



Julie Dieker (6) attempts to get a pass by a West Albany defender.



KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings
Ariana Santana (#0) fights for possession of the ball.



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Tessa Fisher (13) tries to break free for a shot-on-goal.

have always had a connection and it's fun to get goals off each other," Dieker said.

In the 47th minute, McNary chipped away at the lead once again.

Forward Audrey Williams was accosted by a West Albany defender after maneuvering her way into the box and was awarded a penalty kick.

On the PK, Williams was

just able to sneak a shot into the lower left-corner of the goal to cut the Bulldogs lead to one.

But even though they tightened things up on the defensive side, the McNary attack failed to threaten for the remainder of the game as West Albany dropped an additional player into their back line to help preserve the win.

Even in defeat, Nash commended his team for their effort and attitude.

"Their attitude and character was all on display tonight. Our girls never got down. They stayed up for the whole game and I commend them for that," Nash said. "It's a testament to the type of kids they are. They trust each other and have faith in each other.

Once we buttoned up, they started getting their confidence underneath them."

Dieker added: "We're definitely frustrated, but we played hard and I feel like we learned how to make adjustments to what West Albany was doing."

McNary begins Mountain Valley Conference play on Tuesday, Oct. 1 when they host West Salem at 7 p.m.

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