

“Trevor had a great at-bat. That double really sparked us,” Keeker said.

A sacrifice bunt by Noah Fischer brought the winning run to third base with one out. Mayer popped out to first base for the second out of the inning, which brought Aicher to the plate.

“I was looking middle-in and didn’t get it at first. Then he gave me middle-in on that third pitch and I was able to put it where I wanted to,” Aicher said.

Aicher pulled the 2-1 delivery to right field, which fell for a hit, scoring Ratliff from third and giving McNary the victory.

“It felt amazing. There is nothing better than that. I got up there a little nervous but I was able to get it done,” Aicher said. “It is so much fun when you touch first and then you see everyone coming out of the dugout. It was just a great feeling.”

Logan Ready started on the hill for game two against Mountain View. The Cougars got a run in the top of the first on a wild pitch, but the Celtics answered back in the bottom half on a two-run single by Cooper Cripe.

Ready, however, struggled mightily in the top of the second, giving up five hits and two free passes, which led to five Mountain View runs. He didn’t fare well in the top of the third either, giving up two singles and a walk before being replaced by Aaron Nease.

“Logan has really been fighting this year with his command. He will be fine and he will find his way in the summer-time. For him, it’s about getting back to where he has the mental confidence in both of his pitches, and he will because

he has proven that he can be lights out,” Keeker said. “He will bounce back.”

Trailing 11-2, the Celtics started to fight back in the bottom of the fourth. After back-to-back singles by Griffen Hubbard and Fischer, Mayer was hit by a pitch, which loaded up the bases. Hubbard would come in on a wild pitch and an RBI-single by Smedema got Fischer home from third. Kaiser would come through moments later with a sacrifice fly to right field to trim the deficit to 11-5.

“We battled. I wish we could have some of those at-bats back. We were close, we just couldn’t string enough together for a big rally,” Keeker said.

Mountain View extended their lead to 13-5 before McNary junior Nate Allen came to the hill with one out in the top of the fifth.

Even though it was his first outing with the varsity team, Allen proved that he belonged, throwing 2.2 innings without giving up a run or a hit.

“Nate had some success for us. He had a great opportunity today and took advantage of it,” Keeker said.

McNary finishes the season with an 11-8 record, winning three of their last four contests. Although it was an up and down season at times, the Celtics bring back the vast majority of their roster, which has Keeker looking forward to next season.

“If I look at the season as a whole, I am super proud and super happy with what I saw,” Keeker said. “We rallied together during the ups and downs and beat some good teams.”

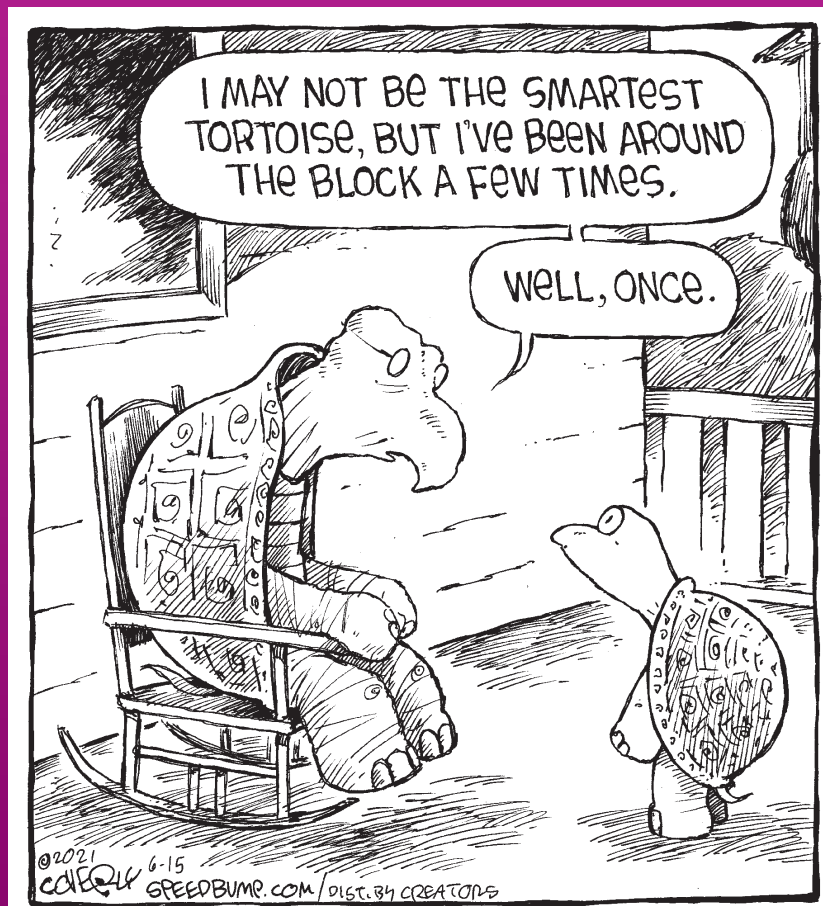


Griffen Hubbard celebrates after hitting a triple. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

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