

Lady Celts improve to 3-1



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Lady Celt Abigail Hawley chases down a ball in the game with Newberg High School Thursday, Sept. 17.

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For proof of just how far the McNary High School girls varsity soccer team has come in one short year, look no further than its offensive numbers.

"We've already had 12 players make the stat sheet with a score or an assist and you play 11 on the field. Last year, for the whole season, we only had seven players with a goal or an assist," said AJ Nash, Celtic head coach. "That means we have a very unselfish attack with the entire team engaged on every possession."

The Lady Celts improved their record to 3-1 last week with a 5-0 win over Central High School and a 2-0 loss to Newberg High School.

In the Central game Tuesday, Sept. 15, the Celts had expected to be leading the game by halftime, but the teams went to the sidelines 0-0.

"We talked during halftime and then came back and got three goals right away in the first 10 minutes," said Kolbie Kopp, a McNary junior. "We had underestimated them in the first half."

Scorers were Michaela Sanchez, Kopp, Natalia Gonzalez, and Jessy Shore, who put away two goals in the game.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, McNary battled with Newberg

High School to a 2-0 defeat, but the team showed vast improvement over a game with the Tigers in 2014.

"Even in the loss there was a lot more passing," said Abigail Smith, a McNary junior. "That was the first team that had a strong offense and they pressured our defense a whole lot."

"I think they were one of the more fit teams that we played and we weren't prepared for that. They had an intensity that we didn't," Kopp added.

While McNary was unable to capitalize on mistakes by Newberg, the parity between the two teams on the field left Nash feeling good about the Celtic prospects this season.

"Even though we lost 2-0, we had equal opportunities against Newberg. Last year, they had 33 shots on goal and this year they only had two. That game could have gone either way this time around," he said.

McNary hosts its first league contest Friday, Sept. 25, with North Salem High School. Smith said the McNary team has a message for the Greater Valley Conference teams this season.

"I want the other teams to know we are a competitor this year and we're not just going to roll over," she said.

Called to serve



Hundreds turned out for Lakepoint Community Church's annual Servefest Sunday, Sept. 20.

Left: Visitors receive balloon sculptures.



Above: Bethany Cabarilla paints the face of Jonah Gandy.



Left: Jessie Burnham works on a new look for Trinity Elmore.



Right: Charlotte Forsman and Joey Barrett check out some of the free clothing made available during the event.

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Defensive line coach and former Celtic center Todd Hatley credited Brent Preston with some nice play on the defensive line.

Offensive line coach Geoff White, another McNary alum, praised Jabez Rhoades for his much improved effort this week.

"These kids are tough and will bounce back" said Anagnos. "They improved substantially over the last three weeks and I expect that will continue."

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the game all season long and they have to live up to their own expectations," he said.

McNary plays its first game of Greater Valley Conference competition at North Salem High School Friday, Sept. 25, and Keo was grateful for the time to prepare and regroup before hitting the field again.

"We have four days to train hard and focus on the league games. We have to keep working hard on our passing and touches and keeping possession of the ball," Keo said.

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