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Bulldogs leash Celts on court

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

The scores alone (25-21, 25-22 and 25-22) made the McNary High School varsity volleyball loss to West Albany High School a heartbreaker.

The only thing that makes it ache that much more for the Lady Celts is knowing how close they were to beating the Bulldog team.

"We would have a lead the whole entire game and then we would just drop once we got to 20 points," said McNary senior Vanessa Hayes.

The Bulldogs, in their second year returning to OSAA 6A ranks, seem determined to remain a thorn in the side of the Celtics. West Albany is the only Greater Valley Conference team the McNary didn't beat at least once in 2014.

"I feel like we kind of beat ourselves. We had some errors and they just didn't make many mistakes. Our energy wasn't where it normally is," said Madi Hingston, a Celtic senior.

Hayes also attributed the team's first league loss to a lack of communication during the match Thursday, Sept. 10.

The better news for Mc-Nary was that the loss was only one of three contests last week and the Lady Celts won the other two, in a double-header no less

"There was a big difference in focus in the matches against McMinnville and West Salem (high schools)," Hingston said.

the beginning of the first set. The Lady Celts went on to win with scores of 25-15, 25-16 and 25-15.

Hayes had 12 kills, six blocks and nine digs, Hingston had nine kills and 10 digs. Kylie Gilmour had 15 digs and had a 2.4 passing average.

With that win in the can, Hayes said the team hit the court pumped for the Titans.

"We were the most excited we have ever been. We had great connection and we stuck together by celebrating every point like it was the last one," Hayes said.

It took four sets, but Mc-Nary won with scores of 20-25, 27-25, 25-22 and 25-20. Hayes had 21 kills, two blocks, and 11 digs; Hingston had nine kills, 17 digs, and passed a 2.46 average; Sydney Hunter had nine kills; and Jaylene Montano and Gilmour both added 13 digs.

"For they night Vanessa played well, and Kaelie Flores did a great job at the net for us. Maddie Cloyd ran the court well, and Jaylene and Kylie played some of the best defense we have seen out of them yet. Sydney Hunter did a great job coming off or her leg injury – she is almost back to full form," said Kellie Scholl, McNary head coach.

Hingston said the team had all the skills to bounce back despite the tough loss to West Albany.

"Our offense has been pretty rong and well-balanced. Our





Volcano run ends with loss

By HERB SWETT For the Keizertimes

Hillsboro took 13 innings to end the Volcanoes' season Wednesday, Sept. 9, winning 6-5 in the rubber game of the Northern Division series to advance to the Northwest League championship series with Tri-City.

Salem-Keizer led through five innings, with starting pitcher Logan Webb looking as if he would have his best performance of the season and the Volcanoes scoring once in each of the first three innings. Then the Hops scored twice in the fourth and twice more in the fifth to lead by one.

The Volcanoes went ahead by a run in the top of the ninth on home runs by Ronnie Jebavy and Chris Shaw. Hillsboro tied the score in the bottom of the ninth, and the next score came in the home half of the 13th, when a bases-loaded single by Dansby Swanson drove Nate Robertson home.

In the Salem-Keizer first, Steven Duggar hit an infield single, went to third on Miguel Gomez's single to center field and scored on a sacrifice fly by Shaw.

Dillon Dobson doubled to lead off the second and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Junior Amion. He scored on a ground out by Jebavy.

In the third, Gomez led off with a home run over the right field fence. Starting pitcher Tyler Bolton then struck out Shaw but gave up a double to Jose Vizcaino Jr. Cameron Gann relieved Bolton and retired the side.

Those matches were played Tuesday, Sept. 8. McNary handled the Grizzlies with ease after some back-and-forth in for us," Hingston said.

defense is improving lately and we've thrown in a new system and that's been working well KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald

Lady Celt Vanessa Hayes tips the ball over the net in competition with the McMinnville High School Grizzlies Tuesday, Sept. 15

Wildcats deal Celts first loss



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald McNary's Gage Mance just overshoots a tackle in the game with Westview High School Friday, Sept. 11.

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The McNary High School varsity football team suffered its first loss of the season to Westview High School Friday, Sept. 11.

Throughout the night, Mc-Nary had trouble defending its offense and protecting the line of scrimmage in a 36-14 loss to the Wildcats.

