

Mavs take Borah to the edge

Mountain View falls in 5A state semifinal, but puts up a good fight

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Matchup

With four minutes remaining in the 5A state semifinal, the Mountain View Mavericks were right where they wanted to be.

Too bad the last part of the contest didn't go the Mavs' way.

With the game on the line, Mountain View simply didn't have an answer to Borah guard Isaiah Wright. The junior guard did what he does best, taking over in the fourth quarter to lead the Lions into the state championship game for the second year in a row.

Wright scored a game-high 25 points - including 13 in the fourth quarter - to put the Lions within one win of a second consecutive state title.

"Isaiah is certainly a special player," said Borah coach Cary Cada. "I don't even know what to say about Isaiah anymore."

The Lions also got a boost from an unexpected source.

Senior Nick Reed had a career night, going 5-for-8 from three-point range to drop in 17 points. Reed had three of those treys in the second half.

"Whenever somebody is shut down, somebody else on



Branson Trube looks to make a pass inside the key as a Borah defender closes.

our team always steps up," Reed said, "either defensively or offensively or getting rebounds."

Mountain View felt the same way. Tanner Percifield scored 16 points, and was the instigator in Mountain View's amazing second quarter that saw the Mavericks nail six

shocked the huge crowd at the Idaho Center with their superior shooting.

Branson Trube finished with 12 points and Randall consecutive three-point shots. After trailing 14-5, the Mavs

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BASKETBALL: Borah 62, Mavericks 53



TOP LEFT: A fan shows his support for his favorite player.

TOP RIGHT: Tanner Percifield scores on a 1-on-4 break.

MIDDLE LEFT: Matt Micone, Tanner Page, Jason Maughan and Ethan Secrist.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Branson Trube



GAME SUMMARY

Mountain View	5	18	11	19	-	53
Borah	14	8	18	22	-	62

MOUNTAIN VIEW (53) – Tanner Percifield 4-12 4-4 16, Marcus Slocum 2-7 1-1 6, Randall Robinson 2-5 0-0 6, Branson Trube 4-6 4-5 12, Kody Olson 3-7 3-3 9, Ryan Ball 1-2 2-2 4, Carlton Egner 0-1 0-0 0, Ethan Secrist 0-0 0-0 0, Matt Micone 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-40 14-15 53.

BORAH (62) – Nick Reed 5-8 2-3 17, Patrick Muteba 1-1 0-0 2, Isaiah Wright 8-12 8-11 25, Cody Spjute 0-6 1-2 1, Joe Nelson 4-10 0-0 8, Zak Studebaker 3-4 2-2 9, Nick Burt 0-1 0-0 0, Kai Corpus 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-42 13-18 62.

Total fouls: Mountain View 14, Borah 14.

Fouled out: Trube.

Three-point shooting: Mountain View 7-22 (Percifield 4, Robinson 2, Slocum). Borah 7-18 (Reed 5, Wright, Studebaker).

Rebounds: Borah 28 (Wright 7), Mountain View 23 (Slocum 8).

Turnovers: Mountain View 7, Borah 7.

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Robinson had six, including a pair of three-pointers. Mountain View led 23-22 at halftime.

“We gave them a game. The kids played their butts off,” said Mountain View coach Jon Nettleton. “It was a game of spurts and we just didn’t end up with the last spurt of points. When we were down four (points), our shots didn’t drop.”

Wright responded with a three-point play to put Borah in front for good. Zack Studebaker and Joe Nelson also chipped in and the Lions seized the momentum and reached the championship game for the second straight year.

“Mountain View played extremely well,” said Cada. “They had us twisted in knots. We were struggling in the first half, but the second half we kind of got things sorted out and got a little more balance.”