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(406) Area Code in Montana
Location ..................... Missoula, Montana 59812
(Pop. 57,000)
Enrollment ......................... 12,124
President ........ Dr. George Dennison, 243-2311
Stadium .............................. Washington-Grizzly
(18,845, Grass)
Press Box Phone ................. 243-4167
Nickname ................................. Grizzlies
Colors .................................. Copper, Silver & Gold
Athletic Director ........ Wayne Hogan, 243-5348
Assoc. Athletic Dir. .. Marie Porter, 243-5331
NCAA Faculty Rep. ............. Dr. James Lapach
......................................... 243-4829
Head Coach ........ Mick Dennehy, 243-2969
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.................... David Reeves, Bill Cockhill, Chad Germer,
.................... Craig Dickenson, Derrick Odum, Carl Franks,
.................... Lance Robinson
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The University of Montana

The University of Montana was the state's first college. Chartered on February 17, 1893, the school opened its doors to its first 50 students in what is now called University Hall. More than 100 years later, The University of Montana is the center of liberal arts education and research in the state.

The school has gone through numerous changes over the years. In 1913 the school was renamed the State University of Montana, and in 1935, it was renamed Montana State University. It wasn't until 1965 that the institution recaptured its original name, The University of Montana. In 1988 Western Montana College in Dillon became part of UM, and in 1994, the Montana Board of Regents approved a restructuring plan to create two universities within the Montana University System. Today The University of Montana encompasses three other campuses: Western Montana College in Dillon, Montana Tech in Butte, and Helena College of Technology in Helena, and The University of Montana College of Technology in Missoula.

The University of Montana provides high-quality, well-rounded education to students and a wide range of services to Montanans. UM is a major source of research, continuing education, economic development, fine arts and entertainment, and serves as a driving force in strengthening Montana's ties with countries throughout the world.

UM's Missoula campus is comprised of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School, the Davidson Honors College, the College of Technology, and seven professional schools: business administration, education, fine arts, forestry, journalism, law, and pharmacy and allied health sciences. The University of Montana also has an excellent physical therapy school and offers two-year programs in business, trades and industry, and technical and health occupations.

UM continues to grow, and last year's enrollment of 12,124 students broke all previous enrollment records. The student body is 53 percent female and 47 percent male. Last year Montana enrolled 266 foreign students from 52 countries.

Located at the base of Mount Sentinel and on the bank of the Clark Fork River, the 200-acre campus is one of the most beautiful in the nation.

Campus life offers a variety of choices for the UM student. Dormitory living provides nine halls with various options on campus. Elrod Hall is the male dorm; Turner Hall is the female dorm; and Aber, Craig, Duniway, Jesse, Miller, and Knowles halls are co-ed. Pantzer Hall, which provides four-person suites, was completed in 1995. Family housing can be found just three blocks south of the main campus in University Village and Toole Village. Students interested in the Greek life have four sororities and 10 fraternities from which to choose.

The University of Montana has a nine-hole golf course, located just south of the main campus. The Grizzly Pool is a seven-lane, 25-yard indoor swimming pool which features numerous classes and programs. The recreation annex, adjacent to Adams Center, features two full-length basketball courts, seven raquetball courts, a climbing wall, a weight room, and equipment checkout.

The Outdoor Program provides opportunities for the campus community to participate in recreational activities such as rafting, kayaking, climbing, hiking, backpacking and skiing.

UM owns and operates Lubrecht Experimental Forest, a 28,000-acre teaching and research forest. Located approximately 30 miles northeast of Missoula, Lubrecht Forest provides the opportunity for students to learn tree thinning and harvesting techniques in addition to forest and ecological projects.

The Flathead Lake Biological Station, located at Yellow Bay on the east side of the lake, is a year-round research facility and academic center for the ecological sciences. The freshwater research laboratory encompasses 80 acres.

