Mavs shake slow start for victory

Robinson, Slocum have big nights to lead MV past Centennial

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The beauty of a balanced basketball team is this: Success doesn't hinge on the ups and downs of a single star.

The Mountain View boys learned that lesson firsthand Wednesday night, riding the hot hands of Randall Robinson and Marcus Slocum to a 56-43 victory over Centennial.

Robinson finished with a team-leading 19 points and Slocum chipped in a double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds on a night that Mountain View leading scorer Tanner Percifield finished with a single field goal.

"Sometimes when you shoot it doesn't go in the hole," Mountain View coach Jon Nettleton said. "We've been working for the last month or so on just running our offense better, and there's glimmers of when we do and glimmers of when we don't."

With their offense sputtering early, the Mavericks fell behind by as many as 10 points in the second quarter. But with about 4 minutes to go before the half, Slocum knocked down the second of his four 3-pointers to shift the momentum in the Mavericks' favor.

Mountain View went on a 14-2 run to close out the second quarter, and then bounded out of the gate in the third quarter with Robinson's first of three treys.

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TOP: Branson Trube looks to pass.
BOTTOM: Ethan Secrist celebrates a big play on the court.

MOUNTAIN VIEW BASKETBALL: Mavericks 56, Centennial 43

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TOP LEFT: Tanner Percifield

TOP RIGHT: Marcus Slocum grabs a loose ball from a Centennial player.

MIDDLE: The Mavs break from the huddle.

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average in the 5A SIC at 14.6 points per game — was having an off night, the senior countered by finding open teammates for a game-best seven assists.

"Even though Tanner wasn't doing the thing that he normally does for us, he found other guys, which is huge in terms of what we are preaching to the kids," Nettleton said. "Sometimes, your shot is just not on."

Slocum added another three-pointer at the end of the third quarter to put the Mavericks up 38-35. Robinson's 3 at the start of the fourth put Centennial on its heels.

"After that point I felt like we didn't do a very good job of running our offense," Centennial coach Tom Aipperspach said. "Defensively, we really didn't play as well as we did the first three quarters."

GAME SUMMARY

Centennial	**14**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**- 43**
Mountain View	**8**	**14**	**16**	**18**	**- 56**

CENTENNIAL (43) – Tanner Johnson 2-6 0-0 4, Daryl Robertson 6-12 5-9 19, McKay Jones 2-3 0-0 4, Hunter Dennis 4-12 0-2 8, John Van Beuren 2-2 2-2 6, Tre Smith 0-1 2-2 2, Joe Murphy 0-1 0-0 0, Collin Mabe 0-2 0-0 0, Jacob Oram 0-1 0-0 0, Trevion Foster 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 16-41 9-15 43.

MOUNTAIN VIEW (56) – Tanner Percifield 1-10 7-7 9, Marcus Slocum 6-9 0-1 16, Randall Robinson 6-10 4-5 19, Branson Trube 0-2 1-4 1, Kody Olson 2-5 3-3 7, Ryan Ball 1-3 0-0 2, Carlton Egner 1-2 0-0 2, Ethan Secrist 0-1 0-0 0, Matt Micone 0-2 0-0 0, Tanner Page 0-0 0-2 0, Jason Maughan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-44 15-22 56.

Total fouls: Centennial 22, Mountain View 15. **Fouled out:** Robertson.

Three-point goals: Centennial 2-10 (Robertson 2), Mountain View 7-19 (Slocum 4, Robinson 3).

Rebounds: Mountain View 38 (Slocum 11), Centennial 25 (Robertson 6).

Turnovers: Mountain View 16, Centennial 15.