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McNary earns 2-2 draw with South Medford



McNary midfielder Kennedy Buss (20) takes the ball away from a South Medford player with a sliding tackle. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings

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It may have not been the result they were originally hoping for, but it was still a positive outcome for the McNary girls soccer team against the reigning Southwest Conference champions. After falling behind 2-0 in the first half, the Celtics rallied for a pair of goals in the final 30 minutes to salvage a 2-2 tie with South Medford on Friday, Sept. 6 in the home opener.

"I loved the heart and the effort we showed after going down two goals. We responded very well," McNary head coach A.J. Nash said. "Yes, we could have played better. Yes, the result could have been different. But all-in-all, I think there is a ton to build on."

Despite outshooting South Medford by a 3-1 margin in the first 40 minutes, the Celtics weren't able to take advantage of some golden opportunities. And late in the first half, the Panthers made them pay.

In the 27th minute, McNary forward Audrey Williams found Julie Dieker cutting towards the box with a chance to break the scoreless tie. Dieker pinned her defender on her hip and got free with a spin move, but

couldn't quite get enough velocity on her shot attempt as the ball was saved by South Medford keeper Jaeda Boutwell.

After Boutwell cleared the ball into the midfield, the McNary defense had a momentary lapse that proved costly as Panthers forward Isabella Bottero carved through the Celtics back line to score an easy goal that gave her team the lead.

"We relaxed and we got caught off guard," Nash said about his team's defensive breakdown.

Less than two minutes later, Bottero struck again, this time with a well-placed free kick that got over a wall of three Celtics players, just sneaking between the crossbar and the outstretched hand of McNary goalie Ashley Doerfler.

A lot of teams might be discouraged by a 2-0 half-time deficit, especially if they feel like they are outplaying their opponents. But when the second half began, McNary competed with an intensity that South Medford struggled to keep up with.

"In 50/50 situations, we were the hungrier team and we had more desire. Both of our goals were a

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Hillsboro ends Volcanoes season in divisional series

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The Volcanoes first trip to the postseason since 2015 was a short one as Salem-Keizer was swept by Hillsboro in a best-of-three series, losing game one by a score of 2-1 on Wednesday, Sept. 4 in Hillsboro and then dropping game two at home 6-3 the following day.

Salem Keizer's offense couldn't take advantage of tremendous pitching performances from Kervin Castro and Travis Perry in game one. Castro got the start and retired the side in order in the first two frames.

Perry then came onto pitch five innings in relief, giving up three hits and no earned runs while striking out five.

Hillsboro starter Tyler Holton was perfect through three innings until Yorlis Rodriguez drove a 2-0 fastball over the center field wall to give the Volcanoes the 1-0 lead.

However, it would be the only time that a Volcanoes player would reach base for the entire game.

Holton would finish his six-inning outing with 10 strikeouts and gave up just the one hit for the contest.

Left-hander Nick Snyder came into throw three perfect innings in relief to be credited with the win.

After being shut out for the first seven innings, the Hops tied the game at 1-1 when Andy Yerzy hit an RBI-single to right field off Volcanoes righty Miguel Figueroa, scoring Corbin Carroll.

Despite giving up a run in the bottom of the eighth, Volcanoes acting manager

Nestor Rojas elected to bring back Figueroa for the ninth.

The decision came back to bite the Volcanoes as Liover Peguero hit a walkoff ground-rule double with a runner on second to send Hillsboro to victory.

Offense was a little more prevalent in game two with Hillsboro jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning.

The Hops got a third run in the top of the second of Volcanoes starting pitcher Caleb Kilian, but Salem-Keizer responded in the bottom half of the frame.

After a single by Luis Toribio and a walk from Brandon Martorano, first baseman Tyler Flores lined a double to right field, scoring Toribio from second. Martorano would score moments later thanks to an RBI-groundout from Jeff Houghtby, trimming the deficit to 3-2.



Salem-Keizer lefty Deiyerbert Bolivar closed out the top of the ninth in the Volcanoes 6-3 loss to Hillsboro on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Salem-Keizer's Connor Nurse pitched in relief of Kilian and gave up a pair of runs in the fifth and another run in the seventh, giving Hillsboro the 6-2 advantage. Volcanoes slugger Harrison Freed, however, got one back in the bottom of the seventh with a solo blast to right field.

Despite the deficit, Salem-Keizer definitely made things interesting for the home crowd in the bottom of the ninth.

Hillsboro closer Eduardo Herrera struck out the first two batters of the inning, but walks from Flores and Houghtby, plus a single from Freed, loaded up the bases and brought the winning run to the plate.

Hops manager Javier Colina elected to take out Herrera and put in Mailon Arroyo to get the final out.

After getting ahead 0-1 in the count, Arroyo got Salem-Keizer right fielder Jairo Pomares to pop up to the third baseman, which ended the game and sent the Hops to the championship series.



McNary quarterback Erik Barker combined for 223 total yards against North Medford, but the Black Tornado still defeated the Celtics 45-6.

Celts struggle in opener

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Coming into the season, McNary knew that they would face one of the toughest non-league schedules in the state.

But when they traveled to southern Oregon on Friday, Sept. 6, it was clear the Celtics weren't up to the test.

It was a 7-6 game going into the second quarter, but North Medford rattled off 38 unanswered points as the Celtics struggled mightily in their season opener, falling to the Black Tornado 45-6.

"We actually got off to a decent start, we just had a couple things that went against us and we just did not handle it very well," McNary head coach Jeff Auvinen said.

McNary quarterback Erik Barker led the offensive attack for the Celtics, rushing for 112 yards on eight carries

and going 10 of 20 through the air for 111 yards and a touchdown. But he also threw two interceptions and lost a fumble. Receiver Junior Nunez caught five balls for 80 yards on the night.

The Celtics marched down the field in their first offensive drive of the game, but couldn't finish the possession with a score. North Medford took advantage when quarterback Brennan Stults hit Chance Costanzo for a 54-yard score to give the Black Tornado the 7-0 lead.

However, McNary would quickly answer back on their following drive.

After a long scramble from Barker, the senior quarterback found Zane Aicher wide open in the corner of the end zone for a seven-yard touchdown, cutting the lead to one.

But the Celtics defense couldn't stop North Medford from rattling off a multitude of big plays.

The Black Tornado outscored the Celtics 24-0 in the second period, capitalizing on a pair of McNary turnovers, including a fumble by Barker inside the North Medford 10-yard line.

"It just felt like we were a different team once we got down a couple scores. It was bad in the second quarter," Auvinen said. "It was almost like the wind went out of the kids sails. It's very rare to lose the turnover battle and win the game."

North Medford continued to gash the Celtics defense for all four quarters, exploding for 554 yards of total offense — 326 on the ground and 228 through the

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