

Mavs turn the tables on Post Falls

Team defense, Percifield lead Mountain View to state semifinals again

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

The 5A boys basketball state tournament probably couldn't have started any worse for the Mountain View Mavericks.

Coming into the game, the Mavericks were confident. Fortunately, scoring two points in the first quarter didn't faze them as Tanner Percifield scored 24 points in the team's 44-34 win over Post Falls.

"Our defense was phenomenal," said Mountain View coach Jon Nettleton. "You couldn't ask for anything better in terms of helping out our offense, and sometimes defense is your best offense."

With the win, the Mavs reached the 5A state semifinals for the third straight year. Last season, of course, they lost to Post Falls. This season, the Mavs turned the tables. They held the Trojans without a basket in the second quarter and went on a 13-0 run to take a 15-7 lead at the half.

Then the fans at the Idaho Center watched as Percifield came alive in the final 16 minutes.

"Our defense, by far, kept us in the game," said Mountain View coach Jon Nettleton. "We weathered the



Tanner Percifield drives for another basket in the Mavericks' win over Post Falls.

storm. When was the last time you saw somebody hold a team to zero (in a quarter) in a boys basketball game — let alone at state? It was a phenomenal job defensively."

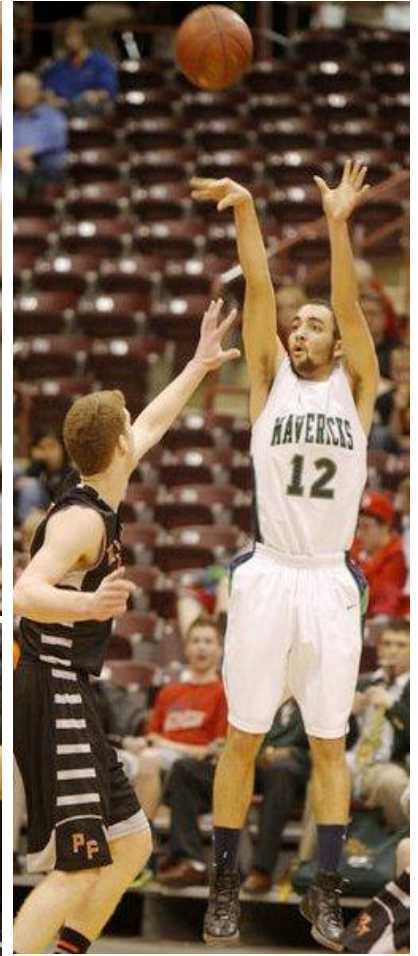
As impressive as Mountain View's defense performed in the first half, it was

about the offense after that. Percifield put the team on his back again and scored 20 points in the second half alone.

He finished shooting 7-of-13 from the field and 9-11 from the free-throw line. All

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nine of his made charity shots came in the final two minutes of the game, as Post Falls knocked down three treys (most from NBA distance) in the same time period to keep the pressure on.

"Tanner is one of the best free-throw shooters I've had since I've been at Mountain View," Nettleton said. "I'll take my chances with him out there."

Post Falls dropped to 11-14 on the season and lost to Madison the next night to end its season. The Trojans were led by junior guard Nick Hall, who scored 13 points off the bench.

Hall scored both of the Trojans' baskets in the first half. He finished 5-10 from the field, including 3-5 from three-point range. The rest of the team was 7-31 from the field.

"The second quarter we didn't score at all — I thought that was a major setback," Hall said. "If we would have scored at least a few points there, we would have had a little more momentum."

Both teams were eagerly waiting another chance at Borah in the second round. Afterward, Nettleton said the Mavs were exactly where they wanted to be.

"The Mighty Lions are next," he said. "It's a very similar situation to two years ago (when the Mavs won the state title). Anything can happen."

TOP LEFT: Kody Olson looks to shoot over a pair of defenders.

TOP MIDDLE: Tanner Percifield gets a hug from coach Jon Nettleton.

LOWER MIDDLE: Ryan Ball

RIGHT: Marcus Slocum gets a shot away.

GAME SUMMARY

Post Falls	7	0	15	12	-	34
Mountain View	2	13	11	18	-	44

POST FALLS (34) – Braden Davenport 0-3 2-2 2, Reece Jackson 1-2 1-2 3, Tim Mueller 0-3 0-0 0, Dalton Thompson 1-3 0-0 2, Corey Koski 1-3 0-0 2, Nick Hall 5-10 0-2 13, Max McCullough 2-6 0-0 6, Keaton Corr 2-7 0-0 6, Michael McKeown 0-1 0-0 0, Matt Hillman 0-2 0-0 0, Joe Pfennings 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 12-39 3-6 34.

MOUNTAIN VIEW (44) – Tanner Percifield 7-13 9-11 24, Marcus Slocum 0-6 0-0 0, Randall Robinson 2-3 2-2 7, Branson Trube 2-3 0-0 4, Kody Olson 4-9 1-1 9, Ryan Ball 0-3 0-0 0, Carlton Egner 0-2 0-0 0, Ethan Secrist 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-41 12-14 44.

Total fouls: Post Falls 16, Mountain View 11.

Fouled out: None.

Three-point shooting: Post Falls 7-17 (Hall 3, McCullough 2, Corr 2), Mountain View 2-17 (Percifield, Robinson).

Rebounds: Mountain View 32 (Robinson, Olson 6), Post Falls 24 (Mueller 5).

Turnovers: Post Falls 12, Mountain View 11.