

with the ball on the slide after the shot attempt, significantly slowing it down so that McNary defender Aldair Cruz Barocio could clear the ball before it crossed the goal line.

The stop helped the Celtics remain up 2-0 going into the break.

“Over the season, I feel like I have gotten better at communicating and just being able to make more saves,” Whetten said.

McNary continued to build on their lead in the second half. In the 49th minute, after a collision in the box put the opposing keeper on the ground, Celtics midfielder Johann Singh Sanchez took advantage of the empty net to score an easy goal.

Celtics forward Jorge Ruiz got in on the action four minutes later, scoring

from 30 yards out on a shot that went just over the keeper's outstretched hands into the back of the net, giving McNary the 4-0 lead.

However, even with the game well in hand, the Celtics had a defensive mishap in the final minutes, allowing Bend to score on Emerson Carella, who replaced Tayson in the net late in the second half. Camarena is hoping that his team can minimize defensive lapses as they prepare for the postseason.

“I am not happy to have allowed a goal. Those are things we have to fix because one mistake could cost us,” Camarena said.

McNary will host their last game of the regular season against West Salem at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22.



Oscar Chavez looks for a teammate to throw to.

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