

ATHLETE *of the Week*

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KENZIE PROCTOR Junior at McNary High School

#33 - Shooting Guard, Girls Basketball

Proctor led McNary with 14 points on 6-of-13 shooting in the Celtics 40-39 loss to Mountain View on Thursday, Jan. 23.

The Celtics shooting guard was also in double-figures with 12 points in the Celtics last victory, a 56-52 win over North Medford.

WHAT HER COACH SAYS:

"When she's confident, she's hard to guard because she shoots the ball really well and can also go off the dribble."

— Elizabeth Doran
McNary Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach



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McNary would be guaranteed the dual victory if Gilbert Parra could pull out a win in the 138-pound match.

Parra fell behind 3-2 in the first round, but even though neither competitor scored in the second round, Parra was confident with where he at in the match.

"He got points on me early, but I was riding him most

of the second round. I really trust my conditioning and know that I'm not going to get tired. I have the toughness to keep working so I wasn't concerned about it. I knew that I was going to get points late," Parra said. "The pressure didn't phase me. I just wanted to go out there and do what I'm supposed to do."

Parra tied the score with a one-point escape, which he followed with a two-point reversal moments later to take the lead. The McNary senior eventually won a 5-3

decision to seal the victory for the Celtics.

"Outlasting his opponents has got to be Gilbert's best strength. He doesn't mind going deep into a match," Ebbs said. "He didn't make many mistakes. He saw a close score early. He stayed in good position and kept things in control. Gilbert put himself in a spot where winning within range."

McNary will host their senior night on Friday, Jan. 31 against North Salem at 7 p.m.



Ivan Vallejo (blue singlet) won a 3-1 decision for McNary in the 152-pound bout to begin the dual. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings

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