



IN THIS DAY AND AGE, if you put “Boise” and “football” together, most will think of the mighty Broncos, who had gained national attention by carving up opponents at nearby Bronco Stadium.

But in 2012, the Braves got their share of the headlines. It started with the opening of the new Dona Larsen Park field, where Boise put its claim by surprising rival Borah.

It was a sweet victory. Not only did it come against a rival, but the Braves marked their territory and, combined with a win the following week, became a power.

Led by its offense, Boise football was exciting. The Braves could score from anywhere at any time. Senior QB Tanner Gustavsen put his stamp on a long career and his receivers, backs and offensive line also had their share of thrills.

Boise’s biggest problem was sheer numbers. The Braves didn’t have the turnout for football like their opponents, so many players had to go both ways. The defense thin, but it still came up big several times.

This year’s team likely won’t go down in school history as one of its best, but it was a proud team that accomplished a lot. The question now might be how the success will affect next year’s team.

Boise State proved it can do a lot with only a little, and it can lead to a lot more. The Braves have a ways to go, but the team representing this proud school won’t ever quit.

## THE AREA’S OLDEST SCHOOL IS BACK – AND A CONTENDER

The Boise Braves quickly made the rest of the SIC realize that this year’s team was different than in the past. A season-opening win at Borah created a new atmosphere and the Braves’ offense was one of the best.

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## THE MOST EXCITING GAME OF THE SEASON MIGHT BE THE MOST EXCITING EVER

62-61. Can you believe it? That’s not a basketball score either. Tanner Gustavsen’s 8-yard touchdown run and two-point conversion ended a huge fourth-quarter rally as Boise ended the season on a winning note. **See ..... PAGES 24-25.**

## HEY, LOOK WHO’S AMONG THE BEST

The state’s coaches took note from newspaper clippings and from the SIC, and check out who they honored after the season was over. **See ..... PAGE 29.**

## BEST MEMORIES

Twenty years from now, we’ll all have different memories of this season. To see a few players’ specific recollections, see.....**PAGES 34-41.**

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**COVER PHOTO: Tanner Gustavsen** delivers a long pass in a home game against Vallivue. Other photos include: Coach **Bob Clark, Brett Walton and Said Ramadhan.**

**PHOTO ABOVE:** An excited group of Braves’ players pose for a photo after defeating Borah 38-24 that highlighted the opening of the new Dona Larsen Park field.