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Battle for the Stein

The Little Brown Stein has been the victor's prize in the Grizzly-Vandal rivalry for 61 years. It's been in Moscow since 1995. There's only one way to get it back ..... 

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BEAT IDAHO

GRIZZLIES vs. Idaho
The history of the Stein

IT IS A WOODEN STEIN WITH A LOT OF FOOTBALL BEHIND IT. THE LITTLE BROWN STEIN HAS BEEN PASSED BETWEEN MONTANA AND IDAHO FOR DECADES. MONTANA GAVE IT UP WHEN THE LITTLE BROWN STEIN WAS LOST IN 1995, TARNISHING THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON AS WELL.

By Scot Heisel

Within the world of football, a single remarkable season has the power to erase years of mediocrity. Years later, grandfathers will argue over who they thought was better. And through the pageantry of the Great Depression and the political tensions that would evolve into WWII, Montana football turned the corner toward success in 1935 when Doug Fessenden took over as head coach. During the ten years prior to Fessenden's arrival, the Grizzlies had compiled a record of 29-49-5 and had managed just a single winning season, going 5-3 in 1930.

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A new era in the rivalry between Montana and Idaho was established the following season. A young sports publicist by the name of John T. Campbell, teamed up with Stan Shaw, president of the University of Montana, to create a trophy that would commemorate the annual border war. They dubbed their new creation the "Little Brown Stein," thus creating a tangible symbol of the fierce competition between the two programs.

The Stein was introduced to Montana football fans in Missoula during the 1938 clash at Dornblaser Field. A few hours later, it was on its way to Moscow after the Vandals defeated the Grizzlies 19-6.

The following night, a Sunday, people across the nation prepared for the end of the world as Orson Welles and the Mercury Theater actors performed an adaptation of H.G. Wells' War of the Worlds over the radio waves. After losing to the Vandals for the eighth time in nine years, Montana football fans may have been among the few listeners that evening who managed to brush aside the mass hysteria with flippant disregard.

From the day that John Campbell unveiled the Stein, its relevance began to diminish. What began as a rivalry turned into a chronicle of Vandal dominance. As the Stein reached its 30th year, it had spent only eight years on Montana soil.

Hal Sherbeck, who played defensive back for the Grizzlies from 1950 to 1951 and helped coach the team in the late '50s, now lives in Phoenix. Sherbeck still makes weekly trips to Missoula for Grizzly games and practices. He said that he barely remembers the Stein.

"For some reason it just went away and nobody knew about it," Sherbeck said. "It just dropped by the wayside. No one said much about it."

Sherbeck's former teammate, Tom Kingsford, spends his summers at Bigfork and winters in Phoenix. Both Sherbeck and Kingsford played on the 1950 team that stunned the Vandals 28-27 in Moscow. Kingsford's 2,296 career passing yards remain in the top 10 in school history to this day.

But while he helped pull off one of the great Grizzly victories, Kingsford also said that the Stein itself was of little importance.

"It made for interesting discussion and competition," Kingsford said. "But I don't remember it being a big deal. I remember what it looked like. Is it still around?"

All told, Idaho has compiled 54 wins over Montana, along with 23 losses and a pair of ties. Since the two teams last met in 1995, the Stein has rested on the desk of Idaho head coach Chris Tormey.

Tormey played for Idaho from 1974 to 1977, but said that he didn't see the Montana game as much of a rivalry.

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Griz renew rivalry with Idaho

Chad Dundas

John Locher/GDK
Big West = Big bust
Matt Gouras
GameDay Kamin

Idaho, the erstwhile Big Sky Conference powerhouse, returns to Missoula after three full years in Division I play. The Big West conference they joined is in shambles. After the millennium, they will be the only football school left in the league, along with Utah State.

Long gone are Fresno State and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Soon to leave and join the Western Athletic Conference are Boise State and New Mexico State.

In the top-yoyo world of conference affiliations in the West, it looks like Idaho is going to be left hanging in the wind.

"There was a pressure for us to join that league over the past few years," said UM Athletics Director Wayne Hogan. "We did not feel it was stable, and it looks like we were kind of right." Hogan cited the NCAA decision to hold championships in five sports for the Mountain States Conference, instead of the Big Sky Conference, as a determining factor in Idaho's decision.

"We have not heard from the conference yet on whether or not they will exercise their option (to kick us out), but it would certainly be within their rights," said Ryan Finney, of the school's athletics department.

"Slowly, but surely, these schools wanted to get out," Daniels said. "They knew what we were doing they would never let us stay there because if the hotel management ever found out we were one-on-one, others were four-on-four, and pinned him. With my bums I kicked out of his grasp and continued to try my wrestling moves I learned in seventh grade."

"The announcements last summer that most of the Big West was leaving for the WAC, after that conference went though some allegiance changes of its own, has basically killed football for the Big West." Daniels said. Even with the breakup of the WAC over the past few years, the WAC is a better option football-wise for the Big West defectors, he said.

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The first rule of Fight Club is you do not talk about Fight Club. Unless you are told to tackle Etu. I went to the next destination, knowing what to do, until someone hollered. Fight Club was now born.

