

LOSS: Kickoff return puts Titans ahead late in game

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With 3:39 left in the first, McNary struck again on a 17-yard touchdown rush by Kyle Aicher making the score 13-8.

"We've been really working hard in practice and we've really found our weapons. If you look back at that game with West it wasn't like we had one receiver dominating or even one runner," Aicher said.

It took West only two plays to reclaim a 15-13 lead on a long, perfectly timed bomb. Sparks was the next one to the board on a 25-yard touchdown run at 8:04 in the second quarter. With a successful point after, McNary led 20-15.

Three drives later Van Cleave connected with Aicher for another touchdown and the 27-15 lead going into the half.

"I think we handled ev-

erything as best we could up front. They did bring a lot of pressure from the outside in the first half, but we made a few adjustments at halftime and I thought we did well with that," said Celt Jason Sperle.

The Titans made a steady march to the Celtic end zone to score at 7:34 in the third frame for a score of 27-22.

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McNary quarterback

"It really came down to discipline," said Van Cleave. "On that touchdown we only had 10 guys on the field, and there's little things like that we need to take care of."

McNary punted away its first drive after a steady rain started to fall, but West fumbled on the first play of its return and Celt Hayden Sader recovered the ball at West's 45-yard line.

The Celts extended their lead again when Van Cleave ran in a touchdown from the Titan four-yard line to make the score 34-22. However, West jumped right back into the fray on its next drive and made the score 34-29 and setting up the fourth quarter.

Despite the loss, Auvinen said the team had the right mindset going into the game, it was simply little things leading to touchdowns that broke down over time.

"On offense we executed well and came out pretty strong. It wasn't that great at the end, but we started good," Van Cleave said.

McNary faces the Greater Valley Conference leaders, South Salem High School, Friday, Oct. 23.

"Offensively, we just have to keep moving the ball and doing what we've been doing. Defensively, we really have to pick it up this week and study lots of film. If we catch them on an off day, it's a game that can go our way," Aicher said.



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Celt Brodie Sparks knocks a tackler from the path of quarterback Trent Van Cleave in the West Salem game Friday, Oct. 16.

Celts, Saxons clash

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The McNary High School varsity football team kicks off against the Greater Valley Conference's top dogs in a game at South Salem High School Friday, Oct. 23.

The Saxons were ranked fifth in the state headed into the game and hadn't lost a contest all season.

"They have a quarterback (Gabe Matthews) with good eyes and a great touch on the ball. They also have big lines on both sides of the ball so we are going to have to be ready in the trenches," said Jeff Auvinen, McNary head coach.

Matthews was 12-18 passing for 187 yards with two touchdowns last week in a 39-14 win over North Salem High School. Matthews also

had 78 yards rushing with a touchdown, kicked one 42-yard field goal and four extra points.

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— Jason Sperle
McNary center

Saxon wide receiver Joseph Carey led the offense with five catches for 110 yards and two touchdowns while running back Francisco Ramirez-Perez piled up 110 yards on 14 carries and a touchdown.

"It's hard going into the game coming off a loss, but we have a chance to get a good seed going into playoffs and we have to focus on winning this game and that possibility," said McNary's Kyle Aicher.

McNary lost a 43-40 heartbreaker as the clock wound down to West Salem High School last week. McNary was leading the game 40-37 with 1:18 left in the

game when the Titans ran back a kickoff for a touchdown.

"We had a couple of situations where special teams had breakdowns in the game, but it really comes down to being a little more focused on the task at hand and counteracting the things we know the other team is capable of," Auvinen said.

McNary quarterback Trent Van Cleave completed 16 of 21 for 201 yards and two touchdowns and one interception. He also ran the ball 30 times for 130 yards. Celt running back Brady Sparks had 87 yards on 16 carries and 87 yards on three catches.

"We know we should have won that game with West and that makes this game more difficult, but if we play hard and with each other we'll be all right," Van Cleave said.

Celt Senior Jason Sperle said that it wouldn't do the team any good to point fingers regarding breakdowns last week, instead they needed to focus on themselves.

"I'm excited for the challenge and I think we'll be ready to compete. We're all clicking and we're finally coming together as a unit that works well together," Sperle said.

Wrestle camp starts Monday

Middle school wrestlers looking to get a jump on learning the skills of the sport are encouraged to check out McNary High School's annual wrestling camp.

Any student in kindergarten through eighth grade is welcome to sign up, and athletes finishing their football season before joining the camp will receive a discounted rate.

The camp runs Monday, Oct. 26, through Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The camp will meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week in the McNary High School upper gym and explore takedown techniques, top and bottom techniques and match strategies.

Cost is \$25 per student or \$40 for a family. Registration can be completed at the door.

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