

Dogs leash Celts on pitch



Lady Celt Kayla Evans passes the ball to a teammate in McNary's game with McKay High School Tuesday, Oct. 6. The Celtics won 4-1, rebounding from a loss to West Albany. KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald



McNary's Chantz Revis finds a gap and heads up field in the game with McMinnville High School Thursday, Oct. 1. KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald

Freshmen play well despite loss

In a hard fought battle Thursday, Oct. 1, McNary's freshman football squad came up on the short end of a 25-14 score against McMinnville High School at Flesher Field.

"These kids continue to play the game hard like they are supposed to," said Ted Anagnos, Celtic head coach. "We have lost six two-way starters and we keep battling hard. I'm real proud of these guys."

McNary started the scoring in the first quarter with a three-yard touchdown run by Boston Smith. Smith added a two point conversion and the Celtics led 8-0.

McMinnville responded with a 33-yard passing touchdown and, when Clay Mary blocked the conversion kick, the score was 8-6 in favor of the Keizer team.

In the second quarter, McMinnville drove to the McNary one-yard line, but Celt Collin Penner recovered a fumble ending the opportunity.

In what Anagnos tabbed "the most impressive drive of the season so far," the Celtics drove 99 yards, culminating with a 33-yard David Allen touchdown pass to Griffin Oliveira for a 14-6 McNary lead.

After a McMinnville one-yard touchdown run, the half-

time score had McNary leading 14-12.

After a scoreless third period, the Grizzlies scored on two fourth quarter touchdown runs of five and 25 yards. The Grizzlies added a conversion kick following the second score for the final tally.

Running back coach Jason Ebbs complimented Chantz Revis for his 155 rushing yards on 30 carries.

"He was our workhorse after Mary went out with a head injury in the second quarter," said Ebbs.

Jacob Fritz added 55 yards on seven carries and was complimented by his coach Brian Aicher. Aicher, who also coaches linebackers on defense, complemented linebacker Bo Working for his team-leading 13 tackles.

Robert Benson added seven tackles with Oliveira, Darien Bencich and Devyn Schurr notching four each.

Revis, Nigel Harris, Ty Covalt, Brent Preston and Will Krause had three tackles each.

McNary drops to 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the Greater Valley Conference.

In a fifth quarter game, Schurr threw for an 18-yard touchdown pass to Francisco Orta for the only score of the game.

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

The McNary High School girls varsity soccer team lost its first Greater Valley Conference game to West Albany High School Friday, Oct. 2.

The 5-1 loss puts the girls at 1-0-1 in the GVC and 6-1-1 overall.

"We had good opportunities in the game, but a few things just didn't go our way," said AJ Nash, McNary head coach. "The good thing was that we never lost confidence."

One of the things that didn't quite pan out as expected was the field surface. Due to construction on the Bulldog turf field, the game was held on a secondary grass field. It was the first game for the girls on grass this season.

"That was different for us, but they were also a good team," said McNary goalkeeper Sydney Snapp.

McNary was first to the board on a header goal by Natalia Gonzalez off a free kick by Kelli Miller, but the Bull-

dogs finished off a pair of awkward bounces before the half to make the score 2-1.

After some even play in the second half, West Albany caught another break after a foul wasn't called and led to a 3-1 lead.

At that point, Nash put in a more aggressive offensive line-up which led to shots that hit the crossbar and post, but didn't yield the needed goals.

"We had really good pushing up of the midfield. I also think our defenders held their ground pretty well," Snapp said.

Despite the loss, both Nash

and Snapp said the team was prepared for whatever came next, and the pair had their sights set on McKay High School in a game Tuesday, Oct. 6.

"I think we're going to be pretty aggressive with them," Snapp said.

Snapp wasn't far from the mark; the Keizer team took a 4-1 victory. In the sixth minute of the McKay game, Kayla Evans placed a driven shot into the left corner from outside the box with an assist from Katy Wyatt.

McKay evened up the game a minute later with its own

goal coming from a McKay corner. McNary controlled the midfield and kept knocking on the door of another goal until Jessy Shore connected in the 38th minute with a rebound shot into the upper left corner, taking the Celtics into half with a one goal lead.

In the second half, Miller scored in the 45th minute on an indirect free kick from 25 yards out bending a ball into the lower right corner and assisted by Kayla Evans. The final goal of the match came in the 75th minute with a header goal by Michaela Sanchez off a corner kick by Miller.

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