

64th Anniversary Celebration

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Whiteaker wins home opener

The Whiteaker varsity football team got its first win on Wednesday, Sept. 27, beating Walker 20-6 at home.

Jared Garibay rushed for 59 yards and two touchdowns, and quarterback Porter Vaughn passed for 89 yards and rushed for 83 and a touchdown.

Carson Long led the defense with 12 tackles and a sack, but he got plenty of help from defensive ends Wyatt Paul (four tackles and a sack) and Felipe Hernandez (three tackles for loss), and inside linebackers Garibay and Carlos Saldaña, who combined for 10 stops.

"I love coaching this group, and I'm so proud of them," Whiteaker head coach Tom Larimer said. "Football is brand new to almost all these kids. They played so hard at Judson last week, but we came

up just short (losing 18-14). The kids just saw the score, and I get that. But I saw a group of kids who played their hearts out to compete with a bigger and more experienced team, and earned their respect. Today they played just as hard but also got paid for their hard work. I'm so happy for these kids. I love coaching this group, and have never seen a more positive or supportive group of parents. It was great for the kids to play so well in front of their families and friends."

Whiteaker took the opening kick and drove deep into Walker territory, only to come away empty. Walker took a 6-0 lead on a long TD pass, but it was all Whiteaker from there. The Wolverines controlled the tempo with outstanding defense and a solid ground game,

and won going away. "We ran the ball effectively and Carson made a couple huge impact catches," offensive coordinator Marcus Larimer said. "Great team win."

"These kids are gaining confidence," Tom Larimer added. "I give out awards each week for top performers, and kids like Felipe [Hernandez] and Ethan Fidler and Spencer Millis and Jordan Jarnagin, kids who had never played before, had so much fun out there. They are smart, big and strong, but they just needed the opportunity to do this. It's exciting to see, and they are really awesome kids."

Whiteaker's last home game is Wednesday, Oct. 11, followed by a free BBQ behind the school. The entire Whiteaker community is invited to attend.



Whiteaker eighth grader Jared Garibay scored two touchdowns in the Wolverines 20-6 win over Walker on Wednesday, Sept. 27. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

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McNary had the ball at the Forest Grove 11-yard line but an unsportsmanlike penalty led to a fourth-and-long and missed 31-yard field goal. The Vikings again gave the ball right back to the Celtics as Schurr recovered a fumble. Barker made Forest Grove pay for this one, connecting with Jacob Jackson for a 36-yard touchdown, and McNary led 15-0 with 6:49 remaining in the second quarter.

The Vikings were held to zero yards on their first 11 plays until Miller completed a 23-yard pass to get Forest Grove into Celtic territory late in the first half. Miller added an 18-yard pass and a defensive pass interference penalty got the Vikings inside McNary's 10-yard line. Forest Grove running back Cole Smith then fought his way into the end zone to get the Vikings within 15-7 at half-time.

"We're trying to figure out what the identity of this group is," Emmert said of the offense. "We slowed things down this week, tried to simplify it a little bit and I don't know if that was necessarily the answer. The potential is there."

With 3:07 remaining in the third quarter, McNary went back up by two touchdowns as Walling capped off an eight-play, 78-yard drive with a

9-yard touchdown run. The Celtics defense then forced another three-and-out. But Barker, trying to avoid a sack, threw an interception, which the Vikings returned for a touchdown to get within 22-14 with 1:05 left to play.

Barker was then intercepted for a third time with 47 seconds remaining as a Forest Grove defender ripped the ball away from Griffin Oliveira.

But McNary's defense again held strong, forcing another punt.

"Defensively, we played pretty hard and had lots of turnovers," McNary head coach Jeff Auvinen said. "That saved us. Defense is starting to fly around a little bit. I like that. I hope they continue to gain confidence."

On fourth-and-3, Walling got loose for a 21-yard touchdown run to stretch McNary's lead to 29-14 with 7:07 remaining in the game. Jimna put the final nails in the coffin, recovering a fumble on defense and then adding a 16-

yard touchdown run with just 2:42 left to play.

"We were running to the wide side, I just saw that skinny corner and thought I could intimidate him with my size and he wasn't able to tackle me," Jimna said of the touchdown.

After the game, McNary's coaches weren't satisfied with the win.

"A win is a win and I get all that," Emmert said. "I just want us to be better. I want us to finish drives. We had some tough penalties called. That always kills us. If we clean those things up, then these are non-issues. We've got to cut down on picks. We're just handing the ball over to the other team. Those are the types of things we're going to have to look at and square away."

Auvinen agreed. "We need to get better," he said. "We're going into the meat of our schedule and we let a team stay in the game that we should've put away about 27 times."

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"So when they scored that goal, it was imperative that we did something quick and responded quick, even if it was just a momentum boost."

The Lady Celts have a rare Friday game on Oct. 6 when they host McKay at 4 p.m.

MHS boys
McNary's boys had to come back to earn a 2-2 tie at Sprague.

The Celtics trailed 2-0 in the first half.

"We couldn't have come out worse," McNary head coach Miguel Camarena said. "Defensively, we didn't pres-

sure the way we should and I expect. The first goal was a great goal from far out. We're not concentrating. We're giving up early goals and it's hard to come back."

A goal from Luis Martinez and penalty kick by Miguel Bravo tied the game but the

Celtics still failed to convert many opportunities.

"We're still missing so many," Camarena said. "We can't find the player to be the one to consistently score goals for us. We're still looking."

McNary's final home game is Oct. 19 against South Salem.

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