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MISSOULA, MONTANA---If ever a player deserved All-Skyline honors after two league losses and a non-conference victory, Montana has the candidate in quarterback Bob O'Billovich.

Bullet Bob, the tough 170-pounder from Butte, has sparked the Grizzlies to a generally improved showing this season, and he's also sparkled in defensive phases of the game. Consider these credentials:

In Montana's 21-14 win over North Dakota, O'Billovich set up Montana's first score by pitching to halfback Pat Dodson on a sweep. Then, late in the tussle, Bob booted a vital extra point that proved to be the winning marker. Defensively, Bob contributed six tackles and three assists.

In Wyoming's 14-0 win over the Silvertips the week following, all Bobby did was lead both teams in tackling with 14 stops and two assists. He also directed a drive, including one 18-yard pass to Dodson, that finally bogged down on the Cowpoke 1-yard stripe.

O'Billovich had one of his best contests Saturday against Utah State. His 44-yard interception return to the Aggie 1 set up Montana's first score, then Bobby gained 16 yards on keepers to set up another scoring plunge for himself in the final period. In between, he played another fine defensive game.

For the season, Bob has only three pass completions for 55 yards, and he's rushed the ball for a total of minus 12 yards. But statistics don't tell the story in his case, according to coach Ray Jenkins. "Bob is far and away the best man on our team--he's the key fellow who sparks all of our drives."

"He's also the best quarterback in the Skyline," Jenkins adds emphatically.

O'Billovich doesn't confine his talents to gridiron, either. He is figured as a starting guard on Frosty Cox's cage outfit this winter, and he also holds down a regular shortstop position on the Grizzly baseball squad.

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