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Celtics slay No. 2 Tualatin

By DEREK WILEY
Of the Keizertimes

McNary head coach Ryan Kirch has challenged his team's competitiveness and toughness since the Celtics opened the season in late November.

"I thought last week (Dec. 15-22) we got there," Kirch said. "We played five games in seven days against five really good opponents. Going 2-3 is one thing but I thought we got tougher. One thing we realized is we just have to execute better."

Down five points at halftime, that competitiveness, toughness and execution all came together as McNary topped previously unbeaten Tualatin 72-58 on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

"The toughness and competitiveness has now become our fall back and our habit," Kirch said. "I'm real proud, to be able to get the lead and extend the lead and win going away. We've come a long ways in six and half weeks."

The Celtics jumped out to an 18-11 lead against Tualatin, who entered the game 8-0 and No. 2 in the 6A OSAA Power Rankings. But the Timberwolves made three 3-pointers in the second quarter to take a 34-29 lead into halftime.

Running Tualatin off the 3-point arc was something McNary had talked about before the game.

"We had a little lapse in the second quarter," Kirch said. "We challenged them and got after them at halftime. We didn't change our game plan. Everything was what we thought they were going to do and how we wanted to guard it. We thought a lot of their shooters couldn't really drive with the exception of the point guard. Guys just buckled down when they were tired and competed and were both physically and mentally tough tonight and that was the difference."

The Timberwolves made just one 3-pointer in the second half.

"I think we just defended really well," McNary senior Andrew Jones said. "I think we all just communicated well and forced them to take tough shots. They had been a really good outside shooting team for the most part so we tried to force them to go inside more and I think we did a pretty good job of that in the second half. They weren't able to get easy looks."

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McNary senior Lucas Garvey led the Celtics with 21 points, three rebounds and three assists to give Tualatin its first loss of the season, 72-58, on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

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Doutt scores 33 at Nike Shootout



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West Albany's defense couldn't stop Kailey Doutt as the McNary senior finished with a career high 33 points on Friday, Dec. 29 in a Nike Shootout game at Lake Oswego High School.

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LAKE OSWEGO—McNary struggled to break 30 points in its first two games of the Nike Shootout.

On Friday, Dec. 29, Kailey Doutt got there alone, scoring a career high 33 as the Lady Celts defeated West Albany 59-45 in the consolation bracket to break a two-game losing streak.

McNary led just 27-26 at halftime before going on an 18-0 run in the third quarter. Doutt had 15 points, crushing the Bulldogs in the paint.

"I was trying to run hard to the block and beat them there because I think they were tired," said Doutt, who also had 15 rebounds in the win. "We worked the ball around a lot better and the guards were penetrating, which opened up other things and we were pushing the floor. That's what got us a lot of our points."

West Albany scored its first

basket of the third quarter on a free throw with 36 seconds remaining and its only field goal with 24 seconds to go. But by that point the Lady Celts had a commanding 45-29 lead.

McNary primarily plays man defense but went in and out of a 2-3 zone to disrupt the Bulldogs.

"We kind of put that in on the fly," Lady Celts head coach Elizabeth Doran said. "It was good for us to practice that and they actually did a pretty good job in it."

West Albany mounted a comeback in the fourth and got within 48-45 with 3:14 remaining. However, McNary closed the game on an 11-0 run.

"You can't let that go for that long," Doran said. "We need to learn to snap out of it a little quicker and push back sooner. They're (West Albany) a tough team for us to play because they play aggressively

and they're pretty much all guards like we are so it's always a battle."

After falling to Clackamas 51-30 on Wednesday and Skyview 37-27 on Thursday to begin the tournament, the Lady Celts focused on taking higher percentage shots and getting to the free throw line.

McNary went 19-for-27 from the line against West Albany.

"We were focusing on getting to the basket more," Doran said. "We shot like four free throws yesterday and not a lot the day before. We were trying to get more high percentage shots at the basket."

"You're not going to shoot well everyday. If you're not making outside shots, let's get inside and get some higher percentage shots. Kailey is a good player inside. The other teams we've faced had big kids inside so it was hard for us to do that."

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Wounded warriors battle sturgeon



On the Wild Side

by G.I. Wilson

Eighty-eight combined years of service to their country, 18 deployments into the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan, countless weeks and months in hospitals, surgeries and rehabilitation facilities.

Think these five wounded warriors are ready to do battle with a 5-7 foot white sturgeon?

You can take it to the bank. These guys are "locked and loaded," ready to have a fun day on the water.

As part of the Wounded Warrior Project and The Fallen Outdoors, guides like Donald

Koskela, of Pastime Fishing Adventures, of Silverton, volunteer their boats and services for the day.

Koskela has years of experience fishing for sturgeon. He has clients from as far away as Germany, (even Texas) to catch and release sturgeon.

Our five wounded warriors have joined Koskela for the day in his 28-foot Alumnauld.

Fishing for sturgeon is a rather laid back one, that is, until you hook one. There is good reason why some fondly call them "fresh water marlin."

Koskela drops anchor in

one of his marked "hot spots," the popular Toyota Hole.

A large inflated ball is attached to the anchor line. When a big fish is hooked, the boat is released from the anchor, and the ball remains with the anchor as the boat floats downriver fighting fish.

Koskela baits all five hooks, casts them out, and gives a brief lesson on what the bite looks like, and what should be done.

Anglers will take turns fighting fish. Koskela will coach each angler on; when to take the rod out of the holder and when to set the hook.

Next bite, next angler.

These guys will never met before. They quickly decide, Tim Taylor, of Corvallis should be up first. After all, he has been in the house watching



Submitted

Five wounded warriors show off their trophy, a caught sturgeon.

the kids for two weeks.

Tim was Army National Guard and served in Iraq.

He lands the first sturgeon. He had never caught a fish larger than a pan fish. "It was

one of the smallest of the day," Koskela adds.

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