"I thought the interior on defense did well, but the secondary struggled. We ended up shooting ourselves in the foot a lot," said senior Bobby Botta.

Junior wide receiver Brodie Nepstad, who was a favorite target of quarterback Trent Van Cleave during the evening, said

it wasn't a matter of bad play calling, just execution.

"We had the spots, but didn't make the tackles and bring people down quick," he said.

Westview started the game with possession, but their drive ended with a failed field goal attempt after Celts Brady Sparks and Tanner Gordon broke up a touchdown pass.

While many of the Celts had rough patches in the game, Head Coach Jeff Auvinen singled out Gordon for his complete game effort.

"Tanner battled defensively and got through on a lot of their screen attempts. Soon enough, those passes stopped

coming to his side. He is a gutsy, gutsy kid and had a really good game," Auvinen said.

McNary's first drive ended with a fumble that the Wildcats recovered at McNary's own 24-yard line. Within a handful of plays, Westview found the end zone and went up 7-0.

The Celtics pounded back up the field on the ground with Van Cleave and Sparks sharing running duties. Sparks ended the drive on a 32-yard touchdown run and Van Cleave ran in the two-point conversion to take an 8-7 lead. It was, unfortunately, the last time McNary would have control of the game and it didn't last long.

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Lady Celts 2-0 on pitch

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After a later start than many of their peers on other teams, the McNary High School girls varsity soccer team has a record of 2-0.

The Lady Celts took their first win, 5-0, off Benson High School Tuesday, Sept. 8, and notched the second Thursday, Sept. 10 in a home game vs. the Dallas High School Dragons. McNary beat Dallas 3-1 in a game that saw the team debut a new formation designed for "controlling the midfield and creating consistent scoring opportunities," said AJ Nash, McNary head coach.

"Our goalie (Syndey Snapp) helped us a lot by telling us where to be from the back and the whole team did Cadland's goal was a double a good job of communicating," said Gina Manguia, a McNary freshman.

Dallas took a 1-0 lead before the half, but McNary had numerous shots on goal that went just wide of the mark.

In the second half, Michaela Sanchez slotted a onetouch shot in the lower left corner in the 55th minute to level up the game, assisted by Kolbie Kopp. Eight minutes later, Munguia released Janie Jarmin on a breakaway with a pass up the middle that Jarmin finished with good technique.

In the 76th minute, Jenna Candland powered a shot from outside the box into the left side of the goal to give the Celtics some breathing room. assist on a short corner from Kelli Miller and Jarmin.

"Passing is our big thing right now. We have to be able to move and give good passes," said Jarmin. "We've had some good runs, but they've mostly been straight ahead. We need to work on coming from the outside in."

She added that the Dragons left a lot of open room on the field and it played into the Celtics strengths.

Manguia said the Dallas game was a large step up from the game with Benson even though the Celtics scored more frequently in the prior game.

"When we played the Dragons, we went up to their level," she said.



Webb ran into trouble in the fifth, with Alex Olmeda doubling to right, reaching third on a fielder's choice and scoring on Sergio Alcantara's single to center. Alcantara went to second on an outfield throw and scored as Swanson singled to right.

Webb left the game after five innings, having allowed five hits but striking out six with no walks. Cory Taylor, who started the sixth, lasted only two-thirds of an inning. Trevor Mitsui, who led off, struck out but reached first on a wild pitch. He advanced to second and third on singles by Luis Veras and Olmeda and scored during a double play. Veras went to third on the double play and scored on a wild pitch. After Taylor walked the next two batters, Heath Slatton replaced him and retired the next batter.

In the seventh and eighth innings, Hillsboro went through Taylor Clarke and Alex Young on the mound, and Salem-Keizer replaced Slatton with Caleb Smith.

After the two-run top of the ninth, Ryan Halstead relieved Smith. Swanson walked, went to third on a double by Grant Heyman and scored on an infield single by Mitsui.

Brody Greer pitched the 10th, 11th and 12th innings for the Hops, and Breckin Williams pitched the 13th to get the victory. Nathanael Santiago, the losing pitcher, took the mound in the 11th.

In the Hillsboro 13th, Nate Robertson reached first and second on a throwing error by Dobson at third base. He went to third on an error by second baseman Junior Amion and scored as Swanson singled to center.