

# Borah pulls off stunning win

Williams' big plays help Lions end long losing streak at Eagle

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For the first time since 2004, the Borah High football team walked away with a win at Eagle's Thunder Stadium.

As free safety Kion Williams wrapped his hands around an Eagle pass with 18.6 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, the crowd's reaction ranged from wild cheers to silent disbelief.

Borah quarterback Cole Skinner took a knee, then walked off the field with his teammates to celebrate the Lions' 24-21 victory against the previously unbeaten Mustangs.

The Lions and Mustangs had met 12 times before Friday night's game, with Eagle owning a 10-2 series lead.

Borah first beat Eagle 41-35 in overtime on the blue turf of Bronco Stadium in 2003 and added a 22-7 win at Thunder Stadium the following year. But Friday night's back-and-forth battle finally ended seven years of Borah frustration.

"I loved this. It's a hard place to come and win," Williams said. "This was a big win for us."

Borah moved into sole possession of second place in the 5A SIC behind unbeaten Rocky Mountain, while Eagle



Davis Bitton brings down and Eagle receiver, while Kadeem Torgeson, Clint Langston, Emilio Trevino and several others get a close look.

dropped into third place.

"We're happy, but we know that the next game is Vallivue and we're looking forward to that game," Borah coach Darren Corpus said. "Because that's bigger than this game, in reality."

Borah's success Friday started and ended in the hands of Williams. The 5-foot-9, 185-pound junior receiver was the first to score for the Lions, reeling in a bullet from Skinner

and outracing Eagle defenders to the end zone with 4:15 to play in the first quarter.

Williams finished with 188 receiving yards, one touchdown and the game-clinching interception. He leads the 5A SIC with three interceptions.

"I don't think there has been a game where he hasn't done something to contribute,"

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## BORAH FOOTBALL: Lions 24, Eagle 21



**TOP LEFT:** Hunter Kenyon takes the ball and dives toward the goal line.

**TOP RIGHT:** Kion Williams leaps high to grab a pass. He finished with six catches on the night.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** Jacob Szuch kicks one of his three field goals that ended up making the difference in this game.

**MIDDLE:** Justin Coburn keeps his eye on the ball and grabs a pass between two Eagle defenders.

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Corpus said. “He’s an athlete, he knows where the ball is and he has a nose for the ball, so he makes big plays when he needs to.”

Borah senior kicker Jacob Szuch — who earlier verbally committed to play soccer for Oregon State — made three field goals spanning the second and third quarters to put the Lions up 16-7.

Eagle responded with a 15-yard touchdown run by Nick Wheeler with 5:03 to go in the third, and then took a 21-16 lead when defensive back Josh Labrador recovered a blocked punt and returned it 34 yards for the score.

Borah’s senior workhorse Hunter Kenyon scored what proved to be the winning TD when he plowed in from 4 yards out with 1:21 remaining in the game.

“This is big, but we want to focus on next week now,” Kenyon said.

### GAME SUMMARY

<b>Borah</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8 - 24</b>
<b>Eagle</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0 - 21</b>

**E** – Jake Erickson 1 run (Layne Leisten kick)

**B** – Kion Williams 48 pass from Cole Skinner (Jacob Szuch kick)

**B** – FG Szuch 23

**B** – FG Szuch 25

**B** – FG Szuch 27

**E** – Nick Wheeler 15 run (Leisten kick)

**E** – Josh Labrador 34 blocked punt return (Leisten kick)

**B** – Hunter Kenyon 4 run (Kenyon run)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING:** Borah – Kenyon 37-137, Skinner 2-10. Eagle – Austin Diffey 4-32, Collin Ray 10-23, Erickson 6-23, J.T. Williams 7-21, Wheeler 3-18.

**PASSING:** Borah – Skinner 12-24-0-238 yards. Eagle – Williams 10-23-1-194 yards.

**RECEIVING:** Williams 6-188, Justin Coburn 4-37, Kadeem Torgeson 1-8. Eagle – Derek Jones 4-95, Diffey 2-18, Ray 1-53, Wheeler 1-15.