

# Lady Celts shut out versus McMinnville

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McNary had no answer for McMinnville junior Payton Hudson.

In the circle, Hudson allowed just three hits as the Lady Celts fell 1-0 on Thursday, April 26.

"She's a really good pitcher," McNary head coach Kevin Wise said. "We tried bunting. We brought out the arsenal. They're a solid team, good defense, good pitching. We had a couple of hits that they made good plays on, if those go half an inch or an inch the other way, maybe we get something rolling but we just couldn't today."

Hudson also got McNary at the plate, hitting a solo home run off the scoreboard in the top of the fourth to score the only run of the game.

After not threatening to score in the first three innings, McNary put two runners on in the bottom of the fourth as Taylor Ebbs reached on an error and Haley Bingenheimer walked. But Hudson got a ground ball to shortstop to get out of the inning.

After McNary shortstop Nadia Witt gunned down a runner at home to end the fifth inning, McMinnville had another chance to add to its lead in the top of the sixth.

With runners at first and second and one out, McNary chose to intentionally walk Hudson and load the bases. The decision paid off as Dan-



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McNary third baseman Kate Ronning throws out a McMinnville runner at first base on Thursday, April 26.

ner got a ground ball to shortstop for a force out at home and then another ground ball to third to get out of the jam.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Haley Ebner walked to put the tying run on base. But the Lady Celts lined out to second to end the game.

The run was the first McNary had allowed all week, after shutting out Forest Grove and South Salem, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Our defense is playing really well," Wise said. "Nothing to complain about."

The Lady Celts offense

had also been hot, scoring 10 runs at Forest Grove and 14 at South Salem.

"We probably used all our hits up the last couple of games," Wise said.

Senior Emma Kinler missed all three games after suffering a concussion diving for a ball at Monday's practice. Ebner, sat out against South Salem with a sprained wrist, but returned against McMinnville.

The loss dropped McNary to 7-3 in league play, tied with McMinnville.

"We've just got to keep fighting," Wise said. "We're still in the thick of the battle."

and it felt good, especially against West, one of the top teams in our league," Wentworth said. "It felt awesome to drive that ball."

Carl Rumbaugh took it from there, allowing just one hit over the final two innings, to pitch a complete game and earn the victory.

"Carl's been phenomenal his last three starts," McNary

head coach Larry Keeker said. "He's been really good on the mound for us. The best part about this game was answering in the bottom of that (fifth) inning with good at bats to load the bases and Colin works the count for a bases loaded clearing double in the gap and just puts a good swing on a pitch and we're right back in it."



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Auston Barton tries to avoid a South Salem defender on Wednesday, April 25.

## McNary routs South Salem

McNary's boys lacrosse team (9-4) closed its road trip with a 12-11 win in overtime over Ridgeview on Saturday, April 28.

Jonathan Williams had seven goals in the victory. Kory Pagels added two.

The win came after McNary lost a lead in the final two minutes to fall to Sisters 12-10 earlier in the day.

Chad Pinney and Williams each had four goals. Spencer

DeLaCruz and Ezra scored the other two goals.

The Celtics also defeated Mountain View 12-10 on Friday, April 27.

Williams again led the effort, scoring three goals. Pagels also had a hat trick. Barton and Pinney each scored two goals. DeLaCruz and Ezra Cauthon both had one.

The Celtics throttled South Salem 17-3 on Wednesday, April 25.

Williams and Cauthon each had four goals in the rout. Barton, Shepherd and DeLaCruz all had two. Pagels, Pinney and Layton Thurlow scored as well.

McNary hosts West Albany Tuesday, May 8 at 8 p.m. to finish the regular season.

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But McNary immediately answered in the bottom of the inning, loading the bases for Wentworth, who hit a ball in the left field gap to clear the bases and give the Celtics a 5-3 lead.

"He gave me a meat pitch

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