

Big second half lifts Miners over Colts

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The Bingham Miners needed a spark after a lackluster first half against Cottonwood that saw them make costly penalties, miss tackles and misfire on offense.

Braden Anderson provided it.

With a three-point lead coming out of the break, Anderson took the second half's opening kickoff and returned it 99 yards for a touchdown. The play sparked the Miners on offense and defense, and they cruised to a 45-29 win over the Colts on Friday night.

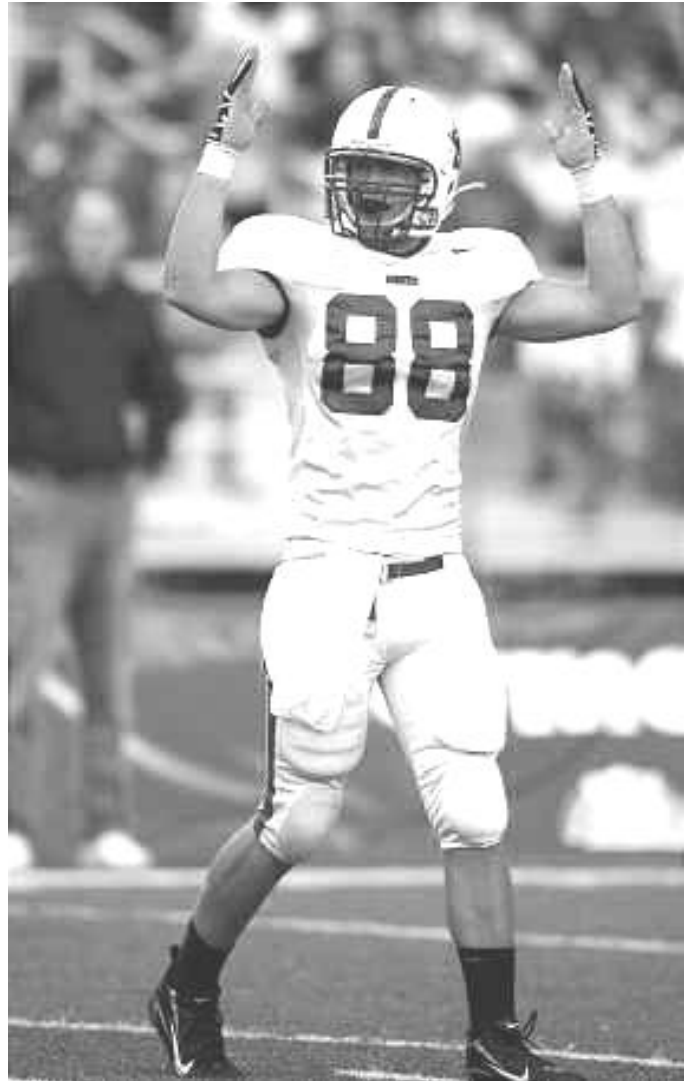
"It's great when you have a Braden Anderson that's a great playmaker," said Bingham coach **Dave Peck**. "He's one of the best athletes in the state. To run back the opening kickoff in the second half was huge. That set the tone."

The Miners needed a jolt after they were outplayed by the Colts in the first half. Cottonwood's short passing game and running game had Bingham off balance. The Miners led 17-14 at halftime, but one of their touchdowns was set up by a turnover and scored after a 2-yard drive.

"I don't know what we were doing," said Anderson, who also recovered a fumble and an onside kick and saved a touchdown by catching Cottonwood running back Nadan Hosea from behind in the second half. "That wasn't Bingham football. They were talking a bunch and we started talking back and we shouldn't have done that. That wasn't our best game in the first half."

Thanks to Anderson, Bingham did bring its best game for much of the second half.

After Anderson scored on the kickoff return, the Miners' defense got a stop. Bingham's offense put together an 80-yard scoring drive, which culminated with an 18-yard touchdown run by **Harvey Langi**.



Chris Copier reacts after catching a long touchdown pass from Bingham QB Ty Hannay.

The Miners blew the game open when quarterback **Ty Hannay** connected with **Ryland Tausinga** on a 49-yard touchdown, and when Anderson recovered a fumble and returned it 61 yards to Cottonwood's 2-yard line to set up a rushing touchdown by Hannay.

