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West Albany kept answering but two baskets by McNary junior Paige Downer kept the Lady Celts on top, 22-21, with less than a minute remaining in the second quarter. However, the Bulldogs scored five points in the final 15 seconds, including a long 3-pointer at the buzzer to lead 26-22 at intermission.

Playing a smaller lineup, McNary, led by Hunter and Kailey Doult, opened the second half on a 10-0 run to go ahead 32-26 with 3:17 remaining in the third quarter.

Smith ended the run with a field goal and added a 3-pointer to get West Albany within 34-30. Hunter then picked up her fourth foul with 1:18 left in the third.

After the Bulldogs got within 34-32, Hawley knocked down another 3-pointer at the 1:02 mark but that was the last field goal the Lady Celts would make.

The Bulldogs opened the fourth quarter on a 12-2 run to take a 45-39 lead with only 2:30 remaining.

After Hunter made two free throws to get McNary within 41-45, Jaylene Montano then forced a West Albany turnover to give the Lady Celts a chance.

However, MHS turned the ball right back over and weren't able to score the rest of the night.

"There's a lot of excuses we can make but ultimately they played harder," Handley said. "Loose balls, they got them,



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
McNary senior Kelsey Koenig fights for possession among a group of West Albany defenders.

we didn't. We didn't rebound very well tonight. We didn't shoot very well tonight. It was a combination of a lot of things. You've got to get them credit."

The Lady Celts were 4-for-21 from behind the 3-point arc.

"We struggled as a team just settling for outside jump shots," Handley said. "We're not a 3-point shooting team. For some reason today we thought we were. We weren't aggressive with the dribble. We didn't attack their zone. We didn't look short corner ever and we had a lot of openings there."

Despite foul trouble, Hunter was able to post a double-double of 14 points and 13 rebounds. Hawley and Doult each had 10 points.

The loss was the first for

McNary, who opened the season 3-0.

"This is one, we're going to show the film, we're going to learn from it," Handley said. "Hopefully, it's the last time we have to show film like this. There's a lot to learn. There's a lot to learn from early games. I wish it wasn't a league game. I wish it wasn't a learning moment in our first league game. This was not quite how we were looking to kick it off this year."

The skid continued at home on Tuesday, Dec. 13 as the Lady Celts lost to Clackamas 63-51 in a non-league game.

Hunter had 14 points and 17 rebounds. Doult had 11 points and seven rebounds. Hawley added 10 points.

McNary hosts Sprague Friday, Dec. 16 at 5:45 p.m.

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Matthew Ismay then scored in the paint to put the Celtics ahead 58-56.

West Albany quickly tied the game once again but a 3-point play by Martin with 3:21 remaining gave McNary the lead for good.

"I'm pretty hyped," said Harvey, who led McNary with 16 points. "We played good as a team. We had a sluggish part but we came back firing. We kept our composure and stayed strong."

The Celtics went 5-for-6 from the free throw line in the final 1:25 to put away the Bulldogs.

Garvey and Goff each finished with 14 points. Ismay added 12 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

"In the long run, I think this was good for us," Kirch said. "The final three minutes is winning time. As terrible as the first 29 minutes were, I thought our mental toughness to be able to finish at the end of the game was a real positive thing. The last couple of years we've lost one game each year that we probably shouldn't have and



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
Chandler Cavell had six points and five assists off the bench in McNary's 70-62 win over West Albany.

the last couple of years that might have been this game. I thought our seniors did a nice job of coming together, leading vocally but also just going out and getting it done."

McNary improved to 2-0 in the GVC on Tuesday, Dec. 13 by dominating North Salem on the road 74-36.

Harvey led the Celtics with 14 points and five rebounds.

Cavell had 14 points and Easton Neitzel added 11.

Martin and Goff each had nine.

The Celtics return home Friday, Dec. 16 to play Sprague at 7:15 p.m.

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Brayden Ebbs, who won the 138-pound Greater Valley Conference title and placed fourth in the state last season,

lost by pin fall to Lane Stigall at 152 pounds.

"The guy that Brayden wrestled has already signed with Division I Missouri," coach Ebbs said. "He's a phenomenal wrestler. They're a great program. They do a good job. Our job right now is maybe not be able to beat them but to get our younger kids up to speed with them so in February we can compete with that team a little better than we did that night."

Celtics also came up short against Cascade, 48-27.

Killian Dato (138), Burrows and Ebbs all got pins. Gatchet won by forfeit.

"For us that tournament was about getting our young kids on the mat," coach Ebbs said. "It worked out well to wrestle a team like North Marion where we got all our returners some solid competitors. They got plenty of tests. They got challenged just fine. Every week we've just got to get tougher and better."

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