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Olys a 14-0 lead with 4:43 left in the first quarter.

"They had some tricky blocking schemes and we got lacksidaisical in what we were supposed to do. We tried to do our own thing instead of working as a team," said Celt LaCroix Hill.

McNary started its next drive on the Saxon 45-yard line after a kickoff return by running back Brady Sparks. Sparks notched two more long rushes and three shorter ones to put the ball at Sprague's four-yard line. Van Cleave got the touchdown on a third-and-two attempt.

The Olys scored again on their next drive after another big run by Nunn put them at first-and-goal at the one-yard line. The teams went to half-time with a score of 21-6.

Both teams struggled in the third quarter, but McNary won a goal-line stand with seven minutes left in the game. The Celts then pulled out a 99-yard drive capped by a touchdown pass from Van Cleave to junior Josh Benson in the end zone.



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Celt Colden Garro holds off an Olympian tackler in the game Friday, Oct. 30.

Sparks rushed for a two-point conversion to close the scoring gap to 21-14 with 3:54 left in the game.

McNary appeared poised to snuff out the Olys' return drive after key tackles by Collin Young and Colden Garro, but the Olys converted a short pass into a long run and reset the chains at the Celtic 29-yard line with a little over two minutes to go. Sprague pushed all the

way to McNary's four-yard line before deciding to simply ride out the clock by taking a knee.

"On their third down conversions we let them do whatever they wanted and that kind of happened the whole game," said Van Cleave.

Auvinen said the game came down to giving up too much possession time.

"We bent, we didn't break, but we bent too far," he said.

Freshmen lose to Sprague

The Sprague High School freshman football team closed an undefeated season in the Greater Valley Conference with a 44-14 win over McNary High School Thursday, Oct. 29.

The young Celtics finished their season with a 3-5 league record and 3-6 overall.

"With all of the injuries and the quality of opposition in our league I'm real pleased that our kids played well and fought to the close of the season," said Ted Anagnos, McNary head coach. "They improved every week and played hard."

Sprague started quickly in the first quarter, scoring on a 50-yard run and a 20-yard pass to take a 13-0 lead.

After the Olys extended their lead to 19-0 early in the second quarter, McNary bounced back on a two-yard touchdown run by Chantz Revis. After Revis ran in the two-point conversion, Sprague led 19-8 with three minutes remaining in the half.

The Olys ran back the en-

suing kickoff 81 yards for a touchdown and a 25-8 lead.

After holding McNary on downs late in the half, Sprague blocked a Celtic punt that led to a nine-yard touchdown run.

Nigel Harris blocked the conversion kick, but Sprague still had a 31-8 lead at the half.

The Olys recovered a mishandled punt snap deep in Celtic territory that led to a 12-yard touchdown pass and a 38-8 lead.

The Celtics battled back and scored on a Revis 23-yard run to cut the lead to 38-14.

With subs playing the fourth quarter, Sprague closed the scoring on a three-yard run for the final margin.

Defensive coordinator Nick Phillips and offensive coordinator George Carter both praised the play of running back and strong safety Robert Benson.

Benson led the Celts with 96 yards rushing, the defense with 11 tackles and a pass in-

terception. Revis added 62 yards rushing for McNary. Harris rushed for 15 yards, passed for 15 and added three tackles and an interception on defense. Collin Penner and Brent Preston had five tackles each.

Defensive line coach Todd Hatley complemented both Preston and Penner for their best games defensively of the season. "They both closed well," said Hatley.

Linebackers Griffin Oliveira and Boston Smith chipped in four tackles each. Offensive line coach Geoff White complemented the play all season of tackle/guard Joshua Schmeltzer, who was extended an invite by Jeff Auvinen, the head coach of the varsity squad, to join the varsity team for the playoffs.

"It's an honor to be invited, and I'm sure Josh will benefit from the experience," said White.

McNary's football awards ceremony will be held at the school at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2.

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