

Young team shows it's on its way up

Freshmen finish with fine 6-3 record and show momentum

**By Bruce Smith
Matchup**

The resurgence of the Borah Lions football team is not just occurring at the varsity level. Freshmen coach Steve Murchie said it's everywhere, and it starts with the team's freshmen program.

The ninth-graders had a 6-3 season in 2012, which was good enough for fourth place in the SIC standings. Murchie said the strength of the team was that its offense was balanced and – at times – could be “lethal.” With a 37-player roster made up of West and South junior high students, many played both ways.

“At the end, we had a lot of kids who were tired and banged up,” said Murchie, who finished his second year. “But we thought we could win with our best kids on the field and they did a great job.”

Fortunately, there were no major injuries. Murchie said the players seemed to enjoy the season and proud of the effort they made in the weight room during the summer.

“The whole program is on its way up,” he said. “The kids went to the varsity games and had their heads held high. Everyone was talking about it. Word was definitely out. It's nice

2012 results (6-3)

| Date | Opponent | W/L | Score |
|----------|---------------|-----|-------|
| Aug. 29 | at Centennial | W | 36-21 |
| Sept. 6 | MERIDIAN | L | 14-16 |
| Sept. 13 | at Boise | W | 26-18 |
| Sept. 20 | MTN. VIEW. | W | 27-22 |
| Sept. 27 | TIMBERLINE | L | 21-26 |
| Oct. 3 | at Eagle | W | 52-30 |
| Oct. 11 | VALLIVUE | W | 56-26 |
| Oct. 18 | CAPITAL | W | 74-36 |
| Oct. 25 | at Rocky Mtn. | L | 13-28 |

Home games in CAPS

SIC standings

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
|--------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Rocky Mtn. | 9 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Timberline | 8 | 1 | .889 |
| Meridian | 7 | 2 | .778 |
| BORAH | 6 | 3 | .667 |
| Mtn. View | 4 | 5 | .444 |
| Boise | 3 | 6 | .333 |
| Capital | 3 | 6 | .333 |
| Centennial | 2 | 7 | .222 |
| Eagle | 2 | 7 | .222 |
| Vallivue | 1 | 8 | .111 |

BANQUET AWARDS

MVP:
Jake Paulin

COACHES AWARD:
Ryan Barunek, Mark Jerome

OFFENSIVE AWARD:
Tyler Goodsell, Chris Hugon, Jace Forrey

to see the momentum.”

Murchie said the team's weakness was depth and the fact that most every opponent had bigger players.

“We didn't win a lot of games getting off the bus,” he said. “The Meridian teams were all bigger and had a lot more players. We've learned to deal with it.”

Rocky Mountain was the freshmen league champion, and Murchie said the Grizzlies' squad stood out. The Lions' other losses were close and, after averaging over 60 points per game the previous three weeks, they fell to Rocky 28-13 in the season finale.

Borah was led by Jake Paulin, who played tight end and linebacker and was selected the Jason Mann award winner as the team's Most Valuable Player.

“He's smart and had great hands,” Murchie said. “He was a kid we went to when we

needed a big play on offense. He could also block well.”

Quarterback Hayden Brown directed the team's offense and threw the ball well. Paulin, Ryan Bartunek and Mark Jerome anchored the line, although Jerome was later moved to wide receiver. Tyler Goodsell, Chris Hugon and Jace Forrey all contributed as running backs.

Murchie said there were two primary highlights of the season. The best was when the Lions defeated Capital 74-36, scoring almost at will.

“We weren't trying to run it up,” Murchie said. “We scored on dives and it would go 80 yards. It was kind of ugly, but the kids were having a good time.”

The second didn't have a happy ending, and that was when Timberline defeated Borah on a “Hail Mary” pass at the end of the game.

