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Grizzly 1977-78 Basketball
## 1977-78 Grizzly Basketball Schedule

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*Big Sky Conference game

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## Cover

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All requests for press passes should be made by letter or telephone at least one week in advance.

Complete statistics are provided at each Grizzly home game.

1977-78 University of Montana Basketball Media Guide

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UM Quick Facts

Location: Missoula, Montana 59812
Chartered: Feb. 7, 1893
Enrollment: 8,250
President: Dr. Richard Bowers
Athletic Director: Harley Lewis
Basketball Coach: Jim Brandenburg (406) 243-5331
Assistant Coaches: Mike Montgomery and Phil Rosemurgy
Home Court: Adams Field House (9,329)
Nickname: Grizzlies
Colors: Copper, Silver and Gold
Conference: Big Sky
Commissioner: Steve Belko
Faculty Representative: Dr. Charles Bryan
Sports Information Director: Bob Rosenthal
(406) 243-2522—office
(406) 728-0406—home

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University of Montana, Missoula

The University of Montana at Missoula is located in a mountain forest setting in Western Montana. Camping, backpacking, river floating, hunting, fishing and skiing are popular outdoor activities. Four wilderness areas are located nearby Missoula, and Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are within a short driving distance. The University maintains a Campus Recreation Service to promote recreation. Travel in the area is facilitated by major airline service, the Amtrak railway system and a major east-west freeway.

The University of Montana was chartered February 17, 1893, and opened in September, 1895, with fifty students enrolling the first day.

Throughout its history, the University has sustained a high standard of academic excellence in teaching, research and service. Today the campus has an enrollment of 8,250, approximately 450 fulltime state-supported faculty positions and more than 38,000 alumni. The University of Montana is one of six units in the Montana University System and has been designated the state's most comprehensive institution of high learning.
President Richard Bowers

Dr. Richard C. Bowers assumed duties as the 13th president of the University of Montana on July 4, 1974. Bowers came to UM from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, where he served as vice president and provost, and professor of chemistry.

As Northern Illinois' provost, he was chief academic officer of the University and had overall responsibility for many other university activities, including computer services, admissions and records, and the library. He also represented Northern Illinois University to the Illinois Board of Regents, the Board of Higher Education of the State of Illinois, and the State Legislature.

Prior to being named vice president and provost in 1969, Bowers served as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at NIU from 1965-69.

Bowers received his B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan in 1948 and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1953. He taught at Northern University in Evanston, Ill., beginning in 1954 and became Director of Chemical Laboratories and associate chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Northwestern in 1963.

Athletic Director Harley Lewis

Harley W. Lewis was named athletic director at the University of Montana, effective April 14, 1976. He had served as acting athletic director from July 1, 1975.

Lewis also serves as the University's track and field coach.

A 1964 graduate of UM with an M.S. in health, physical education and recreation, Lewis became track and cross-country coach at the University in 1966. Prior to assuming coaching responsibilities at UM, the 1959 graduate of Butte High School coached two years at the University of Portland.

Montana's cross-country teams have won seven Big Sky Conference championships and the UM track teams have captured one Big Sky title and placed second six times with Lewis as head coach.
Jim Brandenburg moves into his second season as head coach of the Montana Grizzlies. For six years, Brandenburg served as assistant coach to Jud Heathcote. Since 1970, Jim Brandenburg has been a major contributor in molding the Grizzly basketball program. Montana's basketball fortunes are in experienced and capable hands.

A dedicated student of the game, Brandenburg has enjoyed tremendous success with every team he has directed. He coached UM's 1971-72 and 1972-73 freshman teams to a combined 28-8 record. The 1971-72 frosh team was 17-1, the best first-year record in the school's history. Before coming to Montana, he led Flathead Valley Community College to a 23-4 record in the school's first season of competition. Prior to that, he established a 150-42 record at Hinkley High in Aurora, Colorado, and at Burbank High in San Antonio, Texas.

Much of Brandenburg's success can be attributed to his encompassing philosophy of the game. "We coach the kids to be able to play at different tempos," he explains. "We feel that a good ball club has to be able to control the tempo of the game to their advantage against any particular opponent."

Offensively, Brandenburg stresses, "poise, patience, and shot selection, with the constant threat of the fast break," as key elements. He employs multiple offenses and likes to use a variety of play patterns against his opponents.

A staunch believer in tough defense, Brandenburg also employs multiple defensive tactics. "Our main emphasis is on defense. In most cases we'll substitute for defensive, not offensive, reasons." Brandenburg considers intensity, team approach, consistency and patience as the major components of a successful defensive unit.

A letterman in basketball and track, Brandenburg graduated from Colorado State in 1958 with a B.S. in physical education. In 1966 he received his M. Ed. in physical education from CSU.

Jim and his wife Jan have three children. They are Gaye (17), Shannon (14) and Bart (6).
Mike Montgomery begins his second season as assistant coach at the University of Montana. Mike spent three years as an assistant at Boise State University before joining the Grizzly basketball program. He brings youth and seven years of major college experience to UM.

Montgomery has also gained valuable coaching experience at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Colorado State University, the Citadel and the University of Florida.

"One of the major pluses about Missoula," Montgomery says, "is the basketball enthusiasm. I'm very happy to be involved with the program in this community."

In addition to assisting with floor coaching, Montgomery is recruiting coordinator and scheduling supervisor. He feels that he can continue to upgrade the program and the University will continue attracting quality student-athletes.

The personable young coach attended Millikan High School in his hometown of Long Beach, California, where he participated in football and basketball. He continued his education at Long Beach State where he played basketball for four years and spent two years competing in rugby and volleyball. He graduated in 1968 with a B.A. in Physical Education. He earned his Masters Degree in Physical Education from Colorado State University.

He remains active in sports and is involved with the Missoula community.

**Mike Montgomery**  
*Assistant Coach*

Phil Rosemurgy  
*Assistant Coach*

Phil Rosemurgy is the newest addition to the Grizzly coaching staff. An assistant coach at the University of Washington the past three years, Phil joins the UM program as assistant varsity coach and junior varsity coach.

Rosemurgy earned a B.A. degree from Western Washington State College in 1969 after attending Yakima Valley College. He participated in basketball and rugby there.

He taught and coached at Central Kitsap Junior High in Silverdale, Washington and led his team to the conference championship in his first year. He served as an assistant coach at Mercer Island High School from 1971-74. That team was league champion each of those three seasons and finished third, eighth and fifth in the state AAA tournament.

While at the University of Washington, Rosemurgy was involved in recruiting, scheduling, scouting and coaching among other responsibilities.

He has coached numerous other youth teams including high school all-star teams that have toured Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.

Although he's only been in Missoula for a few months, Rosemurgy is already impressed with the enthusiasm for basketball and feels he can contribute to the already successful Grizzly program.

