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47 yards before the Celtics attempted their first pass—a 10-yard completion to Brayden Ebbs on fourth-and-6 from the West Albany 16-yard line to set up first-and-goal.

“We knew it was going to rain so we were going to have to run the ball,” said Garvey, who finished with 110 yards on 29 carries. “Our line came out and opened up holes and we just pounded through them.

After two more runs for little gain, Gilbert found Benson in the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown to give McNary a 7-0 lead with 6:18 remaining in the first quarter.

“That was great to see,” Auvinen said of Benson’s three touchdown game. “He’s been a kid that’s done everything we’ve asked of him. He does the dirty work. He catches the ball inside. He gets the first down. For him to step in and catch some touchdowns today was awesome.”

The Bulldogs then made their first big mistake—trying to throw the ball in Garvey’s direction, which resulted in the first-year McNary cornerback grabbing his team-leading sixth interception of the season.

“We can put (Garvey) anywhere we want and he’s going to go up and get the ball,” Auvinen said. “He’s very good at high pointing the ball and has a very good instinct. You can see he’s played a lot of basketball. He knows how to use his body. He can be on an island. He’s a tough kid. He can tackle. He’s smart. I can’t say enough good things about that kid. He’s got great character. It’s nice to be able to say ‘Lucas you take their best guy right here and we’ll play 10-on-10 and you just do your thing.’”

Taking advantage of the turnover, Gilbert connected with Benson for a 6-yard score to extend McNary’s lead to 14-0 with 4:04 remaining in the first quarter.

Barker then recovered a West Albany fumble. However, the Celtics weren’t able to convert the second turnover into any points as A.J. Johnk’s 26-yard field goal was blocked.

Late in the first quarter, the Bulldog offense began finding running room. But McNary’s defense stood tall, twice stopping West Albany from inside the 1-yard line. However, the Bulldogs were able to score their only touchdown on the first play of the second quarter to get within 14-7.

Johnk had another shot at a field goal but his 40-yard attempt missed short.



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
McNary linebacker Kolby Barker celebrates after recovering a West Albany fumble.

After the McNary defense got another stop, the offense was able to run out the final three minutes of the first half with a 12-play scoring drive, capped off by a 3-yard touchdown pass from Gilbert to Benson with only 11 seconds remaining.

The Celtics hardly had the ball in the third quarter. After both teams went three-and-out to begin the second half, West Albany ran 13 plays before turning the ball over on downs at the McNary 37.

Garvey then fumbled, giving the ball right back to the Bulldogs.

West Albany appeared as if it would strike off the turnover immediately but a streaking wide open receiver dropped a pass and the Bulldogs were also penalized for an illegal man down field.

West Albany ran seven more plays to set up a fourth-and-2 from the Celtic 21-yard line with 1:44 remaining in the third quarter. The McNary defense then tackled a

McNary Varsity Football (5-2) SEASON STATS

PASSING	C/ATT	YARDS	TD	INT
Josiah Gilbert	95/175	1384	18	8
RUSHING	CARRIES	YARDS	TD	
Lucas Garvey	92	448	2	
Josiah Gilbert	88	410	5	
Marc Baiza	61	192	2	
Xavier Martinez	25	92	1	
AJ Johnk	16	80	0	
Brendan Van Voorhis	11	68	0	
RECEIVING	REC	YARDS	TD	
Brendan Van Voorhis	21	619	11	
Josh Benson	31	293	4	
Lucas Garvey	9	123	0	
Jonathan Williams	8	117	1	
Kyle McCallister	6	63	1	
Xavier Martinez	2	16	1	
KICKING	PATs	FG	LONG	
AJ Johnk	21/22	3/6	35 yds	

ball carrier after a 1-yard gain and the Bulldogs again turned the ball over on downs.

“The kids executed really well and played really hard,” Auvinen said. “We tackled better today. We got through blocks better today. I’ve very, very pleased with our defense. They just kept battling.”

As the rain fell harder, both teams struggled to move the ball in the fourth quarter but McNary was able to do enough to flip field position and add a 3-yard touchdown

by Gilbert on the ground with only 2:13 remaining.

Gilbert finished with 119 yards passing and 70 rushing. Garvey caught four passes for 54 yards.

“We had 11 guys on both sides of the ball and special teams doing their job, making plays and just fired up,” Auvinen said. “They were excited. We are getting better and better. If we can ride this and keep it going, I think we’ll be in great shape. Hopefully we can ride the momentum.”



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
Luis Lopez scored a goal and had an assist Tuesday, Oct. 18 against North Salem.

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Sophomore Sebastian Lopez had a shutout until North Salem scored its only goal with 9:18 remaining in the game. Junior Hunter Miller then entered and had two saves to hold off the Vikings.

Senior night isn’t easy for head coach Miguel Camarena, who hugged each parent as the seniors were honored at halftime.

“This is not just soccer,” Camarena said. “You see the kids everyday in the school. For me to see these kids, ready to graduate and playing the game that changed their lives, it’s something special. We won the (Greater Valley Confer-

ence) championship two years ago with them as sophomores. They have put the bar pretty high.”

McNary’s future is also bright.

In a 3-0 win over Central on Friday, Oct. 14, sophomore Q Gamble and freshman Jack Baez scored. Villalvazo had the third goal.

With the two wins, the Celtics improved to 5-5-3 overall and 29th in the OSAA power rankings.

MHS girls

Playing on the road, the Lady Celts also topped North

Salem on Tuesday, winning 3-0.

All three of McNary’s goals came in the second half.

Senior Kayla Evans scored from outside the box in the lower left corner in the 55th minute and then again in the upper right corner in the 61st minute.

The Lady Celts final goal came in the 71st minute when freshman Julie Dieker earned a penalty kick, which senior Isabella Heath converted.

With the win, McNary improved to 7-4-2 and jumped to 33rd in the OSAA rankings.

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