

Celtics open playoffs vs Tualatin

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Of the Keizertimes

McNary's baseball team (13-11, 10-6) will face a familiar opponent in the first round of the state playoffs when the 16-seeded Celtics host No. 17 Tualatin (13-10, 12-5) on Monday, May 22 at 5 p.m.

The two squads met on April 29 with McNary winning 13-7.

But Celtics head coach Larry Keeker isn't taking too much away from that victory.

"We'd just got off a three-game week and so did they," Keeker said.

"I'm a 100 percent sure neither team saw the No. 1 pitcher from either side. We have at least some data on their hitters, which is helpful. We have that to go by. Of course they have it as well. We know we're not going to see the same pitcher, at least we wouldn't expect it."

Tualatin finished third in the Three Rivers League behind two top 10 teams in the state—No. 9 Tigard and No. 1 West Linn.

"They took West Linn right to the wire three times in a row so they're certainly capa-

ble," Keeker said.

"Regardless of who we're playing, we feel like we can compete with pretty much anybody. We're certainly not afraid of anybody."

McNary senior Josiah Gilbert will get the start on the mound against Tualatin. But Riley Hays, Kyle McCallister and the rest of the Celtic pitchers will be ready if needed.

"He's (Gilbert) the guy that deserves to be on the hill so he's going to get the ball first," Keeker said. "There's no tomorrow. If we have to make a change somewhere in the game than we will. It's not like we're going to save somebody for game two because we have to win game one just to get to game two."

McNary swept McKay 6-1, 12-2 on May 10 and 12 to finish fifth in the Greater Valley Conference.

On senior night, Hays won the first game, allowing just three hits and one run over seven innings.

McCallister and Carl Rumbaugh combined to shut down McKay in the second game.



McNary honored its 10 seniors, Daniel Johnson, front, left, Jonah Geist, Riley Hays, Joshua Benson, Brendan Frizelle, Caleb Kiefiuk Yates, Kevin Martin, Tyler Ellertson, Matthew Ismay and Josiah Gilbert before its final regular season home game on May 10.

The Celtics combined for 23 hits over the two games.

Matthew Ismay was 6-for-8 in the series with four runs and three RBIs.

Brendan Frizelle was 4-for-

8 with four runs and three RBIs.

"It was good for us to score some runs," Keeker said. "It allowed our pitchers to relax and throw strikes."

McNary finished the regular season on a six-game winning streak.

"You want to be hot," Keeker said. "And the losses prior to those wins were

tight losses. We feel that we've done a pretty good job at the plate lately and guys are being productive up and down the lineup. We're by no means satisfied."

CCMS boys, Whiteaker girls win all-city championships

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Keizer athletes dominated the All-City Middle School Championships.

Claggett Creek's boys and Whiteaker's girls each bested 10 other teams to win the track and field meet at North Salem High School on Tuesday, May 9.

Dyami Ross led Claggett Creek, winning the 100-meter run in 11.61 seconds and the 200 in 24.98.

Ross also ran the anchor leg on the top 4x100 relay team, which along with Gabriel Martinez, Ethan Martin and Amanuel Figueroa, finished in 46.68.

Martin placed second to Rios in both the 100 in 11.74 and the 200 in 25.21.

Rian Canini led the Whiteaker boys to fifth place in the team standings by winning the 100 hurdles in 15.61 and the high jump in 5 feet, 8 inches. Cole Garland leaped 18-07.25 to take second in the long jump.

Whiteaker's girls finished more than 52 points ahead of second place Judson.



Amanuel Figueroa passes the baton to Dyami Ross.

Leah Doult paced the team, winning the 100 in 13.14 and the 200 in 27.41. She then joined Kylie Nepstad, Taylor Ebbs and Kennedy Buss to clock the fastest time in the 4x400 relay—4:34.63.

Buss also won the 400 in 1:04.93. Emerson Woomer threw a personal record 86-05.5 to win the discus for Whiteaker.

Ashlin Samples finished first in the 100 hurdles in 17.17.

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Perez, who primarily played No. 3 doubles last season, also gives McNary head coach Garrett Jensen an example of how far hard work and a positive attitude can take a player.

"She put in time, which is the biggest thing and she has a really good attitude," Jensen said.

"She's always receptive to anything I'm telling her to

work on. It's nice to have one of those examples on your team. Look at how much improvement Kat made in one year and also when they play a girl and say 'I'm never beating this girl', just because you never beat her before doesn't mean you can't beat her now."

McNary senior Dianna Cervantes won her first round match 6-7, 6-3, 6-1 over Nancy Hernandez of North Salem, before falling to Gerasimova, the No.1 seed, 6-0, 6-0 in the second round.


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