A newlywed, Phil is married to Geri Cooper Rosemurgy.
Athletic Personnel

Gary Hughes
Ticket Manager

Bob Rosenthal
Sports Information Director

Earl Martell
Business Manager

Naseby Rhinehart
Athletic Trainer

Dr. Charles Bryan
Faculty Representative

Chuck Burgess
Equipment Manager
1977-78 Grizzlies

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2 Marty Green
3 Michael Ray Richardson
4 Craig Zanon
5 Allan Nielsen
6 Rodney Brandon
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9 Rick Nelson
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11 Blaine Taylor
12 Jim Molloy

Not pictured:
John Stroeder
Charlie Yankus
Moving into his second season as Grizzly head basketball coach, Jim Brandenburg has set several goals for this basketball season.

"Once again we'll shoot for the top four in the Big Sky and be competitive throughout the season," Brandenburg said. "Last season we gained confidence in our ability to win on the road and we established ourselves as a consistent winner. To attain our goals, we must get help on the front line and improve our outside shooting."

The only proven starter returning to the Grizzly camp is 6-5 senior co-captain Michael Ray Richardson. "Sugar Ray" saw action mostly at forward last season, but will move back to the guard spot where he played as a freshman. Richardson averaged 19.2 points per game last season, grabbed 8.6 rebounds a game and handed out 3.6 assists. He's a two-time all-Big Sky first team choice, two-time team most valuable player and enters this season as the fifth highest scorer in UM history. Considered by many to be the outstanding player in the Big Sky conference this season, Michael Ray Richardson is a candidate for All-America honors.

"Michael Ray has played the entire cycle," Brandenburg said. "As a freshman, he was a defensive specialist at guard. As a sophomore he became an offensive threat at both guard and forward. Last season he scored and rebounded with the best in the league playing mostly at forward. He's seen all kinds of defenses the opposition has come up with in an effort to stop him. I think he's matured now to where he can handle anything on the court."

Moving Michael Ray back to guard is a big step and Brandenburg has reservations about it.

"With M.R. back at guard and Michael John Richardson graduated, we've lost our top two inside rebounders. Our ability to control the boards is now somewhat of an uncertainty," Brandenburg said. "Who will materialize to play inside and the other guard spot are two big question marks."

The Grizzlies must get front line help from juniors Craig Henkel (6-7), Charlie Yankus (6-6) and Allan Nielsen (6-6). All three saw quite a bit of playing time last season. Henkel started the last half of January and most of February.

"For our team to be successful this season the three juniors must show vast improvement and become major contributors to the program," Brandenburg said.

Senior co-captain Jim Mollov (6-2) is a contender for the other starting guard spot. His experience and backcourt savvy are major pluses.

Two redshirt players, freshman Blaine Taylor (6-1) and sophomore Rick Zanon (6-0) are also contenders for starting spots. Both were sidelined last year with injuries.

Sophomore Tim McCauley (6-1½) gained valuable experience last season with the junior-varsity squad and will also be contending at guard. A lot of weight falls on the big shoulders of sophomore center John Stroeder (6-9½, 238) this year. Stroeder is being counted on heavily to play the post position like a seasoned veteran. Backing him up will be freshman Marty Green (6-9).

Sophomore Rick Nelson (6-6) is working hard to battle for a place at forward.

Three freshmen will also see playing time this year. Rodney Brandon (6-6), Craig Zanon (6-6) and Dennis Gay (6-2½) could figure into immediate court plans.

"There's no doubt that our freshmen are going to play this year," Brandenburg said. "Rodney Brandon, Craig Zanon, Dennis Gay and Marty Green are outstanding additions to our basketball program and they will definitely be challenging our returning lettermen."

The Grizzlies lost two fine seniors in guard Ben DeMers and forward-center Michael John Richardson. "It will be a most difficult task to replace Ben and Michael John," Brandenburg said. DeMers was an outstanding defensive player with fine outside shooting ability. Richardson was the Big Sky's leading rebounder (11.3 per game) and leading field goal shooter (56%) last season.

"With only two seniors on the team, we are still a relatively young and inexperienced ball club," Brandenburg said. "Therefore, we can expect the team to improve as the season progresses. We hope this improvement will not be too late."

Brandenburg said the team must establish itself as a winner on the road and be able to win some early conference road games. Five of Montana's first six Conference games are on the road.
## 1977-78 Grizzly Basketball Roster

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Head Coach: Jim Brandenburg
Asst. Coaches: Mike Montgomery
Phil Rosemurgy

Trainer: Naseby Rhinehart
Manager: Mark West
Michael Ray Richardson
All-America Candidate
Michael Ray Richardson begins his fourth and final season as a starter on the University of Montana basketball team. To say his presence has been felt would be an understatement.

In three years of playing on the UM court, “Sugar Ray” has developed into one of the outstanding college basketball players in the Northwest. His final season as a Grizzly promises to be better than ever.

Michael Ray is a team leader by performance, experience and attitude and is a candidate for ALL-AMERICA honors in 1977-78.

Richardson earned all-Big Sky first team honors last season for the second straight year and was named to the American Association of Basketball coaches District 7 first team. He was named to the all-tournament team at the Pillsbury Classic in Minneapolis last season and earned player-of-the-week honors last January. He finished third in the Big Sky Conference scoring race with a 19.2 point per game average, just behind seniors Steve Hayes of Idaho State and Stan Mayhew of Weber State. He finished seventh in conference rebounding with 8.6 boards a game playing both guard and forward. He's been UM's MVP for the past two years.

"Michael Ray is the most complete player in the Big Sky Conference," according to Jim Brandenburg.

"He plays tough defense, he's an excellent passer, he can score big, he rebounds from either guard or guard and he's unselfish. He takes pride in the amount of assists he'll hand out. But most importantly, he's a team player and he puts team performance ahead of individual performance. Michael Ray is a winner in every sense of the word."

Michael Ray is used to winning. As a prep standout at Manual High School in Denver, his team lost only one game in his last two seasons. He earned all-Conference, all-City and all-State honors at Manual and was coached by Floyd Theard. As a freshman starter on the 1974-75 Grizzly team, he played on a conference championship club that lost only one league game all season and finally left the NCAA regional tournament when the eventual champ—UCLA—beat Montana by just three points.

More than 9,000 fans watched M.R. score 40 points against Montana State in the last game of the 1975-76 season, setting a UM Field House record. For two years he has been among the statistical leaders in the Big Sky.

Michael Ray's skill and determination earned him an invitation to the 1976 United States Olympic tryout camp for the eventual gold medal basketball team. A pulled hamstring, however, forced him to leave early.

Michael Ray would like to play professional basketball after this season and is also interested in coaching. He's a Physical Education and Recreation major at UM and enjoys tennis when not on the basketball court.

As added incentive this season, M.R. has been nominated for a spot on the annual Pizza Hut All-Star ballot. Balloting is done by the public for the outstanding senior players in the country.

His mother is Mrs. Luddie Hicks of Denver.

As co-captain of the Grizzlies, Jim Molloy will be counted on to provide confidence and leadership on the court. Jim played well in a reserve role last season and is vying for a starting guard spot this year.

Coach Brandenburg thinks Molloy will continue to develop in all areas of play. "Jim worked hard this summer to improve his game and it should pay off," Brandenburg says. "He is an intelligent player with good ball handling skills."

