

put McNary up 20-10, but Sherwood closed the second quarter on an 8-1 run to cut the deficit to 21-18 going into halftime.

Grimmer, however, continued to get good looks to start the second half, scoring six straight points for the Celtics.

"If they got it into me, I could work in the post and get a good shot up with someone smaller on me," Grimmer said. "It was me and Leah working together."

McNary was clinging to a three-point lead midway through the third quarter, but baskets from Douitt and Kylie Nepstad gave the Celtics a 31-24 advantage at the end of the period.

Even though Sherwood was in striking distance to start the fourth quarter, the Celtics began to pull away in the final period.

A bucket by Grimmer in the post, followed by a corner triple by Douitt put McNary up 36-25. Grimmer continued her hot streak by putting in a turnaround jumper to increase the Celtics lead to 13.

Midway through the final period, the Celtics ran a minute off the clock before KJ Custer concluded the long possession with a baseline 3-pointer, which proved to be the dagger.

The Celtics defense also held Sherwood to just five points in the fourth quarter.

"We went after every loose ball and got every rebound. We wanted it really bad," Douitt said.

The game represented the end of an era for the McNary girls program as the team will be graduating five seniors, who have each been on the varsity squad since their sophomore season. While Doran is excited about the future of the program, she is thankful that her seniors got the chance to ride off into the sunset.

"It just meant the world for these girls to have a senior season. They played for each other the whole season, which really makes a team pretty powerful," Doran said.



## Grimmer commits to CCC

McNary post Bekah Grimmer (middle) smiles along with coaches Elizabeth Doran (left) and Brittany Dunn, after signing her letter of intent to play basketball at Chemeketa Community College on Monday, June 21. Grimmer averaged just over eight points and four rebounds per game for the Celtics this season. Submitted photo



KJ Custer looks for an opening on her way to the basket. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

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