

Bingham's 2-quarterback system works

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SOUTH JORDAN — According to Bingham coach **Dave Peck**, the old football adage "If you have two quarterbacks, you have none" does not apply to his Miners and his two signal callers, **Ty Hannay** and **Stefan Cantwell**.

"I don't buy into that," said Peck of the saying. "We have a good senior quarterback in Ty that I am sure we would be just fine playing exclusively, but Stefan is just such a great athlete that we couldn't keep him off the field. We felt it would make us a better team to take advantage of the different skills of the different guys."

Hannay is a senior while Cantwell is a junior. It would be easy for Hannay to feel resentment for Cantwell taking away some of his reps, but Peck said that hasn't been a problem.

"They get along well and they really push each other," he said. "There haven't been any problems; they just work together to make things run well. They help each other rather than bring the other one down."

While Hannay is a little taller and known more as the passing quarterback, Cantwell brings a new level of athleticism to the position. He does more of the running and is used in what Peck called the "Tebow" situations. Those are named after the Florida Heisman-winning lefty Tim Tebow, who played in certain situations and ran the ball 90 percent of the time he was in during his freshman and national championship winning season when he split time with starter Chris Leak. In fact, several of his teammates have given Cantwell the nickname "Tebow."

"I am not sure where it really started," Cantwell said. "Guys have just been calling me that for a long time."

Cantwell has performed much like the

powerful left-handed signal caller for the Gators. He has carried the ball 69 times for 468 yards and eight touchdowns. He's also completed 8-of-15 passes for 218 yards and two scores.

Hannay has thrown the ball 189 times, completing 102 of them for 1,503 yards and 20 touchdowns, and he has run the ball 95 times for 235 yards and four TDs.

"I am a little taller and more of the passer," said Hannay, "but Stefan can do a little bit of everything. I think it has worked well to have us both play. The other team never knows what is coming, and just when they start to think they know, we will do something else."

"It is the perfect combination," added Cantwell. "Ty has played great this season and makes the other team pay when they come up to stop the run. If the other team lays off, even a little, I get a chance to come in and run and try to make plays. It is a system that has been great for both of us."

Hannay sees the majority of the snaps, but he is not bitter when he goes to the sideline. And Cantwell has never complained or worried about his role on the team.

"Stefan is a team player," said Peck. "He is such a good athlete we could put him out there at linebacker, safety, receiver, and he is going to make plays. He never complains and only wants to do what is best for us to win, and Ty could be mad about having to come out of games, but he never has said a word about it."

While some schools may not want to chance having two quarterbacks turn into none, the platooning style has worked out perfectly for Bingham, and who can argue with the results? After all, the Miners are only one win away from capturing a state title and completing a season without a loss to a Utah team.