Jim played for the Malta High School basketball team that was state class B champion in 1972. An all-around athlete, he captained the Malta basketball and football squads and received all-conference honors in both sports. He also lettered in track three years. Jim's high school basketball coach was Bill Ryan.

Jim majors in Political Science and Social Work at UM, carrying a 3.82 GPA. He is a Rhodes Scholar applicant and hopes to enter Law School next year. Currently he works as a volunteer with the Missoula Youth Court Probation Department. In his spare time, Jim enjoys skiing, backpacking and music.

Jim's parents are Dr. and Mrs. D.T. Molloy of Great Falls.

Birthdate: September 27, 1955.

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Jim Molloy
Co-captain, 6-1¾, 169 lbs., Guard
Senior from Malta, Montana

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30 Craig Henkel 6-7, 208 lbs., Forward
Junior from Libby, Montana

Craig Henkel is expected to mature into one of the best Big Sky forwards this season. Henkel possesses all the raw materials to accomplish this. He has good hands, a fine shooting touch and can adjust quickly from offense to defense. He is a good passer and likes to run.

Jim Brandenburg believes Henkel has the potential to develop into a major college forward. “Henkel should be a bigger factor on the boards and a bigger scorer this year.” However, Brandenburg feels that Craig must perform more consistently on defense.

Craig was a first team class AA all-state selection at Libby High School where he was coached by Bill Anderson. He led all of class AA in scoring and rebounding during his senior year and was a unanimous choice for the state tourney team in 1975.

Craig hopes to contribute to the team with some key rebounds each game and maintain a good shooting percentage. His goal for the Grizzlies is “to win the Big Sky.”

He is an Elementary Education major at UM and would like to teach math. Craig also enjoys playing golf, pool and tennis.

He is the son of Mr. Wallace Henkel of Libby.

42 Charlie Yankus 6-6, 203 lbs., Forward
Junior from Medical Lake, Washington

The Grizzlies are looking to Charlie Yankus for rebounding strength this year. His varsity experience and hard work should pay off as Charlie vies for a starting spot on the UM squad.

“Charlie’s aggressiveness around the basket is a definite asset to the team,” says Jim Brandenburg. “However, he needs to change his own priorities to defense and rebounding.” Brandenburg adds.

Charlie was an all-around athlete at Medical Lake High School in Washington. He lettered in basketball, track and cross country, earning all-conference and all-state honors in basketball. He set tournament and single game rebounding records in Washington’s class AA state tournament as a high school senior in 1975. Captain of his team and coached by Jerry Skaife, he was also named most valuable player.

An art major at UM, Charlie enjoys woodworking and plans to open a cabinet shop. His goal for the season is “to be part of the team that will take it all in the Big Sky.”

Charlie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yankus of Colville, Washington.
Birthdate: April 21, 1956.
Allan Nielsen is a junior who saw valuable playing time last year. His varsity experience and scoring ability make him valuable to the Grizzlies. Jim Brandenburg praises Allan’s ballhandling and shooting skills but says he needs to improve in other areas. “Allan is a good outside scorer and passes well. He does need defensive work and aggressiveness around the boards.”

Nielsen was Montana’s premiere class C player during the 1974-75 high school season. He averaged 30 points and 19.6 rebounds per game while leading his Westby team to the state championship. He also lettered in football and track and captained both the football and basketball teams at Westby. He was named all-conference and all-state in basketball and all-conference in football. His coach at Westby was Dick Norden.

Allan is a Physical Education major and enjoys hunting, fishing and softball.
His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nielsen of Westby.
Birthdate: April 17, 1957

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John Stroeder comes into this season as the leading candidate for the starting center position. With more experience and playing time, John could become a fine Big Sky center.

“John is in excellent shape and shows a lot of improvement,” Brandenburg says. “He worked hard all summer and is in good condition. He’s quicker, jumping better and shows more confidence in his offensive skills.”

Stroeder was a standout basketball player at Port Townsend High School in Port Townsend, Washington where he was captain of his team. He was coached by Jim Kearns. He also lettered in track.

John enjoys hunting and fishing and he plans on going into the construction business after college.

Brandenburg says “John is a good outside shot and has always been a better than average passer.” He warns that Stroeder’s “lack of experience could lead to foul trouble.”

John’s own goal for this season is to lead the team in rebounds, an ambition the coaching staff would like to see him reach.

His father is Mr. Tony Stroeder of Port Townsend, Washington.
Birthdate: July 24, 1958.
Rick Nelson
6-6, 211 lbs., Forward
Sophomore from Libby, Montana

Rick Nelson is a strong, aggressive player and could fill a need for rebounding,” says Jim Brandenburg. “Rick played last season on the Grizzly JV team after recovering from off-season knee surgery. His performance this year will depend largely on the speed and degree of his rehabilitation.

At Flathead County High School, Rick captained the basketball and football teams during his senior year. He was named to all-state teams in both sports in 1974 and was team MVP in basketball in 1973 and 1974. His basketball coach at Flathead was Jack McWhorter.

Rick is a Business Administration major at the University of Montana. He also participates in golf and softball.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zanon of Kalispell.
Birthdate: December 14, 1956.

Rick Zanon
6-0, 168 lbs., Guard
Sophomore from Kalispell, Montana

Rick Zanon is healthy and ready to play for the Grizzly cagers this season. He played during the 1975-76 season on the freshman team and showed the ability to become a solid basketball performer.

Redshirted last season because of a viral foot infection, Rick is now ready to play. “Rick is a steady performer with good speed and an accurate outside shot,” Brandenburg says. “He needs experience and playing time so the year of inactivity hurt him somewhat.”

At Flathead County High School, Rick captained the basketball and football teams during his senior year. He was named to all-state teams in both sports in 1974 and was team MVP in basketball in 1973 and 1974. His basketball coach at Flathead was Jack McWhorter.

Rick is a Business Administration major at the University of Montana. He also participates in golf and softball.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zanon of Kalispell.
Birthdate: December 14, 1956.
Tim McCauley is a walk-on player who saw action on the Grizzly JV squad last year. He should bolster the UM guard contingent this season. 

"If Tim continues to improve as much as he did in his freshman year, he should make a valuable contribution to the varsity," says Brandenburg. 

Tim is from Sun Prairie High School in Wisconsin where he was captain of the conference championship team, coached by Dave Genzmer. He was named conference player of the year and garnered second team all-state honors. Tim also lettered in baseball and volleyball. He lived in Helena before moving to Des Moines and Sun Prairie. 

McCauley is a team-oriented player and looks forward to the 1977-78 season. His goals are “to help out the team and get as much playing time as possible.” 

Tim is a Business Administration major. 
His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland McCauley of Des Moines, Iowa. 

Blaine Taylor enters this season hoping to regain the form that earned him first team all-state guard honors at Missoula Hellgate High School. Blaine sat out last year due to back problems and is now recovering from a broken finger. However, according to Jim Brandenburg, “he should be ready for action.” 

