

# MHS powers by West Albany

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McNary versus West Albany was billed as a heavyweight fight between two undefeated softball teams in the Greater Valley Conference.

But the game nearly ended with an early round knockout as the Lady Celts won 10-4 on Friday, April 14 at West Albany.

McNary led 10-0 before the Bulldogs scored their first run in the bottom of the sixth and added three more in the seventh.

Getting off to a fast start is exactly what head coach Kevin Wise wanted.

"It seems like lately it takes two or three innings for us to warm up so we worked really hard on getting on them early and we did," Wise said. "It was a fun game. I think that was probably one of our best games that we've had so far, offensively. We didn't have

a ton of hits but we had solid hits at good times."

Nadia Witt doubled to left field to lead off the game. Alexa Cepeda added a in-field single and Haley Ebner walked to load the bases.

With two outs, Nicole Duran then doubled on a line drive to right field, scoring Witt and Cepeda to give the Lady Celts a quick 2-0 lead.

Hannah Carr, who was 3-for-3 with three runs, singled to lead off the top of the second and then scored on a two-out base hit from Ebner.

After adding three more runs in the fourth, McNary showed off its power in the sixth. Carr led off the inning with a solo home run to center field. With two outs, Ebner then connected for a two-run homer.

"I wasn't really expecting that," Ebner said. "I didn't think I hit it very well but

I looked and it went over the fence. I just hit it on the wrong part of the bat so I didn't think I made very good contact with it."

Ebner was 2-for-3 with three RBIs as the Lady Celts improved to 4-0 in league play and 9-2 overall.

"It was really good to get a win from such a good team," Ebner said. "I think it reassured us of how good we are actually doing. It gave us a confidence boost I think. I was really nervous because we have such a young team this year but I think that we have proven that we belong and we're kicking some butt."

Faith Danner pitched all seven innings to earn the win, holding West Albany scoreless before allowing an unearned run in the sixth and then a three-run homer with two outs in the seventh.

"Faith had another great

job pitching and kept them off for the whole game," Wise said. "Their No. 4 hitter, (April) Kingry, I think that kid came in with seven or eight home runs and didn't have a hit on Friday. Kept her out of the comfort zone. You keep their big hitters off and it affects them."

McNary suffered its first loss in league play on Tuesday, April 18, falling at McMinnville 5-3.

The Lady Celts jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings as Kinler drove in Witt and Cepeda with a two-out double in the first, and Sabella Alfaro scored on a bases loaded walk in the second.

But McMinnville fought back with two runs in the third and one each in the fourth, fifth and sixth.

McNary is scheduled to play at Sprague Friday, April 21 at 5 p.m.



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McNary sophomore Haley Ebner went 2-for-3 with three RBIs, including a two-run homer on Friday, April 14 at West Albany.

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"That's really cool to have that deep of a group. For Looney to win the long jump, that was a little bit unexpected, I'm not going to lie, but it was wonderful. I knew she was ca-

pable of doing that. Courtney coming out and doing that was a real surprise. We were trying to get her up in the air and it finally clicked. She was able to get in the air and pull off three really good jumps. She had a good series."

Senior Alex Sharabarin had another PR in the pole vault, clearing 12 feet to place sec-

ond at Oregon City. It didn't come easy.

"He was on his third attempt at 11 and really mentally grinded down and got that 11 foot," Gauntz said. "I'm super excited for Alex. He's put a lot of time in."

Junior Lucas Garvey, in his first year on the track and field team, set a new PR of 5-08 in

the high jump.

On the track, junior Casey Toavs and freshman Caitlyn Kiefiuk Yates also had personal records of 17.47 and 17.42 in the 110 and 100 meter hurdles.

Brendan Van Voorhis finished third in the 100 in 11.19.

Next up, the Celts will compete in the Wilsonville Invitational on Saturday, April 22.

## McNary baseball hosts KLL April 21

McNary's varsity baseball team lost to McMinnville 4-0 on Tuesday, April 18.

Riley Hays had two of the Celts three hits on singles in the second and fourth innings. Collin Wentworth added a single in the third.

Josiah Gilbert started on the mound and went six innings, allowing seven hits and two earned runs. He struck out seven batters.

McNary defeated Century 8-4 in a non-league game on Thursday, April 13.

After a slow start, the Celts scored four runs in the fourth and two each in the fifth and sixth innings.

Joshua Benson was 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Brendan Fritzel and Jonah Geist both had two hits and two RBIs. Tyler Covalt also added two hits.

Kyle McAllister gave up five hits and one run over four innings to earn the win.

Matthew Ismay pitched the final three innings, allowing three runs on two hits and a walk.

McNary is inviting Keizer Little League players and coaches to its next home game—Friday, April 21 at 5 p.m. against Sprague. There will be a reserved section of seats and give away prizes for kids throughout the game.

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Van Voorhis originally wanted to play football in college but switched his Next College Student Athlete (NCSA) online recruiting profile to track and field during his junior year.

"Ultimately, it came down to my body," Van Voorhis said. "In football, you get hit and beat up. In track I don't get beat up at all."

Van Voorhis was able to use his track speed on the football field, catching 32 passes for 943 yards and 14 touchdowns last season, despite missing one game while on his visit to West Point.

"It's kind of unreal honestly because I didn't think that I was going to be D-I for track," Van Voorhis said.

"You look at all of these programs like Oregon and Florida that are crazy kids and times. If the DePaul coaches think I'm capable of doing that, I'm going to take their word for it."

DePaul has a strong track and field program of its own. The men's team was crowned 2017 Big East Indoor Champions in February.

Van Voorhis saw a glimpse of that on his visit to Chicago when he came across the DePaul record boards.

"I thought this is the next level," Van Voorhis said. "That's where I want to be is competing in college and running crazy fast times like that."

Van Voorhis, who has maintained a 3.8 GPA at McNary, plans to major in biology or chemistry and enter the medical field.

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