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Jones scored 11 of his 13 points in the second half, including a 3-pointer to give the Celtics a 43-42 lead with 2:49 remaining in the third quarter.

"With Chandler (Cavell) being double teamed because he's just tough inside and Lucas (Garvey being face guarded because he's just a good shooter, it created open lanes for me," Jones said. "It was just a tribute to my teammates, really. I was able to get open looks because those guys were so heavily guarded."

Jones scored four more points at the beginning of the fourth period to stretch McNary's lead to 54-48 with 5:47 remaining.

"Andrew last year was really frustrated and rightfully so, he didn't play a lot," Kirch said. "Sometimes you can handle that a couple of ways, you can pout, you can complain or you can keep your mouth shut. I know he was frustrated with me and I get that as a competitor. He spent a lot of time in the weight room and a lot of time just wanting to be good and enjoy his senior year. Every time I'm in the gym, I see him in the gym. Coach (Jordan) Graneto mentioned it at the

end of the game how much he controlled the game in the second half and that's important for us.

"Teams right now are focusing on Chandler and they did in the second half and face guarding Lucas and Andrew is able to get to the rim and score. I thought he did a great job defensively. I didn't give him much of a break if at all. His leadership tonight was great. He's certainly risen to the challenge. He's a guy that you want leading your team going into a fight. He's not afraid of anybody and he'll go against anybody and tonight he just did a great job. I'm just real proud of him. He's just real tough, both ways."

Garvey scored 10 of his team leading 21 points in the fourth quarter as McNary grew its advantage to as many as 15 points.

Garvey made only one 3-pointer, scoring most of his points in the paint.

"Teams have been really focusing on Lucas so he hasn't shot well from the outside so we tried to put some things in where we had him going to the rim a little bit," Kirch said. "We told him, 'You're more than just a shooter, you're a scorer.'"

Garvey also guarded Tualatin's best player, senior Alexis Angeles, last year's Three Rivers League Player of the Year, limiting him to 18 points.

"One of the things people didn't see tonight was how well he defended," Kirch said of Garvey. "That kid (Angeles) was player of the year in the toughest conference in the state as a junior. He was second team all-state and Lucas did a phenomenal job on him. They had to earn everything they got. Great players are going to get their points but you've got to make them earn them."

Cavell had 15 points, 11 rebounds and five assists in the victory. Riccardo Gardelli and Boston Smith each added eight points.

The Celtics then won at Sheldon 67-35 on Friday, Dec. 29.

Cavell had 16 points. Garvey finished with 15. Jones and Gardelli added 12 and 11, respectively.

McNary improved to 3-1 in league play on Tuesday, Jan. 2 with a 63-44 victory at Forest Grove.

The Celtics host West Salem (8-3, 3-0) Friday, Jan. 5 at 5:45 p.m.

"Now we know what we can be and we can still get better," Kirch said. "We still have lots to work on situationally. There's a lot of confidence with our group right now because they've done it and they feel good about it. I feel like they're experienced now and now we just keep getting better."

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"I have never seen a guy as excited as Tim was. Later in the day he would land one of the biggest."

After 15-20 minutes only three small fish have been landed, 2-3 missed.

"O.K., guys, reel 'em in. We're moving," Koskela orders. "Talk about puzzled looks," Koskela, chuckles later. "They thought fishing was pretty good. Fish were too small. I was looking for bigger fish."

Next stop on the chart, bites come quickly. Bigger fish.

Neil Bohue, of Happy Valley is next. He is the only one on board representing the Air Force. He is still active and scheduled to retire in a cou-

ple of months. Of course, you know these Army/Marines didn't give Neil a bad time for his "tough life in the air."

Neil was on assignment at ground zero on 9/11. He is among the many first responders suffering from "the cough."

Lunch time. Lunch is included with the trip. Most of the guys are prepared for the standard box lunch. Surprise, Koskela fires up the stove on the bow and starts barbecuing chicken. No box lunches on for these guys. Smoke and aroma of chicken on the grill quickly blankets the area, competing with the excitement of doing battle with the two largest fish of the day. Rick Gay, the quiet one, from Eugene, takes his shot at one of the biggest fish of the day. He served six years in the Army. Jayson Southmayd,

from Eugene, served a total of 24 combined years of active and reserved, in the Army and Marines.

Jeremy Taylor, of Sandy, served 13 years of active duty in the Army. He was deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq four times. He recently went on a Wounded Warrior sponsored duck hunting trip. "I plan on crowding in as many of these outdoor trips as I can," he muses, matter of factually. Doctors have told him he will be in a wheelchair in 10 years. On a sunny day in October, five total strangers, a microcosm of our often forgotten, wounded warriors, bonded forever through service to their country, and the price they have paid, come together on a 28-foot boat for a day of "man therapy."

Each eventually shares bits

and pieces of their story. Fifteen sturgeon landed. Each guy has landed a fish. These brave warriors, each live with their different levels of pain. When they hook into a powerful fish, the most effective pain killer known to anglers world-wide takes charge, "Fish on."

Veterans interested in the wounded warriors and The Fallen Outdoors should contact: www.thefallenoutdoors.com and www.wounded-warriorproject.org.

Thank you's from the Warriors: Jeremy Taylor: Cannot begin to describe my appreciation to Capt. Don from Pastime Fishing Adventures for this wonderful donation to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Fallen Outdoors. The group of service men truly had a wonderful trip taking down fish after fish. Tim Taylor: You are fishing at its finest. Hats off, brother. Jayson Southmayd: Thank you for making our trip one to remember. We not only got on a mess of fish but we had a fantastic day out on the water with fellow warriors.

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Abbie Hawley added 13 points against West Albany. Paige Downer finished with nine. Doult scored 12 against Clackamas and Hawley added nine. Against Skyview, Doult had 13 and Hawley 10.

"They were the two best teams probably we've seen," Doult said. "Clackamas, for sure, they're one of the top teams in the state. They have two tall girls. That's why they beat us inside. We did a good job defending their guards but inside was tough."

McNary entered the tournament 7-0 before suffering its first two losses.

"They (Clackamas) were in a 2-3 zone on us and it bothered us a lot, their length and their size inside," Doran said. "We had no real answer for their inside kids. This has been good for us. We've faced a bit of adversity. We were able to bounce back today and get a

win." The Lady Celts closed the tournament with a 60-51 win over host Lake Oswego on Saturday, Dec. 30.

Doult and Downer each had 15 points. Leah Doult added 12 points.

McNary lost its first league game on Tuesday, Jan. 2, falling to Forest Grove 52-36.

The Lady Celts host West Salem Friday, Jan. 5 at 7:15 p.m.

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