

Ready wins it for McNary in overtime



Football

McNary kicker Logan Ready (28) is greeted by a slew of fans after nailing the game-winning kick that gave McNary the 17-14 win over Newberg. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

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“It was one of those games that you will remember forever.”

That is what McNary head coach Jeff Auvinen said moments after senior Logan Ready made the biggest kick of his life.

After the McNary defense prevented

Newberg from scoring in the first possession of overtime, Ready drilled a game-winning 43-yard field goal to give the Celtics a 17-14 victory over the Tigers on Friday, Sept. 10.

Ready, who also plays baseball at McNary, said that it was the best feeling he has ever experienced as an athlete.

“I just loved it. I just knew that the

whole team was going to come out and support me. I just loved the feeling,” he said.

The McNary defense came out and set the tone in the first quarter, forcing Newberg to go three-and-out on their first two possessions — the Tigers had just 12 yards of offense in the first quarter.

After stalling on their first two drives, the Celtics offense found some rhythm on their third possession.

Back-to-back first down completions from McNary quarterback Tyler Copeland to his brother Braiden Copeland gave the Celtics the ball inside the Newberg 35-yard line.

Two plays later, Tyler Copeland turned what seemed like a broken play into a 28-yard rush after scrambling past multiple defenders and tiptoeing the sideline

before finally being brought down at the two-yard line.

McNary went with a two-back set on their first play from inside the five-yard line. With Newberg expecting the Celtics to try and pound the ball inside, Tyler Copeland fooled the Tigers linebacking core with a beautiful play-fake and found a wide open Gunner Smedema in the end zone for a two-yard score, putting McNary on top 7-0.

However, the Newberg offense found new life in the following period, going on a 75-yard scoring drive to tie the game at 7-7.

McNary appeared to be in position to respond after a long reception by Ready, but the play was called back due to a holding penalty and the Celtics were eventually forced to punt.

Penalties played a huge role over the course of this game as both teams were flagged for over 100 penalty yards.

“All I can ask for is that it is called as consistently as possible. Both teams made a ton of mistakes and they called it pretty tight. But both teams got called. I thought it was a fair job. It really hurt us a few times and it really hurt them a few times,” Auvinen said.

Newberg got the ball back on their own 35-yard line and marched 65 yards on a drive that was capped off by a four-yard touchdown run by Hudson Davis, as Newberg took a 14-7 advantage into the half.

But when the two teams came out for the second half, the McNary defense returned to the field with a chip on their shoulder, and managed to shut out the Tigers for the remainder of the contest.

“Our defense stepped up in the third



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