



Hoop stars

Sophie Schurr of Gubser Elementary School and Ryan Lyda of Clear Lake Elementary School both took first place in the Keizer Elks Hoop Shoot on Dec. 12 for the ages 8-9 category. Both will compete in the district Hoop Shoot in Silverton on Jan. 30.

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Swimmers top Olympians

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The McNary High School girls and boys varsity swimming teams picked up their third consecutive wins at the Kroc Center Thursday, Jan. 14.

The girls pulled out a 102-63 win over Sprague High School and the boys won 109-45.

Georgio Corrieri, an exchange student hailing from Livorno in Tuscany, Italy, had the biggest day of the meet for the boys. He won both the 100 freestyle, in 57.42, and 100 backstroke, in 1:08.74.

"I was kind of stressed, more than usual, but I finished my 100 free and I'd dropped my time by three seconds. It was crazy," said Corrieri. He was also part of the winning 400 free relay.

The wins were, in part, the result of the teams' strategies leading up to their final meets of the season and district competition, said Casey Lewin, McNary head coach.

"We're pushing hard right now, doing a lot of yardage and more intense swims, but we'll be tapering off to get ready for district and focus on technique over the next week



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Celt Brock Wyer swims in a freestyle relay two weeks ago. Wyer was the lead-off swimmer in the winning medley relay team vs. Sprague.

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"I thought we ran our defense well and we just started working on our trap. We were able to get a lot of steals off of that. It contributed to a lot of good plays and breakaways," Downer said.

After only 10 days on the court with a new look, the

team looked as though they'd been running it all year, Handley added.

"We haven't been zoned in a while either so this game was a good opportunity for us to work on our post moves and pinning defenders. What we've been working on in practice is directly translating into what we've experienced in games," Handley said.

While the week left little doubt regarding the team's abilities, Hingston said there was still room to grow.

"I want to see us value every possession and play even more tenacious on defense," she said.

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