

Celtics sacked at Tualatin

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TUALATIN—McNary's (0-3) highlight, maybe its only one of the night, came at the end of the first quarter.

With seven seconds remaining, senior Jacob Jackson intercepted Tualatin quarterback Blake Jackson at midfield and ran 50 yards for a touchdown.

But the extra point was blocked and it was all downhill from there as the Celtics fell 50-6 on Friday, Sept. 14.

Both teams struggled holding on to the ball. McNary threw two interceptions and lost four fumbles. Along with Jackson's interception return for a touchdown, Noah Bach recovered three fumbles.

But Tualatin made big plays when it had the ball while the Celtics, missing lineman Wyatt Sherwood and Ian Koenig with injuries, did very little on offense, finishing with under 100 yards.

Quarterback Erik Barker, who was constantly under pressure and sacked five times, completed 12 of 28 passes for 85 yards. McNary's longest gain of the night came on a 26-yard completion to Nigel Harris in the first half.

Junior Walling rushed for 36 yards with half of it coming on one carry.

Within 21-6 late in the first half, the McNary defense couldn't tackle John Miller, who took a screen pass 55



ABOVE: Noah Bach is tackled after a short gain at Tualatin. BELOW: McNary attempts to recover a fumble.



yards to the end zone with just four seconds remaining.

The Celtics fumbled away its first possession of the second half, which led to another Tualatin score.

A bad McNary snap out of the back of the end zone then led to a safety and Miller returned the free kick 60 yards to stretch the Timberwolves

lead to 43-6 early in the third quarter.

Tualatin scored its final touchdown on a 14-yard run with 1:12 remaining in the third.

McNary plays at Tumwater, Wash. on Friday, Sept. 21 and then returns home on Sept. 28 to host South Medford for homecoming.

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Whiteaker cruises in opener

Whiteaker Middle School's varsity football team opened the new campaign in style, beating Adams Stephens 34-0 on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Head Coach Tom Larimer called it a total team effort, crediting both the players and his staff. Stephens had a big size advantage, but Whiteaker executed far more efficiently, and its defense kept Stephens on its own end of the field nearly the entire game.

The defense was led by Jacob Hurst's five tackles for loss and Braiden Copeland's two fumble recoveries, while Damon Thornton, Ty Borde, and Josh Friesen each had five tackles.

"Our D-line caused them all kinds of trouble, and kids like (Logan) Bowlby, (Brody)

Roth, and Kyler and Kaden Donahue did a pretty solid job on the edges of keeping everything inside of them," Larimer said.

Whiteaker set the tone from the outset, when a great block on the opening kickoff by Kyler Donahue helped Thornton return it to the Whiteaker 40.

Nine plays later, Hunter Ruberto punched it in from four yards out to open the scoring.

Minutes later, Copeland's fumble return for a TD made it 12-0. Later in the second quarter, pressure by defensive end Jacob Hurst resulted in another Stephens fumble, and on the ensuing play Jackson Alt hit Copeland in stride for a 47 yard TD pass.

Copeland later scored on a short quarterback keeper and Ty Borde closed out the scoring with a short TD run after a 25 yard gallop by Johann Sanchez-Singh.

"Coach Marcus is a great offensive coordinator," said Larimer "He has a solid scheme, he is a great teacher, and he gets lots of kids involved. We put 34 points on the board, but nobody on our team had over 56 yards rushing or receiving. This was a total team effort. Lots of kids touched the ball, and they all did great."

Larimer says the real heroes were the Whiteaker linemen—Gauge Merrill, Angel Munguia, Joey Lenhart, Will Green, Cristian Garcia, and Damon Thornton.

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"They learned dedication, organization, time management. I think that's what high school sports does for kids."

The Salem-Keizer High School Sports Booster Club's primary goal is to make sure more students participate in athletics by helping offset participation fees.

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All six high school will receive \$5,000 each year from

the booster club to help defray student athletic fees so that all kids have the opportunity to benefit from sports.

The community can participate by partnering with the booster club financially as it recognizes its 2018 Beacons—Phillips (McNary), Dick Bellock (McKay), Jaime Ellis (Sprague), Mary Heater (South Salem), Dr. Malcolm Snider (North Salem), Susan and LaRon Tolley (West Salem), Jim Reimann and Dick and Dave Withnell.

Partnership options range from \$275 for two event tickets and one scholarship to \$5,000 for eight tickets and 25 scholarships. Individual dinner tickets are \$50.

Held at the Salem Convention Center, the festivities

begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner at 6 and an awards presentation at 7.

Bruce Brown, the founder of Proactive Coaching, is the keynote speaker.

Phillips is honored to be in the first group to receive a Beacon award.

"I was shocked," she said. "There are so many great people that have worked at McNary or taught or volunteered at McNary. It's a definite honor. I can think of plenty of people that they could have bestowed the honor on."

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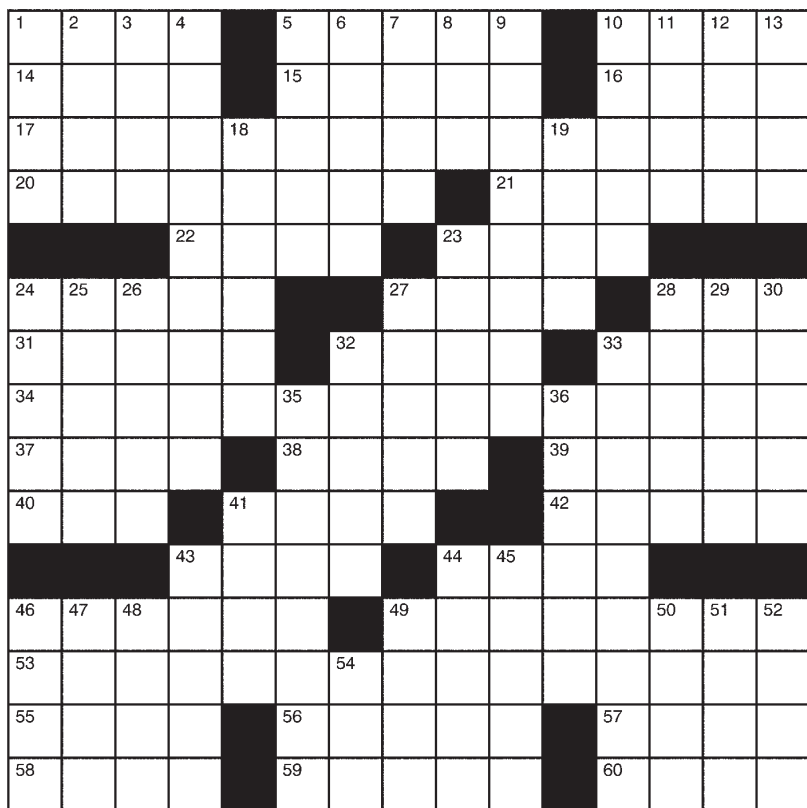
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- Phonies
- Brag
- Wiretaps
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- Composed
- Town near Murmansk
- Winners at 53 Across
- Summoned the butler
- Merino mamas
- de Leon
- Chi-Richmond direction
- She played Lucy
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- Determines

DOWN

- Teamster trip
- Hang around
- Hair-clip
- Timely event
- Think over
- Ear area
- Big bell
- "___ sow, so shall . . ."
- Like some leaves
- Swirl of air
- Area at 53 Across
- Wimbledon's Arthur
- Issue caveats
- Drawing rapidly
- Barbeque locale
- A Room With ___
- Borders
- Miss
- Legally
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- Diarist Frank
- Picnic tote
- Smokers' danger
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