The Grizzly coach anticipates good things from Taylor. “If he can shake injury problems, Blaine can give us immediate help at the guard position,” says Brandenburg, “Taylor is a good shot and ballhandler. He is an excellent passer, picks defenses apart and hits the open man.” 

Blaine averaged 18 points per game from Hellgate in 1976, leading the Knights to the number four spot among state AA teams. He was the most valuable player in the class AA state tournament that year and was outstanding in the Montana-Wyoming high school all-star series. Taylor also lettered in football at Hellgate. His high school basketball coach was Russ Sheriff. 

Blaine looks forward to playing this season and has an optimistic outlook. “I hope to stay healthy and contribute in some way to the success of this year’s team,” he says. 

Blaine plans to major in History or Political Science at UM. 
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Taylor of Missoula. 
Birthdate: January 14, 1958.
Rodney Brandon should see quite a bit of playing time as a freshman at UM. The 6-6 forward is that good.

Brandon was a standout forward for his Garfield High School team in Norwalk, California, where he was coached by Tom Pryor. He averaged 22 points per game and 14 rebounds a game last season at Garfield. A fifty percent field goal shooter, Rodney captained his team, was named most valuable player in the San Gabriel Valley League, was all-league first team and all-Southwest.

A good student in addition to being a fine young basketball player, Rodney was recruited by several highly regarded schools.

"Rodney displays excellent high school coaching and could develop into one of the best defensive players we've had in recent years," Brandenburg says. "He has good speed and quickness which is enhanced by his tremendous playing intensity. He's also an excellent passer and gives up the ball well."

Rodney plans to major in Accounting at UM. He enjoys tennis, swimming and bike riding in his spare time. Rodney's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandon of Norwalk, California.
Birthdate: January 1, 1959.

Craig Zanon
6-6, 183 lbs., Forward
Freshman from Kalispell, Montana

Flathead County High School basketball standout Craig Zanon is one of three outstanding Montana prepsters to join the UM basketball program this year.

The 6-6 freshman played center for Montana's third place team at the class AA state tournament last year. He was named to the all-tournament first team in addition to being a first team all-state and first team all-conference selection. He was also an all-conference basketball selection in 1975-76.

Zanon averaged 20.2 points per game last season, scoring 524 points in 26 games. He's a 54 percent field goal shooter and 70 percent shooter from the charity stripe. He averaged 15.7 rebounds per game during his team's 21-5 season under Coach Jack McWhorter.

Craig was an "A" student at Flathead County High and plans to major in Accounting at UM. He joins his older brother Rick in the Grizzly basketball program. Craig will see varsity playing time this year.

"Craig is an exciting player and is sure to please Grizzly fans with his intense style," Brandenburg says. "With his size, speed, quickness and ball handling ability, we will be assured of having a young, quality swingman in our program. Craig is a major addition to our squad."

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zanon of Kalispell, Montana.
Birthdate: March 14, 1959.
This 6-2 athlete from Glasgow, Montana was the only guard recruited by the UM coaching staff this season. Dennis Gay completed a very impressive career at Glasgow Senior High School this past spring, leading his team to a 17-7 mark in class A competition.

He averaged 20.8 points per game last season and handed out about five assists a game. He pulled down 7.6 rebounds a game from his guard spot, shot 51 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free throw line.

Dennis was a starter at Glasgow since his freshman season and was coached by Cactus Warner.

In addition to being a basketball standout, Gay was also one of the top track competitors in class A last year. He’s the state class A champ in both the high jump and triple jump with bests of 47-9 and 6-8%. He’s also a 23 foot long jumper and finished second in the 440 in last spring’s class A state track meet. He was a four-year basketball and track letterman.

“Dennis has the speed, quickness and shooting ability to develop into a major college guard,” Brandenburg says. “He must improve his guard skills and his intensity of play. When he does, he’ll be a major contributor to our program.”

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Gay of Glasgow.


At 6-9, Marty Green has the size to help the UM basketball program in the very near future. His potential and desire should pay great rewards.

Marty earned second team all-state and first team all-conference honors at Missoula Hellgate High School where he was coached by Russ Sheriff. In addition, he was named second team all-tournament at the Montana state tournament last spring.

Although Marty missed a portion of the 1976-77 season due to mononucleosis, he appeared in 19 games and averaged 14 points a game and nearly 10 rebounds per game.

“Marty needs to make the transition from high school ball to college ball,” Brandenburg says. “To do this he must improve his strength and aggressiveness. He’s an excellent shooter and has good mobility for his size.”

Marty’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Green of Missoula.

Birthdate: November 12, 1958.
### University of Wisconsin - Stout

- **Head Coach**: Dwain Mintz  
- **Forward**: Larry Madsen

**1977-78 Schedule**
- Nov. 18 at Winona State  
- Nov. 21 at St. Mary  
- Nov. 25 at Montana State  
- Nov. 26 at Univ. of Montana  
- Nov. 28 at College of Great Falls  
- Dec. 3 St. Thomas  
- Dec. 6 UW-Superior  
- Dec. 10 UW River Falls  
- Dec. 17 at UW-Whitewater  
- Dec. 29/30 Holiday Tourney  
- Jan. 9 Mt. Sanario  
- Jan. 16 UW-Stevens Point  
- Jan. 24 at UW-LaCrosse  
- Jan. 27 at Oshkosh  
- Jan. 28 at UW-Platteville  
- Feb. 1 UW-Eau Claire  
- Feb. 4 UW-Whitewater  
- Feb. 6 at UW-River Falls  
- Feb. 14 at UW-Superior  
- Feb. 17 at Oshkosh  
- Feb. 18 at UW-Platteville  
- Feb. 22 at UW-Eau Claire  
- Feb. 25 at UW-Stevens Point  
- Feb. 28 UW-LaCrosse

### Northern Colorado University

- **Head Coach**: Dwain Mintz  
- **Guard**: Larry Madsen

**1977-78 Schedule**
- Nov. 25 at Adams State  
- Nov. 29 Augustana (S.D.)  
- Dec. 3 Montana  
- Dec. 5 Boise State  
- Dec. 12 at Butler  
- Dec. 14 at Morningside  
- Dec. 17 at Colorado  
- Dec. 19 at Whitman  
- Jan. 3 DePauw  
- Jan. 4 Lewis  
- Jan. 7 Calif. Irvine  
- Jan. 13 U of San Diego  
- Jan. 16 Southern Colorado  
- Jan. 18 Denver  
- Jan. 21 at Eastern Montana  
- Jan. 23 at Montana State  
- Jan. 27 at Central Oklahoma  
- Jan. 28 Western Illinois  
- Feb. 3 at Wisconsin/Milwaukee  
- Feb. 4 at Valparaiso  
- Feb. 7 Air Force  
- Feb. 10 at Seattle Pacific  
- Feb. 11 at Portland State  
- Feb. 14 at Denver  
- Feb. 20 at Southern Colorado  
- Feb. 27 at Regis