UM ranks fourth among U.S. public universities with 28 Rhodes Scholars. UM also has had 37 International Fulbright Scholars, eight Truman Scholars and five Goldwater Scholars. Journalism graduates have won seven Pulitzer Prizes, and journalism student Bruce Ely won the national photojournalism championship in the Hearst Journalism Awards Program in 1998.

The University was listed among the top 50 universities and colleges in the nation for Peace Corps recruiting, was named one of the nation's best paddling colleges in Paddler magazine and was profiled in "America's 100 Best College Buys."

The UM Foundation, Alumni Association, and the Grizzly Athletic Association provide support for the institution through alumni, friends, private gifts, and athletic fans.
The University of Montana has had 28 Rhodes Scholars. UM ranks 15th of all American colleges and universities in the number of Rhodes Scholars it has produced, fourth among public universities.

School of Education graduates compete very successfully for jobs. A high percentage of those with bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees find teaching, administrative and other education-related positions in Montana and many other states.

The Department of Anthropology has the largest collection of artifacts and records of prehistory in the region.

The School of Business is the only business school in Montana to be accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business at the graduate level.

Year in, year out, a high percentage of the school's accounting graduates pass the Certified Public Accountant Exam on their first try.

The Department of Geology has a strong nationally known program in traditional geology and environmental geoscience.

The Department of Geography has one of the Northwest's best cartography laboratories, where students learn to make maps and interpret aerial photography.

The Flathead Lake Biological Station, located about 80 miles north of Missoula, is the oldest biological station west of the Mississippi. The UM research station is one of the finest facilities in the country for ecological studies and freshwater research.

The Department of Health and Human Performance is one of a handful in the country that prepares students to be athletic trainers.

The School of Journalism has had seven Pulitzer Prize winners. UM journalism student Bruce Ely won first place in the national 1997 competition for the Hearst Journalism Awards Program.

UM's graduate creative writing program, started in 1919 by H.G. Merriam, is the second oldest program of its kind in the country. Well-known Montana writer and poet James Welch, is a graduate of the program.

Last season wide receiver Justin Olsen was named GTE second team Academic All-American. Olsen maintained a 3.78 grade point average in Pre-Med curriculum.

Last season 10 Montana football players were named to the All-Big Sky Conference's academic team, which requires a 3.2 GPA or above. The Grizzly football team has ranked first or second in number of all-league academic team members for 12 of the last 13 years.

Last year Olsen was nominated for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, and Montana has had eight athletes so honored in the last eight years.

Another significant sign of UM's commitment to academics came in 1993 when former faculty athletic representative Dr. Robert O. Lindsay developed a program at UM to honor student athletes who excel in the classroom. Since then, UM has recognized student athletes who earn a 3.0 grade point average or higher. Last year 109 Montana athletes were invited to the banquet.

Charlotte Morrison, UM's 28th Rhodes Scholar

Montana's Football Academic All-Americans (13)

PLAYER - YEAR
Greg Maloney - 1978
Ed Cerkovnik - 1979
Greg Iseman - 1982
Brian Salonen - 1983
Rick Sullivan - 1986, 88
John Huestis - 1988
Brad Salonen - 1988
Mike McGowan - 1988, 89, 90
Dave Dickenson - 1993, 94, 95
Matt Wells - 1993, 94, 95
Blaine McElmurry - 1995, 96
Josh Branen - 1995, 96, 97
Justin Olsen - 1998
Montana competes in the Big Sky Conference and was a charter member in 1963.

The University of Montana offers 14 intercollegiate athletic programs for student-athletes in football, men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, soccer and golf, men's and women's cross country, tennis, and both indoor and outdoor track & field.


The Montana Grizzlies have always been a force to reckon with, particularly in the revenue sports. The Grizzly football team has had unprecedented success in the 1990s, winning the 1995 I-AA National Football Championship title and advancing to the title game again in 1996. In 1998 the Grizzlies made their sixth straight appearance in the playoffs. Montana had four players earn All-American honors, and senior offensive lineman Scott Curry of Valier, Mont., was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the seventh round.