I fought the next battle, but this time I would come out on top. I attacked Tighran the same way I had attacked him. He tried to fight back, but I had a good hold on him, but in the end Etu was too much for me. The rest of the room hooted and hollered. Fight Club was then born.

Lastly, let's talk about the fog. It's as if the whole thing had been a prank. I don't really know what I would have done if he had been there. I guess I was hoping he would invite me to one of his parties or maybe one of his blonde babes would have just said hi to me. At least it could have a story to tell when I was 60.

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The weekly report of news and highlights from the Big Sky Conference

Joining the Big Sky.

The Big Sky may be stable, but it is not all peaches and cream.

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**QB J.J. Johnston**
**5-10 6-6 LB So. Fr. 6-2 5-11 So. 5-8 Jr. 6-2 CB 6-0 SS Rossi Martin**
**202 Bobby Grey**
**5-11 6-5 RT So. 5-8 Jr. 286 Fr. So. 305 Brad Rice**
**6-1 Patrick Haglund**
**Sr. 204 RB 183 6-4 5-9 173 Ryan Knowles**
**WR Jeb Dorn**
**Ben Davis**
**CB**
**Sr. P LB So. 6-3 171 OT 6-3 John Welsh**
**Jeremy Fitzgerald**
**5-9 Yasir-Jamaal Cole**
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**Tennor**

Tennor has done the majority of the work for Idaho this year, splitting some time with Willie Anderson. He’s still managed to run for 432 yards, good enough for fifth in the Big West Conference.

Poly’s last week. Tony best buckle down for some Bonner and Wilson Saturday.

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**Offense**

**Ryan Prestimonico**

**WR Receiver**

9-10-99, Junior

**Big West**

"Ryan rises up and makes plays when he’s called upon,” says Idaho coach Chris Tormey. Hey Chris, we’re believers. If there is a guy that shouldn’t overcome a goofy white guy who can catch, it’s Montana. It’s kind of our specialty. "Prez" had a magical junior season, leading the Vandals in receptions (49) and yardage (698). Ryan also snagged a touchdown in Idaho’s victory over Southern Mississippi in the Humanitarian Bowl. Be ware the Count of Prestimonico.

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**Defense**

**Chris Nofoaiga**

**Linebacker**

9-10-99, Junior

**Big West**

"Hof" isn’t the biggest of dudes, but he sure can knock heads with the opposition. He’s started his freshman year at linebacker and earned second-team all-Big West honors last year. Last season, he led Idaho with 11 tackles for losses, including four against Eastern Washington. Hofstra (pronounced no-to-ra) also picked up a fumble and ran it back for a score two weeks ago. Here’s hoping "Hof" will make "Hof" looks like a "hot show."

