

## Celts fall to top-ranked Lake Oswego in second round



The McNary defense attempts to keep Lake Oswego out of the end zone. Photo by JOEY CAPPELLETTI of Keizertimes

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After an impressive performance in their first round playoff game against North Medford, the McNary football squad didn't have the manpower to hang with top-ranked Lake Oswego with a trip to the quarterfinals on the line.

Despite a pair of long touchdown catches by Braiden Copeland in the second half, the Celtics couldn't climb out of a 21-0 hole they dug themselves in as McNary fell to the Lakers 35-14 in Friday, Nov. 12.

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adjustments and gave us a shot. But we had a couple of coverage breakdowns that were a little disappointing in the second half," McNary head coach Jeff Auvinen said. "But the kids never stopped battling. Not for one play."

Copeland had seven grabs for 135 yards and two scores in the loss.

While the McNary offense went three-and-out on their first possession, the defense came up with a huge fourth down stop to give the Celtics the ball back in Lake Oswego territory.

A 15-yard completion from McNary the second round of the postseason on quarterback Tyler Copeland to his brother, Braiden, had the Celtics sniff-"The offense really made some ing the red zone. But the Lakers defense

sacked Tyler Copeland two plays later and eventually forced McNary to punt. Lake Oswego regained possession

on their own 21-yard line and marched 79 yards in a little more than three

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minutes. The drive was concluded on a two-yard touchdown run by Lake Oswego quarterback Jack Layne, giving his team the 7-0 lead.

After an interception by Tyler

Copeland gave Oswego Lake the ball in Celtics territory, the McNary defense held strong once getting again, a fourth down stop after the Lakers moved the ball inside the 20.

However, the Celtics went three-and-out and had to give the ball right back to the Lakers, who scored early in