### Denver University

- **Head Coach**: Thurm Wright  
- **Guard**: Dwight Montgomery

**1977-78 Schedule**
- Nov. 25 College of Santa Fe  
- Nov. 29 Augsburg University  
- Nov. 30 Northern Illinois University  
- Dec. 3 Boise State University  
- Dec. 5 Montana  
- Dec. 10 at Wyoming University  
- Dec. 12 Texas Arlington  
- Dec. 15 College of Great Falls  
- Dec. 17 at Iowa University  
- Dec. 20 at Whitworth College  
- Dec. 29, 30 at Pacemaker Clinic  
- Jan. 4 University of Wyoming  
- Jan. 12 at Tulane University  
- Jan. 14 at Samford University  
- Jan. 16 at Madison College  
- Jan. 18 at University of Northern Colorado  
- Jan. 21 at Eastern Montana  
- Jan. 23 at Montana State  
- Jan. 27 at Central Oklahoma  
- Jan. 28 Western Illinois  
- Feb. 3 at Wisconsin/Milwaukee  
- Feb. 4 at Valparaiso  
- Feb. 7 Air Force  
- Feb. 10 at Seattle Pacific  
- Feb. 11 at Portland State  
- Feb. 14 at Denver  
- Feb. 20 at Southern Colorado  
- Feb. 27 at Regis

### Portland State University

- **Head Coach**: Bill Weimar  
- **Guard**: Russell Swilley

**1977-78 Schedule**
- Nov. 25 College of Santa Fe  
- Nov. 26 at University of Portland  
- Nov. 30 Northern Illinois University  
- Dec. 3 Boise State University  
- Dec. 5 Montana  
- Dec. 10 at Wyoming University  
- Dec. 12 Texas Arlington  
- Dec. 15 College of Great Falls  
- Dec. 17 at Iowa University  
- Dec. 20 at Whitworth College  
- Dec. 29, 30 at Pacemaker Clinic  
- Jan. 4 University of Wyoming  
- Jan. 12 at Tulane University  
- Jan. 14 at Samford University  
- Jan. 16 at Madison College  
- Jan. 18 at University of Northern Colorado  
- Jan. 21 at Eastern Montana  
- Jan. 23 at Montana State  
- Jan. 27 at Central Oklahoma  
- Jan. 28 Western Illinois  
- Feb. 3 at Wisconsin/Milwaukee  
- Feb. 4 at Valparaiso  
- Feb. 7 Air Force  
- Feb. 10 at Seattle Pacific  
- Feb. 11 at Portland State  
- Feb. 14 at Denver  
- Feb. 20 at Southern Colorado  
- Feb. 27 at Regis

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December 9-10: Provo, Utah

Cougar Classic

University of Montana
William and Mary
Cal State-Fullerton
Brigham Young (host)

December 16: Missoula
Location: St. Cloud,
Minnesota 56301
Enrollment: 11,000
Nickname: Huskies
Colors: Cardinal Red and Black
Conference: Northern Intercollegiate
Athletic Director: Noel W. Olson
SID: Bill Lynch (612) 255-2141
Head Coach: Noel W. Olsen
Career Record: 169-160
1976-77 Record: 8-19
Home Court: Halenbeck Hall
(7,500)
Series: UM 1-SCS 0

December 17: Missoula
Location: Omaha, Nebraska
Enrollment: 4,800
Nickname: Bluejays
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Missouri Valley
Athletic Director: Tom Apke
SID: Dan Offenburger
(402) 449-2720
Head Coach: Tom Apke
Career Record: 60-21
1976-77 Record: 21-7
Home Court: Civic Auditorium
(10,000)
Series: UM 0-Creighton 1

St. Cloud State University

Noel Olson  Mike Morgan
Head Coach  Guard

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 30 at Gustavus Adolphus
Dec. 7 Augsburg College
Dec. 8-9 at St. John's Tournament
Dec. 13 St. John's
Dec. 15 at Air Force Academy
Dec. 16 at University of Montana
Dec. 17 at Montana State University
Dec. 21 University of WI-Eau Claire
Dec. 28-30 Granite City Classic
Jan. 6 at Winona State
Jan. 7 at Mankato State
Jan. 11 Minnesota-Duluth
Jan. 14 Michigan Tech
Jan. 18 at Moorhead State
Jan. 21 Bemidji State
Jan. 25 Minnesota Morris
Jan. 28 at Southwest State
Feb. 1 at Minnesota-Duluth
Feb. 2 at Michigan Tech
Feb. 9 Moorhead State
Feb. 11 at Bemidji State
Feb. 15 at Minnesota-Morris
Feb. 20 Southwest State
Feb. 22 Winona State

Creighton University

Tom Apke  Rick Apke
Head Coach  Forward

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 25 Carroll College
Nov. 29 UNO
Dec. 2 Loyola (Homecoming)
Dec. 9 at University of Nebraska
Dec. 17 at University of Montana
Dec. 20 at Southwestern Louisiana
Dec. 27 at Wichita State
Jan. 7 Tulsa
Jan. 12 at New Mexico State
Jan. 14 at West Texas State
Jan. 17 Cleveland State
Jan. 19 Drake
Jan. 21 Southern Illinois
Jan. 26 at Bradley
Jan. 28 at Indiana State
Jan. 30 New Mexico State
Feb. 1 De Paul
Feb. 4 Bradley
Feb. 7 at Marquette
Feb. 9 Wichita State
Feb. 11 at Drake
Feb. 13 West Texas State
Feb. 16 Indiana State
Feb. 18 at Air Force Academy
Feb. 20 at Tulsa
Feb. 25 at Southern Illinois
Feb. 27 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament
March 1, 3-4
December 19: Stockton
Location: Stockton, California
95211
Enrollment: 6,100
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Orange/Black
Conference: Pacific Coast
Athletic Association
Athletic Director: Dr. Cedric Dempsey
SID: Jay Goldberg (209) 946-2472
Head Coach: Stan Morrison
Career Record: 65-66
Home Court: Stockton Civic Auditorium (2,901)
Series: First Meeting

University of Pacific

Stan Morrison
Head Coach

Terence Carney
Guard

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 22: Cal State Calaveras
Dec. 3: at Morehead State
Dec. 10: Montana State
Dec. 13: at Utah State
Dec. 16: UC Irvine
Dec. 19: Montana
Dec. 23: CSU Fullerton
Dec. 26: at UC Irvine
Jan. 21: Cal State Long Beach
Jan. 28: Fresno State
Feb. 2: at San Jose State
Feb. 4: at San Jose State
Feb. 9: at Fresno State
Feb. 11: UC Irvine
Feb. 16: Fullerton State
Feb. 18: UC Santa Barbara
Feb. 23: at Long Beach State
Feb. 25: at San Diego State
March 2-4: PCAA Tournament

December 19: Stockton Invitational

December 21: Fresno
Location: Fresno, California
93740
Enrollment: 14,575
Nickname: Battlin’ Bulldogs
Colors: Cardinal/Blue
Conference: Pacific Coast
Athletic Association
Athletic Director: Gene Boudet
SID: Tom Kane (209) 487-2644
Head Coach: Boyd Grant
Career Record: First Year
1967-77 Record: 11-14
Home Court: Selland Arena (5,818)
Series: UM 2-FSU 1

