

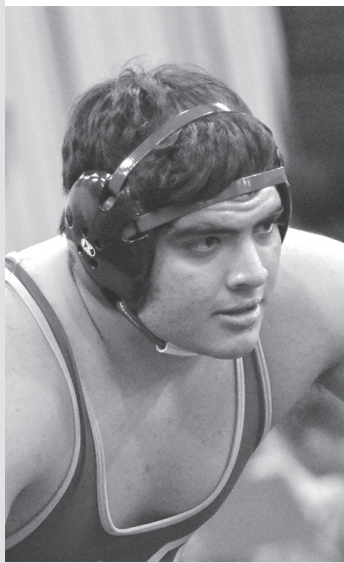
ATHLETE *of the Week*

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ALDO VILLAVAZO Sophomore at McNary High School

Varsity Wrestling



In the second round of the 220-pound division at the state meet, McNary sophomore Aldo Villavazo defeated Eric Sheldon from Reynolds with an 11-10 sudden victory to advance to the quarterfinal match on Friday, Feb. 28.

Villavazo qualified for the state tournament by placing second at the Mountain Valley Conference District Meet two weeks prior.

WHAT HIS COACH SAYS

"He proved that he belonged. He put his head down and got to work. He is already pumped for next year and I can't wait to see what he will do."

— Sam Martin,
McNary interim head coach

CELTICS

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Riley Flores had the Celtics within five at 42-37.

But South Salem turned up the intensity on defense, which led to them getting open shots on the other end. The Saxons scored the next 12 points and ended the period on a 19-9 run to go up 61-46.

"We came out a little slow after half and we just lost the momentum," Gonzalez said.

The Saxons increased the lead to 18 in the early stages in the fourth quarter. With the game being out of hand, Kirch elected to pull his starters.

But even with a large lead, South Salem head coach Travis Brown kept his starters in the game and continued to go with a full-court press against the McNary reserves for the remainder of the contest.

"We were a little tentative in some areas and had a hard time dealing with their pressure. Once the lead got to 18, we chose to pull our starters and they continued to press with their starters. We had some guys in that don't have a lot of experience and that definitely led to some things late," Kirch said.

Galbraith nailed his 10th 3-pointer of the game with less than two minutes remaining to put the Saxons

up by 30, then shimmied in front of the McNary bench while being mobbed by his teammates in celebration.

After being projected to finish sixth in the MVC by *The Oregonian*, McNary placed third in the conference standings with a 16-8 overall record and a 9-5 record in league play — both are one-win improvements from last year.

Kirch shared on how McNary strong culture helped them surpass expectations this season.

"I'm really proud to be the head coach at McNary High School and I'm proud to coach in a community

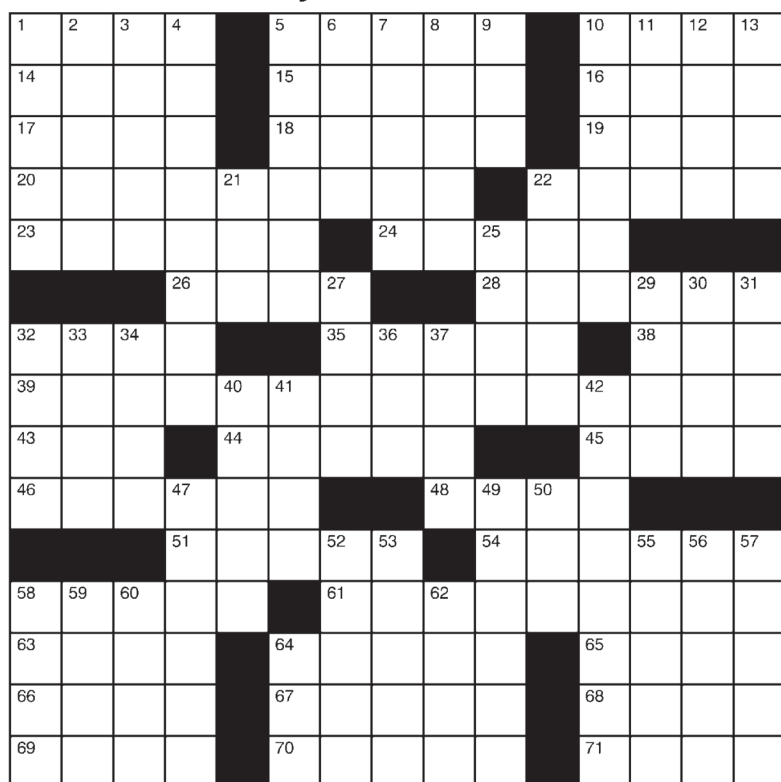
that supports their school. I'm proud that our players grow up as friends and how they play together at our elementary schools and they grow up wanting to play at McNary. And I think that culture goes a long way. X's and O's are important, but we work to build and protect our culture so much," Kirch said. "We want to build our program based on character. We do it a certain way and other programs may do it others, but we're proud of the fact that we're all Keizer kids. I'm proud of who we are, but maybe more importantly, I'm proud of who we are not."



KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings
McNary guard Gunner Smedema lines up a free throw attempt.

crossword

By the Numbers



CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

ACROSS

- 1 Falling out
- 5 Pedro's pop
- 10 Brook
- 14 Toledo's lake
- 15 Out of town
- 16 Home of Zeno
- 17 Fleshy fruit
- 18 *Unsafe* ___ *Speed*: Nader
- 19 WWII battle site
- 20 Blackjack
- 22 Going like ___
- 23 ___ that up to you
- 24 Hampstead odist
- 26 Outfit
- 28 Soup du jour, maybe
- 32 Oh, woe ___!
- 35 Tarawa, for one
- 38 Indian bean
- 39 Peter Horton's age?
- 43 Sniggler's prey
- 44 Mounted
- 45 ___ *dixit*
- 46 Zany
- 48 Take ___ it comes
- 51 Beluga's bawliwick
- 54 Bellows or Harper
- 58 One of the yard lines
- 61 Part of the old home-

DOWN

- 1 Ninth mo. opener
- 2 ___ car
- 3 Anouk, from Paris
- 4 Most of us, once
- 5 Higher Power play
- 6 Auburn or Oakland
- 7 Nipped
- 8 Rajput princess
- 9 Doc Savage portrayer
- 10 Lax
- 11 Holly
- 12 Black Beret victim
- 13 Indolent
- 21 Tellico Dam's agcy.
- 22 Marsh bird
- 25 Up to
- 27 Tuba's part
- 29 Wag's gag
- 30 Porch planters

- 31 Ragged ___
- 32 Entry
- 33 Queens' place
- 34 Temperate
- 36 Little piggy
- 37 Potent beginning
- 40 Dick or Spencer
- 41 Cry of dismay
- 42 Bruce Catton word
- 47 Mather or candy
- 49 Buyers
- 50 Dog speak
- 52 Had ___ : ate
- 53 Birth
- 55 Cara, of *Roots*
- 56 Condition
- 57 Goofs on a proof
- 58 Kismet
- 59 *Believe* ___ *Not*
- 60 Suva's country
- 62 Fleece
- 64 Finger-wagger's sound

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