

Bingham bounces back after slow start, beats AF

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SOUTH JORDAN — Bingham coach **Dave Peck** had plenty to ponder heading into Friday night.

On Labor Day, his Miners were handed a lopsided loss from Texas behemoth Eules Trinity in the first high school game at Cowboys Stadium, and the sting of being shown up on the national stage was still hot. Peck questioned his players' effort in the Lone Star State drubbing and wondered how they would respond with 5A foe American Fork on deck mere days later.

On the first play from scrimmage Friday, American Fork's Chase Hansen linked up with speedy receiver Ethan Wright for an 80-yard touchdown.

Not the response Peck had in mind.

Peck's squad quickly returned to form as one of the top teams in Utah, however, slamming the door defensively and carving up the Cavemen (3-1) on offense to notch a 41-14 non-region victory.

During a stretch between the second and third quarters, the Miners (3-1) scored on six consecutive possessions, including two field



Bingham players listen intently to one of their coaches on the sideline.

goals by in the final seconds of the half.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Peck said. "We played about our 'D' game [in Texas] ... didn't compete at all. The bottom line is we settled down. I was really proud of our guys."

It wasn't pretty for Bingham early, though. After American Fork's first-play score, the Miners' opening drive was cut short on the second play on a fumble. From there, however, the Miners did what miners do — chipped away.

"We just had to do it. Tough week, but we had to bounce back," said Bingham receiver **Dalton Fackrell**, who

had three catches for 40 yards, including a 6-yard touchdown from quarterback **Ty Hannay** (7-for-11 for 129 yards).

During Bingham's resurgence, **Harvey Langi** — 100 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries — carved up American Fork on the ground, with situational quarterback **Stefan Cantwell** finishing two drives with scoring runs of two and 10 yards. Hannay also linked up with **Josh Smith** for an 18-yard touchdown pass, and kicker **Braeden Loveless** punched through a pair of field goals.

With about five ticks left in the opening half, Loveless

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BINGHAM FOOTBALL: Miners 41, American Fork 14



QB Ty Hannay gets time to fire off another completion.



Josh Smith looks for running room after catching a pass.

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booted a 28-yard field goal, and then Bingham somehow recovered the ensuing squib kick. The kicking unit lined up at the 31-yard line and Loveless drilled a 48-yard kick as time expired in the second quarter.

Defensively, Bingham tightened the screws. After the game-opening score, American Fork was forced to punt on five consecutive drives, and the Cavemen fumbled on their final possession of the half. Even when they recovered a Bingham fumble within one yard of pay dirt, the Cavemen were stuffed on four straight scoring attempts from the 1-yard line.

Hansen chalked up 118 yards on 4-of-11 passing, including a second touchdown to Wright (game-high 106 receiving yards) late in the game. Kaiden Worthington paced American Fork's ground game with 54 yards on 13 carries.

GAME SUMMARY

American Fork	6	0	0	8	- 14
Bingham	7	27	7	0	- 41

- AF – Ethan Wright 80 pass from Chase Hansen (kick failed)
- B – Dalton Fackrell 6 pass from Ty Hannay (Braeden Loveless kick)
- B – Stefan Cantwell 2 run (Loveless kick)
- B – Cantwell 17 run (Loveless kick)
- B – Josh Smith 18 pass from Hannay (Loveless kick)
- B – FG Loveless 27
- B – FG Loveless 48
- B – Harvey Langi 10 run (Loveless kick)
- AF – Wright 20 pass from Hansen (Kaiden Worthington pass from Ryan Pitcher)

TEAM STATISTICS

	AF	Bing
First downs	9	14
Rushes-yards	30-82	31-147
Passing yards	118	157
Passes	4-12-0	8-15-0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties	5-36	11-102
Punts	5-35.0	3-44.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

- AMERICAN FORK:** Worthington 13-54, Miller 2-15, Hansen 8-8, Healey 2-7, Wright 4-5.
- BINGHAM:** Langi 11-100, Cantwell 6-39, Tuifua 3-8, Hannay 4-5, Troster 1-3, Smith 1-3, Leake 2-0, Pikula 1-(-2), Siddoway 2-(-9).

PASSING

- AMERICAN FORK:** Hansen 4-11-0-118, Pitcher 0-1-0-0.
- BINGHAM:** Hannay 7-11-0-129, Cantwell 1-3-0-28.

RECEIVING

- AMERICAN FORK:** Wright 3-106, Heward 1-12.
- BINGHAM:** Fackrell 3-40, Tausinga 1-32, Measom 1-29, Langi 1-28, Smith 1-18, Hall 1-10.