

# Claggett tops Stephens, Whiteaker starts 2-0

Claggett Creek Middle School (1-2) edged Stephens 51-48 on Thursday, Jan. 26 to win its first dual of the season.

Javier Navarro, Damian Hernandez, Grady Burrows, Nick Ramirez and Jaydin Gomez all had pins in the victory.

Jordan Orr, Tristan Halverson and Andres Rita won by forfeit.

Whiteaker Middle School

(2-0) won its first two matches of the 2017 season.

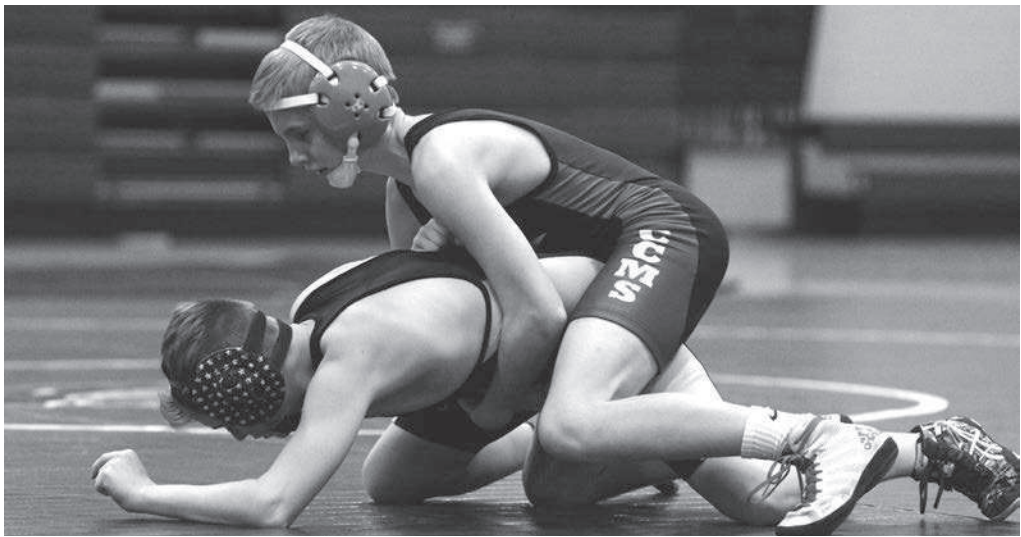
After defeating Houck 53-45 on Tuesday, Jan. 24 despite giving up a forfeit at heavyweight, the Wolverines then topped Straub 57-36 on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Joey Barros, Adrian Cotton, Nick Martin, Matthew Araiza, Cameron Parks, Ben Standley, Aiden McCoy, Destiny Rodriguez, Gabriel Cas-

tro, Chad Croucher, Brady Jackson, Nelson Torres, Reed Hamilton, Aldo Villalvazo, Kayly Montero and Crash Diarmit all picked up a varsity win for Whiteaker in its first week of competition.

Martin, Rodriguez and Standley began the season 2-0.

Whiteaker hosts Crossler on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. Claggett competes at Leslie.



Claggett Creek eighth grader Grady Burrows pinned his Stephens Middle School opponent on Thursday, Jan. 26. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley



McNary wrestler Jerry Martinez pinned his South Salem opponent to help the Celtics win their first dual of the season. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

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Sean Burrows (132), Killian Dato (138), Brayden Ebbs (145) and Wyatt Kesler (152).

But South Salem stormed back with five pins and a forfeit to get within 40-36.

"I knew it was coming," coach Ebbs said. "We hit

them right in the youth of our program. We have all the young kids right in a row.

"We actually lost some matches we shouldn't have lost. On the flip side we won some matches we weren't supposed to win. It all balanced out in the end and just fantastic tonight. I'm just happy to see these kids start standing together. Wrestling is a team sport. I'll always say that. I'll

always believe that and they did a good job tonight. We always say we're training to be the best wrestlers we can be come February and today was a big jump."

McNary has two more league duals—Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Forest Grove and then Thursday, Feb. 9 at home versus Sprague.

The district meet is Feb. 17-18 at West Salem.

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Lizzie Bryant won the 100 back in 1:12.58 and Sarah Eckert had the fastest time in the 100 breaststroke, finishing in 1:20.68.

Bryant, Eckert, Hannah

Corpe and Haley Debban teamed up to win the 200 medley relay in 2:13.61.

Garvey, Alger, Eckert and Debban took first in the 200 free relay in 1:53.54. Bryant, Alger, Kyle Daulton and Bailey White then won the 400 free relay in 4:33.60.

Leading the boys, Biondi

won the 100 free in 54.28 and the 100 back in 1:10.57. Freshman Kyle Hooper had the fastest time in the 100 breast in 1:13.84 as well as the 200 IM in 2:21.13.

McNary will compete in the district meet on Feb. 10-11 at the McMinnville Aquatic Center.

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Hawley finished with nine points and Lao added eight off the bench.

"They weren't shooting well early on," Handley said. "For sophomores, they have

just a ton of confidence in their abilities. Their teammates trust them so they kept shooting. Usually with young girls who are being thrust in that position, they'll stop shooting if they miss the first couple."

The Lady Celts couldn't overcome a slow start against Forest Grove on Tuesday, Jan.

31. McNary was outscored 15-6 in the first quarter of a 57-43 loss at home.

Hunter had 16 points and 13 rebounds. Doult added nine points.

The Lady Celts host West Albany on Friday, Feb. 3 at 7:15 p.m.

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Easton Neitzel, who was battling the flu, then got the Celtics within 52-44 on a steal and layup.

After Hammer knocked down another of his seven 3-pointers, Lucas Garvey and Neitzel scored in the final minute to get McNary within 55-48 entering the final period.

The Celtics then started the fourth quarter with a field goal by Adam Harvey and two free throws from Neitzel. But Sprague answered with a 14-1 run as McNary went quiet from the floor.

Harvey ended the drought

on a 3-pointer with four minutes to play but at that point it was too late.

"We missed a lot of shots that we normally make," Kirch said. "They shot about 70 percent from the field. Add both of those things together and it was kind of the perfect storm. They're a very good team, very well coached. Their coach (B.J. Dobrkovsky) did a great job tonight."

McNary played without one of its best defenders in senior Alex Martin. Garvey got the start in his place and finished with four points and two assists.

Chandler Cavell came off the bench to the lead the

Celtics with 20 points, two rebounds and two steals. Harvey had 16 points, two rebounds and an assist.

Neitzel added 12 points, two rebounds, three steals and 10 points, eight assists, three rebounds and two steals.

With Alex Martin back on the floor, the Celtics losing skid continued Tuesday, Jan. 31, where they lost at Forest Grove 70-67.

Cade Goff led McNary in scoring with 13 points.

Ismay added eight points, eight assists and four rebounds in the loss.

McNary hosts West Albany Friday, Feb. 3 at 5:45 p.m.



Adam Harvey had 16 points for McNary in a 85-74 loss at Sprague on Friday, Jan. 27. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

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