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"I didn't really have a lot of expectations because this was my first time," Alex, a freshman, said.

"I had a lot of fun swimming. I'm pretty proud of my results. I'm glad I made it to finals. The competition was pretty tough this year."

Bella placed eighth in the 200 free in 2:06.48 and sixth in the 100 breast in 1:13.33. McNary sophomore Alyssa Garvey also made it to A Finals in the 100 breast, finishing eighth in 1:15.

Garvey was the only McNary swimmer to advance to A Finals who doesn't participate on a club team.

"I play a lot of other sports, volleyball and track, so I don't have a lot of time but now I'm thinking of maybe doing a couple of days a week and we'll see," said Garvey, who made it to B Finals in both the 50 and 100 free last season but wasn't able to swim breast due to a knee injury.

"It feels awesome to be swimming my stroke again," said Garvey, who also swam in B Finals of the 100 free on Saturday, finishing with the 10th fastest time of 59.12. Debban took 12th in 1:00.71.

Garvey, Debban, Alex and Bella placed sixth in the 200 free relay in 1:46.96. Hooper, Vaughn, Jabez Rhoades and Wyatt Sherwood finished fifth in the boys 200 free relay in 1:35.87.

Hooper, Rhoades, Grant Biondi and Brock Wyer took sixth in the 400 free relay in 3:40.62.

Individually, Wyer dropped more than 5 seconds in the 100 backstroke to place 10th in 1:04.92.

Rhoades finished ninth in the 100 free in 52.66 and 10th in the 50 free 24.29.

"I was just really pleased that across the board we had best times from the day before," McNary head coach Casey Lewin said.

"It's really, really tough for most of these kids to swim Friday and come back and swim again, especially where a lot of our kids were sitting right on that bubble of mak-



Above: McNary junior Harrison Vaughn finished fifth in the 500 free in 5:03.12 in the finals of the Greater Valley Conference Championships on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the McMinnville Aquatic Center. Below: McNary sophomore Alyssa Garvey, left, placed eighth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:15 and Alex Beard took fifth in the 500 free in 5:35.17 and sixth in the 200 individual medley in 2:22.12.



ing it back."

Lewin told the kids to give it all they had in Friday's prelims or there wouldn't be a Saturday final.

"They definitely stepped up yesterday (Friday) to get here and again stepped up (Saturday)," Lewin said.

"Obviously as a coach you want to get those first places and win but bottom line you get best times and that's all

you can ask for and we definitely did that. I'm definitely pleased."

All five McNary swimmers that made it to finals, Hooper, Vaughn, Alex, Bella and Garvey, should be back for the Celtics next season.

"We're losing a couple of swimmers but we have people right in the wings that will step right in and be as fast or faster," Lewin said.

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KYLE HOOPER McNary High School swimmer

McNary sophomore Kyle Hooper got on the podium twice for the Celtics at the Greater Valley Conference Championships on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the McMinnville Aquatic Center. Hooper finished third in the 500 free with a personal record of 4:58.95. Hooper also placed fourth in the 200 individual medley, finishing in 2:07.43.

"My main goal was to get up on the podium and make a statement for my team," Hooper said.



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