Fresno State University

Boyd Grant
Head Coach

Eddie Adams
Forward

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 26: Idaho State
Dec. 1: at Utah State
Dec. 3: at Portland State
Dec. 7: California
Dec. 8: Montana State
Dec. 10: Cal State Bakersfield
Dec. 16: at Montana
Dec. 19: Montana
Dec. 29: 30 Ski Classic (Mesa State, Idaho, CS Los Angeles, Fresno State)
Jan. 4: at UC River City
Jan. 7: Cal Poly, SLO
Jan. 12: at UC Irvine
Jan. 14: at UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 19: Cal State Long Beach
Jan. 21: San Diego State
Jan. 26: at UC Irvine
Jan. 28: Fresno State
Feb. 2: at San Jose State
Feb. 4: San Jose State
Feb. 9: at Fresno State
Feb. 11: UC Irvine
Feb. 16: Fullerton State
Feb. 18: UC Santa Barbara
Feb. 23: at Long Beach State
Feb. 25: at San Diego State
March 2-4: PCAA Tournament

December 29: Missoula
Location: Great Falls, Montana
59905
Enrollment: 1,200
Nickname: Argos
Colors: Air Force Blue and Old Gold
Conference: Frontier
Athletic Director: Ray Dodds
SID: Ray Dodds (406) 761-8210
Head Coach: Boyd Grant
Career Record: 20-17
1977-77 Record: 15-14
Home Court: McLaughlin Center (2,500)
Series: UM 5-CGF 0

College of Great Falls

Ray Dodds
Head Coach

Dean McFadden
Forward

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 25: at Boise State University
Nov. 28: University of Wisconsin (Stout)
Dec. 1: at Simon Fraser University
Dec. 2: at Simon Fraser University
Dec. 8: at University of Alaska
Dec. 10: at University of Alaska
Dec. 15: at University of Denver
Dec. 19: Azusa Pacific College
Dec. 28: Calvin College
Dec. 29: at Montana
Dec. 30: at Pacific Lutheran University
Jan. 3: at Seattle Pacific College
Jan. 6: Eastern Montana College
Jan. 12: at Utah State
Jan. 14: Boise State
Jan. 20: at Boise State
Jan. 26: at Weber State
Jan. 28: at N. Arizona
Feb. 3: at Weber State
Feb. 4: N. Arizona
Feb. 10: at Gonzaga
Feb. 11: Idaho
Feb. 14: Utah State
Feb. 17: Gonzaga
Feb. 18: Idaho
Feb. 24: at Montana
Feb. 25: at Montana State

January 6: Pocatello

Idaho State University

Lynn Archibald
Head Coach

Jeff Cook
Center

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 22: Idaho State
Nov. 25: at Southern California
Nov. 26: at Fresno State
Dec. 3: at Brigham Young
Dec. 9-10: at Roadrunner Tournament
Dec. 19: Cal-Santa Barbara
Dec. 22-23: at Wolfpack Classic
Dec. 30: at Utah
Jan. 6: Montana
Jan. 7: Montana State
Jan. 12: at Utah State
Jan. 14: Boise State
Jan. 20: at Boise State
Jan. 26: at Weber State
Jan. 28: at N. Arizona
Feb. 3: Weber State
Feb. 4: N. Arizona
Feb. 10: at Gonzaga
Feb. 11: Idaho
Feb. 14: Utah State
Feb. 17: Gonzaga
Feb. 18: Idaho
Feb. 24: at Montana
Feb. 25: at Montana State
January 7: Boise
February 25: Missoula
Location: Boise, Idaho 83725
Enrollment: 11,300
Nickname: Broncos
Colors: Blue and Orange
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Lyle Smith
SID: Jim Faucher (208) 385-1288
Head Coach: Bus Connor
Career Record: 59-61
1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 19 Athletes in Action
Dec. 22-23 at Reno Tournament
Dec. 21 Oregon State
Dec. 17 at Fullerton
Dec. 9 Santa Barbara
Dec. 5 at Northern Colorado
Dec. 14 Chico State
Dec. 16 at Cal-Irvine
Dec. 17 at Fullerton
Dec. 21 Oregon State
Dec. 22-23 at Reno Tournament
Jan. 6 Montana State
Jan. 7 Montana
Jan. 14 at Idaho State
Jan. 20 Idaho State
Jan. 21 Utah State
Jan. 26 at Northern Arizona
Jan. 28 at Weber
Feb. 3 Northern Arizona
Feb. 4 Weber
Feb. 10 at Idaho
Feb. 11 at Gonzaga
Feb. 17 Idaho
Feb. 18 Gonzaga
Feb. 24 at Montana State
Feb. 25 at Montana State
January 14: Bozeman
January 21: Missoula
Location: Bozeman, Montana 59715
Enrollment: 9,800
Nickname: Bobcats
Colors: Blue and Gold
Conference: Big Sky
Head Coach: Rich Juarez
Career Record: 31-46
1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 19 Athletes in Action
Nov. 29 at University of Puget Sound
Dec. 8 at Fresno State University
Dec. 10 at University of Pacific
Dec. 17 at St. Cloud State University
Dec. 21 at St. Joseph’s (Indiana)
Dec. 23 at University of Nebraska
Dec. 29, 30 at KOA Classic
Jan. 6 at Boise State University
Jan. 7 at Idaho State University
Jan. 14 University of Montana
Jan. 21 University of Montana
Jan. 23 University of Northern Colorado
Jan. 27 at Gonzaga University
Jan. 28 at University of Idaho
Feb. 3 Gonzaga University
Feb. 4 University of Idaho
Feb. 6 at Utah State University
Feb. 10 Weber State College
Feb. 11 Northern Arizona University
Feb. 16 at Weber State College
Feb. 18 at Northern Arizona College
Feb. 24 Boise State University
Feb. 25 Idaho State University
January 27: Moscow
February 3: Missoula
Location: Moscow, Idaho 83843
Enrollment: 8,000
Nickname: Vandals
Colors: Silver and Gold
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Dr. Leon Green
SID: David Kellogg (208) 885-7091
Head Coach: Jim Jarvis
Career Record: 22-56
1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 26 at University of New Mexico
Nov. 28 Seattle Pacific
Dec. 5 University of Alaska—Anchorage
Dec. 9 Whitworth College
Dec. 10 Portland State University
Dec. 13 Eastern Montana College
Dec. 16-17 at Cable Carr Classic
Dec. 18-19 at University of Montana
Jan. 6 University of Northern Arizona
Jan. 7 Weber State College
Jan. 10 at Portland State University
Jan. 14 Gonzaga University
Jan. 18 Washington State University
Jan. 27 University of Montana
Jan. 28 Montana State University
Jan. 30 at Gonzaga University
Feb. 3 at University of Montana
Feb. 4 at Montana State University
Feb. 10 Boise State University
Feb. 11 Idaho State University
Feb. 12 at Idaho State University
Feb. 23 at Northern Arizona University
Feb. 25 at Weber State College
January 28: Spokane
February 4: Missoula
Location: Spokane, Washington 99258
Enrollment: 3,500
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Larry Koentopp
SID: Jim Glynn (509) 328-4220
Head Coach: Adrian Buoncristiani
Career Record: 64-67
1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 28 Simon Fraser University
Dec. 1 Whitworth College
Dec. 3 at Eastern Washington University
Dec. 5 Portland State University
Dec. 7 St. Mary’s College
Dec. 10 University of Portland
Dec. 13 at Washington State University
Dec. 17 University of Puget Sound
Dec. 19 Lewis and Clark College
Dec. 23 at Oregon State
Dec. 28 at Las Vegas Classic
Jan. 6 Weber State University
Jan. 7 Northern Arizona University
Jan. 8 University of Idaho
Jan. 14 at University of Idaho
Jan. 18 University of Montana
Jan. 20 at University of Hawaii
Jan. 21 at University of Hawaii
Jan. 27 Montana State University
Jan. 28 University of Montana
Jan. 30 University of Idaho
Feb. 3 at Montana State University
Feb. 4 at University of Montana
Feb. 10 Idaho State University
Feb. 11 Boise State College
Feb. 17 at Idaho State University
Feb. 18 at Boise State University
Feb. 23 at Northern Arizona University
Feb. 25 at Weber State College
February 6: Missoula  
Location: Indianapolis, Indiana  
46227  
Nickname: Challengers  
Colors: Red, White and Blue  
Conference: None  
Athletic Director: David Hannah  
SID: B. B. Branton (714) 832-3260  
Head Coach: Rle Nichols  
1976-77 Record: 31-7  
Home Court: None  
Series: First Meeting

