

Fast start isn't enough for Mavs

Wright keys comeback as Borah rolls to its 35th straight victory

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Matchup

The last team to beat the Borah Lions was the Mountain View Mavericks.

That was 35 games ago, and the Mavs were looking for a repeat performance Tuesday night. The team got off to a good start, but the Lions dominated the middle quarters and rolled to a 56-40 win.

"Everybody wants a piece of us because they want to be the ones to break the streak," said Borah coach Cary Cada, whose team is 12-0 this season. "It is a lot less meaningful to us than it is to them."

"They're a very good team," said Borah Isaiah Wright. "They came out strong. They wanted a piece of us tonight."

Wright fueled the comeback, which began on Nick Burt's putback at the first-quarter buzzer. That sparked a 13-0 run that gave Borah a three-point halftime lead.

The Lions added an 11-0 run late in the third quarter and early in the fourth.

"We played better than the first time but still didn't play to our highest level," said Mountain View coach Jon Nettleton. "In the first quarter, we can out firing and ran our offense well. Then we got



Kody Olson (left) and Carlton Egner looks to block Cody Spjute's upcoming shot.

stagnant.

"We played pretty good defense until the last four minutes, when we had to try trapping to make a run. Isaiah Wright was the difference. He is a great player."

The Mavericks made five shots in the first quarter to build a 16-7 lead. They only hit seven the rest of the game — shooting

27.3 percent.

"Sometimes we get a little impatient," said Nettleton. "When we do it right, it looks good. When we start kind of freelancing and doing our own things, you can tell real quick."

The Mavericks looked good early while Borah went six

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BASKETBALL: Borah 56, Mavericks 40



TOP LEFT: Randall Robinson focuses on his opponent on defense.

TOP RIGHT: The game attracted a huge crowd locally, which resulted in a festive atmosphere.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Branson Trube looks for a teammate to pass the ball.



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straight possessions without a point. Cada, facing a strong opponent on the road, didn’t call a timeout as the deficit grew.

“He likes us working it out and getting it together as a team,” Wright said.

“Mountain View had a game plan and they laid it on us,” said Cada. “The first quarter, we were half a step behind every play and they made us pay for it every single time; the second quarter, our guys grouped together and the intensity level came up.”

As the defense improved, so did the offense.

Wright, a third-year starter and this year’s 5A MVP, was a blur — knifing into the lane for buckets in traffic and dishing to wide-open teammates with a playmaker’s flair. He finished with 22 points, 11 rebounds, six assists and just two turnovers. He shot 11-of-15 from the field.

Wright likes to pass to the Lions’ dangerous three-point shooters but that wasn’t an option as often against the Mavericks, who guarded the perimeter well. However, it resulted in his big scoring night.

“They were honoring that (three-point shooting),” Cada said, “which allowed Isaiah a little more 1-on-1 action. He certainly took advantage of it.”

GAME SUMMARY

Borah	10	11	18	17	- 56
Mountain View	16	2	9	13	- 40

BORAH (56) – Nick Reed 2-3 0-0 5, Patrick Muteba 0-0 0-0 0, Isaiah Wright 11-15 0-4 22, Cody Spjute 5-10 0-0 11, Joe Nelson 5-12 0-0 11, Kion Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Nick Burt 1-2 0-0 2, Zak Studebaker 1-3 0-0 3, Kai Corpus 0-0 0-0 0, Trey Dennis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-46 0-4 56.

MOUNTAIN VIEW (40) – Tanner Percifield 3-11 0-1 6, Marcus Slocum 0-6 0-0 0, Randall Robinson 0-2 0-0 0, Branson Trube 3-9 6-7 14, Kody Olson 2-7 0-0 6, Ryan Ball 3-5 5-6 11, Carlton Egner 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 12-44 12-16 40.

Total fouls: Borah 15, Mountain View 9.
Fouled out: None.

Three-point shooting: Borah 4-13 (Reed, Studebaker, Spjute, Nelson), Mountain View 4-17 (Trube 2, Nelson 2).

Rebounds: Borah 32 (Wright 11), Mountain View 26 (Slocum 6).

Turnovers: Borah 10, Mountain View 7.