

McNary swimmers win final dual meet

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SALEM—Before McNary senior Grant Biondi's final high school meet at the Kroc Center, head coach Casey Lewin asked him to pick two events he didn't normally swim.

Biondi chose the 200-yard individual medley and 100 butterfly.

That decision paid off as Biondi won the 200 IM in 2:24.75 and 100 fly in 1:06.70 on Tuesday, Jan. 30 against North Salem.

Biondi, who hadn't swam the 200 IM since he was a sophomore, set a personal record in the event by nearly five seconds.

"It was kind of emotional because this is my last meet," Biondi said.

"It was fun to cheer on all my best friends."

Biondi was also motivated to make sure he had a spot on the Celtics district relay teams.

"Our coach made us swim hard this meet because there are a bunch of guys who are like tenths of a second apart," Biondi said. "For our relays, we have to swim out fastest."

Biondi, Wyatt Sherwood, Jabez Rhoades and Harrison Vaughn won the 200 free relay in 1:40.14. Biondi, Collin Wentworth, Jack O'Connor and Kyle Hooper won the 400 free relay in 3:50.50

Vaughn, Rhoades, Sherwood and Brock Wyrer took



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McNary junior Hannah Corpe won the 500-yard freestyle in 6:28.18 on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at the Kroc Center in Salem.

first in the 200 medley relay in 2:01.53.

"We had a handful of third and fourth varsity spots that were up in the air, especially on the relays," Lewin said. "I have six or seven guys for four spots that really any given day anyone of the guys can step up. I've got some work ahead of me. I'm very pleased."

McNary's boys easily defeated North Salem as a team, 129-32.

Hooper won the 100 free in 53.36 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.31. Vaughn took first in the 100 backstroke in 1:09.91. Wyrer had the fastest time in the 200 free, finishing in 2:22. Rhoades won the

50 free in 25.99. O'Connor touched the wall first in the 500 free in 6:28.14.

Biondi wasn't the only McNary swimmer to compete in different events.

Hannah Corpe swam the girls 500 free for the first time, easily winning the event in 6:28.18.

"With that time, she might be doing that at the district meet and she knows that," Lewin said. "She wasn't being paced. It was just kind of on feel and she had more in the tank."

The Lady Celts outscored North Salem as a team, 104-63.

McNary won two relays as

Alex Beard, Bella Beard, Emily Alger and Haley Debban opened the meet by winning the 200 medley relay in 2:05.33. Alex, Bella, Debban and Alyssa Garvey then won the 200 free relay in 1:51.03.

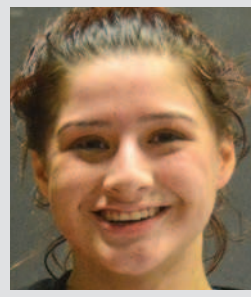
Alger had the fastest time in the 100 fly, finishing in 1:18.29, a seven second PR.

Bella won the 200 IM in 2:31.88 and Alex touched the wall first in the 100 backstroke in 1:09.84.

Madyson Trammel won the 100 breaststroke in 1:25.88.

McNary will compete in the Greater Valley Conference district meet on Feb. 9-10 at the McMinnville Aquatic Center.

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NICOLETTE PARRA McNary High School wrestler

McNary sophomore Nicolette Parra finished second at the girls wrestling state qualifier at Thurston High School on Jan. 26-27. Parra's weight class, 135, featured 47 girls from across the state. She advanced to the finals with five pins, three in the first period and two in the second. Sarah Conner, a USA Freestyle national champion, won the tournament. Parra will wrestle in the first OSAA-sanctioned girls state tournament on Feb. 16-17 in Portland.

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