The Grizzly basketball team posted its 22nd consecutive winning season in 1997-98 and won the Big Sky Championship in 1996. Montana has advanced to the NCAA tournament four times in school history and three times in the 1990s. The Griz own four Big Sky trophies, including back-to-back titles in 1991 and 1992.

The Lady Griz basketball team recorded its 18th consecutive 20-win season in 1997-98 and won the Big Sky Championship in 1996. Montana has advanced to the NCAA tournament four times in school history and three times in the 1990s. The Griz own four Big Sky trophies, including back-to-back titles in 1991 and 1992.

Grizzly athletes receive outstanding support services in the areas of academics, athletic treatment, equipment, financial aid, and sports information.
Kayaking and rafting are two popular river sports close to Missoula.

Known as the "Garden City" for its dense trees and lush green landscape, Missoula is nestled in the heart of the northern Rockies in Western Montana. A community of approximately 57,000 residents, Missoula lies in a mountain forest setting where five valleys converge. Missoula is Montana's most culturally diverse city. It is 270 miles from Yellowstone National Park and 140 miles from Glacier National Park.

The search for gold in the West and the completion of the Mullan Road, which opened up travel from Fort Benton, Mont., to Walla Walla, Wash., brought people to the valley in 1860. Missoula began as a settlement called Hell Gate when C.P. Higgins and Francis Worden began a trading post to accommodate the travelers. The settlement was later renamed Missoula, taken from a Salish Flathead Indian word, lmisuletiku, "At the stream or water of surprise." (Missoula, the Way it Was, Lenora Koelbe, 1972)

Early settlers constructed Fort Missoula in 1877 to combat the perceived threat by Native American tribes. Today the Fort Missoula Museum remains a testament to the West.

Missoula offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Three major rivers run through the area: the famous Blackfoot River to the northeast, the beautiful Bitterroot River to the south, and the Clark Fork of the Columbia River, which flows adjacent to The University of Montana campus. Rock Creek, known for its blue ribbon trout fishing, is just a 20-minute drive from Missoula.

Fly fishermen, rafters, kayakers, and canoeers thrive on the waters of western Montana. Flathead Lake, the largest natural, freshwater lake in the western United States, is just 70 miles north of Missoula. Seeley Lake, Georgetown Lake, Placid Lake and Salmon Lake are less than a few hours away.

Hiking, biking, camping, and rock climbing abound in western Montana. Mount Sentinel, Mount Jumbo, Lolo Peak, and Blue Mountain offer beautiful vistas.

Blue Mountain Recreation Area, Pattee Canyon Recreation Area, and the Rattlesnake National Wilderness Area are nearby. The Bitterroot-Selway Wilderness Area, Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, the Mission Mountains, and the Seeley-Swan Range are a short drive from Missoula.

Missoula abounds with skiing opportunities. Snowbowl Ski Area is a 20-minute drive from downtown Missoula and features a continuous vertical drop of 2,600 feet, one of the steepest in the country. Marshall Ski Area, a short 10-minute drive from downtown, features night skiing and offers a good student program. Big Mountain, Discovery, Lookout, Lost Trail, and Silver Mountain provide a variety of options for skiers.

Groomed cross country trails can be found at nearly every wilderness area and are especially popular at Lolo Pass.

Other area attractions include "A Carousel for Missoula" (one of the first fully hand-carved carousels to be build in America since the Great Depression), Garnet Ghost Town, the National Bison Range, the Ninemile Remount Depot and Ranger Station, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Visitor Center, and the Smokejumper Visitor Center.

Missoula Parks and Recreation and the YMCA provide a variety of recreational opportunities in basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, and ice skating. Little League baseball is popular for both boys and girls, and Missoula teams have consistently advanced to regional competition.

Missoula also serves as a center for education, medicine, retail, and the arts. The University of Montana provides educational opportunities for more than 12,000 college students, and Missoula's five high schools are among the state's best in both academics and athletics. Community Medical Center and St. Patrick Hospital, along with many clinics, make Missoula one of the state's premier health care communities.

