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Lady Celt soccer cruises to 5-1

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**
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The McNary High School girls varsity soccer team continued its upward arc with a pair of wins last week.

"It just felt like the vibe was good and everyone was playing off of each other in both games," said Lady Celt Jessy Shore.

Shore scored a hat trick in McNary's Greater Valley conference opener, a 5-1 win over North Salem High School Friday, Sept. 25. Prior to that, the Celtics beat Roosevelt High School 5-0 Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Both Shore and teammate Kayla Evans said developing connections off the field is translating into wins on the pitch.

"I think we're bonding more off the field and it's helping on the field. We used to just pass the ball and leave it out there for someone else to chase, now we have a lot more direction and purpose," Evans said.

Shore added that the change is a welcome one from last season.

"Last year, we were a little disconnected. We used to just

pass each other in the halls during school, but now we stop and talk. We have the whole 'we take care of each other' thing going on," Shore said.

It didn't take the Lady Celts long to show which way the winds were blowing in the game with North Salem.

In the fifth minute, Shore opened the scoring with a shot from outside placed over the keeper. Ten minutes later, Shore put a ball across the goal that was finished in the lower right corner by Evans. In the 19th minute Gina Munguia put a hard shot on frame, forcing a save by the North Salem goalie that was cleaned up and finished in the lower corner by Shore.

In the 27th minute, Lady Celt Abby Smith carried the ball through the midfield with multiple combination passes, and was fouled inside the box resulting in a penalty kick. Smith finished the PK in the lower right hand corner, giving the Celts a 4-0 lead heading into the half.

In the 58th minute North capitalized on a free kick with a driven shot into the upper

left corner of the goal from just outside the box. Shore completed her hat trick in the 68th minute with an unassisted goal in the upper left corner.

In the Roosevelt game, the Lady Celts had a 3-0 lead at the half and extended it to 5-0 by the final siren.

The Lady Celts' meteoric rise already has them on the cusp of ensuring a state play-off appearance, but contributions have come from up and down the roster. Fourteen of the girls have contributed with a goal or an assist in their six games with a record of 5-1, including three shutouts. The Keizer team is posting the toughest defense in the GVC with just four goals allowed and are tied for the best offense alongside West Salem with 23 goals scored.

Evans thinks the team has yet more potential to fulfill as long as they can make some minor tweaks.

"I know I'm always on the field yelling for people to switch. I really think if we just open up our hips and switch the direction of play more we'll be even better," Evans said.



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald
Lady Celt Abby Smith charges up the field in McNary's 5-1 win over North Salem High School Friday, Sept. 25.



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A throng of Celtics gang tackle a McKay High School runner in the game Friday, Sept. 25.

Grizzlies, Vikings block Celtic path

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In the next six days, McNary High School's varsity football team will face two teams looking for their first Greater Valley Conference wins. And the Celtics learned last week how dangerous a position that can be.

On Friday, Sept. 25, McNary lost its first league match to McKay High School 10-7. McKay entered into the contest without a win.

"We had a lot of mental errors on offense, but the atmosphere was crazy with rain and their homecoming crowd, and we weren't really expecting it," said Celt LaCroix Hill.

McNary hosts McMinnville High School Friday, Oct. 2, and the Keizer team is on the hunt for redemption.

"Our focus wasn't there and we underestimated McKay, but I have confidence we'll come back and take the win over McMinnville this week,"

said Shawn Snyder, a McNary senior.

In 2014, McNary beat the Grizzlies with a last-second field goal. McMinnville went on to finish 1-8 for the season and it currently sits in last place in the GVC with a 0-4 record.

The Grizzlies have scored 75 points to their opponents' 137, but last week's 20-17 loss to North Salem High School was its closest yet. McMinnville was also up 17-0 before North rallied for the win.

