

Mavs rally ends Wolves' upset hope

Turner, Guzzetti have memorable nights in early SIC matchup

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Matchup

Two teams anxious for a win met Friday night at Mountain View. The game would eventually make a difference in the direction the teams went this season.

Kai Turner passed for 194 yards and three touchdowns and Nich Guzzetti returned a fumble 51 yards for a score as the Mavericks blew past Timberline 38-13 in a 5A SIC game.

The win improved Mountain View's record to 2-1, while Timberline dropped to 1-1. For the Mavericks, it helped erase a disappointing home loss to Capital the previous week.

"We were pretty upset," said defensive back Hunter Temple, who teamed with Asher Wilson to lead the Mavs in tackles. "We didn't want to lose at home anymore. We emphasized all week in practice that this was our home turf. We were focused."

Last year, Timberline held the lead at halftime before Mountain View rallied. The Wolves did it again, showing a ball-control offense that kept the Mountain View offense off the field. Timberline's defense also limited the Mavs to just 49 rushing yards and 253 overall.

After a scoreless first



ABOVE: Kai Turner gets off a pass, despite being pressured.

RIGHT: John Munger blocks a Timberline defender.

quarter, running back Kellen Copeland's 29-yard run gave Timberline the lead. However, it also seemed to awakened the home team.

"They surprised us. They had some tricks up their sleeve," Temple said.

Turner threw a 27-yard



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MOUNTAIN VIEW FOOTBALL: Mavericks 38, Timberline 13



TOP LEFT: Logan Mills lunges to make a tackle.

TOP RIGHT: Lane Chadwick stops a runner.

MIDDLE LEFT: Nich Guzzetti scores on a fumble return.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Mavs' fans come in camouflage.

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touchdown pass to Collin Sale and Austin Azevedo's extra point gave Mountain View the lead. Turner then found Connor Armstrong, who had been injured in the first two games, on a short scoring pass.

Mountain View dominated the third quarter, scoring every time it had the ball. Turner and Josh Buss found the end zone, and Guzzetti electrified the crowd with his return that basically put the game out of reach. It was one of two fumbles Guzzetti recovered on the night.

Timberline finished with 218 yards in this defensive-minded contest, but also committed six turnovers. After a 35-32 win over Centennial the previous week, it was a disappointing effort for the Wolves, who would go on to lose their next two games.

GAME SUMMARY

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| Timberline | 0 | 6 | 0 | 7 | - 13 |
| Mountain View | 0 | 14 | 24 | 0 | - 38 |

- T – Kellen Copeland 29 run (kick failed)
- MV – Collin Sale 27 pass from Kai Turner (Austin Azevedo kick)
- MV – Connor Armstrong 4 pass from Turner (Azevedo kick)
- MV – FG Azevedo 19
- MV – Turner 1 run (Azevedo kick)
- MV – Nich Guzzetti 51 fumble return (Azevedo kick)
- MV – Josh Buss 31 pass from Turner (Azevedo kick)
- T – Don Hill 19 pass from Jack Tate (Brady Strodbeck kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Timberline – Copeland 15-89, Tate 10-41, Grant Hruby 11-28, Brandon Phanmaha 4-13, Tyus Zimmerman 1-(-2), Strodbeck 2-(-8). MV – Buss 9-40, Chance Smith 6-11, Marshall Pack 2-4, Garrett Collingham 3-3, Turner 11-(-3).

PASSING: Timberline – Hruby 8-14-2-38 yards, Tate 1-1-0-19 yards. MV – Turner 15-23-0-194 yards, Collingham 1-1-0-10 yards.

RECEIVING: Timberline – Tate 3-13, Hill 1-19, Strodbeck 1-7, Tate 1-7, Justin Walker 1-4, Nic Klena 1-4, Copeland 1-3. MV – Sale 6-83, Armstrong 5-57, Buss 3-56, Smith 1-7, Pack 1-1.