

# Doutt to pace young cross country team



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Head coach Kyle Rose expects the McNary cross country team to surprise some people in 2016.

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Kailey Doutt has led by example the past two years, finishing fifth at the Greater Valley Conference Championships and advancing to the state meet.

Now a junior on the McNary cross country team, Doutt is ready to be more of a vocal leader.

"I want to be a leader for the younger kids this year because I'm one of the more experienced runners so I want to help my teammates get better," Doutt said. "If I can lead team drills before races and gather everyone together to warm up, just push them in practice, encourage them."

Doutt, who ran more than 200 miles "everywhere around Keizer" this summer, hopes to once again finish near the top of the GVC but have a better showing at

state, where she placed 57th as a freshman and 53rd as a sophomore.

"I don't like that course [Lane Community College in Eugene]," Doutt said. "I never do good there. It is a tough course and I feel like I always feel bad. I put a lot of pressure on myself, all the time."

Doutt also wants to break 19 minutes. She was close last year, running 19:13 in the district meet at Bush Park.

"I just need to train hard and push myself in practice and the hard workouts and all the intervals and run with the guys," she said. "They'll make me better. I'm really close."

McNary graduated its top three guys from last season, which leaves juniors Jonas Honeymoon, Noah Egli and Noah Grunberg to carry the load. They'll be

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