

Undermanned Wolves surprise Rocky

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Matchup

When Rocky Mountain's schedule appeared, this had to be considered a win. But in high school sports, you often never know what might happen.

The Timberline Wolves, down to 27 players on its varsity football team, proved Friday night at Bronco Stadium that it isn't quantity, but quality that counts.

Timberline scored six of the last seven touchdowns in a 39-20 win over Rocky Mountain.

It was the first victory of the season for the Wolves, who hadn't won in over a year. Rocky dropped to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the 5A SIC play.

"We're hurting anyway, and we had kids go down, so we were drawing things up in the sand trying to teach kids some of our plays on the fly," Timberline coach Kirk Copeland said. "The kids responded and played hard for 48 minutes. I couldn't be more proud of these kids."

Timberline junior quarterback Grant Hruby completed 14-of-21 passes for 250 yards and four touchdowns as the Wolves also picked up their first 5A SIC victory since the 2009 season.

"Almost everybody is playing both ways and everybody is tired, but we just kept fighting," said Timberline senior Jackson Reed, who caught



Alex Homer (No. 55) and James Tucker try to get through some Timberline players and make a block.

three passes for 27 yards and a pair of touchdowns. "After three years of losing seasons, this is a new start and everybody else does, too. This is a real big boost to our confidence."

Riley Smith also had a big game for Timberline, catching six passes for 157 yards.

Rocky also had players with big games. The Grizzlies put the first points of the game on the board, scoring touchdowns on two consecutive possessions spanning the first and second quarters. The first came on a 3-yard run by sophomore running back Jason Crimmins and the second on senior David



Demetrius Oliver takes a break on the Rocky sideline.

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TOP LEFT: Dakota Weindel runs off the field after congratulating David Trompke on his touchdown run.

TOP RIGHT: Grizzly players listen to their coach on the hot night at Bronco Stadium.

LOWER LEFT: Justin Kynaston, Andrew Belnap, Taylor Thompson and Eli McCullough confirm the play on their wristbands.

LOWER MIDDLE: Boise State coach Chris Petersen was there to watch the game.

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Trompke's 64-yard sprint into the end zone to put the Grizzlies up 12-0.

After failing to score on their first three possessions, Hruby connected with Smith on a deep route for a 43-yard score with 7:57 remaining before the half.

Hruby then added touchdown passes of 3 and 14 yards to help the Wolves take a 21-12 lead into the break.

The Wolves tacked on three more scores in the second half. The Grizzlies' lone score came on a 46-yard touchdown pass from Riley Bradshaw to Tanner Kauffman, and then the two hooked up again on the two-point conversion.

Overall, though, Timberline's best effort so far this season was too much to overcome.

"My O-line played the best game they've ever played in their lives," Hruby said. "I had time to make my reads and I knew my reads because I had been studying film. I knew what I needed to do."

The Idaho Statesman contributed to this story.

GAME SUMMARY

Rocky Mountain	6	6	8	0	- 20
Timberline	0	21	12	6	- 39

- RM – Jason Crimmins 3 run (kick failed)
- RM – David Trompke 64 run (run failed)
- T – Riley Smith 43 pass from Grant Hruby (Jack Tate run)
- T – Jackson Reed 3 pass from Grant Hruby (run failed)
- T – Tate 14 pass from Hruby (Reed kick)
- T – Reed 16 pass from Hruby (kick failed)
- RM – Tanner Kauffman 46 pass from Riley Bradshaw (Kauffman pass from Bradshaw)
- T – Tommie Turner 10 run (kick failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

- RUSHING** – Rocky – Trompke 1-64, Crimmins 11-64, Bradshaw 14-47, Riley Thomas 11-31. Timberline – Hruby 4-69, Turner 9-62, Kellen Copeland 13-52, Riley Smith 2-30.
- PASSING:** Rocky – Bradshaw 12-26-1-152 yards. Timberline – Hruby 14-21-1-250 yards.
- RECEIVING:** Rocky – Crimmins 4-29, Elijah Slayden 2-30, Chance Hamilton 2-30, Kauffman 1-46, Landry Batis 2-18. Timberline – Smith 6-157, Tate 4-42, Reed 3-27, Brady Jones 1-24.