Boys notch first win in dual meet

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

The McNary High School boys varsity track and field team got its first dual meet win of the season over the South Salem High School Saxons Wednesday, April 20.

The boys won their side of the meet 78-68, while the Lady Celts fell 77-67 to South Salem.

'We all came out here to get better and it's reaching the point in the season where that is happening," said Mc-Nary's Brendan Van Voorhis.

Van Voorhis won the 200 meter in 22.55 seconds and the 400 meter in 50.35 seconds. He also anchored the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.

While he's still a junior, Van Voorhis has his sights set on college scholarships in track and field.

"I still need to drop some times to get colleges' attention, but my big goal for this season is run sub-48 seconds in the 400," he said.

His personal record is 49.27. He set it as a sophomore and matched it again two weeks ago.

Other Celtic event winners for the boys were: Anthony Nguyen in the 100 meter in 11.53; Austin Brown, Levi Timmons, Nguyen and Van Voorhis in the 4x100 relay in 43.86; Brown, Nguyen,

Tyler Stull and Van Voorhis in the 4x400 relay in 3:44.92; Bohdan Bohdanrahm in the discus with a mark of 118-11: and Jacob Cremer in the pole vault clearing 10-09.

On the girls' side of the meet, McNary had a more even spilt of wins in running vs. throwing and jumping events.

"We've all been trying really hard in practice, and we all have big goals in mind," said Angie Martushev, who took second in the pole vault behind teammate, and fellow junior, Alyssa Looney. Both Celtic ladies cleared 8-00, but Looney had fewer attempts.

Martushev said she still wants to set a new personal record by the end of the season

"My best right now is 8-6, but I'm shooting for 9-0 or even 9-6," she said.

Senior River Harri won the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.98. Harri is closing in on a two-second drop from her time at the beginning of the season and has steadily been improving in dual meets. After two third place finishes to start the season, Harri took second in one race and finished first in the team's two most recent

"I'm hoping to break 17 seconds by the end of the sea-



son," Harri said. "But mostly I just want to make my coach (Ken Scott) proud, I probably wouldn't still be doing this if it wasn't for him."

While the team has shown improvement each week, Harri said, there's still room to grow.

"It's really time for us to come together as a team and keep cheering each other on," she said.

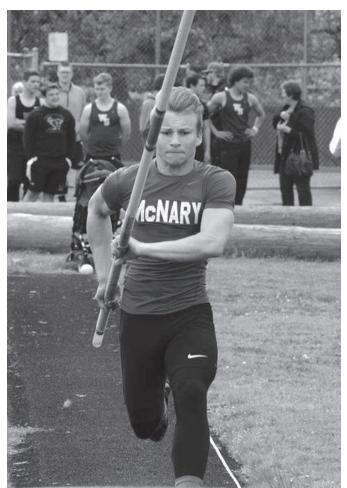
Other event winners for the Lady Celts were: Brooke Burrows in the 400 meter in 1:06.09; Danielle Duran in the 300 hurdles in 47.28; Samantha Strout in the shot put with a mark of 36-09; and Cambrian Partridge in the discus with a throw of 98-00.

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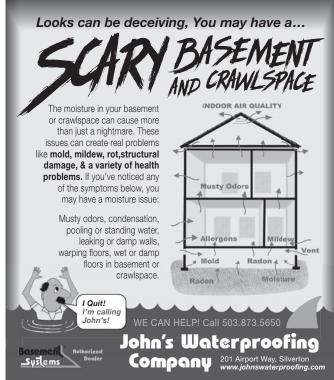
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