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McNary getting new scoreboard

By DEREK WILEY
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McNary High School is finally getting that new scoreboard.

After discussing a new board during the turf field project in 2015 and instead deciding to refurbish the old one, the McNary Athletic Booster Club has raised most of the \$100,000 for a new scoreboard to be purchased in April and installed this summer.

The new 18-foot, 9-inch tall and 25-foot wide scoreboard features a 5-foot, 9-inch tall and 15-foot, 11 inch wide LED screen for live track results and sponsors. The scoreboard can also post shots on goal during soccer games.

The scoreboard can also house a sound system but that will have to wait since it would cost an additional \$30,000.

"It's a dynamic scoreboard in that it can work for track, lacrosse, soccer, all of our user groups inside and outside of McNary can use this," McNary Athletic Director Scott Gragg said.

"Obviously, football will benefit from this

but many more groups will benefit as well."

Gragg and the booster club are interested in projects that will benefit the most students at McNary.

"My interest is what's the biggest bang for our buck," Gragg said.

"If we can do something that's going to impact 1,500 students versus 30 varsity students, then I'm going to do things that are going to impact 1,500."

Gragg has worked closely with the booster club since taking over as athletic director last summer.

"They are progressive and fast moving and wanting to get things done," Gragg said. "They are closely tied with our community so they know what the heartbeat and the interests are of our community."

Keizer and Salem residents will vote on a \$619.7 million bond on May 15. If that bond passes, the booster club's next project could be equipping a new weight room.

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Celtics playoff run ends early

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Before entering the locker room, McNary head boys basketball coach Ryan Kirch stopped to compose himself.

This loss, 61-41 to Tualatin in the second round of the playoffs, clearly meant more.

"You feel bad for the guys," Kirch said after the game on Saturday, March 3. "As a coach, I think of what I could have done differently and how I could have adjusted and put them in better situations. The kids work so hard for you. As a coach, you feel like you let them down and you couldn't get them to where you felt like they deserved to be and that's the toughest part."

After a back and forth first half with five lead changes, McNary senior Lucas Garvey knocked down a 3-pointer to give the Celtics a 29-25 lead with 6:55 remaining in the third quarter. But McNary didn't score again in the period as Tualatin went on a 16-0 run.

"We had a tough time getting the ball inside," Kirch said. "I thought the ball stuck in our hands a little bit. We didn't move the ball as well as we would have liked. And defensively we didn't guard. They attacked the basket hard on us. We made some poor decisions with the ball that led to some run outs."

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McNary senior Lucas Garvey scored 14 points in a 61-41 loss to Tualatin on Saturday, March 3 in the second round of the 6A boys basketball playoffs.

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Referees didn't do McNary any favors



Two things I hate in sports—when fans blame referees after a loss and the media is clearly a homer for one of the teams. (Ever heard Bill Walton call a UCLA basketball game?)

I'm about to do both.

Referees, especially those who officiate basketball, have a horrible job. They get yelled at and booed by fans. Nearly every call they make is questioned by one side or the other.

The last thing I want to do is add to that noise but McNary AND Tualatin deserved better Saturday night.

For those that weren't at the game, the Celtics were in foul trouble from the beginning as Lucas Garvey and Andrew Jones both picked up two fouls in the first quarter. Garvey ended up fouling out with 4 minutes and 20 seconds left in the game. Chandler Cavell then joined him on the bench

shortly after and McNary had to play the final 3:29 without its two best players.

These are McNary players that haven't been in foul trouble all season. So what happened?

Celtics head coach Ryan Kirch gave Tualatin credit, noting the Timberwolves aggressive play on offense putting officials in position to make those foul calls, which makes sense. But the referees also called the game incredibly tight.

Officials typically call less fouls in big games, not more.

Foul trouble isn't the only reason McNary lost. Cavell didn't get called for his third foul until after Tualatin had gone on a 16-0 run and the Celtics looked rattled at times, turning the ball over and missing free throws, two more things they just don't do. But foul trouble contributed and certainly ended any chance of a comeback.

Sure, I was pulling for McNary. I wanted the Celtics to reach the state quarterfinals and play in the Chiles Center for the first time since 2004. I wanted to write that story.

I wanted to cover the event. Please see WILEY, Page C8

Doutt voted GVC Player of the Year

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Kailey Doutt's coaches, teammates and parents have told her to shoot more for years.

This season she finally did and the result was the league's biggest individual prize as Doutt was voted Greater Valley Conference Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

"Last year I never took my outside shots and everyone yelled at me to shoot," Doutt said. "This year we worked a lot more on our shooting and individual moves.

"I felt a lot more confident shooting from the outside. It opens up the rest of my game because people know I want

to drive and post up."

Doutt, who averaged 18.4 points and 6.9 rebounds this season, thought she had a chance at winning the award.

"It was one of my goals, in the back of my head, all season," Doutt said.

"I knew it was possible. I was super excited and I feel super blessed to be able to get it and the other coaches recognize I was playing well. I was just super happy. It shows that all of my hard work has paid off over the past four years. I've worked on basketball a lot my whole life. It's paid off."

Doutt showed she was in the running for the league's best player early on, making

15 of 17 shots for 32 points and eight rebounds against Tualatin on Dec. 2.

Playing in the Nike Shootout at Lake Oswego, Doutt then posted a double-double of 33 points and 15 rebounds against West Albany on Dec. 29.

"A lot of our offense went through her," McNary head coach Elizabeth Doran said. "She just did a really good job inside for us and was more aggressive shooting the basketball. I'm really happy for her. She deserved it and worked really hard all season. It's a cool award and it's nice that it fell to one of our players."

Doutt's biggest shot came

in the final seconds off a 30-29 win at Forest Grove on Jan. 30.

"The adrenaline rush after that shot was crazy," Doutt said.

"I was super hyped up the rest of the day and the next day. That was a big game for us."

Her younger sister, Leah, a freshman on the team, had the assist on the play.

"Playing with my sister was a lot of fun," Doutt said. "We get along super well and we're best friends. We're super close. There wasn't a lot of arguing. She's a great player. She added a lot to the team so it was tons of fun.

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McNary senior Kailey Doutt was voted Greater Valley Conference Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

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