

Late-season rally helps fuel more good memories

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

Record wise, the season didn't go as well as the Mountain View junior varsity team had hoped, but by the end of the season coach Jason Baumgartner couldn't help but notice all that had been accomplished.

The Mavericks finished with a 10-11 overall record, which included a first-round loss to Borah in the district tournament. However, the JVs moved up from eighth place to sixth in the season standings late in the year with four wins in their last five games.

"We got going and played some good basketball," Baumgartner said. "We had some kids who worked hard and were pretty athletic. They were hard-nosed kids and that made it fun."

The JV squad didn't have much size, but made up for it with effort. The team was led by Connor Stiles, Carl Graver, Kai Turner, Darion Green and many other role players.

Stiles was given the team's "Hustle award" at the end-of-the-year banquet.

"He was only 5-foot-10 but he was near the top in rebounding," Baumgartner said. "He got more offensive rebounds than anyone I've coached. He knew where the ball was going to land and just went there."

Graver was the JV team's top scorer and Green was considered the best defender. The team was made up almost entirely of juniors. There was one freshman – Gunnar Condie – and Baumgartner said he could become one of the program's top players in the future.

Overall, Baumgartner said the team showed a lot of improvement. The reason for the .500 record was the team lost a lot of close games.

"The goal at the subvarsity level is to always



Carl Graver eyes the court, looking for a teammate to pass the ball in Mountain View's late-season game against Eagle.

improve as much as you can so you can contribute at the next level," he said.

"We needed to learn how to win close games. There were probably six (games) that could have gone either way. If he win those, we're right there near the top (of the standings)."

Among the season highlights were:

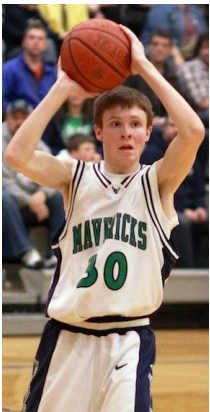
2012-13 JV results (10-10)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
Nov. 27	CALDWELL	W	57-23
Nov. 30	at Mountain Home	W	69-35
Dec. 7	at Borah*	L	46-50
Dec. 8	TIMBERLINE*	W	57-47
Dec. 11	at Capital*	L	55-63
Dec. 13	BOISE*	L	45-46
Dec. 15	MERIDIAN*	W	62-31
Dec. 18	at Centennial*	L	35-41
Dec. 28	at Eagle*	L	28-45
Jan. 3	VALLIVUE*	W	37-23
Jan. 5	at Rocky Mountain*	L	32-47
Jan. 8	BORAH*	L	25-49
Jan. 11	at Timberline*	W	57-47
Jan. 18	CAPITAL*	L	46-56
Jan. 25	at Boise*	W	41-24
Jan. 26	at Meridian*	W	49-42
Jan. 30	CENTENNIAL*	W	47-36
Feb. 1	EAGLE*	L (OT)	47-53
Feb. 5	at Vallivue*	W	50-26
Feb. 7	ROCKY MOUNTAIN*	L	34-47

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BASKETBALL: JV season results



Connor Stiles



Levi Radford



Darion Green

JV roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Year
3	Darion Green	G	5-11	Jr.
10	Kai Turner	G	5-10	Jr.
13	Andrew Clark	G	6-0	Jr.
15	Levi Radford	G	5-11	Jr.
21	Gunnar Condie	G	6-0	Fr.
23	Tristan Rock	G	6-0	Jr.
25	Matt Ross	G	5-11	Jr.
30	Connor Stiles	G	6-0	Jr.
33	Ibrahim Ibrahim	W	6-2	Jr.
40	Kimball Butterfield	P	6-5	Jr.
45	Carl Graver	W	6-3	Jr.
50	Kip Paulson	P	6-4	Jr.

Coach: Jason Baumgartner. **Assistant:** Conor McGrath

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* - *A great second-half rally against Borah.* Early in the season, the Mavericks trailed by as many as 17 points but rallied to close within two late in the game.

"The kids played their tails off," he said. "We did a great job of weathering through those tough losses. We never gave up.

* - *An impressive shooting display by Turner in the Mavs' win at Vallivue.*

"He was unbelievable in the first half. He was going crazy," Baumgartner said. "He hit three (three-pointers) in the first half and had 17 points.

We got up by 30 and he was the reason why."

* - *Developing a nickname for Kip Paulson.*

"He was a big kid and a tremendous defender. I nicknamed him 'The Great White.' One day in practice, he came out of nowhere and blocked a kid (shot). It reminded me of a shark coming up. I'll never forget it."

After the season, Baumgartner decided to resign and will be replaced by Terrence Green, the sophomore coach.

"I'll miss it," Baumgartner said. "I'll always be a Mountain View guy. These were special kids."