The Missoula community supports the arts in all its forms: theater productions, dance, art, and music. The Missoula Children's Theater, which was founded in 1970, has recently moved into a newly renovated building at the Central School and produces plays and musicals by national and local playwrites for both adults and children. The theater also has an International Tour Project, bringing theatrical productions to audiences outside the Missoula area. The Garden City Balllet and Missoula Symphony, which is in its 44th season, bring performances and concerts to the community year around. The Missoula Museum of Arts, located in the old Carnegie Library in downtown Missoula, sponsors changing exhibits and also has a permanent collection which focuses on Western contemporary art.

One of the most desirable places to live in the United States, Western Montana has become an attractive residence for those looking for pristine beauty and serenity. Even some of America's famous people, such as Liz Claiborne, Tom Cruise, Emilio Estevez, Mel Gibson, Phil Jackson, Huey Lewis, and Charlie Sheen, have made Western Montana their home.

Missoula is easily accessible by either Interstate 90 from the east and west or by highway 93 to the north and south. Missoula International Airport has several flights daily in and out of Missoula by the major airlines Delta, Northwest, and Horizon. Big Sky Airlines also lands in Missoula several times a day. It serves Montana and western Washington cities.
President George Dennison

George Dennison, the 16th president of The University of Montana since August 15, 1990, has been very supportive of athletics. He serves on the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and chaired the Big Sky Conference Presidents’ Council in 1992-93.

Dennison came to Montana from Kalamazoo, Mich., where he served as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of Western Michigan University from 1987-90. In earlier years, he spent time at the Universities of Arkansas and Washington prior to 18 years at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

At Colorado State, he started as a history professor then served in numerous other positions. He simultaneously held the positions of Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and Associate Dean of the Graduate School for International Development Studies. He also served as Acting Academic Vice President, Associate Academic Vice President, and Director of Admissions and Records.

Wayne Hogan, Athletic Director

Unprecedented growth and expansion have been the hallmarks of Athletic Director Wayne Hogan’s tenure at The University of Montana. Serving as UM’s 14th director of athletics, Hogan begins his fifth year with the Grizzlies in the fall of 1999. The success of the Montana program comes as no surprise to those who have followed Hogan’s 22 years in the field of intercollegiate athletics.

In his association with three collegiate programs, the 43-year-old Hogan has known only victories and championships. He had the rare opportunity to join the Montana program just as the 1995 Grizzlies began their immortal drive to the I-AA Football National Championship, winning their last eight games en route to the title — then 13 straight games in 1996. All of this came on the heels of a I-A football national title in 1994 while Hogan was serving his alma mater, Florida State University, where he spent 18 years in various athletics department capacities.

At Florida State, Hogan played an integral role in that program’s rise from relative mediocrity in the 70’s to one of the nation’s premier athletic programs today. Along the way he filled almost every conceivable role, from a volunteer student intern in 1974 to director of athletics in 1994. During that time the Seminoles won 190 football games and 14 of 16 bowl games, joined the Atlantic Coast Conference and saw its basketball teams reach the Sweet 16 and the Elite 8 during the 90’s.

Since his arrival at Montana the football program has won 31 of 39 games, three Big Sky Conference Championships, appeared in the I-AA playoffs every year, won a national championship and then repeated an appearance in the national title game the following year. Perhaps the defining moment of Hogan’s tenure came in 1996 when both men’s and women’s basketball teams won league championships along with football. A sweep of those three championships in a single year had never before been achieved in the 35-year history of the conference.

With a knack for marketing and communications, Hogan’s contributions probably are best tallied by looking at the numbers. Attendance is up dramatically across the board. In football, season ticket sales, just 6,550 in 1995, will approach 12,000 this year. Projections are for a complete pre-season sellout of Washington-Grizzly Stadium as the new century is ushered in. Average attendance is up from 11,000 at his arrival to better than 18,000. Annual giving is up by more than $100,000, and corporate sponsorships have also seen a six-digit increase. Hogan has also fostered the University’s royalty program which has seen revenues on licensed products jump from $20,000 to well over $100,000. In all, revenue generated by his department has grown from $2.8 million in 1995 to a projected $4.1 million this year.