One of the bright spots for the Celtics last week was its defense. The team ended several McKay drives early and came up with big stops and interceptions in clutch fashion. However, the offense struggled for much of the game. Quarterback Trent Van Cleave completed 5 of 12 for 64 yards in the air and churned out 100 yards on 13 carries. Senior running back Brady Sparks piled up 126 yards on 24 rushes. Sparks also had

three catches for 30 yards on the night.

Celtic senior Hayden Sader said the McNary team needed to focus on the things it could control in the game.

"We have to get more excited about the good things we do on offense and defense. We had several good runs against McKay and we were just quiet on the sidelines," Sader said.

On Oct. 8, McNary travels to meet the Forest Grove High School Vikings in a rare Thursday game.

The Vikings are 1-3 for the season and 0-3 in the GVC. The team's latest 43-33 loss came at the hands of Sprague High School. Forest Grove led the game until a 15-point fourth quarter for the Olys.

"We have to bounce back and have the best week of practice so far," Sader said. "It's coming down to execution, focusing on our assignments and each person doing their job."

Freshmen get decisive win

McNary High School's freshman football team evened their record at 2-2 (2-1 in conference play) with a physical 34-19 win at McKay High School Thursday, Sept. 24.

Led by a rushing attack that amassed 431 yards and some stingy defense, the young Celts came away with an impressive victory.

"After losing many key players to injuries or sickness, I'm real proud of the way the kids came together to play well and get a road win," said Ted Anagnos, head coach of the freshman team.

McNary's Anthony Telez started the night off in a positive way with the recovery of an onside kick on the opening kickoff and the Celtics' offense took over.

The Celts drove 43 yards that ended with a Chantz Revis three-yard touchdown run and

two-point conversion to give McNary an 8-0 lead. After holding McKay on their first possession, Clay Mary ran 55 yards for a touchdown. The conversion attempt failed and McNary led 14-0.

On McKay's next possession Celtic defensive end Brent Preston recovered a fumble that led to a Revis five-yard run and conversion, extending the McNary lead to 22-0.

McNary responded with a 65-yard touchdown run, and the first period ended with a score of 22-7. Mary added a one-yard touchdown run in the second quarter to give the Celts a 28-7 lead at halftime.

McKay opened the third quarter with another

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— Ted Anagnos
Freshman head coach

Netters survive Oly test

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The McNary High School varsity volleyball team had its mettle tested in a four-set match with Sprague High School Thursday, Sept. 24.

After taking a 25-11 win in the contest's first set, the Lady Celts dropped a close second set 23-25. The Keizer team rebounded to obliterate the Olys 25-9 in the third set, but then the wheels came off in the fourth.

McNary was down 19-8 before staging an epic rally to win the set and match with a score of 27-25.

"The girls played together the entire match and game four showed what we can do," said Kellie Scholl, McNary head coach. "Kaelie Flores had a great night and kept the team together, especially in our fourth set. Vanessa Hayes played great again and Kylie Gilmour had a great defensive night."

Scholl also credited Madi Hingston with superb passing and Sam Van Voorhis with great delivery to the outside hitters.

Hayes had a blistering 24 kills in the match and five aces.

McNary junior Sydney Hunter said the team's re-



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald
McNary's Reina Strand tips the ball in the game with North Salem High School.

bound over Sprague was the result of the team recommitting to their goals in the wake of a loss to West Albany High School.

"It translates into us all stepping up and doing our part and playing for each other," Hunter said. "We have a tendency to fall down when someone makes a mistake when what we need to do is turn the page."

Senior Madie Cloyd said the match was also something of a wake-up call.

"I think we need to realize

that we can't just go out on the court and expect to blow through the other teams. The other teams in the Greater Valley Conference are good and every one of them has a chance. Sometimes we get caught up in thinking they're a team that we beat last year and they should be no problem," Cloyd said.

Prior to the Sprague match, the girls beat the North Salem High School Vikings in three sets. After setting the tone with an opening 25-14 set

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