Challengers

John Birkett  
Head Coach

Wendell King  
Guard-Forward

February 10: Missoula  
Feb. 16: Flagstaff  
Location: Flagstaff, Arizona  
86011  
Enrollment: 11,500  
Nickname: Lumberjacks  
Colors: Blue and Gold  
Conference: Big Sky  
Athletic Director: Hank Anderson  
SID: John Peterson (801) 394-8341  
Head Coach: Neil McCarthy  
Career Record: 36-43  
1976-77 Record: 12-14  
Home Court: Sky Dome (14,000)  
Series: UM 11-NAU 4

Northern Arizona University

February 11: Missoula  
Feb. 18: Ogden  
Location: Ogden, Utah 84408  
Enrollment: 8,600  
Nickname: Wildcats  
Colors: Purple/White  
Conference: Big Sky  
Athletic Director: Gary Crompton  
SID: John Peterson (801) 394-8341  
Head Coach: Neil McCarthy  
Career Record: 46-26  
1976-77 Record: 20-8  
Home Court: Dee Events Center (12,000)  
Series: UM 12-WSU 21

February 27: Logan, Utah  
Location: Logan, Utah 84322  
Enrollment: 9,113  
Nickname: Aggies, Agutz  
Colors: Navy Blue and White  
Conference: Ind  
Athletic Director: Ladell Anderson  
SID: Craig Hislop (801) 752-4100  
Head Coach: Gordon “Dutch” Belnap  
Career Record: 66-40  
1976-77 Record: 15-12  
Home Court: Spectrum (10,100)  
Series: UM 14-USU 26

Utah State University

February 12 at S.W. Missouri State  
Jan. 20 at Las Vegas, Nevada  
1976-77 Record: 20-8  

Athletes In Action

Weber State College

February 7 at Montana Tech.  
Feb. 11 at Seattle Pacific, Wa.  
Feb. 13 at Pacific Lutheran Univ.  
Feb. 14 at Multnomah School of Bible, Or.  
Feb. 15 at Oregon College of Education  
Feb. 17 at Oregon Tech.  
Feb. 18 at Southern Oregon College  
Feb. 22 at Grace College, In.  
Feb. 24 at North Central College, Ill.  
Feb. 27 at Oklahoma Christian College

1977-78 Schedule  
Nov. 11 at St. Francis, Ii.  
Nov. 12 at U. of Vermont  
Nov. 15 at Indiana-Purdue at Indy  
Nov. 17 at St. Joseph-Rensselaer, In.  
Nov. 19 at U. of Davidson, N.C.  
Nov. 20 at Birmingham Southern  
Nov. 22 at Samford University, Al.  
Nov. 26 at U. of Florida  
Nov. 28 at Taylor University  
Nov. 30 at Central Michigan  
Dec. 3 at Missouri-Rolla  
Dec. 3 at Western Michigan  
Dec. 14 at Wisconsin-Stevens Pt.  
Dec. 28 at St. Cloud St. Invit., Mn.  
Jan. 2 at Kentucky Wesleyan College  
Jan. 11 at Campbell College, N.C.  
Jan. 12 at Louisiana State  
Jan. 14 at North Carolina Wilmington  
Jan. 17 at Grand Canyon College  
Jan. 21 at Weber State College  
Jan. 26 at Boise State University  
Jan. 28 at Idaho State University  
Feb. 3 at Boise State University  
Feb. 4 at Idaho State University  
Feb. 10 at Montana University  
Feb. 11 at Montana State University  
Feb. 13 at Idaho State University  
Feb. 16 at Montana University  
Feb. 18 at Montana State University  
Feb. 23 at University of Idaho  
Feb. 25 at Gonzaga University

1977-78 Schedule  
Nov. 29 at Long Beach State University  
Dec. 3 at Loyola Marymount University  
Dec. 5 at Midwestern State University  
Dec. 10 at Utah State University  
Dec. 14 at University of California, Davis  
Dec. 17 at Oregon State University  
Dec. 20 at University of Utah  
Dec. 27 at University of Arizona  
Dec. 30 at Sacramento State University  
Jan. 3 at Brigham Young University  
Jan. 6 at Gonzaga University  
Jan. 7 at University of Idaho  
Jan. 9 at San Diego State University  
Jan. 12 at St. Mary’s  
Jan. 14 at Northern Arizona University  
Jan. 17 at Utah State University  
Jan. 21 at Northern Arizona University  
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Jan. 26 at Boise State University  
Jan. 28 at Idaho State University  
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Feb. 4 at Idaho State University  
Feb. 10 at Montana State University  
Feb. 11 at University of Montana  
Feb. 13 at Montana State University  
Feb. 18 at University of Montana  
Feb. 23 at Gonzaga University  
Feb. 25 at University of Idaho

1977-78 Schedule  
Nov. 28 Colorado State University  
Dec. 1 at Fresno State  
Dec. 3 at Midwestern University  
Dec. 7 at Wisconsin  
Dec. 10 at Weber State  
Dec. 17 at Asheville  
Dec. 19 at West Texas State  
Dec. 21 at Brigham Young University  
Dec. 23 at Utah State  
Jan. 3 at Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Jan. 5 at University of Utah  
Jan. 7 at Brigham Young University  
Jan. 12 at Idaho State University  
Jan. 14 at Madison  
Jan. 17 at Weber State  
Jan. 20 at Nevada, Reno  
Jan. 21 at Boise State  
Jan. 28 at Air Force  
Jan. 31 at St. Mary’s  
Feb. 3 at University of Denver  
Feb. 6 at Montana State University  
Feb. 14 at Idaho State University  
Feb. 18 at Univ. of Denver  
Feb. 20 at Colorado State University  
Feb. 25 at Portland State  
Feb. 27 at Montana State  
March 3 at St. Mary’s

1976-77 Record: 12-14

Enrollment: 8,600

Series: UM 11-NAU 4

1977-78 Schedule

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1977-78 Schedule

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UM All-Time Record
The Big Sky Conference was formed in February, 1963, when the presidents and athletic directors of six Rocky Mountain universities met in Spokane. The original conference members were Gonzaga, Idaho, Idaho State, Montana, Montana State and Weber. Gonzaga entered the conference as a non-football playing school.

