

# Mavs blow past Borah

Turner, Lau have career nights in sweet homecoming victory

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Matchup

This was exactly what Judd Benedick envisioned when he slotted a green freshman behind center last season.

The Mavericks head coach knew that freshman Kai Turner had what it takes to run his offense.

“We started him as a freshman last year because we knew he’s a real smart player,” Benedick said after his Mavs’ decisive 38-14 5A SIC victory over Borah Friday night.

“He’s always been on board with what we want to do; he just needed a little more experience. He’s got the athletic tools, he just needed to add the mental side of the game and he’s getting there.”

Running out of its shotgun spread attack, Mountain View ran up 503 yards of total offense, led on the ground by Turner and senior Daniel Lau. While Turner finished with 174 yards rushing, the workhorse Lau finished with 205 yards on 34 carries.

“Last summer, we hit it real hard,” Turner said after helping his Mavs improve to 4-1. “I feel real comfortable running our offense. All that hard work we put in really helped us.”

Benedick agreed his attack is getting there, particularly after a near-perfect second half which saw Mountain View break open a 17-14 score with three straight scoring possessions against the Lions.

“I’m really pleased, on both sides of the ball,” he said. “We were clicking on all cylinders. We did have a couple miscues in the first half but, otherwise, they did not stop us.”

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**TOP:** Running back **David Lau** had one of his best games of the season, rushing for 204 yards and setting a school record for most carries.

**BOTTOM:** Logan Deroin heads downfield with the ball.

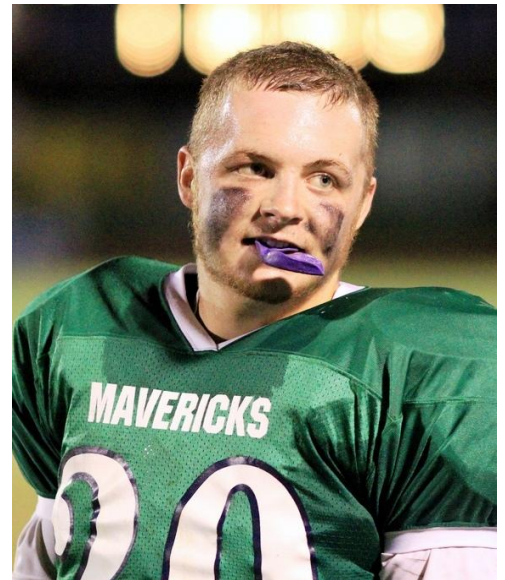


**LEFT:** Austin Brown celebrates a big play.

**TOP MIDDLE:** Collin McDonald signals to the bench.

**TOP RIGHT:** Cameron Matosich

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Tyler Keeney



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After losing two fumbles on exchanges in the first half, Turner led two 12-play drives, followed by a 13-play march to blow things open.

“A lot of the credit has to go to the offensive line,” Benedick said. “Kai ran the offense well, and Daniel really got the extra yards for us tonight. I’m really pleased with the whole group.”

And while the offense was rolling, the Mavs defense stepped it up after the homecoming ceremonies, mainly by keeping Lions quarterback Braden Corpus in check.

“I held my breath every time he touched the ball,” Benedick said of the senior Corpus, who kept his team in it early, hitting on a 36-yard strike to Ben Tucakovic before diving in from a yard out for a 14-14 score at the end of a wild first quarter.

After the back-and-forth opening quarter, the Mavs defense stepped up, recording three straight three-and-outs in the second period before registering a second-half shutout.

Meanwhile, Turner was making all the right decisions in the option attack, reading the Lions defense to either hand off to Lau inside or keeping it himself to slant off tackle.

“Lau’s a great runner. He can elude people or run over them,” Turner said of his 200-pound weapon. “I feel like if he’s running it or if I am, that we can be productive against anyone.”

**GAME SUMMARY**

<b>Borah</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>- 14</b>
<b>Mtn. View</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>- 38</b>

- MV** – Josh Buss 9 run (Seph Azevedo kick)
- B** – Ben Tucakovic 36 pass from Braden Corpus (Jacob Szuch kick)
- MV** – Kai Turner 56 run (Azevedo kick)
- B** – Corpus 1 run (Szuch kick)
- MV** – FG Azevedo 31
- MV** – Turner 1 run (Azevedo kick)
- MV** – Turner 30 run (Azevedo kick)
- MV** – Turner 14 run (Azevedo kick)

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

- RUSHING** – Borah – Corpus 21-70, Hunter Kenyon 4-12. MV – Daniel Lau 34-203, Turner 17-175.
- PASSING:** Borah – Corpus 15-33-0-238 yards. MV – Turner 12-16-0-95 yards.
- RECEIVING:** Cody McKague 5-72, Tyler Higby 5-67, Tucakovic 2-64, Hayden Powell 3-35. MV – Josh Buss 7-52, Collin Sale 2-22.