

New coach; same results

Opportunistic defense paves the way for sophs' impressive 7-1 season

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

The 2011 season was another successful one for the Bingham sophomore football team. The Miners finished with a 7-1 record and dominated most opponents with an opportunistic defense. Considering all that happened during the year, coach Eddie Caine couldn't have been happier?

Caine? That's right. The six-year assistant took over late in the season following the departure of Casey Jenson, who moved to Spokane, Wash. Fortunately, the changeover didn't create many issues. Caine was well-known by the players and staff.

The sophomore team was also used to change. Prior to the season, about 14 players took their talents to the varsity, allowing more freshmen to move up. In all, 17 freshmen made the club.

Caine said construction on the Bingham campus also forced them to move to various practice sites. But all that was old news by the time the season ended.

"My best memory was just to see the team hang in there and continue to play tough," he said. "Of course, beating Alta is always important, but the Layton game was one I will always remember.

"It was a defensive battle and – in overtime – we kicked a field goal and then held them. They rushed four times and lost yardage each time."

The key to Bingham's success was its defense, which gave up just 71 points (8.9/game). There was one shutout (Lehi). Better yet, the Miners also found ways to score when they didn't have the ball.

Freshman Kade Cloward was the main reason. Despite being just 5-foot-8 and 140



Nate Naylor gets blocking help from teammate Daniel Langi.

2011 results (7-1)

Opponent	W/L	Score
Alta	W	20-14
Layton	W	10-7
Cottonwood	W	21-7
Riverton	W	35-7
Lone Peak	W	40-13
American Fork	L	13-20
Lehi	W	42-0
Pleasant Grove	W	30-3



Kade Cloward

Threat to score at any time



Chayden Johnston

Resolved team's kicking worries

pounds, Cloward played several positions. His highlights included returning two interceptions for touchdowns during the year. He also was the hero on special teams, where he returned two kicks for scores.

At times, the offense had trouble scoring but Caine said it was nice knowing that the Miners could put points on the scoreboard at any time. They averaged over 26 points per game and a high of 42 (Lehi).

The low point of the year was Bingham's only loss – a 20-13 decision on a rainy afternoon in American Fork.

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Bingham 2011 sophomore football roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year
1	Chase Madrian	DB	5-8	145	Soph.	39	Landon Lowder	RB/DB	5-7	150	Soph.
2	Kade Cloward	WR/DB	5-8	140	Fr.	40	Josh Naegle	TE	6-4	200	Soph.
3	Dominieke Jones	WR	5-11	140	Fr.	41	Braiden Branstiter	DB	5-7	135	Soph.
4	Brennan Kossin	DB	5-5	120	Soph.	42	Daniel Gasio	LB	5-11	195	Fr.
5	Josh Gurr	DB	5-9	150	Soph.	43	Saia Saltiban	LB	5-7	170	Soph.
6	Mitch Robinson	RB	5-7	135	Soph.	44	Phil Reardon	LB	6-2	190	Soph.
7	Caleb Lundberg	DB	5-7	120	Soph.	45	Max Stidham	RB/LB	5-8	170	Soph.
8	Walter Auva	QB	5-9	155	Soph.	47	Cody Elmen	RB/LB	5-10	140	Soph.
9	Caden Searle	WR	6-0	145	Soph.	50	Ruben Gomez	OL/DL	5-9	225	Soph.
10	Matt Larson	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	51	Will Anderson	LB	5-11	190	Fr.
11	Jordan Evans	QB	6-3	155	Soph.	53	Jordan Gustavus	OL/DL	5-9	165	Soph.
12	Chayden Johnston	P/K	5-10	120	Fr.	56	Chandler Wahlstrom	OL/DL	6-1	150	Soph.
13	Robert Higham	QB	5-10	165	Soph.	57	Jake Parks	LB	6-0	160	Soph.
14	Michael Green	QB	5-8	150	Fr.	62	John Nasilai	OL/DL	5-9	205	Soph.
15	Brandon Ottesen	WR	5-8	120	Soph.	63	Justen Nuffer	OL/DL	5-11	210	Soph.
16	Jared Tupou	DB	5-6	130	Fr.	65	Skyler Alirie	OL/DL	5-11	170	Soph.
17	Trenton Padilla	WR	5-6	125	Fr.	66	Mahonrai Toki	OL/DL	5-11	200	Soph.
19	Ammon Gutierrez	WR	6-1	165	Soph.	67	Benson Angilau	OL/DL	5-7	180	Soph.
20	Dylon Mayer	DB	5-10	155	Soph.	68	Kolton Martin	OL/DL	5-9	185	Soph.
21	Jake Funes	WR	6-1	160	Soph.	70	Joey Coletti	OL/DL	5-9	205	Fr.
22	Kohlby Jeppson	DB	5-9	140	Soph.	71	Judd Stewart	OL/DL	6-3	215	Soph.
23	Monte Soderquist	TE	6-1	190	Soph.	72	Gavin Krushensky	OL/DL	5-10	230	Fr.
24	Sabin Rimal	WR	5-7	140	Soph.	73	Keegan Rowberry	OL/DL	6-3	200	Soph.
25	Brayden Ferrin	DB	6-0	140	Soph.	76	Brandon Cash	OL/DL	5-11	225	Soph.
26	Jordan Nash	RB	5-10	155	Soph.	77	Auston Smith	OL/DL	6-2	230	Fr.
27	Brooks Porter	DB	5-10	160	Fr.	81	Cameron Fuller	WR	6-1	165	Soph.
28	Aaron Marsh	RB	5-8	135	Fr.	82	Nick Wakeman	RB	6-0	185	Soph.
29	Morgan Degooyer	WR	5-3	125	Fr.	85	Siaosi Burke	DL	5-10	155	Soph.
31	Landon Munson	LB	5-7	140	Fr.	94	Chaz Giles	OL/DL	6-1	210	Soph.
32	Nate Naylor	RB	5-10	170	Soph.						
33	Nick Heninger	TE/LB	6-1	185	Soph.						
34	Daniel Langi	RB/LB	5-11	220	Fr.						

Coaches: Casey Jenson, Eddie Caine, Andy Evans, Justin Peck, Tyler Strain, Matt Valenzuela, Hope Tupou

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Kicker Chayden Johnston gave Bingham its winning points against Layton. Despite coming into the season without any football experience, he made a big difference.

“He was one of our highlights,” Caine said. “He didn’t have to ever worry about being nervous. He didn’t understand pressure.”

Jordan Evans started the season at quarterback, but he became one of those players who was moved to varsity. Mike Green took over, but got hurt against Lone Peak and Walter Auva and Robert Higham finished the season. At times, Bingham went to the “wildcat” formation in order to give Cloward the ball.

Overall, the group combined to keep



ABOVE: Michael Green
RIGHT: Robert Higham

Bingham’s football program rolling and continue its winning attitude.

“Once you start losing, it carries on,” Caine said. “We like to win, but the thing about (varsity coach Dave Peck’s) program is that he is more concerned with the kids becoming good husbands and fathers, rather than winning at any cost.”