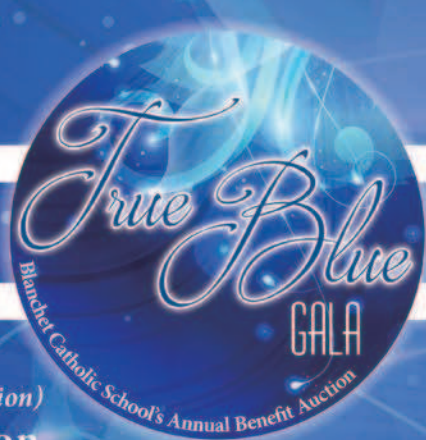


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Bend schools coming to GVC?

Final decision Oct. 16

By DEREK WILEY
Of the Keizertimes

McNary student athletes, coaches and parents may soon become more familiar with the Bend area.

In its final recommendation, the Oregon School Activities Association Classification and Districting Committee placed Bend High School, Mountain View and

Summit in the Greater Valley Conference with the Celtics, McKay, South Salem, Sprague and West Salem beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

The decision came after 12 meetings over the course of about a year. The committee looked at everything from dropping to five classifications, to putting the three Bend schools in the Southwestern

Conference with southern Oregon and Eugene schools or with east Portland schools.

In the end, the committee stuck with six classifications and chose the GVC.

"Though it has become evident that no current league is interested in adding the three Bend schools, the group believes that choosing the shortest of the three travel options makes the most sense when applying the criteria (safety of athletes and spectators, minimizing loss of class time, mini-

mizing expenses, and school enrollment," the committee wrote in a release.

The committee also noted that a standalone three team Central Oregon league was not a viable option, nor was separating the three schools into different leagues.

Bend, Summit and Mountain View are all moving up from 5A. North Salem has been approved to play down and will join the 5A Mid-Willamette Conference along with West Albany. For-

est Grove and McMinnville would remain in 6A but play in the Pacific Conference.

The proposal is for the 2018-22 four-year time block.

"The committee understands that not all of the moves made and placements of schools are going to be ideal for each individual school," the release continued. "The committee recognizes that any decision regarding placement of a school has the potential to substantially impact a school and its community. Placement

of schools within classifications and league are interrelated. In some cases travel increases for some while decreases for others. There is simply no scenario that exists to positively impact every school."

The recommendation is not the final step in the public process. The ultimate decision will come from the OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly on Monday, Oct. 16 at 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville.

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Flexing at Forest Grove

Run game, defense lead Celts

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FOREST GROVE—McNary continued to lean on its running game, racking up 246 yards, as the Celtics defeated Forest Grove 35-14 on Friday, Sept. 29.

McNary had two runners go over 100 yards as sophomore Junior Walling gained 107 yards on 21 carries and senior Freddy Jimna had 101 yards on 12 attempts.

"I just want to thank my O-line because they worked hard all this week, getting the plays right and figuring out which linebackers to block so I could find a hole," Jimna said.

The Celtics were without senior Lucas Garvey, who broke his collarbone the week before at McKay.

"Losing Lucas hurt us but what it also did was it forced us to simplify some things and in doing that I think some kids, especially the O-Line, are starting to take pride in running the football," McNary offensive coordinator Brad Emmert said. "We ran off-tackle power probably half of our running plays and the kids just love that. I think that's definitely part of our game moving forward."

But simplifying the offense didn't cure all of the Celtics problems. Three interceptions, negative plays and penalties allowed Forest Grove to remain in the game into the fourth



McNary senior Freddy Jimna flexes after scoring a 16-yard touchdown to finish off Forest Grove on Friday, Sept. 29. Jimna also recovered a fumble in the victory.

quarter.

McNary scored its first touchdown on a 2-yard run by Jose Solorio to give the Celtics a 6-0 lead with 2:40 remaining in the first quarter after the extra point was blocked.

McNary's defense then got its first turnover when junior

Devyn Schurr intercepted Forest Grove quarterback Jarrod Miller, giving the Celtics the ball at the Forest Grove 36-yard line.

After two incomplete passes and a sack, Alan Jefferson was able to punt the Vikings inside their own 2-yard line and Walling tackled Forest Grove

running back Kurtis Van Dyke in the end zone for a safety.

Barker was then intercepted throwing a jump ball to Jefferson with 10:10 remaining in the first half. However, Solorio picked off Miller on the next play to give the ball right back to the Celtics.

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McNary senior Jonny Williams celebrates after scoring a touchdown earlier this season at South Salem.

McMinnville visits McNary for homecoming

By DEREK WILEY
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Jonny Williams ruined McMinnville's homecoming last season, catching a game-winning touchdown pass with only 1:25 remaining.

This Friday, the McNary senior wants to make sure the Grizzlies don't return the favor.

"I'm pretty confident coming into this game," Williams said. "I like playing against McMinnville. I've always played a pretty good game against them. I'm feeling pretty good about this week."

Last season's contest was a coming out party for Williams, who entered the game with only two catches, but had receptions of 41 and 30 yards in

the final three minutes, including the game-winner when he out-jumped a McMinnville defender in the end zone on fourth-and-25.

"It definitely boosted it (my confidence) a lot," Williams said. "It definitely made me realize I mean something to the team."

Dealing with a quad injury, this season, Williams missed the McKay game and played sparingly at Forest Grove but he expects to be a full go against McMinnville, which will be a welcomed sight to a McNary offense that has been inconsistent in the past three weeks, largely due to turnovers and penalties.

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Lady Celts top Sprague 2-1

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McNary's girls soccer team continued to show improvement from a year ago, defeating Sprague 2-1 on Thursday, Sept. 28 at home.

"We were inches from four or five more goals but we didn't get them," Lady Celts head coach A.J. Nash said. "That was a way closer game than I was hoping it would be but that's a team that beat us last year. I don't want to discount the fact that it's still a good team. Any time you take down a team in conference that beat you the year before, that's a big deal."

The Celts brought intensity from the opening whistle and controlled the first ten minutes of the game earning multiple corner kicks and throw-in opportunities deep in the Sprague end.

The Olympian keeper made a big save in the 10th minute on a near post shot by junior Abigail Hawley that was pushed just over the crossbar. But McNary finally got on the scoreboard in the 20th minute when freshman Kennedy Buss headed home a corner kick from senior Jessie Shore.

Although the Celts continued to have the better of the possession, Sprague began to create opportunities in quick transition.

In the 31st minute, a Sprague attacker broke free in the box and forced a diving save by junior goalie Sydney Snapp.

In the 38th minute, the Olympians took a well-placed free kick that started from just outside the 18-yard box then hit off the right post and bounced through the box be-

fore McNary cleared it out of danger to enter halftime with a 1-0 lead.

Sprague leveled the game five minutes into the second half with a shot from 40 yards out that hit the cross bar and bounced just inside the goal over the fingertips of Snapp.

But McNary was quick to respond.

Less than two minutes later sophomore Ariana Santana made a run up the right side and crossed a ball to the back post that was played back across the goal by sophomore Julie Dieker, and finished by Hawley.

"The biggest thing I took from that one is how quickly we responded," Nash said. "The dangerous part about possession is the longer we let something linger the more confidence they get."

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McNary sophomore Julie Dieker assisted the winning goal in the Lady Celts 2-1 victory over Sprague on Thursday, Sept. 28.

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