

McNary bowlers place second in state

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McNary bowlers wanted to send senior Nick Blythe out in style by winning a state championship.

"We wanted it so badly for him," head coach Dan Kaplan said. "He's one of the best around."

The Celtics got mighty close, falling to Mazama High School in the finals at King-Pin's in Portland.

After finishing third out of 16 teams during 30 qualifying games on Saturday Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26, McNary won three matches in the winner's bracket to get to Mazama.

Even averaging 220 in the two-game set, the Celtics fell to the loser's bracket, where they won two more matches to get a rematch with undefeated Mazama.

Having to win twice, McNary put the pressure on their opponent by winning the first set of games and even led after the first game of the second set but Mazama came back strong to win the state title.

The Celtics averaged over 200 in the finals.

"We gave it all until the very last game," Kaplan said. "It's very tough. The com-

petition has really improved, amazingly. The energy was unbelievable. We have the greatest parents and supporters. Parents are screaming and yelling and cheering. That always helps out. We always have people complaining because we're so loud."

McNary had four bowlers in the top 20 of the all-stars—Nick Blythe, Tim Kiser, Layton Thurlow and Chandler Gregory. Kaplan said at one point Kiser bowled 21 straight strikes.

The McNary girls also competed in the state tournament, finishing 13th.

"It was a learning experience," Kaplan said. "It's tough. They had no substitutions."

Kaplan said McNary's success wouldn't be possible without the support of Town & Country Lanes as well as sponsors Thrivent Financial, McNary Booster Club, JC's Pizzeria, Power Concrete Cutting, Keizer Elks, Mr. and Mrs. Sjulie, Maragaret Hughes and Alex Clark.

He also thanked the many parents who boost team morale and coordinate buying food for the team.

"As coaches, we can't do it alone," Kaplan said.



The McNary boys bowling team finished second at the high school state tournament in Portland on Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26. Pictured are assistant coach Scott Miller, back, left, Garrett Hughes, Adam Teal, Layton Thurlow, Konnor Sjulie, Tim Kiser, head coach Dan Kaplan, front row, Nick Blythe, Derrick Lucas and Chandler Gregory.

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Goff led the McNary offense, scoring 20 points to go along with four assists and four rebounds.

"I thought Cade Goff played his best basketball four-quarter complete game that he's played for us in four years," Kirch said. "I thought his shot selection was outstanding. I thought he was balanced on his 3s and really stepped in and shot in rhythm. He was able to get to the rim off two feet and play through contact and get to the free throw line. I thought he did an excellent job for us."

Neitzel had 15 points and Martin added 10.



McNary senior Alex Martin scored eight points in the first quarter of the Celtics first round playoff win.

"I'm just really excited, sitting in the locker room, knowing our season is not over, especially as a senior,

you kind of think of what it's going to be like after it ends and I'm glad it's not over yet," Martin said.

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Claggett Creek, which finished the season 5-5, won two matches by major decision, Jacob Carbajal 15-5 at 117 pounds and Logan Yoder 10-0 at 150 pounds.

Heavyweight Michael Hettinger won by forfeit.

"Whiteaker did a great job. They wrestled tough. They were impressive," Carr said. "Everyone seemed to know what they were doing. It was enjoyable to just watch wrestling. It was awesome for (McNary head coach Jason) Ebbs to take the time out of the week of the state tournament to host us. It will be good to continue that in the next few years. The kids had a great time with the spotlight. The whole atmosphere was awesome."

Along with Villalvazo,



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Aron Montoya won a 15-5 major decision for Claggett Creek on Thursday, Feb. 23 against Whiteaker.

Whiteaker won four other matches by pin fall—Giovanni Segura (102), Aiden McCoy (117), Gabriel Castro (140) and Brady Jackson (160).

At 80 pounds, Ella Repp won her match 6-3 and Kayly Montero (220) won by forfeit.

"Claggett always comes to wrestle and I think that's the best our kids have wrestled all year," Hafer said. "I was really, really happy with them."

Whiteaker finished the season 8-2.

Both the Wolverines and Panthers will take 10-15 kids to the middle school regional tournament in Woodburn on Saturday, March 4. The state tournament is the following Saturday.

"It will be good experience for them to see what a real wrestling tournament looks like as opposed to just a dual meet," Carr said.

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Vincent advanced to the third place match when his opponent, Beaverton freshman Tre Blasingame, injured himself on two headbutts, one in the second period and then another in the third.

"He came in with a huge headbutt," Vincent said. "His eye hit my head. He almost split my head open."

Vincent then fell behind David Douglas senior Dillon Nunes in the first period but grabbed the lead in the second and held on for a 3-2 victory.

"He was stalling and not doing anything and running out of bounds," Vincent said. "I just had to stay in control."

Vincent finished third in the state despite missing most of the season with a knee injury.

"Ricky's got a drive that a lot of kids don't have nowadays," McNary head coach Jason Ebbs said. "He goes hard all the time and it frustrates wrestlers when he goes that hard for as long as he goes. That's an unique skill set to have. That makes him dangerous. That makes him scary. That makes him hard to wrestle."

It was that drive that helped Vincent rebound after a difficult loss in the semifinals.

"Third place in our sport is really a special prize because of the emotional strain it takes to come back and do that," Ebbs said.

"A lot of guys they lose and they don't get what they want and it's emotionally difficult and challenging to try to pick yourself back up and perform at a high level after a disappointment like that."

At 145 pounds, junior Brayden Ebbs faced that situation.

After losing to eventual state champion Ian Carlos, of North Salem, by pin fall in the third period of the quarterfinals, Ebbs was leading Canby junior Jake Lowry 3-0 when he

got caught in a cradle and was pinned again 2:10 into his second consolation match.

"The downside is the emotions of a state tournament, against a guy like Brayden who loses a little earlier than he planned," coach Ebbs said. "Sadly, Brayden did not perform on Day 2. He just couldn't make that bounce back."

At 132 pounds, Burrows had state runner-up Joey Coste (Westview) on his back in the quarterfinals but ultimately came up short, losing a 13-4 major decision. Burrows then lost his first consolation match, 12-6, to Newberg sophomore Joey Moody.

Senior Killian Dato also reached the quarterfinals at 138 pounds. After a bye in the first round, Dato pinned Sherwood junior Andrew Mabry in the first period. Dato lost in the quarterfinals by technical fall and was then eliminated after his first consolation match.

McNary senior Carlos Vincent (152) and junior Jerry Martinez (126) both finished the tournament 1-2. Juniors Isaiah Putnam (170) and Blake Norton (285) were 0-2.

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