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its best not to make it an easy one. Celt Dylan Cobos-Putnam made a huge tackle on the kickoff return driving the Grizzly returner all the way from the 19-yard line to the two-yard line. LaCroix Hill, Kyle Aicher and Bobby Botta all played key roles in stopping forward momentum, but McNary was charged with a block-in-the-back penalty that kept the drive alive. Tackles by Jon Anderson, Brendan Van Voorhis and an 11-yard sack by Kolby Barker further slowed the roll, but McMinnville finally got the touchdown on a pass play at third-and-25.

The Grizzlies got the ball back quickly after a high snap that sailed over punter Hunter Winters hands. Winters recovered the ball, but McMinnville took over at McNary's 27-yard line. Five plays later, the Grizzlies went up 14-7 with 4:29 left in the half. Van Cleave and Sparks tag-teamed the ground game on McNary's next drive and moved the ball past midfield. Van Cleave connected with Van Voorhis on a catch-and-run to knot the game at 14-14 before retiring to the locker room.

The Celtic defense held McMinnville to a three-and-out on the opening drive of the third quarter. McNary drove all the way to the Grizzly one-yard line on its first drive



Celtic Brendan Van Voorhis dodges a tackle while making a kickoff return in the game with the McMinnville High School Grizzlies Friday, Oct. 2.

before coming up inches short on an attempted run at the end zone. McMinnville took advantage of the opportunity and struck again to make the score

21-14 on its next possession. The sidelines and crowd were silenced by the drive but not for long. On the kickoff return, Van Voorhis ran the ball

all the way to McMinnville's 31-yard line. On the first play of the drive, Van Cleave tucked the ball and rushed for a touchdown to even the game 21-21.

"That was a big play for us because we learned how good we can be and how quickly we can score," Sparks said.

McNary ran into costly penalties on McMinnville's

return drive, but managed to hold the Grizzlies to an unsuccessful field goal attempt. The Celtics responded with one of their most varied drives of the night. Van Cleave, Van Voorhis, Sparks, Brodie Nepstad and Matt Aguilar all had a hand in the drive that ended with a Van Cleave touchdown and 27-21 score.

"We moved the ball well and executed our game plan well for the first time. KJ (McCrae) always gives us good plan and this was a time when we made it work," said Gordon.

Sparks said the win was an important one as far as getting the team on a winning streak. The Celtics faced Forest Grove High School Thursday, Oct. 8, past press time. Pass-heavy Forest Grove boasts quarterback Taylor Jensen, who many believe to be the best in the Greater Valley Conference.

Forest Grove experienced struggles early in the season, but came out on top of North Salem High School, 33-21, last week.

"Everybody needs to focus on the one-on-ones because that's when we are most successful. We have to know who our assignments are with a passing team like Forest Grove. If we do, we should do pretty well," Sparks said.

Van Cleave hoped all that passing led to more picks for McNary's defense.

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and the school. The past two years have been some of my favorite teams ever," she said.

While the sunset is on the horizon, she wanted to see the team continue on its current trajectory.

"We had a coming together after the loss to West Albany and they've come out the other side knowing how to take care of each other on the court," Scholl said. "Skill-wise we have all the tools, it's a matter of continuing to see the mental toughness grow."

puzzle answers

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