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## Celtic swimmers sink West Salem

By **DEREK WILEY**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

After nearly a month-long break from competition, McNary got back into the pool on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Swimming at the KROC Center, the boys topped West Salem 93-77 with the girls falling to the Titans 90-79.

Senior Jake Wyer and sophomore Harrison Vaughn led the Celtics, each winning two events. Wyer touched the wall first in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.80 and the 100 free in 55.84.

McNary swept the top three spots in the 100 free as sophomore Wyatt Sherwood took second in 58.75 and se-

nior Parker Dean placed third in 59.09.

Vaughn easily won the 500 free in 5:26 and also had the fastest time in the 100 breaststroke, finishing in 1:10.96.

The Celtics also had the three fastest times in the 200 free as freshman Kyle Hooper won the event in 2:03.08, junior Grant Biondi placed second in 2:03.77 and Dean took a distant third in 2:16.36.

McNary junior Brock Wyer easily won the 100 backstroke in 1:12.63. Sophomore Jonathan Harri finished second in 1:32.58.

Lady Celts Lizzie Bryant, Haley Debban, Sarah Eckert and Marissa Kuch, all juniors,

opened the meet by winning the 200 medley relay in 2:04.32. Eckert, Debban, Kuch and Kyle McCarty also later won the 200 free relay in 1:49.95.

Individually, Kuch, Eckert and Debban also had strong performances.

Kuch won the 100 free in 57.51 and the 200 free in 2:03.09. Eckert had the fastest time in the 100 butterfly, finishing in 1:07.19, and Debban touched the wall first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:23.47.

McNary sophomores Hannah Corpe and Kylee Daulton took second and third in the 100 breaststroke in 1:28.39 and 1:28.62, respectively.



McNary freshman Kyle Hooper won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:03.08 on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the KROC Center in Salem. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

## McNary falls to Titans on the road



LEFT: McNary sophomore Anita Lao came off the bench to score eight points in a 58-46 loss at West Salem on Friday, Jan. 6. RIGHT: McNary senior Cade Goff had 13 points and six rebounds against the Titans.



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## Lady Celts seek second scorer

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SALEM—Still looking for a second scorer behind Sydney Hunter, the last thing McNary needed was the University of San Diego-bound senior to get in foul trouble.

But with 1:42 remaining in the first quarter, Hunter picked up her third foul and was forced to the bench. To make matters worse, Kailey

Doutt, the reigning Greater Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year, got her second foul just over three minutes into the game.

The foul trouble was too much for McNary to overcome as the Lady Celts lost at West Salem 58-46 on Friday, Jan. 6.

“It’s on us if we don’t adjust,” MHS head coach Derrick Handley said.

“The natural reaction as players on the floor are to turn and try to point the finger at somebody else but they (referees) called it consistent. They were the same the entire time. We didn’t adjust to it. That’s on our players. That’s on our coaches. We tried to talk about that at halftime and we did a little bit better job in the second half as far as not fouling as much. You’ve got to find the line between still being aggressive but not fouling. It was our fault. We didn’t make the change quick enough, obviously.”

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## Celtics score season-low 47

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SALEM—The game started just like most of McNary’s. Celtics win the tip, Matthew Ismay bounces a perfect pass to an open Easton Neitzel, who scores an easy layup to give McNary a quick 2-0 lead.

It ended much differently as the Celtics, who came into West Salem averaging 76

points per game and had hit at least 80 six times, were held to a season low in 56-47 loss.

“Their zone slowed us down and we didn’t attack and look to score as much as we usually do,” McNary senior Cade Goff said. “They put some long guys up top and slowed our game down and we played more into their hands instead of how we play.”

The Titans jumped out to a 15-4 lead as McNary didn’t score another field goal after Neitzel’s layup until Goff knocked down a 3-pointer with 26 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The Celtics didn’t make a shot from the floor in the second quarter until the 5:32 mark when Goff hit another 3 to get McNary within 18-12.

“We settled for some shots early where we could have probably been a little more aggressive getting to the rim,” McNary head coach Ryan Kirch said.

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At 145 pounds, McNary wrestler Noah Grunberg won a 13-2 major decision over Kaleb Fegles-Jones at West Salem on Thursday, Jan. 5. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

## McNary drops GVC opener

By **DEREK WILEY**  
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SALEM—McNary had a two-point lead through nine matches at West Salem.

But the Titans won the final five, including three by pin fall, to defeat the Celtics 51-26 on Thursday, Jan. 5 in their first Greater Valley Conference dual of the season.

“As soon as we got done with 152, we were hitting the strength of their lineup,” McNary head coach Jason Ebbs said. “That was all of their tal-

ent and all of their better guys. We knew that coming in. We knew that up by two at 160 was not going to be enough to ride that wave out.”

After Noah Gatchet won by forfeit at 106 pounds to give the Celtics a 6-0 lead, West Salem won three matches in a row, all by pin fall, to go ahead 18-6.

At 132 pounds, Sean Burrows was able to end the streak by pinning Mason Meredith in the second period.

After the Titans picked up

another pin to expand their advantage back to 12, McNary won three straight to take a 26-24 lead.

At 145 pounds, Noah Grunberg won a 13-2 major decision.

Wyatt Kesler then pinned Luke Liedkie in the first period at 152 pounds and Brayden Ebbs won a 14-0 major decision at 160 pounds.

Isaiah Putnam looked to continue the winning streak at 170 pounds.

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