

Lions fall in stadium debut

Slow start denies Borah a chance at victory at Dona Larsen Park

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Matchup

After a great turnaround season in 2011, the Borah Lions had high hopes going into Dona Larsen Park Friday night.

The new season, a new field and a near-capacity crowd greeted the Lions. Unfortunately, they also ran into a determined Boise High squad.

Tanner Gustavsen threw for 212 yards and three touchdowns as the Braves ended a two-game losing streak to Borah with a 38-24 victory.

"This is awesome. It is a different from last year when we were throwing the ball a lot," Gustavsen said. "We were able to mix it up this year, which is really good. It kept them on their toes."

"They took it to us," said Borah coach Darren Corpus. "We weren't ready for all they had. We made a good comeback, but this might have been the best thing for us."

The first points scored in the new stadium came on a 28-yard field goal by Boise kicker Travis Browndyke with 10:02 remaining in the first quarter.

Browndyke and his Boise teammates looked in control from the start. It was only the Braves' fifth win over Borah in



Cole Skinner gets some good blocking from his line and fires off a pass to a teammate.

the past 16 meetings.

After losing to Borah by a combined score of 97-21 over the last two years, Boise scored 24 points in the first half and led by as much as 38-10 at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

"It was the longest fourth quarter — the longest eight minutes ever it seemed like at

the end," Boise coach Bob Clark said. "It just felt great and such a relief. The stress of this game, the stadium and what it represented."

A year after rushing for a 5A SIC-low 703 yards, the Braves showed a no-huddle offense

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that rushed for 239 yards to provide the perfect complement to Gustavsen, Boise’s third-year starting quarterback.

Borah finally came to play in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Cole Skinner put together a couple of nice drives. After a 41-yard touchdown pass to Kion Williams in the second quarter, he connected with Williams again on a 79-yarder that electrified the crowd.

Skinner finished with 239 yards passing. Another big play was provided by junior running back Karsten Niederer, who carried the ball just once but rambled 47 yards.

Borah’s first score on the new field also came on a field goal – a 26-yarder by Jacob Szuch, who would eventually end the season as the best kicker the Lions have had in a while.

Williams had one of his best games of the season, catching eight passes for 224 yards. Williams with eight catches for 224 yards and two touchdowns.

In the end, though, Borah couldn’t contain Boise’s offense and had to play catch-up from the start. Few people coming into this game expected the Braves to win, but Boise players said afterward that they wanted to show their pride in the new field, which is located only a mile from its campus.

The new field was actually the home for all four Boise schools and it got rave reviews from each team, regardless of how they fared in each game.

LEFT: Jacob Szuch scores Borah’s first points of the season with Kade Dustin’s help.

ABOVE: Hunter Kenyon takes the ball and runs over a Boise defender.

GAME SUMMARY

Borah	3	7	0	14	- 24
Boise	10	14	7	7	- 38

- BOI** – FG Travis Brown dyke 28
- BOI** - Deion Hardy 13 pass from Tanner Gustavsen (Brown dyke kick)
- BOR** – FG Jacob Szuch 26
- BOI** - Avery Miller 17 pass from Gustavsen (Brown dyke kick)
- BOI** - Skyler Rowe 50 pass from Gustavsen (Brown dyke kick)
- BOR** - Kion Williams 41 pass from Cole Skinner (Szuch kick)
- BOI** - Brett Walton 1 run (Brown dyke kick)
- BOI** - Josh Maxfield 8 run (Brown dyke kick)
- BOR** - Williams 79 pass from Skinner (Szuch kick)
- BOR** - Kadeem Torgeson 10 pass from Skinner (Szuch kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Borah: Hunter Kenyon 23-92, Karsten Niederer 1-47. Boise: Chase Choate 19-87, Gustavsen 11-66, Walton 13-62.

PASSING: Borah, Skinner 18-36-2 239. Boise, Gustavsen 15-24-0 212.

RECEIVING: Borah - Williams 8-224, Trey Dennis 3-37, Justin Coburn 4-29. Boise - Miller 5-54, Skyler Rowe 4-124.