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their runs on 16 hits and left eight runners on base.

The Lady Celts followed that match with a 6-5 win over 10th-ranked West Salem. Despite trailing 4-0, McNary rallied beginning in the fifth frame.

"We tied it 4-4 and then their leadoff hitter got up and took a home run off us. It was a very good hit," said Wise. "When we got up, we just worked toward bases loaded and they pulled their outfield in."

With two outs, Christenson put one deep into right field, scoring the go-ahead run.

McNary outthit West Salem 13-9, but left 12 runners on base before Christenson's RBI. "That game was one of the first times this season that we focused on the game for the entire game. We were talking in the dugout and on the field and

really backing up the pitcher on defense," Duran said.

The Keizer girls stranded 10 runners and fell to West Albany High School 4-1 Friday, April 10.

"You have to give a lot of credit to their pitcher. She throws hard, but we also had some girls chasing risers," Wise said. "The girls we had that remained patient could get the walks and that happened quite a few times once they had her deep in the count."

McNary knotted the game 1-1 in the top of the fourth, but the Bulldogs answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning with Ulrey on the mound.

"We had five hits, but they didn't come when we had the runners," Wise said.

Kinsey McNaught scored the Celtics' only run and went 2-for-4 at the plate.

"We weren't talking and I think that we let them get in our heads a little bit," Duran said.

Forest Grove takes tennis win 5-3

McNary had a better day in doubles than singles. The Celts took three wins in doubles while getting swept in singles en route to a 5-3 loss overall.

Lady Celt Ariana Neads returns a volley in competition with Forest Grove's Karimi Nyamu.
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FIFTH: 'Their pitcher got some rhythm going'

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"We hit the ball well and we surprised ourselves with how well we hit," Gilbert said.

West Albany High School gave McNary its biggest scare of the week Friday, April 10.

After McNary took a 4-0 lead in the first, West Albany chipped their way back to knot the game 4-4.

"West Albany is inexperienced and I was worried about a bit of a let down on our part. We scored

four in the first and we settled into an offensive rut mid-game," Keecker said. "Their pitcher got some rhythm going and got really good. We just managed to score three in the bottom of the sixth."

McNary still got 12 hits.

Alger said the plan for the immediate future is focus, focus, focus.

"On everything from getting in behind the ground balls to catching the pop flies over the right shoulder," he said.

GOLF: 'We have the potential to get to state'

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omore was on the track team last year but wanted something different, something a bit more mental and challenging.

"My dad and uncles play golf," Lester said, so she thought she'd give it a try. She is enjoying the game so far and plans to return next year.

Junior Cammie Decker has been on the team the past three years and hopes to return to district this year.

"It was really fun," Decker said of last year's competition. "I knew that I had a chance to be one of the top people and to go to state so I tried to do my best."

She believes with a lot of work the team can make it back to district this year. She too enjoys being outside walking the course.

"It's calm, not so intense. It's nice, there's a team feel but it's also an individual sport so there's self fulfillment," Decker said.

McDowell, who has been

coaching the team for the last four seasons, has played the game his whole life. He credits the team's success to their efforts, not his coaching.

"They get all the shots, I get carried along for the ride," he said. They went to district and state because "we outworked everyone last year."

"I think we have the potential to get to state. We have two beginners but they've done wonderful, made huge strides," McDowell said.

To go to district, the team has to come in fourth or above in their league. They will be going head-to-head against both South Salem and McMinnville high schools.

Even with the pressure on, McDowell's relaxed, laid back style still comes out.

"It's a game. They are here to learn. We only have two rules; to be good and to have fun," he said.

Track teams lose to Titans

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

McNary High School freshman Kailey Doult knocked nearly a full minute off her time in 3,000 meter race at the Celtics' track and field meet at West Salem High School Wednesday, April 8.

Doult turned in a time of 12:24.36 at a meet in March. Against the Titans, she ran it in 11:29 to take the win.

"A lot of it was being allowed to run with the boys and in practice. I've been working a lot harder and running a lot of miles," Doult said. "I was actually disappointed I didn't run faster, I'd like to get down in the 10s if I run it again."

Doult is also hoping to shave some about 25 seconds off her 1,500 time.

In the 3,000 meter race

on the boys' side of the meet, Angel Goemaere took first with a personal record of 9:52.90, nearly 20 seconds better than his previous best in the event.

The Titans won both sides of the meet overall. The West boys took the meet with a final score of 84-57. The Titan girls won 82-63.

Event winners for the boys were: Kyle Torres in the 100 meter in 11.38; Brendan Van Voorhis in the 400 meter in 51.75; Austin Brown, Van Voorhis, Riley Moore and Torres in the 4x100 in 43.05; the same team won the 4x400 in 3:26.79; and Drew McHugh in the high jump clearing 5-04.

For the girls, event winners were: Danielle Duran in the 100 meter in 13.60, and the 200 meter in 27.61; Annabel Guptill in the 800 meter in 2:33.20, and the 1,500 meter in 5:30.60; Deanna Saukov in the discus with a throw of 110-10; and Alyx Peterson in the high jump with a leap of 4-08.

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