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McNary's Leah Doult goes in for a layup after receiving an outlet pass. The senior point guard had 17 points in the Celtics 46-39 victory over West Salem. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

Fourth quarter rally pushes Celtics over the top

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With their backs against the wall, the McNary girls basketball squad responded in resounding fashion.

After trailing by double-figures late in the third quarter, the Celtics outscored West Salem 24-9 in the final period as they went onto defeat the Titans by a score of 46-39 on Friday, May 28.

Leah Doult led McNary with 17 points — including 10 in the fourth quarter — and Bekah Grimmer added 13 points in the win.

“We have a veteran team out there and I think that showed in our composure down the stretch,” McNary head coach Elizabeth Doran said. “We have a lot of players that have been in that situation before and it just showed. I am really proud of them.”

“It feels so good to beat West Salem. We have lost to them quite a few times in my four years here so just to end a win against this team is such a great feeling,” Doult added.

Although the Celtics struggled with

the West Salem press in the opening period, back-to-back triples from Doult got the McNary offense off the schneid. After a pair of free throws from Grimmer, a transition bucket by Avery Buss gave McNary the 10-8 advantage.

However, it was apparent that West Salem's length was giving the Celtics trouble in the second quarter. McNary made just one field goal in the final 11 minutes of the half, allowing the Titans to take a 23-15 lead into the break.

After going back and forth for most of the third quarter, the Titans went up 30-20 with under two minutes remaining in the period. A runner by Grimmer cut the deficit to eight before the start of the fourth quarter.

The Celtics began the second half in a 2-3 zone, but backed out of it midway through the third quarter. However, when McNary went back to the 2-3 to start the final period, it began to give the Titans fits.

“We talked after the third quarter about how we needed to turn up the intensity on defense if we wanted to get back in this game,” Doult said. “We



Kylie Nepstad follows through after shooting one from deep. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes