

# Hoop Swimmers top Olympians 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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Handley added.

team looked as though they'd

been running it all year,

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

doubt regarding the team's

abilities, Hingston said there

"I want to see us value ev-

ery possession and play even

more tenacious on defense,"

While the week left little

in games," Handley said.

was still room to grow.

she said.

"We haven't been zoned

# GIRLS,

"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



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#### By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

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.

or so," Lewin said.

In addition to Corrieri, Lewin singled out junior Jake Wyer as a swimmer on the cusp of doing big things for the Celtic boys.

Senior Evan Alger, who had a part in the winning the 200 medley and 200 free relay teams at the Sprague meet, said he's hoping that the 200 free team makes it to state this

"It's been two years since we had that chance and I want to go again," Alger said. "Times are a lot better this year, but coming together as a team is still a big thing for us. We have a lot of younger swimmers and we need to work on encouraging each other in meets."

In other boys' events, Celtic

winners were: Brock Wyer, Parker Dean, Jake Wyer and Alger in the 200 medley relay in 2:01.15; Grant Biondi in the 200 freestyle in 2:06.00; J. Wyer in the 50 free in 25.33; Alger, Biondi, Harrison Vaughn and J. Wyer in the 200 free relay in 1:42.66; Vaughn in the 100 breaststroke in 1:12.68; and Vaughn, Isaiah Holt, Corrieri and Biondi in the 400 free relay in 3:58.35.

Lady Celt race winners were: Abby McCoy, Kiana Briones, Sarah Eckert and Emily Alger in the 200 medley relay in 2:10.07; Marissa Kuch in the 200 free in 2:01.28; Kuch in the 50 free in 25.35; Bailey White in the 100 butterfly in 1:14.91; Eckert, Briones, Alger and Kuch in the 200 free relay in 1:47.35; Lizzie Bryant in the 100 backstroke in 1:11.31; and McCoy, Haley Debban, Samantha Williams and Kuch in 400 free relay in 4:09.83.

Team bonding has helped the girls push forward, said Williams.

"Just getting to know people in your lane makes a difference. It makes it more fun for everybody," she said. "We've all really been practicing on the events we know we're good at, but also trying a lot of other events and that's lifted us up."

Williams is shooting for a new personal record in the 100 butterfly by the end of the season. She's clocking in around 1:12 currently.

Lewin said Kylie McCarty and White are two of the girls he is expecting big things from not only in the coming weeks, but the coming years.

"Kylie is really putting up a lot of good times swimming everywhere for us this season. Bailey has had some awesome butterfly swims and she's got a lot of potential to be a big contributor for us," Lewin

McCarty is a freshman and White is a sophomore.

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