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## Celtics finish Classic strong

By **DEREK WILEY**  
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SALEM—McNary suffered its first loss of the season in the Capitol City Classic.

But that doesn't mean the tournament wasn't a success.

After falling to Mater Dei, a Catholic school in southern California, 64-60 on Wednesday, Dec. 21, the Celtics rebounded to defeat Evergreen, Wash. 80-42 on Thursday and then knocked off Thurston 60-46 Friday at Willamette University.

McNary had its chances against Mater Dei, who went on to defeat West Salem 53-50 to win the Capitol City Classic. The Celtics trailed by just one point with two minutes to go.

"It was a hell of a game," McNary head coach Ryan Kirch said. "They are a powerhouse team out of San Diego. Our kids played really, really physical. It was back and forth. They've got multiple college players on their team. I thought our kids played well. We missed a couple free throws. We had one or two turnovers in tough spots. We played toe to toe with them. I told our kids afterwards I was really proud of how hard they played. They didn't back down from anybody. Sometimes you just tip your hat to the opponent and that was the case."

With 14 points and four assists, Matthew Ismay led McNary in the loss. Alex Martin had 10 points, four assists and four rebounds.

"It was a battle," said Cade Goff, who added 13 points, four assists and four rebounds. "I think we responded well and it was a really good test. They're a talented team with a lot of guys who can do a lot of things and we matched



McNary senior Adam Harvey had 17 points, seven rebounds and three assists in a 80-42 victory over Evergreen, Wash. on Thursday, Dec. 22.

them. I think moving forward in those situations and those games, we'll be on top next time."

After a back-and-forth first quarter against Evergreen, the second period turned into a free throw contest with the Celtics going 7-for-7 from the line and the Plainsmen making five of 10 attempts.

Playing with more energy in the second half, McNary quickly extended its lead from 36-21 to 47-21 midway through the third quarter. A Goff putback at the buzzer then gave the Celtics a com-

manding 62-32 lead heading to the fourth.

"I think we just came in, talked at half and realized the one thing we were probably lacking the most is energy," said Goff, who finished with 17 points and five rebounds against Evergreen. "Especially being a tournament atmosphere, we don't have a lot of fans or a packed crowd with a bunch of students. I think that was a major key. We had to come out with our own energy."

Adam Harvey had 17 points, seven rebounds and

three assists. Ismay added 14 points, five rebounds and seven assists. Easton Neitzel was also in double digits with 10 points, three rebounds and two assists.

"We've got to create our own energy," Kirch said. "I thought we were a little calm early on, a little passive. Then once the ball got rolling a little bit, you saw us play the way we're accustomed to playing."

Chandler Cavell gave McNary a spark off the bench against Thurston, going 8-for-9 from the free throw line to finish with 15 points. Ismay



McNary senior Matthew Ismay scored 14 points to go along with five rebounds and seven assists against Evergreen, Wash.

had 10 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Harvey had 13 points, six rebounds and two assists. Lucas Garvey added 12 points.

The Celtics began play in the Oregon Holiday Hoopfest at Summit High School in Bend on Wednesday. The tournament runs through Friday.

"It's all about having fun," Kirch said. "We're pretty serious with game plans and all that but the tournament atmosphere is a lot of fun."

McNary then returns to Greater Valley Conference play on Tuesday, Jan. 3. The Celtics host Forest Grove at 6:45 p.m.

## Antlers buried in the attic?



Do you, or a friend, have record-book antlers buried in your attic? These folks did.

Opal Evans had the Oregon record, Rocky Mountain Elk rack, hanging in her yard, in Molalla, for over 17 years. Her husband, Hugh Evans, killed the monster bull in Crook County in 1942.

Her brother, Leonard Ferguson, also of Molalla, said, "I sure wanted those horns. She just left them hanging on the old oak tree, and they were covered with moss and bird crap. She used them to hang her flower pots, but just wouldn't give 'em to me."

"She finally gave them to her grandson. He cleaned and polished 'em up, took them to the sportsman's show. Biggest horns there," he said, tapping me on the shoulder, "Rest is history."

