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McNary linebacker Kolby Barker rushes a punt during practice. For the third year in a row, the Celtics will open the football season against North Salem.

McNary to open season at North

By **DEREK WILEY**
Of the Keizertimes

Kolby Barker enters the Sept. 2 season opener against North Salem confident.

The McNary senior has at least three reasons to be: 34-21, 35-21 and 41-0.

Those are the scores of the Celtics over North Salem the last three seasons.

"I certainly don't intend to lose," Barker said. "We shouldn't have an issue with that. We've always had better players and I think that's going to continue. I feel very comfortable with our personnel matchup against theirs. I'm excited. I feel really good about our game plan for it."

Barker and the rest of the McNary defense got an idea of what it will line up against when the Celtics played Canby Thursday, Aug. 25 in a

preseason jamboree. Both the Cougars and Vikings run a Wing-T.

"We got to be a little more physical than we were with Canby, for sure," Barker said. "We've got to come out ready to play. We started slow like we've done in the past. That's always been kind of our issue. That's a good reminder of how we cannot play."

McNary head coach Jeff Auvinen called his team's play in the jamboree "typical."

"We made some nice plays on both sides of the ball," he said. "We made some plays that weren't very good. We had some alignment issues. It was good to hit somebody else. It was good to get the jitters out a little bit and learn from it. We've made adjustments."

Three players immediately

stood out to Auvinen in the jamboree—Kyle McCallister, who caught a long touchdown pass, Josiah Gilbert on defense, and freshman Junior Walling, getting his first varsity action at strong safety.

"I thought he [Walling] showed that can he plan," Auvinen said. "That was good to see."

Auvinen said the key to McNary continuing its reign over North Salem is winning the line of scrimmage.

"They are going to try to get off the ball," he said. "They are going to run right at you and fly around on defense the best they can."

Auvinen also noted the Vikings numbers are down with just 27 players on the varsity roster compared to McNary's 54. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at North Salem.

'Flying, diving and digging'

Lady Celts defeat McKay in opener

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McNary opened volleyball season Tuesday, Aug. 30 with a dominating 3-0 (25-7, 25-16, 25-17) victory over Greater Valley Conference opponent McKay.

Playing in front of the home crowd, the Lady Celts jumped out to a 11-3 lead in the first game.

The second set was a little tighter with McKay taking an early 6-4 lead before McNary went on a 12-3 run to take control. The Lady Celts then led the entire third game to put McKay away.

"I thought we played well," McNary head coach Bruce Myers said. "We did a lot of good things. I was very pleased with our serving. We stayed assertive. We hit our zones pretty much like we wanted and we communicated well. I like how we covered the court. We had a few misses but for the most part we actually covered the court and we were flying, diving and digging and it's what we want to

do and that's what we have to continue to do."

As a team, McNary finished with 11 aces, 10 kills, six blocks and 14 digs.

Senior outside hitter Sydney Hunter had six kills, four digs, two aces and a block in the victory.

Outside hitter Shaylee Williams and opposite Kara Thomas each had two kills while middle blocker Valerie Diede added three aces and three blocks.

"I think sometimes we were kind of quiet but for the most part we had good energy against them and I feel like that will help when we're playing a bigger team like West Salem," Diede said. "We did good not playing down to their level and playing our own game."

Junior setter Sam Van Voorhis had six assists, four digs and an ace.

"I thought Sam had a very good night contributing the ball to the hitters that were available," Myers said. "I'm very pleased."



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Middle blocker Valerie Diede had three aces and three blocks in McNary's 3-0 Greater Valley Conference win over McKay at home Tuesday night to begin the 2016 season.

The competition will get tougher for the Lady Celts, who play South Salem and

reigning conference champion West Salem on the road Tuesday.

"We just have to play like we did tonight, good decision making and the old adage play

one pass at a time, one serve and all that good stuff," Myers said.

Celtics tie Aloha 1-1 on penalty kick

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With McNary down a goal and the clock running out in its season opener, senior Bryan Keo wasn't nervous as he lined up to attempt a penalty kick.

"Honestly, I was really cool about it," Keo said. "If I missed it, I missed it. If I scored, then good."

With 7:33 remaining, Keo was able to put the ball in the back left corner of the net past Aloha's diving goalkeeper. But the scoring stopped there as the Celtics kicked off the season Monday, Aug. 29 with a 1-1 draw at home.

"It felt great," Keo said of making the penalty kick. "Our momentum came back and

we got back into the game and we had many chances to win. It was a good game. We could have started off better like right when it kicked off but then the way we were playing the rest of the game was good. We have to play like that and even better the rest of the season."

Keo got the opportunity when a handball was called on an Aloha defender inside the penalty box.

The Warriors scored their only goal less than 9 minutes into the contest when a ball went flying over the head of McNary keeper Sebastian Lopez, who was able to get a hand on it but not able to keep the ball out of the net.

From there, Aloha played a packed in defense, making it difficult for the Celtics to put shots on goal.

"We have to move the ball better and create more opportunities," McNary head coach Miguel Camarena said. "We are a young team, first time that they've played at this level. They recovered and that's a good thing. You always want to win at home but it was good to come back against a good team."

Two freshmen, Luis Lopez and Jack Baez, played up front for the Celtics against a physical Aloha defense.

"You are a 14-year-old playing against the speed and strength but our kids showed

they can play at this level," Camarena said. "They are young and I look forward to them getting better."

Senior defender Gustavo Villalvazo has been cleared to play after having knee surgery early last season but sat out the opener. Camarena said he wants Villalvazo to get more practice time before playing in his first game.

Lady Celts win

McNary's girls soccer team started the 2016 campaign with a 2-0 win on the road in Woodburn Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The Lady Celts began the season with six upperclassmen and five underclassmen in the starting eleven.

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Senior Bryan Keo scored McNary's only goal Monday night on a penalty kick with 7:33 remaining in the game.