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# McNary demolishes Dallas behind Meithof's 31 pts



McNary guard Nate Meithof gets to the rack to score two of his 31 points in the Celtics 73-43 victory against Dallas on Monday, June 14. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes



Jando Gonzalez looks to break down a defender off the dribble.  
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The McNary boys basketball team has played in a number of close games so far this season.

Their matchup with Dallas was not one of them.

The Celtics went up by double-digits midway through the first quarter and never looked back, defeating the Dragons 73-43 on Monday, June 14. Nate Meithof led the Celtics with 31 points on 12-of-18 shooting and Jabol Balos added 10 points in the win.

"It was about not letting up. We were going to come out aggressive and make sure that we didn't give them a chance to come back," Meithof said.

Meithof didn't start the game due to disciplinary reasons, but made his impact immediately after entering the game midway through the opening quarter, dialing up a long-range triple and getting a layup in transition moments later, putting his team up 14-4.

After going up by 12 later in the

period, Dallas responded with a 7-0 run, but thanks to a pair of offensive rebounds, Evan Cornell was able to get a hoop before the horn to put the Celtics on top 18-11 at the end of the first.

Despite crawling back into the game, Dallas was unable to handle McNary's defensive pressure and full-court trap, which led to easy buckets for the Celtics on the offensive end.

Back-to-back easy hoops from Meithof, plus a steal and layup by Gunner Smedema got McNary back up by double-figures early in the second quarter. Meithof also has a pair of massive dunks in transition later in the period to put the Celtics up by 15.

"I thought that our pressure defense worked in conjunction with our offense," McNary head coach Ryan Kirch said. "Any time we can allow our defense to create offense and get out in the open floor, I think that is when we are at our best."

"It was all about ball movement and getting down the court in transition,"