

Celts blanked by Lake Oswego in home opener

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Before the season started, McNary head coach Miguel Camarena was vocal about the desire he has for his team to be a better goal-scoring squad.

It appears that the Celtics still have a lot of room for growth in that department.

Despite numerous opportunities, McNary couldn't put one into the back of the net as they fell to Lake Oswego 1-0 in their home opener on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Lakers forward Aaron Rudder put away a penalty kick in the 30th minute for the game's only score.

"For the second game of the season, I thought the boys had a good performance. But it was disappointing that we

couldn't finish," Camarena said. "We came out a little flat in the first half."

After not a lot of action in the first 20 minutes, McNary had a few different threats after the midway point of the first half.

Eddie Martinez tried to hit Edgar Salazar cutting towards the net with a beautiful touch pass from the midfield, but Lake Oswego goalkeeper Johann Shahalami made a great read and left his box early to beat Salazar to the ball.

Shahalami would make two additional saves in the following three minutes to return McNary away.

In the 30th minute, Lake Oswego had a throw-in deep in Celtic territory. When the throw went into the box,

McNary defender Sebastian Brunk jumped in the air to try and head the ball out of trouble. Instead, the ball incidentally glanced off Brunk's hand, which led to the Lakers being awarded a penalty kick.

Lake Oswego capitalized on the error as McNary keeper Alejandro Villarreal couldn't get a hand on Rudder's shot that punished the back of the net.

Even though he was beat on the penalty kick, Villarreal's efforts in the net kept the Celtics in the game all night.

Rudder had a chance to give his team a 2-0 lead before the end of the first half as he got behind the McNary back line for an open shot, but Villarreal was able to knock the ball away to keep the deficit at one.

Villarreal continued this trend in the second half as well, knocking away multiple Lake Oswego shot attempts from point blank range.

"Without a doubt, I think (Villarreal) is the best goalkeeper in the conference," Camarena said. "He's a college-material goalkeeper and he's going to help us big-time this year."

The Celtics best opportu-



KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings
McNary's Jack Baez looks to get past a Lake Oswego defender in the Celtics 1-0 loss on Thursday, Sept. 5.

nity to break even came in the 55th minute when Eli Petilo got loose on a breakaway and had a one-on-one opportunity with Shahalami in the box.

Petilo aimed for the left-side of the goal, but Shahalami was able to get a hand up to block the shot and even kept Salazar from corralling the rebound.

While losing a game like this one would be tough for any team, Camarena hopes

that the high competitive level of this early-season matchup will better prepare his team for what they will face during Mountain Valley Conference play.

"I think it will help us improve mentally," Camarena said. "We're going to work to fix our mistakes and come back a better team."

McNary returns to this Flesher Field on Thursday, Sept. 19 to take on Madison at 7:30 p.m.

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Offensively, McNary was able to rack up just over 300 yards of total offense, but the Black Tornado still only managed the Celtics to one score.

"We actually moved the ball pretty well at times, we just couldn't finish off drives," Auvinen said.

McNary will be challenged once again in their home opener on Friday, Sept. 13 when they take on West Linn, a team that is projected to contend for a state title.

It will be a different matchup for this Celtics squad than it was against North Medford. The Black Tornado take pride in being physical in the trenches while West Linn is a team that spreads the field and has the majority of their offense revolving around the passing game.

Auvinen believes McNary will be able to compete better in this contest, but he also wants his team to not bring the frustrations of their first defeat into their battle with West Linn.

"It will be a different game. I think that we match up well with them at some positions. We just need to try and flush our last game and move forward," Auvinen said



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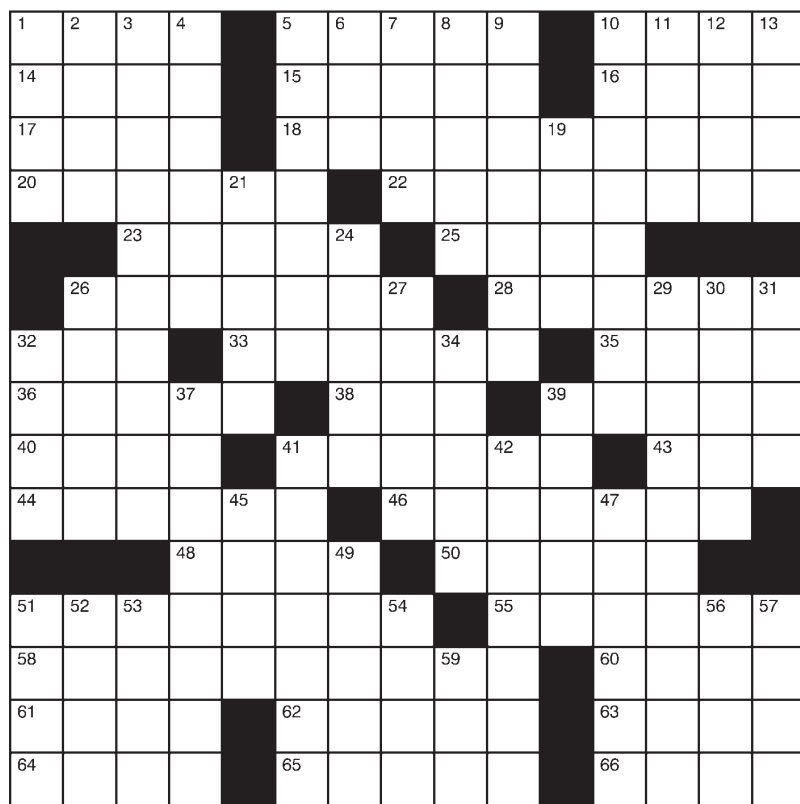
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