

Lady Celts ready to compete for GVC title

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Bruce Myers has led 12 different high school volleyball teams to at least the quarterfinals of the state tournament by taking one day at a time.

Now head coach at McNary, his philosophy will be no different.

"I don't worry about the outcome in November or October," he said. "I'm worried about what we do today. I'm the

old (former Oregon football coach) Chip Kelly philosophy, 'win the day', because the outcome later will take care of itself if we take care of today."

Myers believes the Lady Celts have the talent to compete in the Greater Valley Conference.

"We're going to be highly competitive with everybody we play," he said. "We have pretty much all the pieces. Now let's just put them together. We've got good

defensive players, some exceptional hitters. We've got good setting. Now let's put it all so we can have a good defense. I'm more worried about defense than offense because offense will take care of itself by virtue of good defense."

McNary will be led by senior outside hitters Sydney Hunter and Shaylee Williams as well as senior Jaylene Montano, who Myers called an "extremely solid libero."

"Sydney might be the best athlete

in every gym that we walk into," Myers said. "She doesn't have a lot of volleyball experience because she's a basketball player. But she's an athlete. Wow. I'm glad she's here from August to November. I appreciate that."

Two juniors that will be key to the Lady Celts' success are middle blocker Valerie Diede and setter Sam Van Voorhis.

"She's [Diede] going to be one of the dominating players for us," Myers said.

"She's 6-2 and she's a volleyball player."

While having Van Voorhis back is huge, due to the team's lack of size at the position Myers would like to have two setters on the floor at a time. Senior Katelyn Kolb and sophomore Sofia Zielinski are competing for that second spot.

Two more sophomores Myers said he will depend on are opposite Kara Thomas and middle blocker Caiya Ewert.

Myers added he was pleased with the hard work all of the girls are putting in.



McNary senior Sydney Hunter is one of the best athletes in the Greater Valley Conference.

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