

through the pressure, they were able to get some quality looks in the second quarter as Brookelynn Jackson and Kylie Nepstad hit a pair of open triples, helping McNary go on an 8-1 run after trailing by 14 earlier in the period.

“We started handling the pressure a little bit better as the game went on. Their trapping and aggressive man-to-man defense did bother us quite a bit. But we saw glimmers of some great offensive possessions, where we moved the ball around quickly and got an open shot or layup,” Doran said.

McNary kept the game within single-digits for a good chunk of the third quarter, but Central Catholic began pulling away in the final period.

The Celtics only scored six points in the fourth quarter, while the McNary defense had no answer for Baker, who scored on an array of shots from the perimeter and in the paint. The Rams also hit three of their six 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

“They hit a couple threes down the stretch and we just had some bad defensive possessions to be honest,” Doran said. “There would also be times where we would get a stop and then turn it right back over.”

Though they lack experience, Doran believes that her team will begin to jell as they continue their non-conference slate.

“I think we are a team that has the potential to work really well together. We are still getting used to playing with each other,” Doran said.

McNary will travel to Thurston for their first road game, which will tip at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10.



Aubrianna Cabral looks to drive into the lane.

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