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Although he played for Northwest Diamond Sports in 2020 when the high school season was canceled, Ready only got a handful of starts on the mound during the shortened baseball season in 2021, and didn't perform to his expectations.

"I just didn't feel like myself last spring, and having two days to go from football and baseball wasn't ideal for my arm. I wasn't really throwing at all, I just hopped right into games," Ready said.

While he already knows where he's playing college ball, Ready is entering his final high school season with something to prove.

"I want to be a first-team all-league pitcher. Especially having a rough year last year and not pitching to my potential, I just want to prove that I am good enough to be able to do that and show everyone that I have what it takes to play at the next level," Ready said. "We have a strong senior class and I think we have the ability to make a run in the state playoffs."

Off the field, Ready has been a servant to the community in numerous ways. Along with volunteering with Marion Polk Food Share and as an youth sports official, Ready has been a part of National Honor Society with McNary for the last four years.



Ready kicked the game-winning, 43-yard field goal against Newberg on Friday, Sept. 10 2021.

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At the Keizer First Citizen Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 22, Ready was the recipient of the first ever Future First Citizen Award, presented in honor of former Keizer Mayor Dennis Koho, who passed away in 2019.

"It was sweet, especially with learning about the man that Dennis was and seeing his whole family there," Ready said.

Whether it's on the field or in the

classroom, Ready's high school coaches believe he has what it takes to be successful at the next level.

"We are really happy for Logan. He found the perfect place to play college football and baseball, and more importantly a good place to pursue his academic goals. He has invested a lot of time and effort into becoming a quality high school pitcher. His hard work has paid off, and now he will have an

opportunity to compete at the college level. He is a dependable kid, a player that PLU will be able to count on," McNary baseball coach Larry Keeker said.

"Logan is a great kid and a great teammate who has filled a really big role for us the last two seasons. He brings a lot to the table and I believe he is going to do great things at the next level," Auvinen said.

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