Clearly, Hogan’s most visible role has been the undertaking of a $14.7 million facility project which has converted the antiquated Harry Adams Field House into the sparkling new Adams Center. In addition to transforming the old gymnasium into a true modern-day basketball arena, the project has given Grizzly athletics a roadway to the future. Included in the project is a massive indoor practice and volleyball game facility, a new double-the-size weight-training facility, a new and expanded medical treatment facility, an academic center for student-athletes and remodeled equipment and locker rooms.

These are just a few examples of Hogan’s aggressive style that has the Grizzly program on the move. Somewhat behind the scenes, Montana has received its NCAA certification, satisfied numerous gender equity concerns including the complete equalization of recruiting, travel and equipment budgets, attacked a number of salary inequities and reorganized staff duties and responsibilities. During a recent State of the University Address, President George Dennison called Hogan’s program “the most efficient I-AA program in America.”

After receiving his Bachelor’s Degree in communications from Florida State University in 1979, Hogan worked for two minor league baseball teams as a broadcaster and public relations specialist. He spent one year in Charleston, WV with the Houston Astros AAA farm team before moving to Albuquerque and a stint with the Los Angeles Dodgers AAA club in the Pacific Coast League. While in Albuquerque Hogan was coaxed back into college athletics when he became the assistant sports information director at the University of New Mexico in 1981. He returned to Florida State in 1982 as the school’s sports information director. He was promoted to Assistant Athletic Director in 1992 and served as the interim athletic director in 1994-95.

A native of Tallahassee, FL, Hogan’s father, Patrick, is a former sports information director and longtme college administrator at FSU. His wife, Dawn, is a native of Treasure Island, FL. They have three children: Lindsey (17), Kelly (15), and J.P. (8).
Marie Porter
Associate Athletic Director

Marie Porter oversees the Olympic sports plus the areas of academics and compliance.

She has served as tournament director for several events, including the 1997 NCAA Women's West Regional Basketball Championship.

Porter was UM's first-ever coordinator of athletic academic services from 1992-96, developing and implementing the inaugural Academic Services program for Grizzly Athletics. She served as the assistant women's tennis coach from 1993-95 and was a Freshman Seminar instructor from 1992-96. She currently chairs UM's Student-Athlete Advisory Board and directs the Griz A.C.E.S. life skills program.

Before arriving at UM in 1992, Porter served as an academic counselor at Washington State from 1990-92. She is a double graduate of Kansas, receiving her B.A. in psychology with honors (1988) and her M.A. in social psychology (1990), maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

The former Marie Hibbard was a four-year standout on the Jayhawk tennis team. She was the Outstanding Student-Athlete in 1986, 1987, and 1988, plus she was a two-time GTE Academic All-American (1987, 1988). Porter was a recipient of an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in 1988.

Marie is married to Mark Porter, an area businessman who recently developed a French Press for camping and backpacking. Marie and Mark have a one-year-old son, Henry.

Gary Hughes
Assistant Athletic Director, Business Affairs

Gary Hughes, the veteran of Grizzly Athletics, is in his 34th year at UM.

Hughes oversees all athletic services, which include ticketing, food and beverage, sports venue scheduling, maintenance and event operations. He served as the interim associate AD in both 1990 and 1995.

He represented athletics during the Washington-Grizzly Stadium renovation-expansion in 1995 and is serving in the same capacity for the Adams Field House renovation project. Hughes represented UM at the 100th Olympic Games, assisting in venue management at the Atlanta World Congress Center.

A native of Ronan, Hughes received his B.A. degree in accounting from Missoula Business College in 1962. He gained experience in hotel accounting and auditing before assuming his responsibilities at UM.

