

need a little reality check."

McNary got a run back in the bottom of the third when Hubbard tattooed a pitch over the center fielder's head, scoring Nease from first.

It appeared that it would be a stand-up double for Hubbard, but the senior outfielder didn't touch first while rounding the base. Hubbard went back to touch the bag, then tried to advance, but was thrown out at second to end the inning.

"At that point in time, (Hubbard's) RBI made it 8-5. It was an unfortunate situation because he would have been standing on second. At that point we could have gotten a two-out hit and maybe our mojo changes a little bit, but that obviously didn't happen," Keeker said.

After giving up an infield single and

a walk in the top of the fourth, Ready was subbed out for Dante Olivo, but the senior right-hander wasn't able to fare much better as the Titans built their lead to 11-5.

The Celtics cycled through a trio of pitchers in the top of the fifth. After four free passes, it looked as if Mayer, who was the third pitcher to throw in the frame, got out of a bases-loaded jam when a two-out fly ball was hit to right field. But Hubbard, the right fielder, struggled to track the ball and was unable to make the play. With runners moving on the crack of the bat, all three scored on the play to give West Salem a double-digit advantage.

"There were just too many defensive miscues and not enough command from our pitching staff," Keeker said.



Aaron Nease rounds third and goes in to score for the Celtics in the bottom of the first. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

Eleven Celts receive all-conference recognition



Fisher



Martinez

The McNary boys and girls soccer teams each had multiple players receive Salem-Keizer all-league honors for their performances in the 2021 Spring season.

On the girls side, sophomore Tessa Fisher was named a first-team all-league midfielder with four goals and one assist. Sydnee Alfano, who is also a sophomore and led the team with seven goals, was selected as a second-team all-league forward.

Freshman midfielder Maya Alston and senior defender Kennedy Buss were selected as honorable mentions.

For the boys team, Eddie Martinez was one of two McNary players selected as a first-team all-league performer. Martinez led the squad with nine goals and 11 assists. Sophomore midfielder Hudson Brunk was also named to the first team with five goals and two assists on the year.

Sophomores Johann Singh Sanchez and Johnny Bravo were each named to the second team. Singh Sanchez had four goals and was second on the team in assists (5). Bravo notched three goals and had three assists.

Senior forward Eli Petillo was also named to the second team. Petillo was second on the squad in goals (6) and had three assists.

Senior defenders Jose Martinez and Miguel Gaytan were each honorable mentions.

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