

Near-perfect Mavs win in a blowout

Record-breaking night by the offense keeps playoff hopes alive

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

A new-look Mountain View football team came out of the locker room Friday night on its home field, and the Centennial Patriots paid the price.

The look may not have been noticeable at first, but the attitude was there. Kai Turner passed for 221 yards and Josh Buss ran for 156 yards as the Mavericks won handily, 53-22.

The Mavs erupted for a school-record 27 points in the second quarter. By halftime, the scoreboard read 44-6. Mountain View likely could have broken its record for most points, but toned down the offense and filled the game with reserves.

“That was our best offensive game, for sure,” said Mavericks coach Judd Benedick. “We had everything clicking. We jumped on them early and played a near-perfect game.”

Benedick said the offensive line blocked well, and the contribution from junior Justin Ruttker, who was called up from the junior varsity squad.

“We made him our H-Back, and that helped us be able to run the ball,” Benedick said. “That opened the pass game and we weren’t so one-dimensional.”



Josh Buss had his best games when the Mavericks needed them late in the season.

Buss carried 24 times and scored two touchdowns. Defensive back Hunter Temple also put his name in record book with a pair of interceptions, including a 27-yard return for a touchdown.

“That was my best game,” said Temple, who finished with nine tackles. “We were upset at what happened

the week before (at Rocky Mountain) and Centennial was one of our rivals. It felt good to beat them like that.”

The 53-point effort was Mountain View’s best all season, and just missed the school record (58). After taking a 17-6 lead after the first period, Buss,

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MOUNTAIN VIEW FOOTBALL: Mavericks 53, Centennial 22



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MIDDLE LEFT:
Bryan Dilworth
TOP RIGHT: Asher
Wilson goes after
a ball carrier.
MIDDLE: XXXXXX
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GAME SUMMARY

Centennial	6	0	8	8 - 22
Mountain View	17	27	2	7 - 53

MV – FG Austin Azevedo 23
C – Kiana Walker 3 run (kick failed)
MV – Josh Buss 11 run (Azevedo kick)
MV – Connor Armstrong 21 pass from Kai Turner (Azevedo kick)
MV – Buss 44 run (kick failed)
MV – Collin Sale 14 pass from Turner (Buss run)
MV – Hunter Temple 27 interception return (kick failed)
MV – Armstrong 30 pass from Turner (Azevedo kick)
C – Jake Gyer 10 pass from Evan Radke (Radke run)
MV – Safety
MV – Turner 5 run (Azevedo kick)
C – Tanner Johnson 22 pass from Radke (Radke run)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: Centennial – Walker 11-31, Joe Murphy 4-27, Radke 5-8, Darian Seifert 6-(-4), Kody Brock 2-11, Blake Bell 1-(-5). **MV** – Buss 24-156, Turner 8-42, Chance Smith 4-11, Garrett Collingham 3-2.
PASSING: Centennial – Radke 13-26-2-143 yards, Sean Coffey 6-10-0-55 yards, Seifert 5-7-2-63 yards. **MV** – Turner 15-21-0-221 yards.
RECEIVING: Centennial – Gyer 7-88, Johnson 5-67, Joe Koetter 5-58, Bell 4-28, Walker 2-15, Justin Nelson 1-5. **MV** – Armstrong 8-146, Sale 3-39, Buss 2-25, Kenny Webster 1-6, Evan Ruttko 1-5.

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Collin Sale, Temple and Connor Armstrong each found the end zone.

The defense gave up a couple of second-half scores, but also recorded a safety. The victory was the Mavs’ second straight over the Patriots and came at a good time, when they needed it to stay in contention for a post-season berth.

The big difference in this game was the emergence of Buss, who got good blocking and touched the ball 26 times – a plan that would continue for the rest of the season. Turner had two touchdown throws to Armstrong and one to Sale.

For Centennial, Evan Radke threw a pair of TD passes, but they both came when they game had been decided. Jake Gyer had seven catches for 88 yards and a score. Three Patriot quarterbacks combined to go 24-of-43, but four interceptions.