



Celt catcher Haley Ebner checks a runner at second base after a late throw narrowly missed an out at home plate in the game with Forest Grove High School Friday, April 15.



Submitted
Celt Brayden Ebbs at the USA Wrestling Folkstyle National Tournament.

Ebbs earns All-American honors

McNary High School sophomore Brayden Ebbs earned All-American honors after competing at the USA Wrestling Folkstyle National Tournament in Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 1 through 3.

There were more than 2,800 total participants at the event and 31 in Ebbs' weight class. This was Ebbs' third trip to this tournament and it is the first time he was able to place. Last year, he was one match away from placing and finished in the final 10. This year, he earned an eighth place finish with a 4-3 record.

Eighth place earns him All-American status in the cadet age group (14- and 15-year-old wrestlers). Earlier this year, he won the cadet-aged State Championship held in Salem. In years past, Ebbs has received All-American status in freestyle (second and third place finishes), and Greco (with two third place finishes). This is the first time he was able to stand on the podium in the Folkstyle tournament. Ebbs is the first Celtic All-American wrestler since Sean Santana earned the honor in 2003.

Lady Celts right ship with two wins

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

The first round robin of the Greater Valley Conference softball season wraps up this week.

Barring major upsets, the McNary High School Lady Celts will travel to meet Sprague High School for third place in the conference Friday, April 22.

"We have four games this week, with Sprague being the last of those. We have three games in a row, and then a day off before Sprague. Hopefully that will give us a day to rest and get rejuvenated before Friday's game. We just need to go in and play our game, hit and limit the errors, and we will be just fine," said Kevin Wise, McNary head coach.

While the Celts survived the buzzsaw of their early schedule, the Olys also had to overcome a game with second place West Albany High School Wednesday past press time. The Bulldogs have only lost one game so far this season.

The Celts improved their

record to 3-2 in the GVC with wins over Forest Grove and McKay high schools.

On Friday, April 15, McNary beat the Vikings 4-1 at home. Forest Grove notched a run in the top of the third, but the Lady Celts tied the game 1-1 in the fourth on a RBI by Nicole Duran. Nadia Witt blasted a RBI-triple in the fifth inning to break the tie and the Celts added two runs in the sixth for the final.

McNary finished a game with McKay High School Monday, April 18. The teams only made it through an inning and a half last week before rain prompted the game to be rescheduled for its conclusion. The Celts entered into the remainder of the game Monday with a 12-0 lead and the Scots mustered only one hit. McNary took the win 24-0 in five innings.

Witt went 3-for-3 at the plate with a home run, a triple and a single.

Wise said the team is beginning to adapt to new roles on



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McNary's Kinsey McNaught fields a grounder that got past the infield.

the field after a wide-ranging laundry list of injuries set the team on its heels in the pre-season.

"The thing that I like is we have players who are unselfish and are willing to fill holes where we need them," he said. "Haley Ebner has been key for us at the catcher position. We struggled there at the start of the season, and since she has taken this on, things have improved greatly. Faith Danner

has been great on the mound, and is very mature for a freshman. Our hitting has been great so far with Hannah Carr and Nadia Witt leading the team."

With half the GVC season still ahead, Wise still sees an opportunity for the team to finish strong.

Celt basketball plans alumni tournament

The McNary High School boys basketball team will be hosting an Alumni Tournament May 14 and 15 for all former Celtic varsity basketball players.

"The program would like to bring back and honor all former players and coaches for an awesome weekend of basket-

ball," said Ryan Kirch, McNary boys basketball head coach.

Kirch is hoping to draw in players from as far back as the 1970s and 1980s to play in the tourney.

If you are interested in playing, please contact the program at mcnaryalumni@gmail.com for more information.

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By Charles Preston

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