

# Borah finds its personality

Lions rally from a huge deficit, thanks to a big night from Hunter Kenyon and a defensive resurgence

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Matchup

Several months later, almost every Borah football player would call this the most important game of the season.

Back at their “home field,” (Dona Larsen Park), where they were embarrassed two weeks earlier, the Lions faced an alarming 22-point deficit at the half. This time, however, Borah didn’t flinch.

Senior running back Hunter Kenyon rushed for a career-high 219 yards and four touchdowns — including the final three of the second half — to rally Borah to a 33-28 victory over Meridian Thursday night in a 5A SIC game.

“Hunter Kenyon just loves the game of football,” Borah coach Darren Corpus told *The Idaho Statesman*. “He’s a football player. He’ll block, he doesn’t care if he scores, and when it’s his turn to get a first down he’s up to the challenge. He’s just a heck of a kid.”

The victory was meaningful to the Borah players. Besides being the Lions second straight win, it was their first at Dona Larsen Park (where they were 4-3 during the inaugural season) and it avenged a hurtful 41-36 loss to the Warriors last year, which ended on a controversial play.



Offensive linemen **Colton Streufert** and **Bryor Schlund** congratulate each other after a Lions’ touchdown.

“We never gave up,” said Corpus. “We made some changes and fought.

“That was the character of this team,” he added. “We had toughness and a never quit attitude. We had this attitude that if we get behind, we get

behind, but we’ll never give up.”

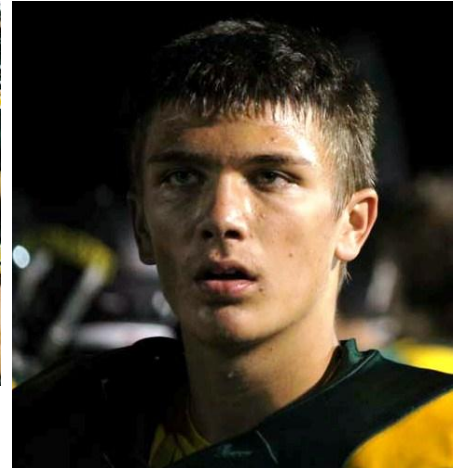
Down 28-26 with a little more than two minutes to go in the fourth quarter, Borah defensive tackle Emillio Trevino sacked Meridian quarterback

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# BORAH FOOTBALL: Lions 33, Meridian 28



**TOP LEFT:** Kayleb Pottenger takes on a Meridian defender.  
**TOP RIGHT:** Brad Olsen, Andrew Linkowski and Hawkins Mann react to the action.  
**LEFT:** Clint Langston  
**MIDDLE:** Kai Corpus  
**RIGHT:** XXXXXXXXXX



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Jake Berard for a loss on 3rd-and-5 from the Warriors' own 25-yard line, forcing the Warriors to punt.

Borah got the ball back and responded with a 53-yard, seven-play drive to take the lead on Kenyon's 15-yard touchdown run.

"I'm just glad that we could beat Meridian because last time the refs took it away from us," said Kenyon, referring to last year's game. "I owe it all to the O-line. They did a great job."

The game didn't start nearly as well as it ended for the Lions.

Meridian scored on its first drive of the game, finishing with a 5-yard touchdown run by Berard and a two-point conversion run for an 8-0 lead with 6:26 remaining on the clock.

The Warriors tacked on three more touchdowns in the second quarter and held a 28-6 advantage at the half. Berard was the biggest reason. He had 238 yards on 29 carries. He ran for three scores and passed for another.

On the game's biggest play, though, he was cut down.

Both teams went in different directions after this game.

"We've worked so hard since last winter and it's starting to gel right now," Corpus said.

## GAME SUMMARY

|          |   |    |    |    |      |
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| Meridian | 8 | 20 | 0  | 0  | - 28 |
| Borah    | 0 | 6  | 12 | 15 | - 33 |

- M** – Jake Berard 5 run (Bryson Stout run)
- M** – Tucker Bronken 10 pass from Berard (run failed)
- B** – Hunter Kenyon 3 run (pass failed)
- M** – Berard 41 run (pass failed)
- M** – Berard 28 run (Berard run)
- B** – Justin Coburn 22 pass from Cole Skinner (run failed)
- B** – Kenyon 5 run (run failed)
- B** – Kenyon 1 run (Kenyon run)
- B** – Kenyon 15 run (Jacob Szuch kick)

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING:** Meridian – Berard 29-238, Darian Laboto 11-103, Stout 7-59. Borah – Kenyon 21-219, Karsten Niederer 2-23.

**PASSING:** Meridian – Berard 3-6-0-36 yards. Borah – Cole Skinner 17-31-1-128 yards.

**RECEIVING:** Meridian – Bronken 3-36. Borah – Coburn 5-59, Trey Dennis 3-28.