

these next couple years are going to be the Copeland show,” Tyler said. “It is really fun to be able to celebrate that.”

By the end of the six-game shortened season, Tyler had 22 catches for 376 and five touchdowns (all team-highs) and Braiden was second on the team in receiving with 16 catches for 246 yards and four scores — Braiden also rushed for 109 yards and two touchdowns on the season.

What made the season all the more special for the two brothers was that it was not only their first year on the varsity team, but that they also got to have their dad as their position coach — Andrew has been coaching the backs and receivers at McNary for the last three years.

“There are moments in life that you want to keep living over and over again, and this is that moment for me,” said Andrew, who graduated from McNary in ‘95 and played for the Celtics football team for four years. “It has honestly been a dream come true. For me to see them working hard and becoming leaders among their peers has been special.”

As underclassmen during the 2019 season, Braiden played for the McNary freshman team and Tyler was on the JV team but had to miss the entire season due to injury.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March of last year, instead of sleeping in and binge-watching Netflix, both Tyler and Braiden committed themselves to a daily workout regimen with the help

of their dad — who has worked for the Keizer Police Department for nearly two decades.

“It helped that I grew about three inches and gained about 30 pounds from my sophomore to junior year. I developed a lot just in that year. I’m striving to be a college athlete. That is really what drove me.” Tyler said.

“It was about putting in the work. Our dad was making us work out every day over the summers, getting stronger, getting bigger, doing speed work and getting out and throwing the ball,” Braiden added.

Tyler and Braiden both have a goal of playing college football one day, and based on their skill and work ethic, they are well on their way to reaching that aspiration.

“I provide the opportunities, but at the end of the day it’s their drive and their willingness to do it. They both want to play college sports and I think they are putting themselves in a good position to do that,” Andrew said. “They have worked their butts off to get to where they are at.”

Despite being one of the top receivers

in the area last season, Tyler has played quarterback for nearly his entire football career and will be returning to his primary position for his senior season.

“It’s obviously an important position to have on your ball club. We’re losing a very good receiver with him switching positions, but Tyler has a strong arm, he’s a good athlete and a good leader for us. I think he will excel at the quarterback position,” McNary head coach Jeff Auvinen said.

After spending last season in an internal competition with Braiden for better stats, Tyler now will be the one throwing instead of catching — and his favorite target will likely be his brother.

“Last year it was all about who could get more yards and who could score more touchdowns,” Braiden said. “This year there will definitely be a dynamic change. But Tyler is a good leader. He comes out here and makes people better.”

“He is pretty easy to work with. There is definitely a brother connection there,” Tyler added “We have a special bond. I can’t wait to see what we can do on the field this year.”

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