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Duran, who focused on sprints in the early season, put up the third best time in the state in the 300 hurdles after running it for only the second time in competition. She's got the top time in the GVC by more than a second.

Partridge set out to break 100 feet in the discus when the season began and achieved that with a personal record of 102-8 about three weeks ago. She's close to cracking the top three marks in the GVC.

In the boys' events, Gauntz said Brendan Van Voorhis, Anthony Nguyen and AJ Johnk have shots at making it to state.

"Brendan is peaking right when he needs to be. Anthony is coming off ACL surgery from last year, but he's almost to where he was before the surgery. AJ is also coming back from ACL surgery, but he's running a bit better than he was before he got injured," Gauntz said.

Van Voorhis has the GVC's top times in the 200 and 400 meter races and ran the 100 in 10.97 at the Nike/Jesuit Twilight Relays Friday, April 29, which is the third best time in the conference in that race.

Nguyen is sitting in the



Alyssa Looney takes flight in the pole vault April 27.

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middle of the top 10 in the 100 meter, and his times have been dropping all season.

Both the boys and girls relay

teams are hovering close to the top times in the conference. Gauntz said that going to make those races exciting.

"If we run well, we might have a good opportunity to go to state, but we have to run well, and even then it's going to be a challenge," he said.

The McMinnville Grizzlies brought a stacked roster to the dual meet last week and took team wins over McNary. The Grizzly boys won 109-36. The McMinnville girls won 101-43.

Event winners for McNary were: Van Voorhis in the 100 in 11 seconds; Austin Brown in the 400 in 50.92 seconds; Brown, Levi Timmons, Nguyen and Van Voorhis in the 4x100 relay in 43.39; Courtney Geissinger in the girls' 100 in 13.19 seconds, and the 200 in 27.70 seconds; Brooke Burrows in the 1,500 meter in 5:30; Duran in the 300 hurdles in 46.50 seconds; and Burrows, Kailey Doult, Duran and Daumanique Rodriguez in the 4x400 relay in 4:23.40.

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"We might decide to make it a fundraiser in a few years depending on the success, but our goal is to simply foster the community around McNary basketball," he said. "We've been very lucky to build some excitement around the

program in the past four or five years and, I hope, this becomes a way to grow our fanbase."

Current Celtics will be running time clocks and acting as hosts for the tournament, but Kirch is hoping the exposure to players that have come before them has an impact beyond the court.

"We want the guys on our roster now to see where they can be in 10, 15 or 20 years. This is a way to put everyone in the same room," he said.

# BASEBALL,

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Aguilar took the first pitch and scored Van Cleave to end the game.

"It was a line drive to the right-center gap. I wasn't trying to do too much with it," Aguilar said.

Keeker said Aguilar has been working hard at the plate all season and it was nice to see it pay off in a big way for him.

Earlier in the week, the Celts beat North Salem High School 7-0 and lost to the West Salem High School Titans 11-3.

"We knew that the West Salem game would be a tough one for us, but coming out of the week with two wins was our goal and we felt good

about that," Keeker said.

The Titans already had a 4-0 lead by the time McNary made it to the board in the fourth inning. Aguilar scored on a ground out by Ismay. In the fifth inn Van Cleave scored on a throwing error, but West Salem unloaded for six runs in the bottom of the frame. In the sixth, Brendan Frizelle scored on a ground out by Trevor Gilbert.

The Celts are still striking out too frequently, but Aguilar said there wasn't a single cause.

"It's a little bit of everything, for some of us it's the fundamentals of our swing, for others it's seeing too many pitches or being too timid," he said.

The Celts spread out their runs in the game with North Salem High School, a four-run sixth was the best of them. T. Gilbert hit a bases-load

triple scoring Aguilar, Frizelle and Ismay, and then scored on a ground out by Van Cleave.

The Celts traveled to meet McKay High School Tuesday, May 3, and had a rematch with Forest Grove at home Friday, May 6.

Keeker said the pressure was on for the rest of the season.

"We have games with South Salem, McMinnville and Sprague after this week and those are games we'll need to win to have a shot at the fourth playoff spot," Keeker said.

Aguilar said the team is working on its entire approach to the remainder of the season.

"We've been tentative as to how well we're going to try to play. Now we're trying to be more aggressive and have a more killer mentality," Aguilar said.



# Game, set, match

McNary's Carlos Ramos attacks the ball in a match earlier this season. The boys varsity tennis team had only one match last week and the West Albany High School Bulldogs blanked the Celtics 8-0.

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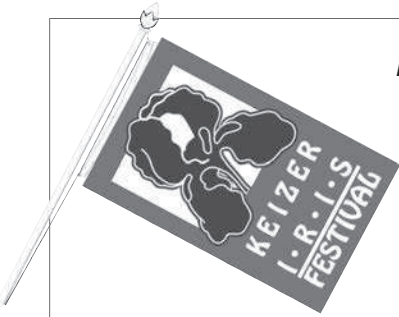
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