

Bingham captures title over Davis

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They were down by four points and had yet to take control as they were expected to against a scrappy Davis High team.

But once the third quarter ended, their sideline and fans erupted yelling "four!" and it was time to start the game's final period, there was no way the Bingham Miners were losing in the 5A championship game.

The Miners learned their lessons from a year ago and dominated the fourth quarter against Davis en route to a 35-24 victory over the Darts. Bingham earned its second 5A state championship in four years at Rice-Eccles Stadium with the win on Friday.

"Now we're on top," said Bingham running back **Harvey Langi**. "It's our year and we all get to go home with a ring on our finger. I'm so excited."

It was a complete turnaround from last year's championship game for the Miners.

Last season, it was Bingham that entered the fourth quarter with a double-digit lead against Alta in the 5A title game. The Miners watched the entire advantage wither away, and their entire offseason workout program was based upon finishing in the fourth quarter. It paid off on Friday, as Bingham outscored Davis 14-0 in the fourth.

"You could just feel the energy (when the third quarter ended)," said Miners coach **Dave Peck**. "All (offseason) when our kids would lift, they would finish with a burnout set and before they would do it they would have to yell out 'four!' Our motto was we will not lose in the fourth quarter. We will not lose a game in the fourth quarter."

When the fourth quarter started, the Miners trailed 24-21 and were on Davis' 18-yard line. The Miners had already started imposing their will on the Darts, although it had yet to show on



Andrew Clark (No. 35) and Baker Prichard enjoy the festivities after Bingham captured the 5A crown.

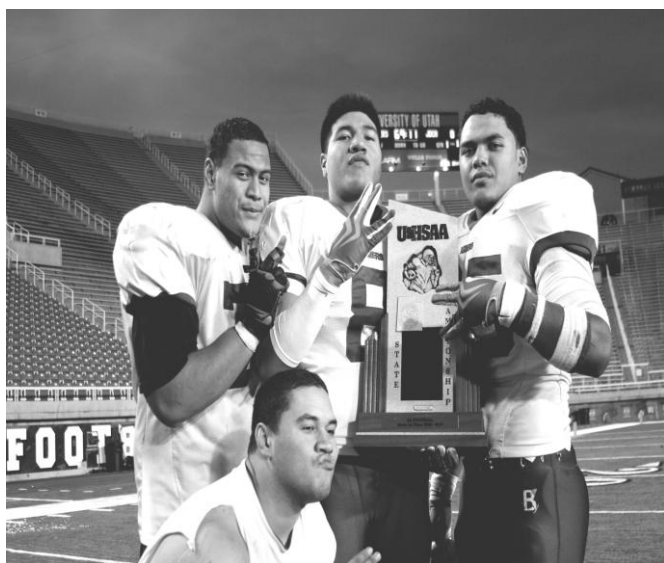
the scoreboard. Bingham's drive threatened to stall after a penalty, but it got on track when **Ty Hannay** threw a 19-yard pass to **Dalton Fackrell**. Three plays later, **Stefan Cantwell** scored from 1 yard out to give Bingham its first lead of the game at 28-24 with 8:36 left.

The Miners' defense then did its part in bringing home a title. Bingham defensive back **Travis McRae** intercepted a pass by Davis quarterback Gavin Fowler to get the Miners the ball at their own 44. Bingham called seven straight running plays, and Cantwell scored from 7 yards out to put the game out of reach with 3:43 remaining.

"That was a big pick," Peck said of the play made by McRae. "He's been our defensive points leader all year and he came through big. That was a big momentum changer and we needed it at that point."

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BINGHAM FOOTBALL: Miners 35, Davis 24



Tuni Kanuch, Baker Prichard, XXXXX and XXXXX pose with the trophy.



Brandon Lambert gets help.



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McRae said it was an unbelievable feeling to provide such a big play in a state championship game.

"The D-line got some good pressure and I was at the right place at the right time," he said.

The Miners, as usual, racked up big rushing numbers with their power running game. Cantwell, the team's "Tebow" quarterback, rushed for 173 yards and scored four times. Langi rushed for 120 yards on 20 carries and scored a touchdown. Hannay, who has never lost a game he's started that's been played in Utah, ran the offense efficiently when he was in the contest.

Langi switched numbers on Friday, wearing No. 5 instead of No. 21 to honor teammate **Inoke Taufalele**, who was out for much of the season with an injury.

"He's my first cousin and I told him I'd wear it for him if we made it to the top and we made it," Langi said.

The Darts had the Miners on their heels for much of the first three quarters. Davis surprisingly came out passing and Fowler played well. He completed 15-25 passes for 231 yards and two scores. The Miners' front seven is extremely tough to run on, and they held star running back Tanner Hinds to 60 yards rushing, his second-lowest total of the season.

"We gave ourselves an opportunity to win tonight," said Davis coach Ryan Bishop. "I told them during the week, 'Hey, you've played all the football you can play. You have to go out and do what we do, play fast, and give yourselves chances to win,' and I thought for the most part we did that."

The Darts fell a little short, just as the Miners did last season.

"I like this (feeling) a lot better, that's for sure," Peck said.

GAME SUMMARY

Bingham	0	7	14	14	- 35
Davis	7	10	7	0	- 24

- D – Daniel Moffett 23 pass from Gavin Fowler (Mike Jewkes kick)
- B – Stefan Cantwell 1 run (Braeden Loveless kick)
- D – Landon Horne 10 pass from Fowler (Jewkes kick)
- D – FG Jewkes 39
- B – Harvey Langi 4 run (Loveless kick)
- D – Tanner Hinds 7 run (Jewkes kick)
- B – Cantwell 13 run (Loveless kick)
- B – Cantwell 1 run (Loveless kick)
- B – Cantwell 7 run (Loveless kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Bing	Davis
First downs	21	15
Rushes-yards	52-291	30-93
Passing yards	51	217
Passes	3-6-0	13-23-1
Fumbles-lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties	5-53	3-35
Punts	4-45.0	5-35.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

BINGHAM: Cantwell 18-172, Langi 20-118, Hannay 8-6, Vakapuna 4-(-1)
DAVIS: Hinds 22-66, Keaton 6-31, Fowler 2-(-4)

PASSING

BINGHAM: Hannay 3-6-0-51
DAVIS: Fowler 13-23-1-217

RECEIVING

BINGHAM: Copier 1-25, Fackrell 1-19, Anderson 1-7.
DAVIS: Moffett 6-128, Horne 4-75, Keaton 2-19, Hinds 1-(-5).