McNary swimmers shine at Forest Grove

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McNary's girls swim team opened its season with a 88-76 victory at the Forest Grove Aquatic Center on Thursday, Dec. 1.

Kylie McCarty and Bailey White led the way.

McCarty won the 100yard freestyle in 1:03.05 and placed second in the 200 individual medley in 2:36.27. White won the 50 free in 31.03 and finished second in the 100 fly in 1:22.81.

Hannah Corpe took second in the 200 free in 2:24.21

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"The win part is great. For us, I think we're more concerned with the process of how we get there," Kirch said. "We've got a veteran group here and they'll tell you right now we certainly didn't play to the best of our ability tonight. We didn't defend or rebound nearly the way we wanted to. Defensively wasn't championship level, not playing the scoreboard but playing possession, I didn't think our communication was as good as it could've been and our awareness of who was shooting the ball."

The Celtics open league play Friday, Dec. 9 at West Albany. McNary swept the Bulldogs last season, winning by a combined score of 129-80.

"Watching them on film the other day, they look a little more athletic than they've been in the past," Kirch said. "I anticipate they're going to give us a fight. Any time you go on the road, it's a difficult place to play. The crowd creates a lot of energy. We'll need to come out and control the game from the get-go."



and the 100 breaststroke in 1:29.76. Lizzie Bryant finished second in the 100 back in 1:13.23 and second in the 500 free in 6:41. Haley Debban placed second in the 50 free in 28.23 and third in the 100 free in 1:04.89.

The Lady Celts also racked up points on relays.

Corpe, Debban, Abby Mc-Coy and Emma Garland won the 200 free relay in 1:57.10. McCarty, Kylee Daulton, Emily Alger and Alyssa Garvey finished second in 1:57.46.

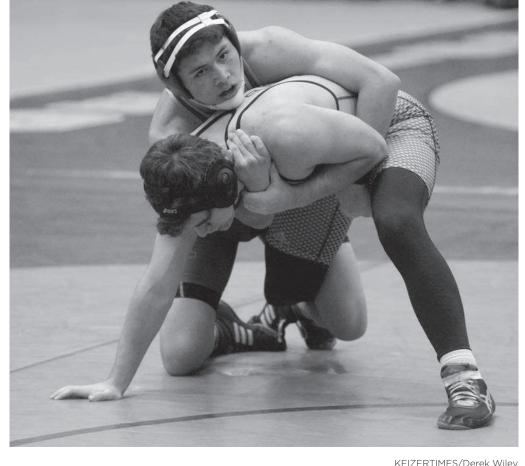
McNary's boys lost to Forest Grove 113-57 but several Celtics had strong performances.

Wyatt Sherwood beat a crowded field in the 50 free to win the event in 26.36. Grant Biondi placed second in the 200 free in 2:03.17 and in the 100 breaststroke in 1:17.21.

Jake and Brock Wyer took second and third in the 100 free in 56.33 and 1:100.10. Jake and Parker Dean finished second and third in the 50 free in 24.77 and 26.27.

Dean, Biondi, Kyle Hooper and Gavin Jaqua won the boys 200 free relay in 1:43.94.





Carlos Vincent, wrestling at 160 and 170 pounds, went 3-0 for McNary on Friday, Dec. 2.

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"He's pretty much a 152-pounder that filled in holes for us," Ebbs said. "Probably his greatest match was the one that he had at 170 pounds against Tigard. Not only was he giving up a bunch of weight but it was a close match. He took a guy that was bigger than him and completely controlled the position and the tempo of the match the whole time and just wrestled a good, quality match without any mistakes, just kept himself in the driver's seat and won a good tough match. That was awesome."

At 145 pounds, Bowen Working won a 14-6 major decision over Milwaukie's Korbyn Amundson and then got a forfeit victory against Tigard.

"He's probably the most intense guy you can find in our high school," Ebbs said. "He's got an engine that only goes at 9,000 RPM so we're really happy to have him around. He's ready to play a big role on our team this year.

Three more McNary wrestlers went 2-1 on Friday-Brayden Ebbs, Wyatt Kessler and Enrique Vincent.

Ebbs, a junior who won the Greater Valley Confer-

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ence title and placed fourth in the state at 138 pounds last season, lost his first match at 152, falling to Milwaukie's Matthew Lee by a 12-5 decision.

"It was a really good match and Brayden made a couple of bad decisions in it," coach Ebbs said. "I think he certainly has the ability to turn that back around but he just made a couple of bad decisions and gave up 10 points by going to his back twice and that's hard to come back from against anybody. He's already practiced getting that shipped righted. He'll be okay by the time it all comes out. He's been around the block before. He's lost matches that he didn't want to lose before. He'll be alright."

Brayden rebounded by winning his next two matches, getting quick pins over Romario Ramirez, of Renegade, and Cole McCallister, of Tigard.

Like Brayden, Enrique Vincent lost his first match, 9-1, to Milwaukie's Bryant Smith but came back to defeat Renegade's Ryan Tran 15-0 and then pin Tigard's Brayan Garcia.

At 160, Kessler won his first two matches, pinning Milwaukie's Logan LaPine and Renegade's Vinny Pedersen. Kessler was then pinned himself by Parker Kuntz, of Tigard.

"He's a good solid wrestler and once is a while he gets caught in a real oddball position and when that happens, it's hard for him to bounce back," Ebbs said. "We're going to work on keeping him in good position and not giving up those back points and getting put in a spot where he ends up getting pinned like that."

As a team, McNary lost to Milwaukie 43-34 to open the tournament. The Celtics then defeated Renegade 40-24 before falling to Tigard 45-30 in the fifth place match.

McNary forfeited three weight classes, 113, 195 and 200, totaling 18 points in each match, choosing to allow inexperience wrestlers to develop in the junior varsity tournament.

"You've got to toss the coin between winning and letting a kid develop and get better," Ebbs said. "We're going to be a really young program this year. There's just no way we're going to be able to get around that. The guys that were upstairs in the JV tournament had a phenomenal evening. We won lots of matches. The kids were excited about the moves they were doing and the matches they were doing. That group of kids came out extremely excited about wrestling."

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