

Celtics ready to rebound after injury-plagued season

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Last season was painful for the McNary boys soccer team.

After winning the Greater Valley Conference in 2014 and starting the 2015 campaign 5-0, injuries crushed the Celtics chances of repeating.

With seven players missing time with injuries, some season ending, MHS went 2-5-3 in its final 10 contests including a 5-4 loss to Tigard in a playoff play-in game to end the year.

“We had to bring up a lot of young players that didn't have much experience so they weren't really used to the high level of competition and how fast pace the game was,” senior captain Bryant Keo said. “Now they're prepared and know what's coming for them.”

Playing in the GVC was also tough as McMinnville and West Salem both reached the semifinals of the state playoffs with the latter falling in the state championship game.

With Keo returning at center midfielder as well as Gustavo Villalvazo, a senior defender who blew his knee out early last season, Celtics head coach Miguel Camarena expects MHS to rebound in 2016.

“Like always, our expectations are high,” Camarena said. “Our boys program has been in the top 10 for years. We expect the same thing. No. 1, go to state, No. 2, win the conference and No. 3, send some guys to college. That's the plan. I need my guys healthy. We have a lot of young guys this year, who are pretty good players. We need to work quickly for them to understand the concepts.”

With the graduation of midfielder Paulo Reyes, who had a hat trick versus Tigard



McNary's boys soccer team, which is a collection of eight seniors, four juniors, six sophomores and three freshmen, expects to be back at the top of the Greater Valley Conference standings and make a run in the playoffs.

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NAME, YEAR	Miguel Bravo, 10	Jack Baez, 9	Jose Abundiz, 12	Jose Zamudio, 10
Ramon Duenas, 12	Ronald Q Gamble, 10	Javier Zepeda, 12	Jesus Lopez, 10	Gustavo Villalvazo, 12
Jose Vazquez, 12	Sebastian Lopez, 10	Bhavdeep Bains, 11	Bryan Keo, 12	
Luis Lopez, 9	Jose Luis Bravo, 10	Luis Martinez, 11	Sebastian Brunk, 9	
Parker Dean, 12	Michael Reyes, 11	Hunter Miller, 11	Alex Pineda, 12	



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