

Mavs drop key game on 'eerie' day

Skinner throws for 4 TDs, but it's the defense that keys the victory

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Matchup

It was an eerie Saturday afternoon when the Borah Lions took on the Mountain View Mavericks at Dona Larson Park.

Afterward, Mavericks coach Judd Benedick said it was one he'd like to have back.

Both teams came in with high hopes. But, in the end, it was Borah that left the field satisfied. Cole Skinner threw for 286 yards and four touchdowns as the Lions claimed a 35-21 win, their third straight.

"We performed the best (all season) against Mountain View," said Borah coach Darren Corpus. "It was a good game. It was supposed to be hot, but it stayed in the 70s because of the smoke. We just executed on all parts of the game."

The teams were originally scheduled to play the previous Thursday, but moved the game to Saturday because Boise State played host to BYU that night. Both Corpus and Benedick said the scene felt "eerie" because heavy smoke had blanketed the area from nearby fires.

"The Borah game was our low point," Benedick said later. "It had a weird feel and we weren't prepared. We just didn't show up."



Adis Smajlovic bears down on Borah quarterback Cole Skinner.

The Mavericks, who had one of the SIC's most prolific offenses, couldn't run the football. They were held to a season low 32 rushing yards. Corpus said that made the one-dimensional and easier for the defense to handle.

"The key to any football team to be successful is you have to be able to run the ball and be able to stop the run," Corpus said. "We were doing

both."

The Lions never trailed and improved to 3-1 on the season. Mountain View dropped to 2-2. The Mavericks got hot at the end of the season, but missed making the playoffs by one game.

"This was one I'd like to have had back," said Benedick.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW FOOTBALL: Borah 35, Mavericks 21



ABOVE: Kenny Webster focuses on the ball and makes one of his three catches.



RIGHT: Austin Azevedo gets rid of the punt and Borah's Justin Coburn closes.

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Skinner connected with Kion Williams twice on scoring passes and threw one each to Justin Coburn and Kade Dustin. The 4-yard throw to Dustin late in the game clinched the win.

For Dustin, it was the only touchdown of his high-school playing career.

“This was a learning experience for all of us,” said Benedick. “In our league, you really have to show up every night. It was a challenge each week and we knew it was going to be like that. There was a lot of parity.

“Without a doubt, Borah was the surprise team in the league. After losing (QB Braden) Corpus, he was 90 percent of their offense, and then they lost to Boise. Boy was I wrong about them.”

Mountain View relied on Turner who, while he couldn't run much, did throw for 249 yards. Connor Armstrong, Josh Buss, Collin Sale, Marshall Pack and Kenny Webster each had several receptions.

Borah, however, dominated time of possession. The Lions ran 73 plays, compared to Mountain View's 40. For the Mavericks, it was an eerie feeling to lose in such a way.

GAME SUMMARY

Mountain View	7	0	14	0	- 21
Borah	7	14	7	7	- 35

- B** – Kion Williams 16 pass from Cole Skinner (Jacob Szuch kick)
- MV** – Josh Buss 3 run (Azevedo kick)
- B** – Hunter Kenyon 1 run (Szuch kick)
- B** – Williams 24 pass from Skinner (Szuch kick)
- MV** – Buss 44 pass from Kai Turner (Azevedo kick)
- B** – Justin Coburn 46 pass from Skinner (Szuch kick)
- MV** – Colin Sale 8 pass from Turner (Azevedo kick)
- B** – Kade Dustin 4 pass from Skinner (Szuch kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: MV – Turner 7-17, Buss 6-15
 Borah – Kenyon 36-124, Karsten Niederer 5-20, Szuch 1-10, Skinner 1-4, Eric Thrift 2-3.
PASSING: MV – Turner 21-27-0-249 yards.
 Borah – Skinner 19-28-0-286 yards.
RECEIVING: MV – Connor Armstrong 6-59, Buss 4-84, Kenny Webster 3-70, Sale 5-21, Marshall Pack 3-15. Borah – Justin Coburn 7-130, Trey Dennis 6-73, Kadeem Torgeson 3-35, Kion Williams 2-44, Dustin 1-4.