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Celt River Harri sails over a hurdle in McNary's meet with North Salem Wednesday, May 4.

Tide turns for MHS baseball

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With the regular season drawing to a close, the McNary High School varsity baseball team is peaking at the right time.

"It seems like everything was going right last week," said Celt Collin Young. "Our hitting has been really nice lately and we've been teeing off on pitchers when we need to. We've also kept the ball on the ground a lot better."

The Celtics won games against McKay High School, 12-5, and Forest Grove High School, 11-3. McNary has lost only one of its last six games, and the loss was at the hands of the Greater Valley Conference-leading West Salem High School.

"Baseball is a game of tides, and it's good we're hitting our tide near the playoffs," said Matthew Ismay, a Celtic junior.

The recent success has the team fighting for high stakes in its final three games of the season with South Salem, McMinnville and Sprague high schools.

The Saxons (8-6) were one game ahead of McNary (7-6); the Grizzlies (8-5) have lost their last three games; and Sprague (7-6) is coming off a big win over West Salem.

"We've got to win a game or two to put us in position for

a playoff berth. If we win two, we'll probably be in good position but, if we win one, it's going to depend on which team we beat," said Larry Keeker, McNary head coach. "If everything goes our way, there's even a chance we end up as high as second place in the conference."

"I think we're just keeping it simple this week," Young said. "We have to put the ball in play like we have been and score runs behind all our pitchers."

In McNary's 12-5 win over McKay, hot bats led to a 7-1 Celtic lead by the fourth inning when the Keizer team put five runs across the plate.

Matt Aguilar and Brendan Frizelle started things off by stringing together a pair of singles. Ismay hit a double to score Aguilar; Frizelle scored on a ground out by Young; Trent Van Cleave hit an RBI-single scoring Ismay; Van Cleave scored on an error and Daniel Johnson scored on a wild pitch.

Evan Alger pitched four innings allowing three hits and just one run. Carl Rumbaugh closed out things on the mound.

Another blistering start helped McNary take the 11-3 win over Forest Grove.

The Vikings had a 2-0 lead after half an inning, but the Celtics scored five runs in the

Fundraiser Saturday

The McNary High School baseball program will be hosting a fundraiser at Applebee's, 2625 Liberty Street N.E., in Salem, Saturday, May 14.

The Celtics will help serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast between 7:30 and 10 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person.

bottom of the frame to take the lead and never look back.

The early lead proved helpful as McNary's workhorse pitcher, Josiah Gilbert, experienced one of his more frustrating days on the mound. Gilbert had to be pulled in the fourth inning due to pitch count.

"Carl came in and pitched the last three innings throwing strikes and forcing them to swing the bat and put the ball in play," Keeker said.

After hitting several speed bumps in the early season, Ismay said the team is finally coming into its own.

"At the beginning of the season we had a lot of games where we just weren't scoring enough to win no matter how good our pitching was," Ismay said. "We've tried being aggressive the whole year and it worked in fits and starts, but we're finally starting to hit our stride."

Vikings sink Celts in dual meet

The McNary High School varsity track and field teams took losses to North Salem High School in the teams' dual meet Wednesday, May 4.

The Celtics won a number of events, but the Vikings racked up points by dominating in the events that they won.

For the McNary girls, event winners were: Courtney Giessinger in the 100 meter in 13.27; Brooke Burrows in the 800 meter in 2:29.79; Alyssa Looney, Giessinger, Daumanique Rodriguez and Dani Duran in the 4x100 relay in 51.55; Burrows, Kailey Douth, Duran and Rodriguez in the 4x400 relay in 4:26.82; Cambrian Partridge

in the discus with a throw of 101-05; Katy Wyatt in the javelin with a mark of 93-03; Paige Downer in the pole vault clearing 9 feet; and Rodriguez in the long jump with a mark of 14-11.

In boys events, Celtic winners were: Anthony Nguyen in the 100 meter in 11.45; Austin Brown in the 200 meter in 22.91; Brown, Levi Timmons, Nguyen and Brendan Van Voorhis in the 4x100 meter in 43.66; Brown, Nguyen, Timmons and Van Voorhis in the 4x400 meter in 3:49.37; Colden Garro in the shot put with a mark of 43 feet; Victor Zavala-Regalado in the javelin with a hurl of 138-05; and Timmons in the long jump with a mark of 18-08.

Childress earns 4 seed at GVC meet

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The McNary High School tennis teams were slated to begin the Greater Valley Conference district meet Friday, May 13, and one Lady Celt was poised to make her second appearance in the state tournament if things go well.

Celt sophomore Hannah Childress finished the regular season with a record of 10-3 in the No. 1 singles slot and garnered a fourth place seeding headed into the tournament.

"If she holds seed (or im-

proves on it), she will qualify for the state tournament for the second consecutive year," said Garrett Jensen, McNary head coach.

Childress played doubles with her older sister, Sandy, as a freshman and the duo finished fourth in the state. She finished out the league competitions with wins over North Salem High School's Kaitlyn Cranston (6-0, 6-0) and McMinnville High School's Avari Ridgeway (6-1, 6-2) last week.

The girls beat North Salem 6-2 Tuesday, May 3, an im-

provement over their tie with that team in the first round robin.

"Our No. 1 doubles team, Blanca (Tepeque) and Tayler (Rains), played their best match of the season and won convincingly, 6-1, 6-3," Jensen said.

Other Celtic match winners were: Krissy Kelty, 6-4, 6-3; Jannicke Martin, 6-1, 6-0; Mireille Martinez and Maria Munguia-Ortiz, 6-2, 2-6 and 6-3; and Ivon Ortiz and Diana Cervantes, 6-4, 6-3.

Childress was the sole victor in the McMinnville match.

In boys matches, Celts lost to North Salem 5-3 and were swept by McMinnville.

McNary's Alfonso Pacheco rallied from a loss in the second set of his North Salem match to take a win in the third. Set scores were 6-4, 2-6 and 6-3. Johnny Trinh and Mats Schiefer took a win at No. 1 doubles with set scores of 6-2 and 6-1. Pablo Barrera and Izayah Hall got a win at No. 3 doubles with set scores of 6-3 and 6-1.



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald
McNary's Blanca Tepeque returns a serve in competition last week.

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It was McNary's game to lose after the first inning. The Lady Celts piled up seven runs on a two-RBI triple by Witt, a RBI-single by Kinler and a pair of two-RBI singles

by Duran and McNaught. The Celtics scored one run in each of the innings leading up to the sixth and then unloaded for four more to clinch the 15-3 win after six innings.

Danner pitched the complete game allowing five hits, three runs and retiring three batters.

McNary faced South Salem, McMinnville and Sprague high schools in the final games of the Greater Valley Conference this week. The Grizzlies (8-5) were a game behind the Celts (9-4), making it likely the most important game.

"We don't want to go into the games scared and thinking about all the pressure, we need to stay positive and play the game we love," Kinler said.

The Lady Celts were in third place in the GVC as the week began.

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In 2015, the Wildcats lost only one game, their first of the season, and that was a big draw, Van Cleave said.

"They have a winning mentality, a good culture and a good group of guys. It will be fun to be part of a winning program," he said.

Van Cleave is planning to study psychology with hopes of becoming a police officer or teacher and coach.

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By Charles Preston

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