

# Childress leads Celts into GVC tournament

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McNary junior Hannah Childress will attempt to advance to her third straight OSAA tennis state tournament Saturday, May 13 in Salem.

The Greater Valley Conference singles tournament began Wednesday, May 10 at the Salem Tennis and Swim Center.

As the No. 3 seed, Childress will compete against 35 other girls with the top four advancing to the state tournament next weekend at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton.

Childress finished third in the GVC singles tournament last year after winning the doubles tournament her freshman season with sister Sandy.

Childress lost to two girls this season—No. 1 seed Anya Gerasimova of West Salem and No. 2 seed Ceanne Elliot of West Albany. She also had closes matches with South Salem freshman Abby Fedor, who enters the district tournament as the 4 seed.

"I know there's tough competition," Childress said. "We're all very close skill wise. The two matches that I lost against Anya and Ceanne, I do feel like I could've definitely done better scoring wise and I think I can beat them. I have a chance. I'd like to at least get my seeding. I'm just going to do my best because that's all I can do."



McNary junior Hannah Childress entered the GVC district tournament as the No. 3 seed.

Katherine Perez, Dianna Cervantes and Tanveer Sandhu will also represent McNary in the district singles tournament. The teams of Natalie Gonzalez and Sofia Zielinski, Mireille Martinez and Lilia Hawes, McKenna Seig and Taylor Walker and Juana Barajas and Melissa Jimenez are playing in the doubles tournament.

"I'm hoping at least half

of our team wins their first round match," McNary head coach Garrett Jensen said. "I think that's a reasonable goal. We finished 3-9 on the season, which is one win better than last year. I hope that we either meet or exceed that ranking in the district as well. If we can bump up a notch and beat a team that beat us during the regular season, that would be great."

tention about him as a ninth grader that I remember."

By his sophomore year, Gilbert was pitching on the varsity team.

"I remember going out to state my sophomore year," Gilbert said. "I was the third starter and we played against Sheldon and I got the oppor-

tunity to go pitch against the team that ended up winning state and I gave up two earned runs, two unearned runs in four innings of work. It was a great experience for me and something I definitely needed. It was just exceptional."

Gilbert was voted a team captain before the 2017 season. "Josiah has earned every bit of this in terms of his future to play baseball at Pacific University," Keeker said.

## GVC track finals May 12

McNary's track and field team got its final tuneup for the Greater Valley Conference Championships in a dual meet against host South Salem and North Salem on Wednesday, May 3.

Brendan Van Voorhis, who hopes to qualify for the state tournament in the 100, 200 and 400, easily won the 400 at South Salem in 51.94 seconds.

Van Voorhis, Lucas Garvey, Anthony Tellez Hernandez and Jose Solorio

Diaz also won the 4x400 relay in 3:32.36.

Alex Shararbarin cleared 12-06 to win the pole vault.

Angie Martushev went 8 feet to win the girls pole vault. Emma Garland won the 800 girls race in 2:41.37.

Alyssa Looney, Courtney Giessinger, Dawnanique Rodriguez and Kailley Doust took first in the 4x100 relay in 51.94.

Looney and Giessinger, McNary's best two chances to qualify for the state tour-

naments in the long jump, didn't compete in the event at South Salem. Cambrian Partridge won the discus with a throw of 98-09.5.

The GVC Championships began Wednesday, May 10 at West Albany High with prelims in most of the running events as well as pole vault, long jump and discus.

Finals and shot put, javelin, high jump and triple jump are scheduled for Friday beginning at 5 p.m.

## STREAK,

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"We want to put a good swing on a good pitch. We've been successful with that approach."

The Celtics added a run each in the third, fourth and fifth to continue to pad their lead.

Ismay was 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBIs. Covalt was also 3-for-4 with a double.

Josiah Gilbert earned the win on the mound, striking out five and allowing seven hits and three earned runs over six innings. Geist got the final three outs to finish off the

Saxons.

After back-to-back losses to Sprague and West Salem dropped McNary's league record to 4-6, the Celtics' four-game winning streak began on Wednesday, May 3 with a 9-3 win over the Titans.

McNary came from behind to win 5-4 at South Salem on Friday, May 5.

The Celtics took the lead in the top of the seventh when Ismay scored on a Benson single.

The Saxons got the tying run to third in the bottom of the seventh but he was thrown out at home to end the game, trying to score on a sacrifice fly.

McNary then took care of

business at Forest Grove on Saturday, May 6, winning 8-1.

Ismay pitched the first five innings, allowing just two hits, a walk and no runs.

"The guys just stayed the course and we kept telling them that we believe and one of these days we're going to get on a roll so right now we're enjoying the roll," Keeker said. "It's best to be playing the best baseball at the end of the year so that's what we're gonna try to do. We're going to try to take this thing as long as we possibly can."

The Celtics were scheduled to finish league play May 10-11 against McKay. The state playoffs begin Monday, May 22.

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Just two pitches later, Faith Danner continued the big inning, hitting a solo home run to center field.

McMinnville began to slowly chip away at McNary's lead in the top of the second, scoring two runs on a home run and double.

But with Hudson back in the circle, the Lady Celts added three more runs in the bottom of the second.

The Grizzlies threw four different pitchers at McNary and made substitutions every inning in the infield and outfield but none of it mattered as

the Celts continued to knock around McMinnville.

"We took the information that we had from the first game and we figured out if we can just poke the ball and just get good base hits, we'll be fine," Wise said. "Yesterday we worked on zero defense and we spent two hours hitting and it showed today. We had a plan and they stuck with it and executed it perfectly."

McNary loaded the bases in the second. After Cepeda scored on a wild pitch, Kinler hit a sacrifice fly to right field to drive in Ebner. Carr then came home on a pop fly single by Duran.

The Lady Celts scored four more runs in the third. Witt drove in Danner and Sabella

Alfaro with a single to left field.

After another pitching change, Carr hit a two-out single to score Witt. Duran then added another single to bring home Carr.

Alfaro scored McNary's final run of the game in the fourth on a ground ball by Ebner.

Danner, who pitched all five innings, allowed just one hit in the top of the fifth before finishing off the Grizzlies to earn the win.

The Lady Celts improved to 17-4 overall and 12-2 in the GVC. Their final league game is Friday, May 12 at home against Sprague.

The state tournament begins Monday, May 22.

## GILBERT,

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"What struck me at the end of the process is Josiah in his innocent way didn't even realize how good he was," Keeker said. "It was just that humble innocence that got my at-

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