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Van Voorhis torches McKay

By DEREK WILEY
Of the Keizertimes

McKay had no answer for Brendan Van Voorhis.

Not when he ran right up the middle of the Scots kick-off team for a 90-yard touchdown.

Not when he caught a short pass from Josiah Gilbert, made a defender miss and used his 100-meter track speed to score an 81-yard touchdown to give McNary a narrow lead at halftime.

And certainly not when Van Voorhis beat a cornerback and safety help to grab another ball from Gilbert and raced to the end zone for a 76-yard touchdown to finish off McKay 46-41 on homecoming night.

"That's one of the better games we've had around here, that's for sure," McNary head coach Jeff Auvinen said of Van Voorhis' performance.

Gilbert went up to Van Voorhis before the game, played on Friday, Sept. 23, and told him he would score four touchdowns. But Van Voorhis decided to do him one better, finishing with five scores and more than 400 yards in the shootout.

"That kind of put a number in my head to try and get and (Gilbert) put the ball where it needed to be for me to score," Van Voorhis said. "We were fired up about this game. We came out here and played like we were fired up. We wanted to win real bad."

McNary made it a point to get the ball in Van Voorhis' hands. Along with eight catches for 275 yards, he also had 44 yards on six rushing attempts.

"I knew (Van Voorhis) was just going to take over and he did," Gilbert said. "It's phenomenal."

The Celtics needed all five of Van Voorhis' touchdowns.

McKay quarterback Noah Tavera passed for 350 yards and three scores.

The Scots did most of their damage on fade routes with McKay receivers out-jumping McNary defenders for the ball.

"They were very accurate and went and got it and we didn't play the ball very well," Auvinen said. "We'll keep working on it."

McKay also scored 14 points on defense, twice returning interceptions for touchdowns.

Gilbert threw for 316 yards



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
McNary senior Brendan Van Voorhis runs away from two McKay defenders for a 76-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

and five touchdowns but also had three interceptions and lost a fumble.

McNary defensive back Lucas Garvey twice intercepted Tavera, including once in the end zone at the end of the first half to set up Van Voorhis' 81-yard go-ahead score.

The Scots got on the scoreboard first.

After converting a fourth-and-6 at the Celtic 41-yard line with a 36-yard completion by Tavera, Matthew Jardine reached the end zone on a 5-yard run with 7:57 remaining in the first quarter.

McNary marched down the field as well but its opening drive stalled at McKay's 5-yard line when Josh Benson was tackled behind the line

of scrimmage on fourth-and-go.

Garvey's first interception gave the ball right back to the Celtics and Gilbert found Van Voorhis for a 40-yard touchdown. On the first play of the second quarter, the two connected again for a 46-yard score but McNary twice failed to convert two-point attempts and led 12-7.

McKay answered with 14 straight points on a Tavera touchdown pass and then a pick-6 to go ahead 21-12 with seven minutes remaining in the first half.

But Van Voorhis returned the following kickoff for a touchdown to get the Celtics within 21-19.

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KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
McNary sophomore Gina Munguia heads the ball during the first half of a 4-1 loss to West Salem.

McNary drops league opener

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Someone had to start with West Salem.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, it was McNary, as the Lady Celts lost 4-1 to open Greater Valley Conference play.

"This is generally the favorite in our conference," McNary head coach A.J. Nash said. "They've got a great team. They've got a really talented midfield. My goal tonight was to compete until the end and the whole game I feel like we competed but they put a few more goals in than I was hoping. I think we can clean that stuff up though."

West Salem capitalized on a Lady Celts mistake in the box to take a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute. But McNary kept battling the defending conference champs and trailed by just one goal at halftime.

After nearly tying the game in the first 10 minutes of the second half, freshman Julie Dieker finished a goal in the 53rd minute to even the match 1-1.

The equalizer started in the midfield with a ball played up the left side for Jessy Shore who then drove a ball through the box just ahead of three attacking Celts.

Abigail Hawley then passed the ball back across the box to Dieker, who put it in the back of the net.

"It was a clinical finish that I haven't seen much of yet and I was proud of them," Nash said.

West Salem quickly answered when a Titan forward dribbled past two McNary defenders and scored in the lower corner of the goal.

"This is a team (West Salem) that has been deep in the playoffs and sometimes a goal fuels them," Nash said. "Most of their wins this season have been come from behind against really good teams."

The Titans scored a third goal in transition in the 65th minute and added a fourth from thirty yards out into the upper corner of the goal late in the contest.

"Our goal is to make playoffs and we need five results in conference to assure that," Nash said. "We knew this was going to be one of the toughest people we faced so now we need five results out of seven games. I still feel good about the season and great with how they played. I'm proud of them."

McNary Varsity Football (2-2) SEASON STATS

RUSHING	CARRIES	YARDS	TD
Marc Baiza	52	172	2
Josiah Gilbert	44	160	2
Lucas Garvey	43	187	1
AJ Johnk	10	56	0
Xavier Martinez	15	50	1
Brendan Van Voorhis	6	44	0

PASSING	C/ATT	YARDS	TD	INT
Josiah Gilbert	57/109	963	11	7

RECEIVING	REC	YARDS	TD
Josh Benson	24	227	1
Brody Nepstad	3	32	0
Brendan Van Voorhis	17	575	9
Kyle McCallister	3	38	1
Marc Baiza	4	22	0
Lucas Garvey	5	69	0

KICKING	PATs	FG	LONG
AJ Johnk	12/12	1/2	25 yds

Lopez leads Celtics in 0-0 draw

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With McNary struggling to score goals, Sebastian Lopez stepped up.

The sophomore goalkeeper saved a free kick in the final 10 seconds as the Celtics tied Forest Grove 0-0 at home on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

"It felt great, just a rush of energy goes through and then when you hear them counting down, it's a big relief," Lopez said. "It's good, especially at the beginning of the season because it gets your confidence up for the rest of the way."

Senior captain Gustavo Villalvazo was the first to congratulate Lopez, then head coach Miguel Camarena.

"That's what we want, for him to be the leader in the back," Camarena said. "Our

defense was solid. They didn't have a lot of penetration, just long balls and fouls but nothing through. Championship teams don't allow goals."

After scoring just three goals in its previous four games, Camarena moved Villalvazo from the back to forward.

He put a shot on goal in the first five minutes and another one over the post in the 10th minute.

Villalvazo fired another shot off the post early in the second half and a free kick over the goal in the 56th minute.

"We create opportunities but we can't put one in the net," Camarena said. "He's (Villalvazo) got a leg. That kid can strike a ball anytime. He had some chances and we'll continue to do that."



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
McNary sophomore Sebastian Lopez makes a save late in the Celtics match with Forest Grove on Tuesday, Sept. 27.