

# Braves put up a fight at Mtn. View

Offensive battle goes to the Mavericks and drops Boise to 2-3

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Matchup

Mountain View coach Judd Benedick has a theory. Whenever Josh Buss handles the football, good things happen.

On Friday night, several other players proved the same thing. Buss, Kai Turner and Connor Armstrong all had big games as Mountain View accumulated 572 yards and went on to handle Boise 48-28 in its homecoming game.

"You're supposed to win your homecoming, aren't you?" said Benedick afterward. "Some games we play lights out. Other times, we're not the same team. We'd like to put two in a row together."

One week after losing 35-21 at Borah, the Mavericks looked like they couldn't be stopped. Turner threw for 358 yards and three touchdowns, Buss was a threat running and receiving, and scored twice, and Armstrong had nine catches for 166 yards.

Bottom line: Boise had trouble stopping the Mavericks. Braves coach Bob Clark said his team had its chances, too. But after two straight wins, Boise has dropped three in a row and its future is uncertain.

"We couldn't stop the short pass," Clark said. "That



**Tanner Gustavsen** tries to break through a group of Mountain View defenders. Gustavsen had a 39-yard touchdown run in the second half.

took (linebacker) Brett Walton out of the game. If just a few plays go differently, this would have been a different game."

One of the biggest plays came late in the second quarter. After taking over the ball on their own 26, Turner engineered a 14-play drive. The Mavericks moved the ball to Boise's 1, but were stopped on three straight plays.



**Brett Walton** blocks a Maverick opponent on an extra-point attempt.

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**LEFT: Cameron Mayne** sprints by a Mountain View defender on a pass play.

**ABOVE: Noah Willison** moves in to make the tackle in front of the Boise bench.

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Benedick called timeout while facing fourth down. Mountain View declined to try the chip-shot field goal and Turner scored on a quarterback sneak.

“We thought about it, but figured we should be able to make it,” Benedick said.

The Mavs came back on to the field. Turner lined up in the “Maverick” (pistol) formation with an empty backfield to spread the defense. Just before the snap, he got behind the center and bulled into the end zone for a 22-7 lead.

“That was a big play,” Benedick said. “It could have gone either way, but it made me look like a hero.”

Boise rallied. Clark said the Braves “picked up the pace” in the second half. That was noticeable immediately as quarterback Tanner Gustavsen connected with Deion Hardy and Skyler Rowe a few times before hitting Cameron Mayne with a 36-yard scoring pass.

Gustavsen threw for 223 yards – with no interceptions – and ran for a touchdown. Clark praised his senior leader, as well as Walton, for never giving up. The Braves’ offense ran 89 plays and accumulated 462 yards.

But they also were guilty of 14 penalties and the only times they really stopped Mountain View was when J.B. Durham and Rowe came up with interceptions.

Turner didn’t let his first two picks get him down. Mountain View answered Boise’s third-quarter threat when Turner ran for his third touchdown, and then Buss got into the action. He had almost all of his rushing yards, and both touchdowns, in the second half.

**GAME SUMMARY**

<b>Boise</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>- 28</b>
<b>Mountain View</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>- 48</b>

- MV** – Kai Turner 8 run (Turner run)
- B** – Deion Hardy 30 pass from Tanner Gustavsen (Travis Brownkyke kick)
- MV** – Colin Sale 64 pass from Kai Turner (Ozzy Azevedo kick)
- MV** – Turner 1 run (Azevedo kick)
- B** – Cameron Mayne 36 pass from Gustavsen (Brownkyke kick)
- MV** – Turner 1 run (Azevedo kick)
- MV** – Josh Buss 9 pass from Turner (Azevedo kick)
- MV** – Buss 13 run (Azevedo kick)
- B** – Gustavsen 39 run (Brownkyke kick)
- MV** – Garrett Collingham 6 run (run failed)
- B** – Josh Maxfield 5 run (Brownkyke kick)

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	<b>Boi</b>	<b>MV</b>
First downs	23	29
Rushes-yards	49-239	31-214
Passing yards	223	358
Passes	19-35-0	24-38-2
Fumbles-lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties	14-113	5-34
Punts	5-38.0	1-35.0

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING:** Boi – Maxfield 17-71, Chase Choate 14-29, Brett Walton 10-36, Gustavsen 5-67 Said Ramadhan 5-31. MV –Turner 13-66, Buss 9-104, Chance Smith 4-15, Collingham 2-16, Adam Sisson 2-14, Kole Goodwin 1-2.

**PASSING:** Boi – Gustavsen 19-35-0-228 yards. MV – Turner 24-38-2-358 yards.

**RECEIVING:** Boi – Skyler Rowe 6-43, Hardy 6-99, Mayne 5-65, Avery Miller 2-21, Marshal McGill 1-4. MV – Connor Armstrong 9-98, Buss 7-84, Marshall Pack 2-61, Colin Sale 4-93, Smith 1-3.