### State Record Blacktails

Leonard Hammer had a garage on the corner of Pine Street and Portland Road, in Salem, for many years. Most of us looked at the huge old deer mount—high on the wall, covered with dust and cobwebs and remarked about what a big mule buck it was.

When Leonard passed away his family was going to throw the old deer head away. A customer from the garage

and family friend, asked for, and was given the mount. He and his wife took the mount to Ole Olsen, of Ole's gun Shop in Salem. Ole, an avid blacktail hunter, immediately recognized this was no ordinary blacktail rack. He asked for and received, permission to have the rack scored. It scored a whopping 180-7/8 points, making it the number two blacktail in the state.

Hammer killed the buck in Polk County in 1939.

"If the old buck hadn't broken that one tine and deformed it, he would be number one by quite a bit," Ole explained.

In 1940, Ginger Rogers and her mother were riding horses on her ranch. They were admiring a massive buck. Suddenly, the buck dropped dead in his tracks. A rifle shot echoed from across the Rogue River. They watched as two hunters climbed into a boat, from across the river, and headed to collect their trophy.

The mother raced to the ranch house and called the sheriff. When the men arrived at the buck, the sheriff was there to arrest them.

Later the 102-pound mother intimidated the sheriff into giving her the buck. It

was "her buck, on her land." They threw a big barbecue and invited their Hollywood friends for a feast of venison. When Rogers sold the ranch, the big rack was given to her secretary's husband, Mert Thomson.

Years later Mert killed a big black bear and decided to have it scored. His wife encouraged him to have the big buck scored. It scored 180-1/8. At that time it was ranked No. 1 in the state. In 1998, it was scored 178-4/8 for the BC record book.

### World Record Roosevelt Elk

These world record sheds were found in 1990 by Harold Burroughs and his son-in-law, Sam Aho, of Molalla. Several years later, Harold's wife, Belva, while at the International Sportsmen Exhibition show in Portland, realized the importance of the rack and later had it scored. It scored a staggering 431-0/8 B.C., 43 inches larger than the world record.

### Moose

A few years ago at the Horns Show in Spokane, Wash., we saw a group excitedly measuring a monstrous moose rack. A nearby farmer was visiting the show, looking at trophy moose racks, when he realized he had a set that should be scored. He returned with his rack and the preliminary measurements placed it as the third largest ever recorded. He had killed

the bull some 20 years earlier.

### More Blacktail

Bill Blackburn, of Molalla, killed a huge, very symmetrical blacktail buck in the Cascades above Detroit. I was sure it would score well. It took me five years to convince him to have it scored. It scored 137-3/8, well above the 125 minimum for Cascade buck.

When I went over to pick up Bill's buck from Tim Rozewski, the official scorer in Salem, I took along a heavy five by seven Quartzville buck, from my attic, killed in 1969. I didn't think it would score well.

Tim was excited and immediately set out to measure the rack. It scored 138, before the deducts reduced the score to 132-0/8.

Yes, it is true, you could have record book antlers in your attic. Duane Dunganon, editor of Oregon Hunter magazine, said, "I'm convinced there are more record book racks sitting out there collecting dust." Ole Olsen agreed, "A lot of people have those big racks but don't know, or just don't care about getting them scored."

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McNary senior Sydney Hunter scored 32 points as the Lady Celts defeated Gresham 67-56 Tuesday, Dec. 27.

## Hunter carries Lady Celts over Gresham

By **Derek Wiley**  
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McNary's girls basketball team got a much-needed win Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Behind 32 points and 16 rebounds from senior Sydney Hunter, the Lady Celts defeated Gresham 67-56 to end a four-game losing streak that goes back to a 48-41 loss at West Albany on Dec. 9.

Kailey Doult added 11 points and 12 rebounds against Gresham and Anita Lao had 10 points in the non-league victory.

The Lady Celts dominated the first quarter and led 21-10. However, Gresham outscored McNary 19-9 in the second and the Lady Celts went into halftime with a narrow 30-29 lead.

McNary then outscored the Lady Gophers 37-27 in the second half.

The 67 points are the most the Lady Celts have scored all season.

McNary returns to Greater Valley Conference play on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Forest Grove. Tipoff is at 6:45 p.m.