The conference derived its name from a pair of Montanans and a Washington sports editor. A. B. Guthrie, Great Falls, Montana, wrote a novel entitled “The Big Sky” and Jack Hallowell, former Montana State Advertising director, promoted the Big Sky theme as a nickname for the state. Harry Missildine, Spokesman-Review sports editor, picked up the name and in a sports column promoted the name Big Sky as the name of the conference. On February 25, 1963, the conference adopted the name—Big Sky Athletic Conference.

In 1970 the conference expanded to include Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Boise State College, Boise, Idaho. Both entered as football playing schools.

Jack Friel became the first commissioner in 1963, and the offices were established in Pullman, Wash., Friel’s home. Following Friel’s retirement in July, 1971, the offices were moved to Boise, Idaho, and John Roning was named commissioner. Steve Belko was named commissioner and assumed duties July 1, 1977, following Roning’s retirement.

### Past Champs, Runnersup

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### 1976-77 Big Sky Standings

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*Montana forfeited 11 games including conference games to Montana State (2) and N. Arizona (1) for use of an ineligible player.
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1Games ruled forfeitures. The Big Sky Conference ruled on Feb. 10, 1977 that Montana forfeit eleven wins, including three Conference wins, due to an NCAA player ineligibility ruling.
2Pillsbury Classic in Minneapolis.
3Big Sky Conference Game.

Grizzly All-Big Sky Selections

1977 ............... 1st team: ... Michael Ray Richardson
1977 ............... 2nd team: ... Michael John Richardson
1976 ............... 1st team: ... Michael Ray Richardson
1976 ............... 1st team: ... Ken McKenzie and Eric Hays
1974 ............... 1st team: ... Ken McKenzie
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1966 ............... 2nd team: ... John Holliday and John Quist
1965 ............... 2nd team: ... Ed Samelton
1964 ............... 2nd team: ... Tom Aldrich

1976-77 All-Conference Team

First Team
Stan Mayhew
Jim Grady
Steve Hayes
Michael Ray Richardson
Ed Thompson
Sr. Weber State
Sr. Gonzaga
Sr. Idaho State
Jr. Montana
Sr. Idaho State
Michael John Richardson
Jeff Cook
Greg Griffin
Jim Erickson
Steve Connor
Craig Finberg

Second Team
Sr. Montana
Jr. Idaho State
Sr. Idaho State
Sr. Weber State
Jr. Boise State
So. Montana State

Honorable Mention: BEN DeMERS, Montana; Danny Jones, Boise State; James Smith, Idaho; Bruce Smith, Montana State; David Henson, Northern Arizona; Willie Moss, Gonzaga; Mark Mattos, Weber State.

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SCHOOL RECORDS: Michael John Richardson—career field goal accuracy.—.610
Team—9,302 fans in attendance for Montana State game (capacity crowd)
Team—average attendance for 13-game home schedule—7,065

## Final Stats For Big Sky Games Only

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Individual Records

Most Points
40, Bob Cope vs. Gonzaga University, 1948 (Old Gym)
40, M. R. Richardson vs. MSU, 1976 (Fieldhouse)

Most Field Goals Made
18, M. R. Richardson vs. MSU, 1976

Single Game

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Most Field Goals Made
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Most Field Goals
159, Chuck Davis, 1952-53

highest Scoring Average
22.6, Bob Cope, 1949-50, 31 games

Most Field Goals
276, Bob Cope, 1949-50

Highest Field Goal Pct.
.646, M. J. Richardson, 1975-76, 113-175

Career

Most Points
1808, Bob Cope, 1947-50, 4 seasons
1633, Bob Cope, 1948-50, 3 seasons

Most Free Throws Made
452, Bob Cope, 1947-50, 4 seasons
399, Bob Cope, 1948-50, 3 seasons

Most Rebounds
393, Ray Howard, 1954-55

Team Records

HIGHEST UM SCORE
111 vs. Idaho State, 1966

HIGHEST OPPONENTS SCORE
124 by Idaho State, 1970

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.
.717 vs. Washington State, 1968, 33-46

Single Game

Most Points
2,400, 1949-50 (31 games)

Highest Scoring Average
83.6, 1965-66, 24 games, 2,006 points

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.
.505, 1975-76, 708-1401

Most Points
42, Wayne Estes of Utah State, 1964

Most Points by Individual
42, Wayne Estes of Utah State, 1964

Most Points by UM Player
40, M. R. Richardson, vs. MSU, 1976

Most Points by Team
111 by UM vs. Idaho State, 1966
111 by Oral Roberts, 1971

Field House Records

Most Points by UM
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Attendance
Game, 9,302 vs. MSU, 1976-77
Season, 7,065 avg., 1976-77
**Single Season Scoring**

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**Grizzly Basketball Awards**

**C. R. DRAGSTEDT AWARD**
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1953—Chuck Davis
1954—Ed Anderson
1955—Ed Argenbright
1956—Ed Argenbright
1957—Zip Rhoades
1958—Russ Sheriff
1959—Dan Balko
1960—Dan Balko
1961—Bob O’Billioyich
1962—Dan Sullivan
1963—Ray Lucien
1964—Tim Aldrich
1965—Ed Samelton
1966—Gary Peck
1967—Dennis Biletnikoff
1968—Dan Parsons
1969—Ron Moore
1970—Dave Gustafson
1971—Don Wetzel
1972—Ray Howard
1973—Mike Murray
1974—Ken McKenzie
1975—Ken McKenzie
1976—M. R. Richardson
1977—M. R. Richardson

**JOHN EAHEART MEMORIAL AWARD**
Outstanding Defensive Player

1961—Kay Roberts
1962—Bob O’Billioyich
1963—Tim Aldrich
1964—Harold Fullerton
1965—Gary Megelin
1966—Greg Hanson
1967—Greg Hanson
1968—Rick Johnston
1969—Dave Gustafson
1970—Howard Clark
1971—Mike Vernon
1972—Earl Tye
1973—Earl Tye
1974—Robin Selvig
1975—Tom Peck
1976—Tim Stambaugh
1977—Ben DeMers

**NASEBY RHINEHART AWARD**
Most Inspirational Player

1973—Dale Parker
1974—Eric Hays
1975—Eric Hays
1976—Tim Stambaugh
1977—Michael John Richardson
Field House Records

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