duran, Hali Thurston, Douth and Sydney Hunter won the 4x400 in 4:16.8

In field events, Lady Celt Gabby Jackson won the shot put with a mark of 29-01; Deanna Saukov won the discus hitting 86-10; Jasmine Ernest won the javelin with a mark of

118-07; Amanda Vergara won the pole vault clearing 7-06.00; and Alyssa Looney won the long jump with a mark of 16-04.

The boys fared better on the track than field. AJ Johnk won the 100 meter in 11.86; Torres won the 200 meter in 22.96; Van Voorhis won the 400 meter in 50.64 (a personal record); Angel Goemaere won the 1,500 meter in 4:32.33; Michael Reyes won the 3,000 meter in 10:15; and Jameson Becktel won the 110 meter hurdles in 19.59.

The Celt boys also took wins in the 4x100 and 4x400. They took a win in the former in 43.78 and the latter in 3:37.6. Both teams were comprised of Torres, Van Voorhis, Austin Brown and Riley Moore.

The boys and girls teams both took seventh out of nine at the Titan Track Classic Friday, April 3.

Torres shaved half a second off his time 48 hours prior to win the 200 in 22.46; he also won the 400 meter sprint in 49.50. Duran won 400 in 61.40 at the Classic.

Sports benefit and auction May 30

The McNary Athletic Boosters will hold its fourth annual dinner and auction on May 30 at the McNary Restaurant & Golf Course.

This year will feature a golf and foot golf (described as a combination of soccer and golf) tournament beforehand. Tee time is at noon with a choice

of a nine-hole foot golf game or an 18-hole (back nine twice) option. The Dinner and Auction benefit will begin at 5:30 p.m. at McNary Golf Club with dinner provided by McNary Restaurant. Buffet service includes choices of beef, chicken and/or a vegetarian option with salad and bread sticks.

A golf and dinner package is available for \$100. Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$35. Footgolf is \$20.

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scored the winning run," said LaFontaine said.

More than a big finish, the Celtics were helped along by errorless defense and a combined one-hitter by Mickey

Walker and Evan Algier.

"That was where we really struggled in Arizona over spring break. It was good to fix that," Thomas said.

"It was just mental errors and getting ahead of ourselves, like throwing the ball before we had control of it. We had to stop doing those things," LaFontaine added.

The Pioneers got a double in the first inning and ended up scoring that runner, but were hitless after that initial punch.

McNary started Greater Valley Conference play Tuesday, April 7 with a game hosting North Salem High School. They return home for a game with West Albany High School Friday, April 10.

"We've been working a lot and feeling better about ourselves," Thomas said. "It's all going to be a good test of where we are right now."

Does Salem-Keizer need expanded service?

Salem-Keizer Transit has created a plan that would add Cherriots service on weekends, later evenings and some holidays; plus free bus service for middle and high school age youth.

This service would require more funding through either: a five year property tax levy of 58 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value or an employer payroll tax of .021% of total payroll.

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