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game, the score before half caused a big shift in momentum.

"We were the physical team in the first half and they were the physical team in the second half," McNary head coach Jeff Auvinen said. "That was definitely a game of momentum."

Even after third quarter interceptions by Tyler Copeland and Aron Montoya, as well as a recovered fumble by Smedema, the Celtics' offense struggled after losing offensive lineman Coleman Young to an injury in the second quarter.

"We knew we had to get the ball back into the offense's hands as much as we could. Our DB's were making a great effort, I just wish we were able to capitalize on those turnovers more," Rios said.

South Salem cut the lead to 10 after McCarty's option toss was batted down by a defender and recovered in the end zone for a touchdown.

While the McNary offense was sputtering, fatigue began to set in for the Celtics defense as they allowed the Saxons to score on the first play of the fourth quarter to cut the lead to two at 30-28.

"Our guys were gassed. We were out

Kyle Grass (40) celebrates with an assistant coach after coming away with an interception in the second quarter. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

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