Gary and his wife, Judy, have six children: Christian Ann, Dustin, Lance, Christopher, Sara, and Cary.

Bill Schwanke
Assistant Athletic Director, Development

Bill Schwanke returned to the Grizzly Athletic Association in 1997 after serving as an assistant A.D. for marketing and media relations for four years. Now an assistant A.D. for development, Schwanke oversees all booster club activities for Grizzly Athletics.

Schwanke has also been responsible for the reorganization of the Grizzly letter winners club, plus he chairs both the Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame Committee and UM's annual men's basketball tournament committee.

He was the assistant director of the GAA from 1988-91 and served as UM's SID from 1967-69. He was the sports editor at The Missoulian from 1969-71.

"Grizzly Bill" was the "voice" of Montana football and men's basketball for 21 years, before retiring from those duties in 1993. He was the Montana Sportscaster of the Year six times.

Schwanke is a 1967 graduate of Montana, earning a B.A. degree in Journalism. He received Montana's Alumni Award on Centennial Charter Day - Feb. 18, 1993.

Bill and his wife, Lynn, have four children: Amber, Myka, Corbin, and Genna.

Al Kempfert
Assistant to the Athletic Director

Al Kempfert is in his 22nd year with Grizzly Athletics and his third year as Assistant to the Athletic Director. His duties include the identification and solicitation of potential corporate sponsors, courtesy car program, and heading the transition team for the new Adams Center.

Kempfert formerly served as the Executive Director of the Grizzly Athletic Association for 19 years.

He came to UM from California Lutheran University, where he served as the Director of Alumni/Parent Relations from 1971-77. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968-71 and in Vietnam from 1969-70, receiving many commendations. He is an alumnus of CLU, where he was a three-sport letterman and the Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1967.

Al has three children: Kim, Matthew, and David. Matt played center for the Grizzly basketball team from 1991-95. David played center for the Grizzly football team from 1993-96.
Dave Guffey
Assistant Athletic Director, Media Relations

Dave Guffey is in his 22nd year with Grizzly Athletics. In 1997 he was promoted to assistant athletic director for media relations and oversees UM's sports information and promotions departments.

He also handles football, men's basketball, tennis, and women's golf, plus he has taken on the additional duties of handling the logistics for radio and television contracts.

Guffey has won 23 district and national awards for his football and basketball guides, game programs and features.

He has served as Media Coordinator for numerous Big Sky Conference tournaments and NCAA events.

He also serves on the UM Hall of Fame committee and is on the Board of Directors for the Missoula Mavericks Legion Baseball program.

He recently co-authored the book Montana Grizzlies - Odyssey to a National Championship, an illustrated 100-year history of Montana football, with sportscaster Mick Holien.

Prior to his arrival at UM in 1978, Guffey was the Sports Editor of the Fresno Guide and a Fresno Bee sportswriter from 1974-77. A 1975 graduate of Fresno State, Guffey received his B.A. in Journalism.

Dave and his wife, Mea, have two sons: Patrick and Matthew.

Linda McCarthy
Assistant Sports Information Director

Linda McCarthy is in her 11th year as the assistant director of sports information at Montana. She handles media relations and publications for women's basketball, volleyball, and soccer, plus men's and women's cross country, and track & field. In addition, she oversees the student intern program for sports information.

A 1991 graduate of UM, McCarthy received her B.A. degree in communication studies with an emphasis in journalism and has currently completed an M.A. in public administration.

McCarthy has served as the Media Coordinator for several Big Sky Conference and NCAA Championship events, including the 1992 and 1997 NCAA Women's Basketball West Regional tournaments.

She has also staffed several events for USA Track & Field. She was a member of the press box crew at the U.S. Olympic trials in 1996 and most recently staffed the National Outdoor Track & Field Championships in New Orleans. McCarthy also serves on the CoSIDA Allied Organizations committee.

A native of Dupuyer, Mont., Linda is married to Tom Gallagher.

