

New coach praises the SIC champs

Borah's turnaround goes on as JV squad rallies for a fine season

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

The intention of Borah's junior varsity football team is to not only have a successful season, but set the table for the varsity the following year.

First-year coach Jason Burton said this year's JV team did just that. They won the SIC title with a 7-2 record and will be sending plenty of talented players upward in 2013.

"It was a great season," said Burton, who had been at Bonneville High previously. "The thing that stood out was that the kids got better. It was a huge for us."

The Lions got off to a slow start, and a 33-12 loss to Mountain View gave them a 2-2 record. However, Borah won its last five games – with the highlight being a 26-7 home victory over Eagle. They clinched at least a tie for the crown with a 42-20 win over Capital and then took it outright by beating Rocky Mountain.

"Eagle and Rocky were the best teams we played," Burton said. "We actually played Eagle twice because Meridian did not have a JV team. Beating Eagle the second time was the sweetest game. Getting that revenge."

The Lions were led by

2012 results (7-2)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
Aug. 29	CENTENNIAL	W	28-22
Sept. 6	at Eagle	L	12-32
Sept. 13	BOISE	W	46-0
Sept. 20	at Mtn. View	L	12-33
Sept. 27	at Timberline	W	26-13
Oct. 3	EAGLE	W	26-7
Oct. 11	at Vallivue	W	30-6
Oct. 18	at Capital	W	42-20
Oct. 25	ROCKY MTN.	W	28-23

Home games in CAPS

SIC standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Borah	7	2	.778
Eagle	6	3	.667
Mtn. View	5	2	.714
Timberline	5	3	.625
Capital	4	4	.500
Rocky Mtn.	3	5	.375
Vallivue	3	5	.375
Boise	0	2	.000
Centennial	0	7	.222

Note: Meridian did not field a JV team. Boise's JV squad disbanded after two games.



Justin Stern



Austin Phimmasone

Noah Brandt, who played linebacker and blossomed as the season progressed.

"At the start of the year, we weren't sure he would play on the defensive side, but he got better every week. After the Mountain View game, he was a leader and put the defense on his back. Any time there was a big hit, it was because of him. He was the glue for our defense."

The JVs had one shutout during the season (Boise) and,

over the last five games, gave up an average of 13.8 points per game. Justin Stern and Harley Emery also were among several players that had good years.

On offense, Austin Lisonbee was the top player. Wide receiver Shane Layman fared well, too. The QB was Connor Gray, who threw a nice TD pass vs. Timberline and often looked good, thanks to the line

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Borah Lions 2012 JV football roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Year
1	James Burton	DB	Soph.
2	Connor Gray	QB	Soph.
4	Shane Layman	WR	Jr.
5	Michael Ruble	WR	Jr.
11	Treyvon Fields	RB	Jr.
14	Seth Cross	QB	Jr.
16	Jon Michael Pope	WR	Soph.
23	Alredo Cortez	DB	Jr.
24	Nick Figura	RB	Soph.
28	Austin Phimmasone	RB	Soph.
30	Justin Stern	DB	Soph.
32	Ammon Taylor	LB	Jr.
34	Colton Duran	LB	Jr.
35	Justin Lisonbee	DB	Soph.
36	Mattias Eriksson	WR	Soph.
38	Patrick Sears	DB	Soph.
46	Noah Brandt	LB	Soph.
48	Zack Elam	LB	Jr.
49	Isaac Daffer	LB	Soph.
50	Harley Emery	D	Jr.
58	Mason Brown	OL	Soph.
62	Mason Eimers	DL	Soph.
63	Andrew Linkowski	DL	Jr.
65	Justin Fox	OL	Soph.
66	Javier Corona	OL	Soph.
67	Hunter Kaarlsen	OL	Soph.
68	Dalton Schlund	OL	Jr.
69	Dylen Noble	DL	Soph.
70	Tyson Ruybal	OL	Soph.
72	Savion Garner	OL	Soph.
73	Bryson Buffington	OL	Soph.

Player awards

Given at the team's post-season banquet:

MVP: Noah Brandt
Most Inspirational: Zach Willoughby
Offensive MVP: Austin Lisonbee
Best O-Lineman: Tyson Ruble
Defensive MVP: Justin Stern
Special Teams MVP: Austin Phimmasone

No.	Name	Pos.	Year
78	Eddie Brahm	DL	Jr.
79	Zach Willoughby	DL	Soph.
84	Chris Frazer	WR	Soph.
86	Joel Perry	WR	Soph.
87	Joey Sullivan	TE	Soph.
88	Wes Loertscher	DB	Soph.
90	Michael Brown	LB	Soph.
91	Donovan Jankowski	DL	Soph.
92	Hayden Miles	DL	Soph.
93	Adam Whistler	DL	Jr.
99	Aidan Miller	DL	Jr.

Head Coach: Jason Burton
Assistants: Kevan O'Hara, Sebastian Marx, Jared Benavente, Luke Gordon, Chris Jones
Trainer: Greg Mitchell
Scorekeepers: Darin Zarbnisky, Tony Quilici

Athletic Director: Vince Mann

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anchored by Justin Fox and Tyson Ruble.

"Our strength was the unselfishness of the players," Burton said. "Every day at practice was a battle."

Burton said there were two major highlights during the season. The first came against Timberline. On a counter play, Dalton Schlund made a huge hit on a Wolves player that resulted in a 40-yard touchdown run.

Also, in the season finale against Rocky, the Lions rallied to win. Gray scored the go-ahead touchdown on a quarterback sneak.

Burton said beating Eagle and Rocky gave the team a lot of momentum.

"They had all the glitz and glamour and probably 70 kids on their sideline," he said. "After we beat Eagle, we were in charge of our destiny and we took care of business."