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Jose Martinez-Reyes was a second-team all-league performer last season for McNary.

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On the boys side, the Celtics finished last year with a 7-7-1, (3-3-1) record and qualified for the postseason — losing to third-ranked Lincoln in the first round by a score of 2-1. The highlight of their season came when they defeated fourth-ranked Summit 1-0.

McNary lost four of their five all-league players from last season, but still return much of their roster, many of whom are seniors.

“Most of them are four-year varsity players that are experienced, technically sound and multifunctional players. This group has (goalkeepers), defenders, midfielders and forwards. It’s important to have key players in each of these positions, this will help to create a good balance and combination with the young players in this team,” Camarena said.

Jose Martinez-Reyes was a second-team all-conference selection as a defender as a junior last season. He will be joined on the back line by fellow seniors Manny Avendano and Nic Heath. Eddie Martinez and Eli Petilo look to be two of the Celtics main goal-scorers and Miguel Orduna will take over goalkeeping duties.

Even in an abbreviated season, Camarena expects to see great things from his senior-led team.

“My expectations are the same as always. My program strives for excellence, I want my coaches and players to give their

100% in every practice and in games. My goals are to win as many games as possible, playing the right game. Time is an issue, but my players and coaches are working hard. The team will be ready,” Camarena said.

The McNary boys team kick off their season on Monday, March 1 when they play host to North Salem at 7:30 p.m. The Celtics girls squad travels to North Salem and will play at the same time. Although spectators won’t be allowed, McNary is in the process of providing online streaming of athletic events through NFHSNetwork.com.

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at their athletic facilities so that games can be streamed on NFHSNetwork.com

According to Gragg, the main priority for schools is to provide the opportunity to play, even though there will not be a postseason. However, his main hope is that the spring football season will be a trial run to help the district, and the

state, prepare for the Fall 2021 season.

“We’re not going for league championships or city championships, it’s all about participation,” Gragg said. “We want to honor our seniors, but looking ahead, it’s about preparing for next Fall.”

Each SKPS high school has their schedules available on OSAA.com. However, Gragg anticipates that each team’s schedule will be fluid due to changes in COVID-19 numbers and

whether or not schools can field a team from week to week, which is why the Mountain Valley Conference (MVC) scheduling committee will meet every week during the season.

“In football, you are limited because of days in between contests. It will be a busy five weeks for sure,” Gragg said. “I have learned this season for sure to hold my cards loosely. There might be a lot of changes as we move through the season.”



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McNary football players go through warmups at the beginning of practice.

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