

said of the Titans. "They're

good both offensively and

defensively. They've got good

athletes. They're well coached.

We need to play well in all

three facets against a good

team and it's going to be a

playoff type atmosphere. Most

weeks we've continued to

take a step up so we're going

Sprague and McMinnville,

the two teams that beat Mc-

Nary, by a combined score of

97-13, but Auvinen isn't put-

"Every matchup is differ-

defeated

to continue to do that."

West Salem

ting any stock in that.

McNary goalkeeper Sydney Snapp had 11 saves at South Salem on Thursday, Oct. 19

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15th.

Despite its lofty numbers, Ebbs said McNary won't give West Salem anything.

"We've been watching some film but the key to being successful against them is not giving them too much respect because they have to earn that from us," Ebbs said.

West Salem is led on offense by quarterback Grant Thies, running back Jacob Denning and receivers Anthony Gould and Micah Pugh.

"They're aggressive," Mc-Nary head coach Jeff Auvinen

Ebbs, who plays H-back as well as linebacker, said the key will be controlling the time of possession and keeping the ball away from West Salem's playmakers.

"Our offense has to keep doing what we do best," Ebbs said.

"We've got to put the ball in the end zone, keep the ball moving, keep our offense with the ball."

Jakoby Doke Seniors (shoulder) and Blake Norton (back) both missed Monday's practice recovering from injuries but Auvinen expects both to play against West Salem.

ent," he said.

SENIOR, continued from Page 11 did great, everyone played to-

night. We had more girls on tonight than we've had in a couple of games." McNary finished the regular

season 10-12 overall and fourth in the Greater Valley Conference at 9-7. South Salem was 18-7 and second in the league at 14-2.

"They're a tough team but I think we held in there," Salinas said. "The score was close. We just had to fix a few of our



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body in the state," Nash said. "We try to avoid the top four (Jesuit, Sunset, South Eugene and Cleveland). Eight to 22, there's not a lot of separation. We're going to be in it. We're going to be competitive. We're definitely going to have the opportunity to come away with the victory."

The Lady Celts' best chances to score at South Salem came in the first half as

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through the play. It was a pretty good snap. The guy (North Medford quarterback Josh Robbins) mishandles it and then we kick it and Junior picks it up and runs it in."

The Black Tornado opened the second half running the ball inside McNary's 10-yard line but the Celtic defense was able to hold on fourth down.

"We were a little worried because they had got together that (first half) drive and we thought they were going to power it right at us again and they tried," Auvinen said. "We responded and played with more confidence. It ended up being a really good day."

McNary scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter on a pass from Barker to Williams and a run by Walling to bust the game open and take a commanding 40-13 lead.

"We were thinking it was going to be a pretty close game but going down there and putting the work to them was a pretty good confidence booster," Ebbs said.

Solorio added an intercep-

McNary had three corner kicks, two of which were saved off the goal line with the keeper beat.

McNary goalkeeper Sydney Snapp had 11 saves, including seven in the second half.

"It was intense, really fun to play," Snapp said. "This was definitely one of our tougher battles but our defense was awesome and were a huge help in that game and did a lot for us. It's kind of fun to have action. I think we can handle whatever comes at us."

tion before North Medford

scored the final touchdown of

the night with 10:51 remain-

ing. The Celtics were than

allv well,"Auvinen said."They

were not as good as they were

last year. They lost some kids.

We played a ton better than

we did last year. We did play

really well offensively. We

Walling rushed for 102

yards on 18 carries and caught

two passes for 25 yards. Rob-

ert Benson had 84 yards on 17

attempts. Barker completed 22

of 31 passes for 301 yards and

four touchdowns. Jacob Jack-

son caught eight passes for 96

yards. Williams had three re-

"Our O-line made huge

ceptions for 97 yards.

played well defensively."

"We handled ourselves re-

able to run out the clock.

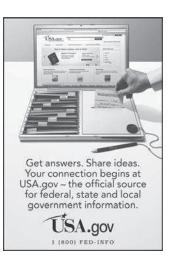
The Lady Celts are the only team in the GVC to hold South Salem scoreless.

"We've been very proud of Sydney's performance this year," Nash said. "She's greatly improved. Our defense is stingy.

While McNary's eight wins are the most in the programs history, the Lady Celts know the playoffs are a new season.

"We know we can't count on that and we have to play our best," junior Gina Munguia said.

holes for us, gave Erik some time in the pocket," Walling said. "I think Erik did really well throwing and it was easy for me to run the ball with the O-line doing so well."



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