



McNary's Abigail Hawley (21) attacks the teeth of the defense in the Celtics 53-41 loss to South Salem on Thursday, Jan. 31. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings

# McNary's seven-game win streak comes to a halt against South Salem

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In a showdown between the top two teams in the Mountain Valley Conference, a slow start to the second half ended up dooming the McNary girls basketball team in the end.

South Salem outscored McNary 20-9 in the third period and went onto defeat the Celtics by a score of 53-41 on Thursday, Jan. 31.

It was the first MVC loss of the season for McNary.

"(South Salem) had a great third quarter and just a great overall second half," McNary head coach Elizabeth Doran said. "We never really recovered."

Leah Doult led McNary with 21 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the field and Abigail Hawley added 11 points in the loss.

After falling behind 5-0, the Celtics responded with a quick 6-0 run to take their first lead thanks a layup from Hawley and a floater from Doult.

South Salem came back to take a 10-6 lead with under a minute left in the period, but Doult ended the McNary drought with an old fashioned three-point play to trim the Celtics deficit to one at the end of the quarter.

Three-pointers from Hawley and Mackenzie Proctor allowed McNary to go on an 8-2 run to take 17-12 lead with less than two minutes

left in the half. The Saxons, however, were able to tie the game at 17-all at the break.

Both teams struggled mightily to get much going on offense in the first half. But whatever was keeping South Salem from putting the ball in the hoop in the first 16 minutes of play had dissipated by the time the third quarter started.

The Saxons began the period on a 12-2 run and went on top 29-19 with 4:06 remaining in the quarter. McNary briefly stopped the bleeding after five quick points from Doult, but South Salem responded by going by scoring eight of the next 10 points and took a 37-26 advantage into the final period.



Sabella Alfaro (10) looks to score after faking out a South Salem defender. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings

"We gave them too many second-chance opportunities on the boards. I think that is what really killed us," Hawley said.

McNary also had a hard time handling the aggressive defensive pressure of South Salem — the Celtics turned the ball over 14 times on the night.

"They started to pressure us more and trap us in the half-court and we just didn't handle it well in the second half," Doult said. "When we were turning the ball over, it was definitely giving them momentum."

However, the Celtics weren't willing to throw in the towel quite yet.

In the first 90 seconds of

the fourth quarter, McNary came away with a trio of steals and turned it into eight consecutive points, cutting the lead to three.

"We had some success with our press for a couple possessions there and we were able to get back in it," Doran said.

But in the end, McNary couldn't get a defensive stop when they desperately needed one and South Salem got their lead back up to double-figures moments later.

Despite the loss, McNary is still tied for first place in the MVC standings and looks to bounce back tonight as they travel to Bend tonight to take on the Lava Bears at 5 p.m.

# Volcanoes announce newest executive hires

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes have announced the hiring of Eric Fisk as their new director of sales and Vicky Swearingin as director of ticketing. These announcements come on the heels of the early January hire of Mitche Graf as president of business operations.

"As we forge into a new era here at Volcanoes baseball, we are excited to have the talents of Eric and Vicky on our management team. They both have served in other capacities within the organization and we will benefit greatly from their experience and passion for the fan experience," said team President Mitche Graf.

Fisk comes to the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes with over 30 years experience in baseball as a coach, professional umpire and game-day promotions manager for the team. Fisk also spent three years as the Event Coordinator for Linn-Benton Community College.

"We are excited to have Eric join our team and play an integral role in making Volcanoes Stadium the place to be on game night. He brings with him a wealth of baseball knowledge and is focused on



Fisk



Swearingin

making the fan experience the best it can be" says Graf.

Fisk lives with his fiancée Emily along with their children Bowen, Mia and Kristin.

Vicky Swearingin has worked for the team since last season in the ticket office, but her new role will allow her to utilize her customer service background in new ways.

Swearingin previously held positions in banking with Key Bank at Keizer Station and Wells Fargo.

"I am excited about my new career with the Volcanoes and am looking forward to getting

the privilege of getting to know all of our fans and season ticket holders on a personal level," says Swearingin.

Swearingin lives in Keizer with her husband, David, and their two children.

Graf added "Vicky has a special relationship with our fans and we are excited to be able to share her expertise with Volcano Nation."

Fisk and Swearingin have begun their full-time positions with the Volcanoes and can be reached by calling 503-390-2225.

# McNary set to introduce new Hall of Fame class

The McNary High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be holding a ceremony on Friday, March 15 at the Keizer Civic Center to honor former great athletes that made significant contributions to the winning tradition of the athletics program at McNary.

The spring inductees will include: Lisa Blush, Mike

Doherty, Shawn Kintner and the 2009 state champion baseball team.

There will be a social hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Prices are \$60 for an individual, \$100 for a couples and \$400 for a table of eight.

Event sponsorships are available for \$1,000 and comes with honoree ticket sales, program and event recognition as well as a reserved table for eight.

If you have any questions, please contact McNary athletic director Scott Gragg at: gragg.scott@salkeiz.k12.or.us.

# Sole Sisters coming to Keizer

Sole Sisters, a Wilsonville-based training group for women who want to run 10K and half marathons, is planning a chapter in Keizer and Salem. The first training is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9, at 7:45 a.m. in front of Marshall's at Keizer Station. The training, which is free, is open to all fitness levels—runners and walkers alike.

Jules Moody founded Sole Sisters in 2008 and it has grown to include over 1,000 women in 10 cities. The free training will continue through May with progressive routes starting at 3 miles long and working up to 11 miles.

The Keizer-Salem chapter of Sole Sisters will be led by Kristine Jacobsen and Melissa

Jones-Clark Gomez. "We are about inclusion and connection," said Kristine Jacobsen. "No formal training is required, just show up, meet new people and have fun taking care of yourself." Half distances are also available for 10K runners, she added.

To learn more visit sole sisters.us.

# WRESTLING, continued from Page A14



McNary's Giovanni Cervantes (left) gains the upper hand in the 145-pound bout against Bend's Grant Harpole. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings

"They were all kind of tough matches and each one had its own ups and downs, but I just remembered everything my coaches taught me and just kept

working hard," Parra said. Parra won his first match via 12-6 decision against Bend's Jonovan King. In the following bout, Parra pinned Mason Burke from Mountain View with just a minute remaining in the third round.

Parra faced a much bigger challenge in his final match against Aiden Johnson from Summit, but the McNary junior outlasted his opponent down the stretch and came away with the 7-5 decision.

"I felt like I didn't wrestle great in that match, but I just kept moving and kept being persistent throughout," Parra said. "In the end, I caught him in a move and just rode it out for the rest of the match."

Grady Burrows (113 lbs.) also finished the night undefeated for the Celtics. Burrows earned a second round pin against Isaiah Todd from Bend in his first match, then forced a 25-second fall in his second bout against Ben Caba from Summit.

Ryan Bamford (170 lbs.) won a 3-2 decision and Matthew Mehlhoff (152 lbs.) earned a first-round fall to round out the Celtics victories against Bend.

Garrett Wampler (182 lbs.) was the only wrestler other than Parra to pick up a win against Mountain View — the other 12 points came from a pair of forfeits — as Wampler put Ronan Fletcher on his back less than a minute into the match.

After consecutive defeats to begin the night, the Celtics came back with a resilient victory against Summit in their final dual.

"Summit had some tough kids that gave us a good challenge, but we wrestled really well in that dual," Ebbs said.

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