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## Bedoya leads Celtics to victory

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With a pitching rotation that hasn't been set yet, Devon Bedoya proved that he can be a reliable arm for the McNary baseball squad.

In his first start of the season, the senior right-hander threw six scoreless innings for the Celtics, giving up just three hits and three walks while striking out six as McNary defeated Reynolds in their home opener 5-0 on Monday night.

"I just made sure to throw strikes and trust my defense," Bedoya said.

Bedoya wasn't overpowering by any stretch, but his ability to hit his spots and be in command of both of his pitches allowed him to be successful.

"Devon obviously pitched a fantastic game for us," McNary head coach Larry Keeker said. "He was around the plate and forced them to swing the bat."

Without the benefit of a hit, McNary took a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Jamison Martin led off the frame by reaching on a catcher's interference. After advancing the third on a pair of groundouts, Martin scored moments later on a wild pitch to give McNary the early lead.

However, offensive production was a difficulty most of the night for this Celtic team. McNary only had four hits for the game and struggled to get base runners in the first five innings.

"Moving forward, we're hoping to be more competitive at the plate," Keeker said. "It just seemed like we weren't in a very good rhythm."

But with Bedoya's dominance on the mound, the Celtics didn't need much offense.

After Bedoya retired the first eight batters he faced, Reynolds had a threat going in the top of the third with back-to-back two-out singles. But Bedoya was able to get out of the inning after McNary shortstop Jacob Jackson made a terrific bare-handed play on a slowly hit ground ball in the infield grass.

"I had my fastball going early, but I lost it a little bit. So I came back to my off-speed stuff," Bedoya said. "I had a good day with all my pitches."

Coming into this year, one of the goals that McNary had was to clean up their play in the field — the Celtics averaged more than three errors a game last year.

McNary appeared to be



KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings  
McNary pitcher Devon Bedoya threw six scoreless innings to help the Celtics defeat Reynolds 5-0 on Monday night.

## McNary bounces back with home victory over Sunset



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McNary freshman Kaylee Schwab rounds third and heads for home in the Celtics 4-3 win over Sunset.

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After suffering their first loss of the season to Grants Pass in the previous game, the McNary softball team bounced back on Monday night with a 4-3 victory over Sunset.

Faith Danner went the distance in the circle for the fourth time this season, pitching seven innings and surrendering just one earned run on seven hits.

Shortstop Taylor Ebbs led the McNary offense by going 3-for-3 at the dish with an RBI and a run scored.

The Celtics struck in the opening frame as Alexa Cepeda singled to left field to leadoff the inning. After Abbi Covalt reached on an error in the following at-bat, Ebbs knocked an RBI-single into center field to put McNary on top 1-0.

"It's really important for us to score early," Ebbs said.

"If we didn't do that, (Danner) wouldn't be pitching as well as she is."

It looked like the Celtics had potential for a big inning with a run already across and two runners on base with nobody out. But Sunset pitcher Grace Kimball retired the next three batters to get out of the jam.

Back-to-back infield singles by Ebbs and Kate Ronning put the Celtics back in business in the bottom

of third. After a double steal that allowed both runners to get into scoring position, an RBI-groundout to second base by Hannah Ebner brought Ebbs in from third and extended McNary's lead to 2-0.

In Danner's first three innings of work, Sunset's only baserunner reached via error. But the senior right-hander got into some trouble in the top of the fourth due to another defensive miscue.

After an error by Ebner at first base to start the frame, Danner retired the next two batters. Sunset, however, got their first hit of the game from Kate Fogle, who laced a single into right field to score Kimball from second and cut the McNary lead to 2-1.

The Apollos scored another unearned run in the top of the fifth to tie the game at 2-2.

However, the resilient Celtics were ready to respond in the bottom half of the frame.

Ebbs started the inning off with a single to center field and advanced to second on a wild pitch. After getting Ronning to fly out, Kimball issued free passes to the next two hitters, which loaded up the bases.

Danner, who was the following batter, hit a sharp ground ball to the right side that ended up hitting Ebner in the leg as she tried to advance to second from first, which caused the umpire to rule the play dead and call Ebner out for interference.

With two outs and the bags packed, the eight hitter Shaylee Cluster stepped to the plate. With 1-1 count, Cluster hit a sharp ground ball to second base. Sunset second baseman Maddy Terhune was in position to make the play, but the ball glanced off her leg and trickled into the outfield.

Two runs scored on the fielding error as McNary



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McNary's Avery Haymowicz fires a backhand shot over the net in the #1 singles match.

## Lady Celts open season at Century

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McNary's girls tennis team lost six out of their eight matches in their season-opening meet with Century on Thursday, March 14.

But considering that the Celtics roster is filled with first-year players, McNary head coach Sean Smith viewed the match as a moral victory.

"This was the first match for many of the athletes and they hung in there and battled well," Smith said. "The fact that many of their matches lasted almost two hours demonstrated that. They also enjoyed themselves out there and handled themselves well, and I was pleased with that too."

McNary wasn't able to compete with Century on the singles side as the Jaguars won all four matches. McNary's top singles player Avery Haymowicz just fell short in her match as she lost to Olivia Vargas 7-6, 7-5.

However, the Celtics doubles teams had solid first matches across the board.

Natalia Gonzalez, who is on the McNary's top doubles team, was without her normal partner, Gina Munguia-Martinez — who had to miss the meet.

Smith inserted Ariana Albright into the other spot to play with Gonzalez, and despite never playing together, the two won their match 6-2, 6-2 and were in control from start to finish.

"They had good chemistry obviously. I was pleased with their positive attitude and communication," Smith said.

However, the Celtics lost heartbreakers in the #2 and #3 doubles matches. The #2 Celtics duo of Jorie Skipper and McKinsey Jarnagin started off strong by winning their first set 6-4, but then lost their final two sets to drop the match.

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