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Girl finds position on McNary football team



“I want to be close to a player but not actually play the game.”

— Madison White

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Madison White, the starting left tackle for Claggett Creek last season and now a freshman at McNary, is serving as the Celtics team manager.

By **DEREK WILEY** *Of the Keizertimes*

When McNary freshmen hit the football field for their first ever high school practice, one knew the playbook better than all the others, and she isn't even a player.

As the daughter of a long-time football coach, Madison White grew up around the game.

“I was just one of those girls that shied away from doing girly stuff so I was more of a tomboy kind of a person,” White said. “That's why my dad [McNary junior varsity offensive line coach Geoff White] and I really connect because we kind of have the same look at the game. We sit down and watch the NFL and college football all of the time. We throw around the football. It's fun.”

As an eighth grader, White played football last year. She was the starting left tackle for Claggett Creek.

“It was really great,” White said. “I had a lot of bonds with a lot of different people that still play now on the field. We

constantly talk and I talk them through different plays and stuff because I know most of these plays pretty well. It's really great to play on a football team because you get a lot of different great relationships and different aspects of a player on and off the field.”

White went to spring camp at McNary but quickly realized high school football wasn't for her.

“Me and my dad made the executive decision for me to shy away from football,” she said. “It was really hard. I was sitting on the couch almost in tears. My dad basically told me there's a point where you can't coach genetics and that was one of those things that hit me pretty hard. I'm a girl and I'm not one of those bigger type of people. There's some people that can play and some people that can't and I finally had to make myself realize that I couldn't really do it anymore.”

But White, who plans to play basketball and golf at McNary, still wanted to be part of the football team so she talked to

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