



# Defensive linemen could play a key role in SIC this year

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Starting quarterbacks will have to keep one eye on the line of scrimmage when they play Timberline and Eagle this season.

That's because the top two sack leaders from a year ago are back for another season at their respective schools.

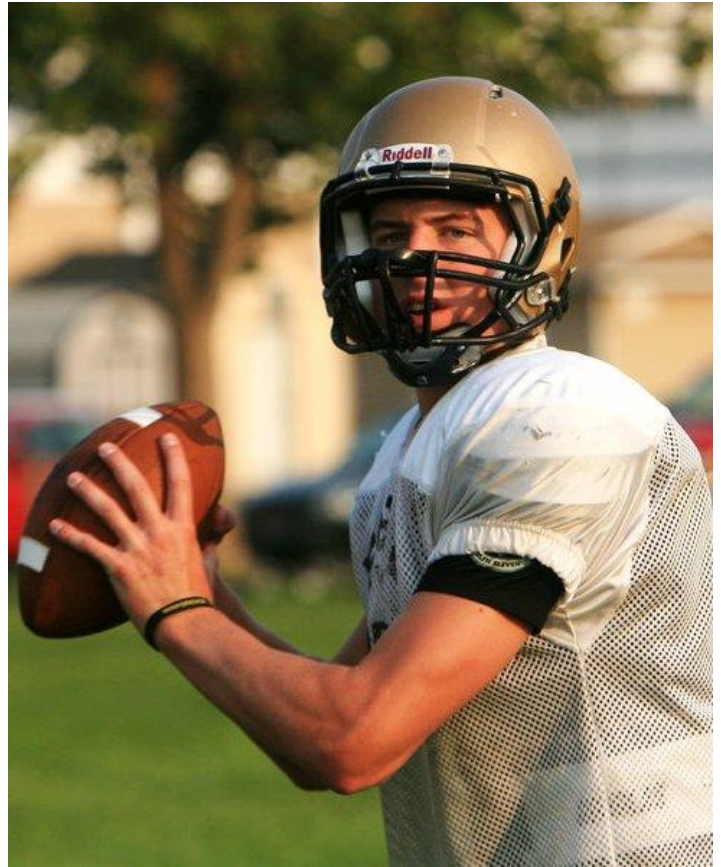
Eagle defensive lineman Corey Nielson recorded a 5A Southern Idaho Conference-best nine sacks during the 2011 regular season, accounting for 56 lost yards. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior has caught the attention of college coaches.

"There is no doubt he has a gift for rushing the passer," Eagle coach Paul Peterson said. "For most offensive tackles, he's just too quick and too fast and too long for them."

After focusing on defense in 2011, Nielson will also start at offensive tackle for the Mustangs this season.

At Timberline, 6-5, 225-pound junior defensive end Don Hill is just getting started. Hill finished second in the conference last season with seven sacks for a loss of 59 yards. Third-year Timberline coach Kirk Copeland said college coaches are inquiring about the hard-hitter.

"Quarterbacks are definitely going to be aware of his presence," Copeland said. "He's big, he's strong, he's fast, he's athletic and he has a passionate desire to get to the quarterback."



Capital QB Makena Simis had most people thinking the Eagles would win the SIC this year.

### 2012 COACHES' PREDICTIONS

*(first-place votes in parentheses)*

1. Capital Eagles (6)
2. Mountain View Mavericks (3)
3. Rocky Mountain Grizzlies (1)
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6. Meridian Warriors
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### 2011 STANDINGS

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Eagle	8	1	.889	10	2	.833
Capital	7	2	.778	8	3	.727
Mountain View	7	2	.778	7	3	.700
Meridian	6	3	.667	6	4	.600
Borah	5	4	.556	5	4	.556
Centennial	4	5	.444	4	5	.444
Rocky Mountain	3	6	.333	3	7	.300
Timberline	3	6	.333	3	6	.333
Vallivue	2	7	.222	3	7	.300
Boise	0	9	.000	0	9	.000

# BORAH FOOTBALL: Newspaper article

## RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS

### OFFENSE

POS. (team)	NAME	YR.	SCHOOL
RB (1st)	TJ Clarke	Sr.	Capital
QB (2nd)	Makena Simis	Sr.	Capital
<b>RB (2ND)</b>	<b>HUNTER KENYON</b>	<b>SR.</b>	<b>BORAH</b>
OL (2nd)	Mason Hampton	Sr.	Meridian
QB (HM)	Kai Turner	Jr.	Mountain View
QB (HM)	Tanner Gustavsen	Sr.	Boise
WR (HM)	Collin Sale	Sr.	Mountain View
WR (HM)	Josh Buss	Jr.	Mountain View
WR (HM)	Jacob Foley	Jr.	Capital
OL (HM)	BJ Verduzco	Sr.	Vallivue

