

# Burned-out Braves fall to rival

Timberline pulls away in the fourth quarter and frustrates Boise

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Matchup

The high-powered Boise offense struck misfortune Friday night, but it wasn't so much as they did their opponent.

The Timberline Wolves held on to the football for much of the second half. The Wolves scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns and beat the Braves 28-14 in a 5A SIC game at Dona Larsen Park.

"We didn't have the ball, and we were hung over from the week before," said Boise coach Bob Clark. "They (the players) are human. We were out of gas."

Timberline, on the other hand, appeared to get stronger. The Wolves picked up a lot of momentum when their offense, especially running back Kellen Copeland, moved the ball and they saw the Braves fail on a couple of key plays.

Coach Kirk Copeland said his team was revitalized. The Wolves were coming off a tough 39-36 loss at Meridian the week before and were celebrating their "Senior Night." Earlier, Timberline had defeated Centennial and considered itself a postseason contender, but the Meridian loss dashed their hopes.

"The kids were playing



Larry Evans was part of Boise's much-improved offensive line.

for pride, and it was Boise, so they were ready," coach Copeland said.

The game was close until late. Tied 14-14, the Wolves got a couple of touchdowns from Kellen Copeland to secure the win. Timberline also broke up an almost certain touchdown pass from Tanner Gustavsen to Deion Hardy, and then Hardy had another long throw bounce off

his facemask near the goal line.

"He just misjudged it, and we couldn't make another play," Clark said. "And then Timberline took the ball and held on to it for eight minutes. They would get 3-4 yards when they needed and it was all over."

The Braves' offense managed just 60 plays, far below

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# BOISE FOOTBALL: Timberline 28, Braves 14



**TOP:** Kyle Gustafson, Donald Messenger, Tyler Connelly and Connor Cochran join their teammates in watching the action on the field.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** C.J. Kennedy

**MIDDLE:** Lane Hileman

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Erik Miller



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their season average. Kellen Copeland, meanwhile, kept Timberline’s offense moving, carrying 20 times for 195 yards. Quarterback Grant Hruby also helped, completing 8 of 11 passes for 103 yards.

“We only had 12 (offensive) plays in the second half,” Clark said. “Every time we touched it, we dominated, but we missed our chances.”

The win was Timberline’s second straight over the Braves. Clark said that even though the Wolves split from Boise in 1998, he didn’t view the contest as a strong rivalry.

“We never talk about rivals and fights between the neighborhoods,” he said. “We take every game the same. However, to some of the kids, it’s always a big deal.”

Gustavsen provided most of the offense, passing for 290 yards. Boise’s running game, however, managed just 87 yards and the Braves never broke loose. Skyler Rowe was the offensive standout, catching 11 passes for 187 yards and both Boise scores.

## GAME SUMMARY

Boise	7	7	0	0	- 14
Timberline	7	7	0	14	- 28

- T** – Jack Tate 7 run (Strodbeck kick)
- B** – Skyler Rowe 18 pass from Tanner Gustavsen (Travis Browndyke kick)
- T** – Brady Jones 23 pass from Grant Hruby (Strodbeck kick)
- B** – Rowe 44 pass from Gustavsen (Browndyke kick)
- T** – Copeland 29 pass from Hruby (Strodbeck kick)
- T** – Copeland 2 run (Brady Strodbeck kick)

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING:** Boise – Gustavsen 8-37, Brett Walton 6-20, Josh Maxfield 3-18, Chase Choate 5-12. Timberline – Copeland 20-195, Jack Tate 13-58, Grant Hruby 5-14, Brandon Phanmaha 3-6, Colby Schow 1-5, Tyus Zimmerman 1-2, Jake Templeton 1-(-13).

**PASSING:** Boise – Gustavsen 20-38-0-290 yards. Timberline – Hruby 8-11-0-103 yards.

**RECEIVING:** Boise – Rowe 11-187, Cameron Mayne 4-62, Hardy 4-29, Maxfield 1-12. Timberline – Copeland 3-65, Jack Tate 3-9, Jones 1-23, Michael Ross 1-6.