



Mountain View fans were in full force on this night and made their efforts count as they won back the “Stinky Sneaker” trophy.

# Mavs win back the ‘Stinky Sneaker’

Slocum’s big game keys the victory and MV fans make it a perfect night

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Matchup

Years from now, it might be easy to look past Mountain View’s home game against the Meridian Warriors.

But on Saturday night, fans from these two schools jammed Mountain View’s gym for one of the biggest games of the year – the Battle for the “Stinky Sneaker.”

There were actually two contests here – and Mountain View won both. The first involved Mountain View’s 48-37 win over the visiting Warriors. Marcus Slocum scored 13 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as the Mavs gently pulled away for the victory.

The other outcome was the contest between

students. A trophy was awarded to the Mountain View fans after the students were judged by who shows the most school spirit.

“It was a pretty cool atmosphere,” said Mountain View coach Jon Nettleton. “This what high school hoops is all about.”

While Slocum had one of his best games, Randall Robinson added 12 points and Tanner Percifield chipped in 11. Slocum’s effort on the boards made a big difference as Mountain View had a 37-20 advantage in that area.

“He was just a beast,” Percifield said. “Defensively, we were not where we wanted to be yet but we were able to get a lot of stops.”

“Rebounding is all about effort,” Slocum said. “It’s all about the effort.”

Mountain View started quickly. The Mavs hit

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# MOUNTAIN VIEW BASKETBALL: Mavericks 48, Meridian 37



## The Stinky Sneaker

The Randy Fout Stinky Sneaker Spirit award is a competition between Mountain View and Meridian high schools and awarded to the school who shows the most school spirit. The contest was created by Randy Fout in 2005 and then renamed the following year. The award is in memory of the late Mr. Fout, who was a former teacher at both schools and then an assistant principal at Mountain View.



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**TOP RIGHT:** Randall Robinson leads the fans in a rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** Tanner Percifield studies the court in front of the Mountain View bench.

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their first three shots to take a 7-0 lead and the crowd benefited by having so many reasons to cheer. Mountain View never trailed after that and kept building the lead. Slocum and Robinson each nailed a couple of three-pointers apiece.

For Meridian, A.J. Demond was the top scorer with 13 points and Axel Mpoyo added nine. The Warriors, however, shot just 34.2 percent and also struggled from the free-throw line.

Mountain View improved to 7-1 with the win and remained undefeated on its home court. Afterward, Nettleton said it was a good night all-around.

"Everyone played in the game as I felt it was important to play in that type of atmosphere," he said. "We outscored them in every game, which I was pretty happy about, too."

The trophy, which had been won by the Warriors last season, was moved back to Mountain View until next year.

### GAME SUMMARY

Meridian	9	8	10	10	- 37
Mountain View	13	9	13	13	- 48

**MERIDIAN (37)** – A.J. Demond 5-10 2-4 13, Bryson Stout 1-4 3-4 5, Hunter Grafe 1-5 1-2 3, Zach Hoseley 1-4 0-0 3, Axel Mpoyo 4-6 1-2 9, Mason Hampton 0-0 2-2 2, De'Veon Jackson 0-0 0-2 0, Tray Walker 0-4 0-0 0, Trevor Larsen 0-2 0-0 0, Richard Bettencourt 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 12-35 9-16 37.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW (48)** – Tanner Percifield 4-12 2-2 11, Marcus Slocum 5-7 1-2 13, Randall Robinson 4-8 2-2 12, Branson Trube 1-5 1-1 3, Kody Olson 0-2 0-0 0, Carlton Egner 2-3 3-4 7, Ethan Secrist 1-2 0-0 2, Tanner Page 0-1 0-0 0, Ryan Ball 0-1 0-0 0, Matt Micone 0-0 0-0 0, Jason Maughan 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 17-42 9-11 48.

**Total fouls:** Meridian 15, Mountain View 15. **Fouled out:** None.

**Three-point goals:** Meridian 4-14 (Demond 3, Hoseley), Mountain View 5-18 (Slocum 2, Robinson 2, Percifield).

**Rebounds:** Mountain View 37 (Slocum 13), Meridian 20 (Walker 6).

**Turnovers:** Mountain View 13, Meridian 12.