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greedy, Ebbs threw a rocket to third from center field to nail the runner at third.

"With a great defense behind her, Lacey can just go out and relax and pitch. She is moving the ball so well and hitting her spots. But it also makes a huge difference when a pitcher knows that she has a great defense," Wise said.

After an RBI-groundout by Schwab in the bottom of the third, the Celtics had another three-run inning in the following frame.

Ebbs had flied out to left field in her first two at-bats, but with a runner on first and nobody out, the University of Kentucky signee scorched an RBI triple into the gap in right center field. Ebbs would score moments later thanks to an RBI-single from Abbi Covalt.

"My approach in the first two at-bats was to hit line drives and I kept getting under the ball. In my third at-bat, I tried hitting the ball on the ground and that's what helped me get on top of it," Ebbs said.

Schwab recorded her third RBI later in the frame thanks to her second hit of the game, extending the lead to 8-0.

After KJ Cluster started the bottom of the fifth by reaching first on a free pass, Ebbs hit a line shot down the left field line for a ground rule double, putting two runners in scoring position. Cluster got home on a groundout from Heather Ebner and Ebbs scored the game-ending run on a wild pitch.

"Our lineup is really good at being smart and doing our job," Ebbs said.

McNary returns home on Monday, April 26 to face off against North Salem at 4 p.m.



Sophomore pitcher Lacey Vasas threw five innings for the Celtics and gave up just three hits and no runs. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of *Keizertimes*

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