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on their following possession and concluded the drive with Allen's second touchdown run of the day, as the sophomore running back slipped past a multitude of tacklers to score from five yards out on the last play of the third quarter.

"I don't even know what happened. I just felt the guys slip off and I just saw green turf," Allen said.

Before last week, Allen hadn't received any reps in the McNary backfield. But in just his second game at running back, Allen found the end zone both times he touched the ball for his first two touchdowns at the varsity level.

"It was great to see him step up and really contribute," Auvinen said.

North Medford drove into McNary territory on the ensuing drive, but a

fourth down sack from Paton caused the Black Tornado to turn the ball over on downs.

The Celtics put an exclamation point on the game late in the final period when Copeland found Ready wide open on a post route for a 16-yard touchdown to make the score 37-7.

With the win, McNary advances to the round of 16 to face top-ranked Lake Oswego, who is 9-1 on the year.

The Lakers were leading 49-18 in their first round contest against Newberg before the Tigers scored 22 unanswered points to only lose by nine — McNary defeated Newberg 17-14 in week two of the regular season. Auvinen believes that if his team plays similarly to the way they played against North Medford, they may have a shot at a huge upset.

"They are a good team, but they are definitely not unbeatable. If we can play like we did tonight, and really control the line of scrimmage and make plays on the outside, we have a good shot," he said.



McNary quarterback Tyler Copeland went 16-of-26 through the air for 145 yards and a touchdown.  
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