BORAH FOOTBALL: Freshmen season recap



Borah Lions 2012 freshmen football roster

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Ht.</u> | <u>Wt.</u> |
|------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 2 | Dustin Johnson | WR/DB | 5-10 | 145 |
| 3 | Chris Hugon | RB/LB | 5-4 | 140 |
| 6 | Jake Small | QB/LB | 5-9 | 150 |
| 7 | Keaton Coltrin | WR/DB | 5-3 | 120 |
| 8 | Dante Funk | WR/DB | 5-10 | 155 |
| 10 | Hayden Brown | QB/DB | 5-11 | 150 |
| 15 | Spencer Smith | WR/DB | 5-8 | 125 |
| 16 | We Soe | WR/DB | 5-2 | 105 |
| 21 | Pablo Piedra | RB/DB | 5-5 | 110 |
| 22 | Austin Hall | RB/LB | 5-9 | 200 |
| 23 | Andrew Farcia | OL/DL | 5-9 | 150 |
| 27 | Ian Hintz | WR/DB | 5-6 | 130 |
| 28 | Thomas Metzger | WR/LB | 5-6 | 150 |
| 35 | Tyler Goodsell | RB/LB | 5-10 | 140 |
| 36 | Anes Srna | WR/DB | 5-10 | 140 |
| 40 | Ryan Bartunek | OL/DL | 6-0 | 165 |
| 50 | Connor Flynn | OL/DL | 6-0 | 200 |
| 51 | Bryce Frazier | OL/DL | 5-9 | 130 |
| 52 | Jordan Richesin | OL/DL | 5-11 | 165 |
| 53 | Colton Coburn | OL/DL | 5-6 | 190 |
| 54 | Hunter Inman | OL/DL | 6-0 | 155 |
| 57 | Mark Jerome | OL/LB | 5-11 | 165 |
| 58 | Cory Gillespie | OL/DL | 5-9 | 155 |
| 59 | Ocean Chavez | OL/DL | 6-0 | 160 |
| 62 | Mitchel Collins | OL/LB | 5-6 | 135 |
| 63 | Tyler Scholl | OL | 6-0 | 170 |
| 64 | Nick Eden | OL/LB | 5-11 | 135 |
| 65 | Matt Heminger | OL/DL | 5-8 | 200 |
| 66 | Gamaliel Villalobos | OL/DL | 5-5 | 165 |
| 68 | Nathan King | OL/DL | 5-11 | 180 |

Weekly honors

Awards given to players following each game during the season:

CENTENNIAL: Offense – Hayden Brown. Defense – Jace Forrey. MVP – Tyler Goodsell

MERIDIAN: Offense – Chris Hugon. Defense – Jake Small. MVP – Jace Forrey

BOISE: Offense – Anes Serna. Defense – Hunter Inman, Jace Forrey, Jake Paulin, Spencer Smith, Austin Hall, Tyler Goodsell. MVP – None.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Offense – Austin Hall. Defense – Mark Jerome, Hunter Inman, Nick Eden, Ryan Bartunek. MVP – Jake Paulin

TIMBERLINE: Offense – Mitch Collins. Defense – Mark Jerome. MVP – None.

EAGLE: Offense: Colton Coburn, Mitch Collins, Ryan Bartunek, Hunter Inman, Nick Eden, McKai Barr. Defense – Jake Small. MVP – Jake Paulin.

VALLIVUE: Offense – Hayden Brown. Defense: Mark Jerome, Nick Eden, Hunter Inman, Ryan Bartunek. MVP – None.

CAPITAL: Offense – Colten Coburn, Mitch Collins, Ryan Bartunek, Hunter Inman, Nick Eden, McKai Barr. Defense – None. MVP – Austin Hall.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN: Offense – Austin Hall, Chris Hugon. Defense – Ryan Bartunek, Jake Small. MVP – None.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Ht.</u> | <u>Wt.</u> |
|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 70 | Jerimiah Agbecko | OL/DL | 5-6 | 160 |
| 71 | Jace Forrey | OL/DL | 5-7 | 180 |
| 77 | Mekai Barr | TE/DL | 6-1 | 150 |
| 78 | John Sarles | RB/LB | 5-9 | 150 |
| 79 | Jake Paulin | OL/LB | 5-11 | 170 |
| 85 | Tobin Smith | TE/DL | 5-11 | 160 |

Head Coach: Steve Murchie

Assistants: William Alderson, Kevin McCarthy, Terrance King, Ken Evans

Managers: Natasha Waddell, Mattie Quisenberry

Trainers: Greg Mitchell, Alan Crothers, Ian Sandercock

Scorekeeper: Brad Baumberger