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**Numerical Roster**

Probable starters in **BOLD**

1. Ed Dean CB 6-2 206 Jr.
2. Anthony Tennor RB 5-9 198 Jr.
3. Chris Lacy WR 6-0 183 Sr.
4. Craig Robertson CB 6-2 207 Sr.
5. Andrew Uto-Uto CB 6-0 178 Sr.
6. Yakun Jamal-Cole DT 6-4 230 Sr.
7. Tim Freemurd WR 5-9 189 Jr.
8. Christopher Boer WR 5-11 175 Fr.
9. Bryson Gardner SS 6-0 202 Sr.
10. Michael Monroy RB 5-10 204 Sr.
11. Jordan Kramer LB 6-0 220 Sr.
12. John Wash K 6-2 211 Sr.
14. Payton Pettill RB 6-0 185 Jr.
15. Brian Lindgren CB 6-4 189 Fr.
16. Brad Rice FB 6-1 203 So.
17. Tyler Smith CB 5-8 156 Fr.
18. Willie Anderson WR 6-2 195 Sr.
19. Ryan Prestimonico WR 5-9 186 Sr.
20. Dennis Gibbs CB 5-10 140 Jr.
21. Mike Jones LB 6-0 239 So.
23. Hsuay Smith CB 5-10 174 So.
25. Rick Gaupert EB 6-1 200 Jr.
27. David Smith SS 5-10 183 Sr.
28. Igre Ewe CB 5-11 180 Jr.
29. Tim Sims CB 5-9 177 Fr.
30. Justin Soria P 5-9 160 Fr.
31. Ben Davis K 6-1 187 Jr.
32. Lea Fraser LS 6-1 213 Jr.
33. Matt Jaski LB 5-11 221 Sr.
34. Voni Serdard WR 6-0 173 Jr.
35. Patrick Haguud CB 5-8 167 Fr.
36. Chris Hofstra LB 6-0 216 Jr.
37. Justin Wilson LB 5-10 149 Jr.
38. James Durrough DE 6-2 227 Sr.
40. Jason Williams LB 6-2 210 Jr.
41. Jordan Kramer FB 6-0 200 Fr.
42. Casey Miller RB 6-1 231 Jr.
43. Pat Dean LB 5-10 217 Jr.
44. Ben Norton LB 6-0 225 Jr.
45. Rice Knowles DE 6-3 218 So.
46. Casey Kuchenbuch LB 6-1 220 Jr.
47. Jeremy Wallace C 6-3 278 Jr.
48. Jeff Johnson NT 6-3 254 Jr.
49. Charles Kinney LB 6-2 250 So.
50. Jason Martin LB 6-0 227 Jr.
52. Tim Oden TE 6-3 206 Fr.
53. Patrick Vazquez RT 6-5 295 Jr.
54. Anthony Fuersthe RB 6-4 286 So.
55. Bob Hortaczewski LG 6-2 262 Jr.
56. Gevin Voggen C 6-2 272 Fr.
57. Brett Morton OT 6-4 328 Jr.
58. Travis Oliver OT 6-2 229 Jr.
59. Nick Background C 6-2 235 Jr.
60. Rick Delmellin DT 6-5 295 Jr.
61. Drew Oden DT 6-7 210 Jr.
62. Andrew Holt OG 6-2 296 Jr.
63. Clive Kono C 6-2 262 Sr.
64. Corey Pettill CT 6-4 294 So.
65. Jordan Jones LT 6-4 275 Jr.
66. Sean Mymord RT 6-6 281 Fr.
67. Ethan Jones WR 6-1 200 Sr.
68. Jaree Dorn DE 6-2 240 Fr.
69. Ryan Prestimonico WR 5-9 198 Jr.
70. Kevin O’Connell TE 6-2 225 Jr.
71. Geoff Frankes T 6-4 247 Fr.
72. Mike Roberg TE 6-4 265 So.
73. Jonathan Parker WR 6-0 183 Sr.
74. Jake Warner DT 6-4 241 Jr.
75. Dana Phone TE 6-4 237 Jr.
76. Frankline Joseph TE 6-4 237 Jr.
77. Will Beck NT 6-2 305 So.
78. Keith Stamps K 5-10 191 Jr.
79. Ryan Brooks DT 6-1 279 Jr.
80. Dennis Tepalaka DE 6-4 237 Sr.
81. Matt Kramer DE 6-4 288 Fr.
82. Mike Jones DT 6-3 270 Fr.
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joining. Earlier this year, the Big Sky met with officials from the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University to talk about getting into the league. Both schools would need to offer a minimum of 63 football scholarships to play I-A football, up from the 38 they offer in D-II. They would likely have to offer more scholarships in women's sports to maintain gender equity, said Eric Kapper, assistant commissioner in charge of media relations for the Big Sky.

"The biggest thing is money," he said. Kapper mentioned that the conference may even consider jumping all of the teams up to Division I play in order to lure Idaho and Utah State from near-defunct Big West conference football.

That, though, is a long shot, Hogan said. "There's a lot of water that has to cross under the bridge before we could do anything like that," he said. Hogan said. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," he said. UM has reason to be concerned about staying put, however. "It is kind of scary for Division II football when you see some teams only drawing 1,500 fans," Hogan said. "It makes you wonder about the division's future. "In Missoula the market is great for it, but that is not the case elsewhere."

That means that UM should keep their eyes open for just the right opportunity, Hogan said. "I think we are positioning ourselves to make a move," he said. "It might be one year or 10 years, but we have a very solid program and when the time is right, it will be right."
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Believe it or not, the buses that were tastefully decorated with the Oh Boy! Oberto logo. As the smog began to burn, we were whisked away in the charter hellish wall of smog we were warmer than a huge blanket of...
The history of the Stein

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"You have to remember that both of those teams were pretty bad back then," Tormey said. "Those games never seemed to mean a whole lot. For us, it was always Washington State that we looked forward to, and they usually beat us pretty bad."

Bob Curtis has been broadcasting Vandals games on radio and television for over 40 years. Curtis said that the rivalry is probably a bit one-sided.

"I don't think it's as important over here," Curtis said. "Boise State and Washington State have always been bigger for us because Pullman's so close and there's that cross-state aspect with Boise."

What's so great about the Stein? Very little, actually.

It stands approximately 25 inches tall. It is comprised primarily of wood and two large screws fight to keep its handle from falling off.

It is hardly capable of containing any liquid substance, though it has been home to certain derisive notes passed over the years.

Many of the old feelings have faded. It is probably a bit one-sided. And even though Idaho has moved on to bigger pastures and the memories of the Stein have all but evaporated, the chant continues, slow and quiet.

"I don't think the kids are going to get it fired up over the 1924 team getting their asses kicked," Dennehy said. "I think it's more meaningful that they understand that the rivalry was there and that we're beginning it again."

For the record, the 1924 team did get pummeled 41-13. And 53 other Grizzly teams have tasted defeat at the hands of the Vandals as well. And even though Idaho has moved on to bigger pastures and the memories of the Stein have all but evaporated, the chant continues, slow and quiet. From the ghost of Grizzly legend Harry Adams and from the forgotten glee clubs of old, it endures. It travels calmly across abandoned Domblasser Field and slowly winds its way to rest upon the foundations of Washington-Grizzly Stadium. It does not forget.

"Beat Idaho, it whispers. Beat Idaho."

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