### DEFENSE

POS. (team)	NAME	YR.	SCHOOL
LB (1st)	Lane Chadwick	Sr.	Mountain View
LB (2nd)	Jack Tate	Sr.	Timberline
DB (2nd)	Kellen Copeland	Sr.	Timberline
DL (HM)	Don Hill	Jr.	Timberline
DL (HM)	Jaren Kahoiwai	Sr.	Capital*
DL (HM)	Corey Nielson	Sr.	Eagle
LB (HM)	Dallas Wallace	Sr.	Vallivue
LB (HM)	Brett Walton	Sr.	Boise
P (HM)	Sean Davis	Sr.	Vallivue

\* Kahoiwai played for Boise last season

## 2011 REGULAR-SEASON LEADERS

### PASSING

Tanner Mangum, Eagle, 199-of-295, 2,882 yards, 26 TDs, 9 int  
Tanner Gustavsen, Boise, 152-of-342, 1,895 yards, 11 TDs, 17 int

### RUSHING

Mike Burk, Vallivue, 204 carries, 1,386 yards, 12 TDs  
TJ Clarke, Capital, 222 carries, 1,338 yards, 7 TDs

### RECEIVING

Parker Garner, Vallivue, 28 rec., 761 yards, 8 TDs  
Austin Diffey, Eagle, 17 rec., 507 yards, 5 TDs

### INTERCEPTIONS

D.J. Dean, Eagle, 6; Beau White, Mtn. View, 5

### SACKS

Corey Nielson, Eagle, 9

## 5A state champions (since 2000)

Year	Team	Coach	Year	Team	Coach	Year	Team	Coach
2011	Coeur d'Alene	Shawn Amos	2007	Meridian	Kip Crofts	2003	Centennial	Lee Neumann
2010	Coeur d'Alene	Shawn Amos	2006	Lake City	Van Troxel	2002	Highland	Gino Mariani
2009	Eagle	Paul Peterson	2005	Meridian	Mike Virden	2001	Eagle	Mike Glenn
2008	Highland	Gino Mariani	2004	Twin Falls	Tobe Smith	2000	Highland	Brent Koetter

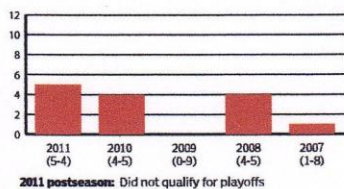
# BORAH LIONS

## SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 24	at Boise (DLP)	7 p.m.
Aug. 30	at Centennial	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	Meridian (DLP)	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	Mountain View (DLP)	1 p.m.
Sept. 28	Timberline (DLP)	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Eagle	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	Vallivue (DLP)	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	Capital (DLP)	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Rocky Mountain	7 p.m.

**Coach:** Darren Corpus, second season, 5-4  
**Stadium:** Dona Larsen Park, Boise

## WINS THE PAST 5 YEARS



## PLAYERS TO WATCH



**Nick Burt**  
LB/S

This is Burt's first season on varsity, as coach Darren Corpus kept the senior on JV last year to help him gain more playing time. "Playing down on the JV team made him a better football player," Corpus said. "He's had a great winter and a great summer, and I expect big things out of him."



**Hawkins Mann**  
OL/LB

Already heading into his third year as a starter, the 6-3, 220-pound junior is one of three returning O-linemen, which is good news for first-year QB Cole Skinner. "Hawkins could play for any team in this valley and be a valuable asset," Corpus said. "He will be a D-I football player."



**Hunter Kenyon**  
RB

Although the 5-10, 200-pound senior had limited yards last year, Kenyon is poised for a big year. "Hunter is probably the smartest back. He's not the fastest back, but he's capable of breaking tackles," Corpus said. "He's a great blocker and team player. I see him doing big things this year."



**Colton Streufert**  
OL

Back for the second straight season as the starting center, the 6-1, 230-pound senior is considered the anchor of Borah's offensive line, which helped the Lions average 30.1 points and 389 yards per game in 2011. "He's the guy that puts the emphasis in team on our O-line," Corpus said.

## SCOUTING REPORT

### OFFENSE

With former standout QB Braden Corpus now at Weber State, the Lions' success will likely fall to senior running back Hunter Kenyon. Junior Cole Skinner will take over at QB and has two returning receivers to throw to (Kadeem Torgeson, Kion Williams). "I think we are going to be able to run the ball as effectively as we did last year while utilizing more than just one person," coach Darren Corpus said.

### DEFENSE

Borah gave up the second-most rushing yards (2,291) in the 5A SIC last season, a problem Corpus hopes to rectify this season with the help of four returning starters. "We are young all across the board on defense, but the sky's the limit," linebacker Hawkins Mann said.

### OVERVIEW

The Lions relied on a core group of talented seniors last season, but Corpus expects to get more players involved in 2012, which should make Borah more difficult to stop. "Coming in late last year I thought our potential was really good, and I think it's even better this year," Corpus said.