Lady Celts open at home with 5-1 win

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Behind a strong first half, McNary defeated Central 5-1 Tuesday, Sept. 6 in its home opener.

The Lady Celtics scored their first goal seven minutes in when Kateyln Tallon headed in a corner kick from Isabella Heath.

"I was trying to get it to the far post so someone could head it in," Heath said. "This is my first year taking corner kicks and it's going good so far."

Anita Lao then finished a cross from Kayla Evans to give MHS a quick 2-0 lead. Abigail Hawley scored an unassisted goal in the 31st minute.

With eight minutes remaining in the first half, Julie Dieker had the Lady Celts most unique goal of the night, firing a shot off the post, which then hit her face and went past the keeper and into the net.

Central scored the first goal of the second half to get within 4-1 with 35 minutes remaining.

While McNary continued to control possession, the Lady Celtics couldn't finish, hitting the post and kicking the ball directly at the keeper or over the goal.

"We could have finished so many more goals," Heath said.

With just two minutes left to play, Gina Munguia scored the Lady Celtics only goal of the second half on a free kick from about 25 yards out.

"We started well and we came out a little flat in the second half," McNary coach AJ Nash said. "We still have some stuff to work on. We did beat up the post. It was actually just the final touch. We had 10 to 12 clear opportunities to finish in the second half and you saw them go just over the bar or just on the outside. We'll work on finishing but part of that is focus and technique. As a young team, it doesn't surprise me. We can't let those opportunities go to waste."

MHS also defeated Eagle Point 5-1 Thursday, Sept. 1.

"We're working really hard in practice and that's obviously showing," Heath said.

With wins over Woodburn, Eagle Point and now Central, the Lady Celts are 3-0 but Nash knows the season is young.

"We know the quality of teams that we've played, the way they finished last year in the state, was towards the bottom half," he said. "These are games we expected to win. Overall, we've done the job early."

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McNary sophomore Abigail Hawley scored one of the Lady Celts five goals Tuesday, Sept. 6 in a 5-1 victory over visiting Central.

Hunter leads volleyball team over McMinnville

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Sydney Hunter made sure McNary's first road trip was a successful one.

The senior outside hitter had 18 kills to lead the Lady Celts to a 3-0 (25-21, 25-13, 25-20) victory over McMinnville on Thursday, Sept. 1.

"We really passed the ball well in serve receive," McNary coach Bruce Myers said. "We had a really great night passing and then Sydney really hit the ball well. We really played great defense against them. I was really pleased with that."

Valerie Diede had four blocks and four kills for the Lady Celts. Shaylee Williams had five kills, Samantha Van Voorhis had 24 assists and Jaylene Montano added seven digs.

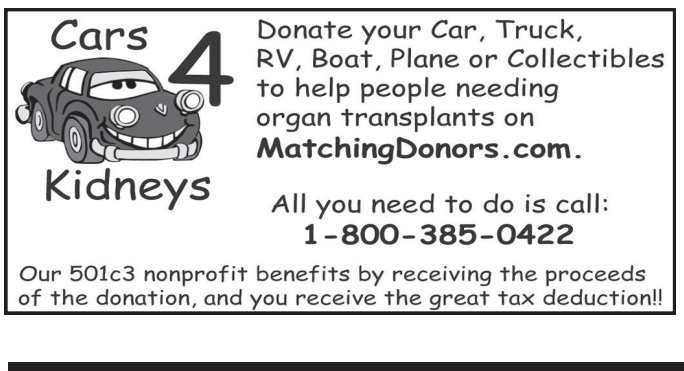
The match was McNary's first tough test after easily defeating McKay to open the season.

Myers liked how the Lady Celts reacted, especially in tight sets one and two.

"I thought we did a really good job during what we call red zone, once you hit inside 20 to 25, I thought we really did, we stayed aggressive and kept pressure on them," he said. "I was very pleased with how the girls responded. It was very good on their part. They didn't get down at any time. Their enthusiasm stayed up. The excitement stayed up and they really stayed positive and communicated extremely well."

McNary wasn't as successful Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Playing at West Salem, the Lady Celts lost to the host Titans 3-0 (14-25, 20-25, 16-25)and South Salem 3-0 (20-25, 17-25, 15-25).



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