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"I've never had a kid who will catch the ball in traffic the way that he does," Emmert said of Jackson. "He has no worries about getting hit. He understands space. It's stuff that you really can't teach. I am jacked to see what he does this year. He's in better physical condition than he's ever been. He's such a tough kid."

Noah Bach, another senior, will move back from the defensive line to outside linebacker. On offense, he'll also get snaps at H-back.

For the first time in three seasons, McNary knows who its starting quarterback will be as junior Erik Barker returns after throwing for 2,252 yards and 19 touchdowns last season.

"It's just going to make us better," Emmert said. "We were good last year offensively. In fact, we were the best (statistically) since I've been here. But I expect us to take even another step by getting a little bit more elaborate with what we do offensively."

Barker is physically more mature than last season.

"He throws a much more complete game," Emmert said. "He can throw deep outs. He can throw deep posts. His deep ball has improved a ton and that's one of the things that we've focused on."

While Barker is clearly the starter, McNary also has a capable backup quarterback in senior Ryan Bamford.



Jacob Jackson, left, led the Celtics in receiving last season with 47 catches for 562 yards and four touchdowns. Noah Bach will be one of McNary's leaders on both offense and defense this season.



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"He would start at a lot of schools," Emmert said. "We're going to try to use Ryan some this season because I think he is a different style of kid. I think he's a tough kid. It's nice to have some stability there and be able to focus on some other positions."

With the graduation of McNary's second and third

leading receivers, senior Griffin Oliveira is ready to step in.

"He has worked his tail off," Emmert said of Oliveira. "Last year, he was committed but not as committed as he is now. He's worked so hard in the offseason. He dominated at the freshman level three years ago and he's got his body

in great physique."

Devyn Schurr, another senior, has been more consistent catching the ball this summer, while Nigel Harris and Riley Flores will fill out the receiving corp.

Oliveira, Schurr and Harris could also play on defense in the secondary.

"We're probably going to

need to play more guys both ways but we're also going to need some guys to step up and spell some of those kids so they can rest and play at their best," Auvinen said.

Ian Koenig (OL/DL), Mike Ridgeway (OL/DL), Nico Sandoval (RB/CB), Noah Lelack (S), Layton Thurlow (RB) and Andrew Brown

(H-back) are other players to watch.

"I like how these kids are running around, how enthusiastic they are," Auvinen said. "They're bringing a lot of energy. It's a fun group of kids that are working hard. I just wish our numbers were a little better as far as depth goes."



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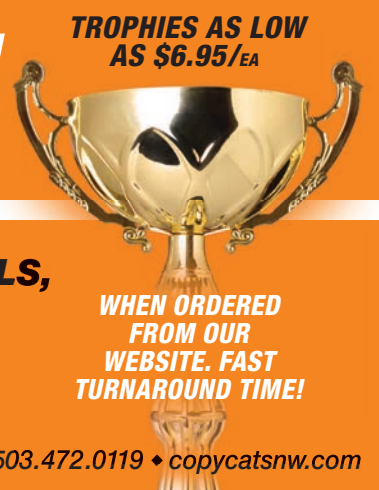


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