

# Lions glide by Mavs on 'eerie' day

Skinner throws for 4 TDs, but it's the defense that keys the victory

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Matchup

It was an eerie Saturday afternoon when the Borah Lions took on the Mountain View Mavericks at Dona Larson Park.

Both teams came in with high hopes. But, in the end, it was Borah that left the field satisfied. Cole Skinner threw for 286 yards and four touchdowns as the Lions claimed a 35-21 win, their third straight.

"We performed the best against Mountain View," said Borah coach Darren Corpus. "It was a good game. It was supposed to be hot, but it stayed in the 70s because of the smoke. We just executed on all parts of the game."

The teams were originally scheduled to play the previous Thursday, but moved the game to Saturday because Boise State played host to BYU that night. Both Corpus and Mountain View coach Judd Benedick said the scene felt "eerie" because heavy smoke had blanketed the area from nearby fires.

"The Borah game was our low point," Benedick said later. "It had a weird feel and we weren't prepared. We just didn't show up."

The Mavericks, who had one of the SIC's most prolific



**Daniel Taitano** grips the Mountain View ball carrier tightly while making the tackle.

offenses, couldn't run the football. They were held to a season low 32 rushing yards. Corpus said that made the one-dimensional and easier for the defense to handle.

"The key to any football team to be successful is you have to be able to run the ball and be able to stop the run," Corpus said. "We were doing both."

The Lions never trailed and improved to 3-1 on the season. Mountain View dropped to 2-2. The Mavericks got hot at the end of the season, but missed making the playoffs by one game.

"This was one I'd like to have had back," said Benedick. Borah never trailed.

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## BORAH FOOTBALL: Lions 35, Mountain View 21



**LEFT: Kai Corpus** reaches in to break up a Mountain View pass.

**RIGHT: Justin Coburn** closes in on the Mavericks' punter.

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Skinner connected with Kion Williams twice on scoring passes and threw one each to Justin Coburn and Kade Dustin. The 4-yard throw to Dustin late in the game clinched the win.

For Dustin, it was the only touchdown of his high-school playing career.

“We were supposed to run hitches,” he said. “The defensive back thought it was a fade route and I caught it right on the sidelines. I celebrated a little bit, but I had to hold for the PAT afterward, so I couldn’t celebrate that long.”

The rest of the Lions did, however.

Skinner completed 19 of 28 passes with no interceptions. Coburn had his best game – so far – of the season with seven catches for 130 yards. Trey Dennis had six catches, Kadeem Torgeson three and both of Williams’ receptions went for scores.

Hunter Kenyon carried 36 times for 124 yards. He didn’t have any real breakaways, but had one of the Lions’ touchdowns.

Mountain View relied on Turner who, while he couldn’t run much, did throw for 249 yards. Connor Armstrong, Josh Buss, Collin Sale, Marshall Pack and Kenny Webster each had several receptions.

Borah, however, dominated time of possession. The Lions ran 73 plays, compared to Mountain View’s 40. For the Mavericks, it was an eerie feeling to lose in such a way.

### GAME SUMMARY

<b>Mountain View</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 21</b>
<b>Borah</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>- 35</b>

**B** – Kion Williams 16 pass from Cole Skinner (Jacob Szuch kick)

**MV** – Josh Buss 3 run (Azevedo kick)

**B** – Hunter Kenyon 1 run (Szuch kick)

**B** – Williams 24 pass from Skinner (Szuch kick)

**MV** – Buss 44 pass from Kai Turner (Azevedo kick)

**B** – Justin Coburn 46 pass from Skinner (Szuch kick)

**MV** – Colin Sale 8 pass from Turner (Azevedo kick)

**B** – Kade Dustin 4 pass from Skinner (Szuch kick)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING:** MV – Turner 7-17, Josh Buss 6-15  
Borah – Kenyon 36-124, Karsten Niederer 5-20, Szuch 1-10, Skinner 1-4, Eric Thrift 2-3.

**PASSING:** MV – Turner 21-27-0-249 yards.  
Borah – Skinner 19-28-0-286 yards.

**RECEIVING:** MV – Connor Armstrong 6-59, Buss 4-84, Kenny Webster 3-70, Sale 5-21, Marshall Pack 3-15. Borah – Justin Coburn 7-130, Trey Dennis 6-73, Kadeem Torgeson 3-35, Kion Williams 2-44, Dustin 1-4.