Copeland named MVC Player of the Year

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The McNary football squad received 16 all-conference spots for the 2021 season, with the top honor going to Celtics senior quarterback Tyler Copeland.

Despite missing a game and playing half the season with a high-ankle sprain, Copeland was named the Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year after throwing for 1,757 yards and 22 touchdowns — Copeland also received an honorable mention nod as a safety.

"The hard work has paid off. The Lord has blessed me through this process. I couldn't have done any of it without Him," Copeland said. "This is a team sport and my team was always there to pick me up."

Copeland led McNary to a 7-4 record as well as a playoff win over North Medford.

Up front, three seniors in offensive tackle Isaac Scroggins, offensive guard Aldo Villalvazo and center Jeremiah Ratliff were named to the all-conference second-team.

Senior Rudy Garcia earned a firstteam selection on the defensive line with 26 tackles and 2.5 tackles-for-loss.

Junior wideout Braiden Copeland, Tyler's brother, was a first-team selection, leading the league in receiving with 39 catches for 667 yards and nine



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touchdowns. Copeland was also a first-team pick at linebacker with 44 tackles on the season.

The Celtics had two other linebackers earn all-conference recognition in senior Josh Patton and junior Hunter Ruberto. Patton was placed on the second-team with 46 tackles and four sacks while Ruberto received an honorable mention nod with 34 tackles and two

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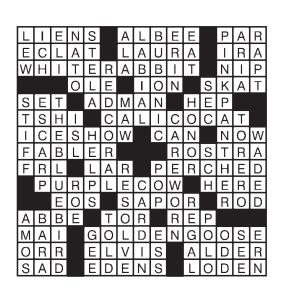
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