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"I got the opportunity to watch him grow, not only as a player but as a person to the point where we're at now, where he's graduating," Kirch said. "It's been a real treat and joy. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to work with not just a great player but maybe even a better person."

"On the basketball floor he's a great competitor and demands excellence out of himself and his teammates but he's a guy who does it always with a smile on his face. I think he garners a lot of respect from his teammates with the way that he carries himself, not only on the basketball floor but in the classroom. When we look at how we want our players to represent our program and our school, Chandler is a perfect example of that. His parents have done a great job of raising him. The community has been great in supporting him and I couldn't be happier for where he's at."

Cavell, who led the Celtics with 16.4 points, 6.3 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 1.5 steals per game this season, was unanimously voted to the All-GVC First Team.

McNary finished the season 20-6, winning the Greater Valley Conference and advancing to the second round of the OSAA state playoffs.

"He has an incredibly high ceiling," Kirch said. "I can't wait to see how good he becomes. You wish you had one more year with him because you just know he's going to get better and better."

Celtics get first league win

McNary baseball ended a six-game losing streak and got its first Greater Valley Conference win, 5-3, at McMinnville on Tuesday, April 17.

David Allen pitched six and a third inning, allowing two runs, to earn the win.

Ryan Thompson got the final two outs to get the save.

The Celtics scored three runs in the first inning.

Jacob Jackson was 4-for-4 with two doubles and two runs scored.

Lance Becktel was 2-for-4 and scored a run.

McNary hosts Sprague at home on Monday, April 23 at 5 p.m.

Softball

McNary got runners on base Friday, April 13 at West Albany.

The Lady Celts just couldn't drive them in, falling 10-0 in a battle of two of the top teams in the Greater Valley Conference.

Nadia Witt and Alexa Cepeda led off the game with back-to-back singles but West Albany pitcher Mahayla Gamble struck out the next three hitters to get out of the jam.

After the Bulldogs took a 3-0 lead on two home runs in the bottom of the first, McNary again threatened in the second, loading the bases with no outs.

But again Gamble struck out three consecutive hitters to get out of the inning.

The streak continued into the third inning. Haley Ebner led off with a single and then three more Lady Celts struck out.

West Albany loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the third and cashed in with five runs to take an 8-0 lead.

Faith Danner doubled to lead off the top of the fourth and Abbie Covalt walked but again McNary failed to score as Gamble recorded her 10th strikeout.

The Lady Celts stranded two more runners on base in the top of the fifth. The Bulldogs scored two runs in the bottom of the inning, ending the game early.

McNary, entered the game averaging more than 12.5 runs and hadn't been shut out since a 3-0 loss to Tigard on March



Submitted
McNary senior Andy Okada throws a pitch against Century at Ron Tonkin Field in Hillsboro on Thursday, April 12.

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The Lady Celts are back at home Friday, April 20 at 5 p.m. against Sprague.

Girls Tennis

McNary defeated McKay 5-3 on Tuesday, April 17.

The Lady Celts won three of four singles matches.

At No. 1, Hannah Childress cruised to a 6-0, 6-0 victory. Katherine Perez also had an easy time at 2, winning 6-1,

6-0.

Avery Haymowicz also won in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 4.

McNary won two doubles matches as Gina Munguia and Ainoha Zorzo won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2 and Taylor Walker and McKenna Sieg battled to a 2-6, 7-6, 6-2 victory at 3.

The Lady Celts host North Salem Tuesday, April 24 at 4 p.m.

ATHLETE of the Week

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Hannah Elliot Senior, McNary High School

Hannah Elliot shot a season low 97 to lead the Lady Celts to second place, one stroke ahead of Forest Grove, at McNary Golf Club on Wednesday, April 11.

SIGNING,

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Witt was originally going to play at Western Oregon but de-committed with the quest of joining a Division-I program. She signed her national letter of intent with Riverside in November.

"I just felt like I needed a change, a new environment, a new everything," said Witt,

who ultimately chose Riverside because of its location and the relationships she built with head coach Nikki Palmer and the current players she met.

McNary head softball coach Kevin Wise introduced the girls at the celebration in the school's library.

"These two young ladies are two of the best that I've had the good fortune to coach and I've been doing this prob-

ably as long as they've been alive," Wise said. "I've seen a lot of girls come through and they are not only the best athletes but two of the best kids that you will ever be around."

Witt, who was voted Co-Greater Valley Conference Player of the Year last season as well as First Team All-State, hit .600 with four home runs, 14 doubles, 28 RBIs and 38 runs.

"It's a treat to watch her,"

Witt said. "She makes it look effortless."

Ebner, who has played first base the past two seasons but will catch in college, was also voted to the All-GVC First Team last year after hitting .465 with two home runs, 30 RBIs and 33 runs.

"She is the smartest player that I've ever been around," Wise said. "Anyway you can imagine, she knows the game and she's like another coach

on the field."

Witt and Ebner won a conference championship as freshmen and then again last season as juniors.

Best friends, they've both enjoyed watching each other grow up and develop.

"Watching her (Witt) be the star of the show has been really fun for me," Ebner said. "It's just been a great journey and I'm excited to go on to the next level."

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Shore started 55 of 57 games at McNary, scoring 15 goals and adding 11 assists.

She was a team captain for three years.

"It's been awesome to have a leader like Jessy on this team to help mold this program," McNary head coach A.J. Nash said. "Her leadership has changed the course of McNary soccer. It's been pretty fun to watch. It's been through grit and effort. Jessy from the very beginning has exemplified good character and being

a great teammate, always fighting for the person on the team that maybe doesn't have that voice. Shows up early, stays late, all of those things that are going to make (her) great at life."

After McNary finished 4-10 Shore's freshman year, the Lady Celts improved to 6-8 her sophomore season and then qualified for the state playoffs the past two years, with a combined record of 16-9-5.

"It's definitely been a journey," Shore said. "First year was very rough, definitely. I think that the biggest thing that we've all tried to do is have fun

throughout the four years and the more that we had fun, the better we played. The more that we loved what we were doing, the more work we were willing to put in for it."

Before leaving the program, Shore got Nash back for a prank he played on her and the rest of the team four years ago, when he pretended to have the senior captains arrested.

"He got a police officer to come and ask for our senior captains my freshman year. But nobody else on the team knew except for the captains. They acted it out. They were

stone-faced and totally playing into it. He brought us all over to the girls and they were standing behind a shed with their hands behind their back so it looked like they had been cuffed. They were playing into it a lot. I was freaking out. They pulled their hands from behind their back and they had squirt guns and sprayed us all."

Her senior season, on Nash's birthday, Shore had cops come to practice to arrest her coach. The officers told Nash that a player had filed a complaint against him and then called

over Shore, who said Nash was the coach who had pranked her four years earlier.

"It was a lot of fun," Shore said of pranking her coach. "I didn't tell any of the girls either so all of them were into it. My mom got it on film and even from where she was filming you could see his facial reactions. He had no idea what was going on."

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