James Lopach
Faculty Athletic Representative

James Lopach was named Montana's Faculty Athletic Representative in September of 1995, replacing Bob Lindsay, who served in that post for seven years.

Dr. Lopach has been a faculty member in the UM political science department since 1973. He has also served as UM's associate provost as well as acting director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center. In addition, Lopach served as the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and special assistant to the President for the semester conversion project.

Lopach received his degree in philosophy and English from Carroll College in 1964. He has two Master's degrees from Notre Dame: one in American Studies and one in English Education. He received his Ph.D. from Notre Dame in American Government & Public Law in 1973.

A native of Great Falls, Jim has two children: Christine and Paul, a 1997 graduate of the UM law school.

Jean Cornwall
Coordinator of Athletic Academic Services

Jean Cornwall was appointed UM's fourth Coordinator of Athletic Academic Services in January 1999. She oversees UM student-athletes in the areas of academic progress, advising of course curriculum, tutoring, referral to campus support services, overseeing completion of general education requirements, and upholding NCAA academic regulations.

Cornwall has worn many hats in UM's University College advising department. She previously served as UM's Coordinator of the Four Bear Four-Year Graduation Program from 1995-99. She has also served as an academic advisor, program assistant, assistant to the director and receptionist since she began working at UM in 1991.

A native of Lewistown, Mont., Cornwall received a B.A. in psychology from UM in 1995, and she is currently pursuing a master's degree in education leadership.

Jim O'Day
Assistant Director, Grizzly Athletic Association

Jim O'Day is in his second year as the Assistant Director of the Grizzly Athletic Association. He is responsible for major gift fundraising, directing the statewide GAA chapters, coordinating the annual Grizzly Golf Tournament, and facilitating the Grizzly Football tailgate parties.

O'Day returns to his alma mater after serving as the owner and publisher of the family-owned Western Breeze newspaper in Cut Bank, Mont., for the last nine years. Prior to that he was the assistant sports editor of the Daily Interlake in Kalispell, Mont., for two years.

O'Day was a charter member of the Cut Bank Education Foundation and Alumni Association. He was Cut Bank's Citizen of the year in 1992. O'Day organized the Golden Triangle chapter of the GAA in 1992 and served as president until his appointment at UM last May.

A 1980 Montana graduate, O'Day received a B.A. in Journalism. He was the 1991 recipient of the University Service Award.

Jim and his wife, Kathy, have three sons: Christopher, Kevin, and Brian.

Stacy Harris
Ticket Office Manager

Stacy Harris is the newest addition to Grizzly Athletics. As ticket manager she oversees the entire ticketing process for The University of Montana, including the TIC-IT-E-Z system. In addition she'll have some responsibilities with event management.

Harris came to UM from the University of Missouri, where she served on the Hearnes Center staff for 11 years. Most recently she was the ticket office manager there. She also served as the chief clerk, building security supervisor, revenue supervisor, and office assistant/ticket seller. Harris is a member of the International Ticketing Association (INTIX) and a graduate of the Oglebay public facility management program.

A native of Carbondale, Kan., Harris has a
Christie Clark
Marketing & Promotions Director

Christie Clark is in her third year as the marketing and promotions director for Grizzly Athletics. She is involved in all phases of sports marketing and is responsible for season and single-game promotions and ticket campaigns. In addition, she oversees the UM cheer squad and dance team.

Clark returned to her alma mater in September of 1997 after spending nearly three years as the assistant advertising director for the Davis Enterprise newspaper in Davis, Calif. While there, she was the liaison for UC-Davis.

A former Grizzly cheerleader, Clark was a member of the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) from 1991 to 1997. She coached the Montana cheer squad during her senior year in 1993-94. The Montana cheer squad competed in the UCA National Cheerleading and Dance Team Championships in January 1999 and finished 13th in Division I-AA under Clark's supervision.

Clark received her B.S. from UM in business administration with an emphasis in marketing in 1994. She is a native of Helena and is a 1988 graduate of Capital High School.

