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Ismay had the best day at the dish going 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI.

McNary managed only four hits in an 11-0 loss to McMinnville High School Wednesday, May 11.

"McMinnville's pitcher is probably the best in the league, but that doesn't excuse us from having at least marginal at bats," said Larry Keeker, McNary head coach.

Two days later, the Celtics finally got their offense moving to start the game, but the Sprague Olympians were there to meet them at seemingly every turn in a 12-11 loss.

Sprague had a one-run lead after the first inning, but McNary unloaded for five in the top of the second inning. Sprague closed the gap to 5-4 in the bottom of the frame and took the final lead with a five-run third.

Gilbert led the team at the dish going 3-for-4 with a run scored and a RBI. Ismay went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a RBI. Collin Young, Matthew Koopman and Gordon had two RBIs each.

"It felt like a week where



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Celt Brendan Frizelle pops up a ball to the outfield in the game with McMinnville High School Wednesday, May 11.

we had the potential to beat all three teams, but every little thing went wrong," said Celt Isaiah Holt. "We kept fight-

ing, and there were things we could have controlled and done better, but some of them were just out of our hands."

## CELTIS: Disappointing pair of games to close season

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Kevin Wise, McNary head coach. "These girls are a good team, but they're not a team that can turn it on or off whenever they want. They have to put the gas pedal down the entire time."

The Lady Celts paired their runs in the second and fourth innings against the Saxons. In the second, Madisen Oliver scored on a passed ball and Faith Danner hit an RBI-single scoring Hannah Carr. In the fourth, Sabella Alfaro hit a two-RBI single.

While the win went to McNary, it took a toll in other ways. Carr, the team's second baseman, was injured badly enough that she would sit out the team's final game three days later.

In the game with McMinnville, McNary outhit the Grizzlies 15-11, but stranded nine runners on base en route to the 5-3 loss. Carr went 4-for-4, Emma Kinler went 3-for-3 at the dish with a run scored; Oliver slapped a double and Witt hit a triple before stealing home in the game.

Carr's absence in the game with Sprague

weighed heavily. With players in different positions to fill the gap, McNary piled up seven errors.

"We were full of injuries by the end of the week. We hit well, but we weren't there to back each other up like we have been," Oliver said.

The Celts never relinquished a 2-1 lead after the first inning and the Celts left 10 runners on base. With no outs in the seventh inning, McNary had already scored two runs and had bases loaded, but a double play and fly out ended the rally.

Senior Kinsey McNaught led the Celtics at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

The Celts had two non-conference games planned before the first round of the playoffs. Witt and Oliver were both ready to focus on the future.

"At this point, none of those games last week even matter so we need to keep moving forward," Oliver said.

"We know we need to take every game seriously because if we lose, we're done," Witt added.

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While winning the title was a source of pride, Van Voorhis said he hoped for a ripple effect.

"Kyle Torres (a McNary

alum) inspired me to train hard when I was running with him, and I really just hope I can motivate the younger athletes to do the same thing," he said.

Van Voorhis was also part of a 4x100 relay team - with Austin Brown, Levi Timmons and Anthony Nguyen - that took

gold with a time of 42.78 seconds.

"That was great because we'd been losing to West Salem (High School) the entire season, but we beat them when it counted," Van Voorhis said.

Nguyen said the team members knew they had the speed to win the title, but it took time to get the hand-offs down.

"When we faced them in the Jesuit Twilight Relays, we thought we would have won if one of the other runners hadn't fallen into our lane," said Nguyen. "It means a lot to us because we've had a lot of teams take that title and it makes a solid statement about our program."

Celt Kailey Doult is headed to the state meet as an alternate in the 800 meter race after taking second at the GVC meet with a time of 2:19.50.

Brown Timmons, Nguyen and Van Voorhis took third in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:28.64, and the girls 4x100 relay team of Alyssa Looney, Courtney Giessinger, Daumonique Rodriguez and Duran took bronze with a time of 50.40 seconds.

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## Booster auction June 4

The McNary High School Athletic Booster Club is celebrating 50 Years of McNary Athletics at its fifth Annual Dinner and Auction Saturday, June 4.

Organizers are looking for help in gathering information on sports highlights for each year in McNary's history. Specifically, they would like to include important information on teams or individuals who did great things in sports during their time at McNary, as well as afterward in college and beyond. Information about former athletes who went on to do great things beyond the courts and field is also welcome.

Any information or photos can be emailed to Rhonda Brattain at [bratt5@aol.com](mailto:bratt5@aol.com), or call her at 503-510-8813. Tickets are available at [www.mcnaryabc.com](http://www.mcnaryabc.com).

  
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