## Grizzlies pin down Celts on track, field

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes With a team nearly 200

athletes deep, the McMin athletes deep, the McMinnville High School Grizzlies
easily took down the McNary easily took down the McNary
High School Celtics in a track and field meet last week. The boys lost 101.5 to 43.5
and the girl lost 107.5 to 37.5 . and the girls lost 107.5 to 37.5 One bright spot for the teams is the boys relay. The
$4 \times 100$ team took first in com$4 \times 100$ team took first in com -
petition with McMinnville in petition with McMinnville in
43.14. Currently, the team of Brendan Van Voorhis, Riley Moore, Kyle Torres and Austin Brown possesses the secondbest time in the state. The $4 \times 400$ team, comprised of the
same runners, has the fourth same runners, has the fourth
best time in the state best time in the state.
"We're working really hard in practices and trying to take in practices and trying to take
it one step as a time. We stay pretty close in practice and hang out outside of practice, which makes competing eas-
ier," said Moore.

and girls were few and far be tween, but a number of second place finishes kept the
meet from being a complete disaster. Torres took first in
the 400 meter in 50.17 ind Antoine Wilder won the 110 hurdles in 16.36.
For the girls, Danielle Duran won the 400 meter in
1:01.28; Kailey Doutt wis 1:01.28; Kailey Doutt won
the 800 meter in $2: 25.51 ;$ and An 800 meter in $2: 25.51$; and
Anpel Guptill took first in Annabel Guptill took first in Head Coach Frank Gauntz said the team has been bolstered by the younger athletes of late.
"The
"The young kids on our team have really stepped up
and risen to the challenge" and risen to the challenge," he
said.
With the Greater Valley With the Greater Valley
Conference district meet scant two weeks away, McNary's teams will begin to taper off their specialty events in preparation for the big show. Gauntz said both teams are
likely to have a hard path likely to have a hard path to
district championships, but district championships, but
they should produce a handful they should produce a handful
or more of individual district champs.

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grade. We had a couple mograde. We had a couple mo-
ments that we put our offenments that we put our offen-
sive game together, but at the last moment big brother came in and swatted the ball into the stands. If we had another chance to play them right now I know with the growth the boys have
made we have a great chance to made, we have a great chance
beat them," Bowlby said.
While lack of experience especially in the midfield and at goal, was disconcerting at the
outset of the season, the team outset of the season, the team
managed to allay Bowlby's fears quickly.

## Girls surge on court

 celling as our second faceoffmidfielder winning 15 of 28
 Williams is playing some great
defense and is the second best
girls varsity tennis team scored $\begin{aligned} & \text { with set scores of } 7-5 \text { and } 6-1\end{aligned}$ a $5-3$ win School Tuesday, April 21 High Two wins in singles and Two wins in singles and
three in doubles paved the way three in doubles paved the way
to victory. Ami Chikatsu won with set scores of 6-4 and 3-2 after her scores of 6-4 and 3-2 after her opponent bowed out. Taslima
with set scores of 7-5 and 6-1.
In doubles Sandy nah Childress won in sets of $6-4$ and $6-0$; Ariana Neads of Sami Trowbridge beat their opponents in sets of $6-3$ and $6-1$; and Maria Munguia-Ortiz and Katelyn Kolb won in sets of -6(7-3) and 6-4.

On Thursday, April 23, the
Lady Celts nearly swept South Lady Celts nearly swept South Salem High School in a 7-1
win. win. The Childresses picked up singles wins with identical set scores of $6-0$ and $6-1$; Krissy
Kelty won in sets of $6-3$ and Kelty won in sets of $6-3$ and
$7-5$; Neads and Trowbridge won with set scores of 6-1 and 6-2; Cambria Rushton and Katherine Patterson won in sets of $6-3,7-6(7-4)$; Rachel Mor-
row and Chikastu won in sets row and Chikastu won in sets
of $6-0$ and $6-2$; and Blanca Teof 6-0 and 6-2; and Blanca Te-
peque and Munguia-Ortiz won in consecutive $6-4$ sets.
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Sprague Tuesday, April 21. Sprague Tuesday, April 21.
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lem match-up were not availlem match-up were not avail-
able at press time. defense and is the second best
midfielder at getting ground balls. Kory Pagels has finally discovered that he can shoot and we want him to," Bowlby
said. If McNary can beat Corvallis as well as West Salem High School in the second go-around the Celts still stand a chance of splitting the North Valley title and raising a new banner inside the McNary gymnasium, a first
for the club team. However th for the club team. However, the
Titans would also need to beat Titans would also need to beat
Corvallis to create a three-way tie for the championship. "The feeling I get from the
team is they are having fun. The leam is they are having fun. The seem to understand that this is only a game. We can taste the
momentum," Bowlby asid. momentum," Bowlby said.
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