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GRIZZLY-BOBCAT GAME OF THE YEAR
SET IN BOZEMAN SATURDAY

MISSOULA---

The Montana Grizzlies will be trying to knock off another nationally-ranked football team this Saturday when they take on the Montana State Bobcats in Bozeman in a game that will be televised by four Montana stations.

The Bobcats are ranked fifth by United Press International, with the Grizzlies tied for 20th.

Earlier this year, the Grizzlies nipped Weber State after they had made the top ten, then last Saturday tumbled eighth-ranked Northern Arizona from the rankings with a 10-7 win in Missoula.

Montana State is expected to pose bigger problems than either Weber State or Northern Arizona, and Coach Jack Swarthout feels his team will have to give their best all-out performance of the season to whip Jim Sweeney's Cats.

Season records for the two teams are similar. Montana State, with one more game under its belt, has a 6-2 season mark, with three wins and no losses in conference play.

The Grizzlies have a 6-1 season record, and are 2-1 in Big Sky action.

Both teams like to stick to the ground as much as possible, but through the air the Bobcats have had more luck than the Silvertips. The game does promise some interesting action, nevertheless.

Both teams sport one outstanding running back, plus some others that are constant threats.

Montana State's Don Hass has been ranked as high as second in the nation among small-college rushers, and as of last weekend had picked up 962 yards on 189 carries for a 5.1 average.
Montana fullback Bryan Magnuson has a better average per carry at 5.3 yards, with his total yardage at 532 on 100 tries.

The Bobcats have averaged 239 yards rushing per game, compared to 235 for the Grizzlies. Through the air, Montana State has averaged 99 yards per game, while Montana has thrown for only 45 yards per contest.

Both offenses are similar in the types of action plays used, but Montana State seems to have had slightly more success than the Grizzlies.

The main advantage the Bruins have is on defense. The Montana club leads the Big Sky Conference in total defense, allowing teams 280 yards in total offense per game. Montana State, on the other hand, has given up 328 yards per tilt.

Coach Jack Swarthout is likely to have some tricks up his sleeve for Sweeney's Bobcats, but Sweeney has been known for his past trickery, too. Experts throughout the state are having a tough time deciding on a favorite for the game, although most pick Montana State to win by from three to seven points.

Montana State's place kicker Frank Kalfoss could be the determining factor in a tight affair. He leads Bobcat scorers with 43 points on 25 of 26 extra point kicks and six of 13 field goals.

Coach Jack Swarthout anticipates a good ball game.

"Our kids are really up for this one, and their desire has certainly been inspiring and has paid off so far this year," he said. "We'll have to have a tremendous effort Saturday if we plan to win."

Offensive starters for the Grizzlies will be ends Jim Kelly and Ron Baines; tackles Lon Howard and Wes Applet; guards Butch Ortiz and Herb White; center Rick Sparks; quarterback Ed Steiner; halfbacks Willie Jones and Rick Strauss, and fullback Bryan Magnuson.

Defensively, Swarthout plans to go with ends Ken Jernberg and Larry Huggins; tackles Bob Graham and John Stedham; middle guard Mike McCann; Linebackers Bob Beers and Greg Paresa; and defensive backs Gary Smith, Mick O'Neill, Mace'Gray and LaRue Nelson.
Offensively, Bobcat coach Sweeney will probably start ends Hank Urza and Bill Fieldstead; tackles Mickey Mathews and Purnal Whitehead; guards Tony Welzenbach and Jay Kosik; center Dan Duff; quarterback Dennis Erickson; flanker Don Valerio; fullback Ray Becky, and tailback Hass.