Peck said Anderson's kickoff return and his players taking responsibility for their efforts were

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the difference in the second half.

"The kids took it upon themselves to play a little more intense, and to play smarter," Peck said. "I'd like to take credit for making some great adjustments or a great halftime speech that motivated the kids. It wasn't that. It was our kids just kind of settling in and making some plays."

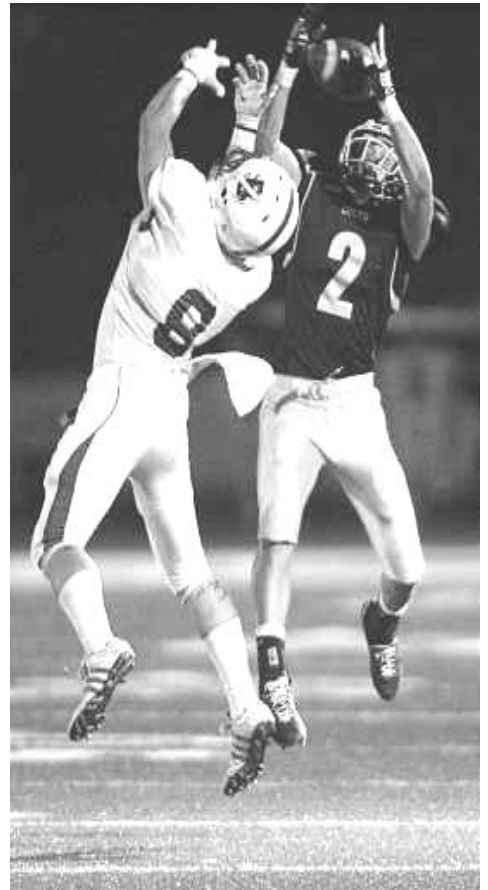
Bingham is known for having a stellar power running game, but the Colts mostly shut it down. The Miners then turned to their passing game for big plays and Hannay delivered. He threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to **Chris Copier** in the first half, and finished 14 of 20 passing for 257 yards and two scores.

"A lot of people look at us as a power running game, but we're more than that," Peck said. "If we didn't have a passing game tonight, it would have been tough."

The Colts showed great improvement since the last time they played a 5A powerhouse in Alta in Week 1. Cottonwood had much greater success running the ball than Bingham did, as Hosea rushed 29 times for 192 yards against the Miners.



Ty Hannay barrels into the end zone backward for a touchdown.



Manoa Pikula battles Cottonwood's Tim Glenn for a pass.

GAME SUMMARY

Bingham	10	7	21	7	- 45
Cottonwood	7	7	0	15	- 29

- B - FG Braeden Loveless 35
- B - Harvey Langi 1 run (Loveless kick)
- C - Tim Glenn 24 pass from Crosby Jensen (Riley Harper kick)
- B - Chris Copier 44 pass from Ty Hannay (Loveless kick)
- C - Jensen 1 run (Harper kick)
- B - Braden Anderson 90 kickoff return (Loveless kick)
- B - Langi 18 run (Loveless kick)
- B - Ryland Tausinga 49 pass from Hannay (Loveless kick)
- B - Hannay 1 run (Loveless kick)
- C - Nadan Hosea 4 run (Harper kick)
- C - Jason Lundquist 39 pass from Jensen (Spencer Larsen pass from Jensen)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Bing	Cott
First downs	17	28
Rushes-yards	34-94	31-186
Passing yards	257	327
Passes	14-21-0	29-46-1
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties	12-136	12-98
Punts	4-37.0	5-41.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

BINGHAM: Cantwell 7-41, Langi 11-34, Pikula 1-14, Tuifua 2-11, Leake 1-4, Siddoway 1-2, Stevens 1-0, Hannay 9-(-10).

COTTONWOOD: Hosea 29-192, Jensen 2-(-7).

PASSING

BINGHAM: Hannay 14-20-0-257, Siddoway 0-1-0-0
COTTONWOOD: Jensen 29-46-1-327

RECEIVING

BINGHAM: Fackrell 5-107, Tausinga 3-63, Copier 1-44, Stevens 1-24, Cloward 1-20, Measom 2-7, Langi 1-2.
COTTONWOOD: Larsen 8-110, Glenn 7-78, Lundquist 7-66, Hudson 4-44, Hosea 3-29.