Jennifer Mason
Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer

Jennifer Mason began her tenure as a Grizzly Athletic staff member in August of 1998. Her responsibilities include primary athletic training duties for soccer, volleyball, and women's basketball, plus she teaches some athletic training courses.

Mason spent the previous year as an assistant athletic trainer at Vanderbilt. She received her B.S. in kinesiology and biology from Colorado in 1995, then earned her Master's degree in physical education and kinesiology from Cal State-Hayward in 1997. While working on her M.S. degree, she served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Cal-Berkeley from 1995-97. She also served as a student athletic trainer at Colorado from 1992-95.

A native of Genoa, Nev., Mason was a middle hitter for the Colorado women's volleyball team in 1990 and 1991. She was the recipient of a NACDA Sears Directors' Cup Postgraduate Scholarship in 1995. She has been certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) since 1995.

J.C. Weida
Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer

J. C. Weida is in his third year as assistant athletic trainer for Grizzly Athletics. His primary responsibility is the treatment of UM football players, but he also assists in all daily activities in the athletic training center.

Weida returned to Montana after spending the 1995-96 school year as the assistant athletic trainer at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif.

A native of Deer Lodge, Mont., Weida is a double graduate of The University of Montana. He received his B.A. in health & human performance with an emphasis in athletic training in 1992 and his M.A. in exercise sciences in 1995. He was certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) in June of 1992.

Steve Hackney
Equipment Manager

Steve Hackney is in his 18th season as the Grizzly equipment manager. He oversees all facets of the athletic equipment room operation. In addition, he is directly involved in the upkeep of Dahlberg Arena, Washington-Grizzly Stadium, Donblaser Track & Field and the UM South Campus soccer field, as well as all practice facilities.

A native of Hamilton, "Hack" received his B.S. degree from UM in health and physical education with an emphasis in athletic training and physical therapy in 1972. He also earned a Master's degree in health and physical education from Indiana State in 1974.

Hackney served three years in the Navy from 1962-65 and was a Spanish linguist.

Steve and his wife, Malea, have two children: Tyler and Meghan.

Rob Stack
Assistant Equipment Manager

This begins Rob Stack's 10th year as the assistant equipment manager for Grizzly Athletics. He is responsible for uniform and equipment maintenance and distribution, painting of all practice and game fields, and competition preparation.

Stack came to Montana as a football player in 1984, playing linebacker for the Grizzlies under coach Larry Donovan. After one season he began working in the equipment room under Steve Hackney and has been there ever since.

A native of Whitehall, Mont., Stack was a two-time all-state player for the Trojan football team. He was also a sprinter for the WSH track & field team. Stack was a member of the Montana Army National Guard from 1987-96.

Stack has recently completed his B.A. degree in history and art education.

Rob and his wife, Malea, have two daughters: Kaela and August.
Linda Cardinal
Administrative Assistant
Grizzly Football

Melodee Scott
Administrative Assistant
to the Athletic Director

Patty Dwight
Administrative Assistant
Business Affairs

Renee Valley
Administrative Assistant
Sports Information

Kathy Englund
Administrative Assistant
Olympic Sports

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Celine Fisher
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Ticket Office

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Trish Duce
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Todd Goodrich
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Debbie Sharkey
Dance Team
Advisor

Kip Dieckhaus
Cheer Squad
Advisor
Grizzly coaching staff, clockwise from top left: Chad Germer, Mick Dennehly, Lance Robinson, Bill Cockhill, Kraig Paulson, Bob Cole, Darren Rowell, Derrick Odum, Craig Dickenson, David Reeves. Carl Franks, center.
Michael "Mick" Dennehy has had unprecedented success in his three seasons as the head coach at his alma mater (1973), winning 30 games and two Big Sky Conference championships. His teams have advanced to the I-AA playoffs all three years he has been the mentor at Montana.


In 1997, the Grizzlies went 8-4 and qualified for the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. UM lost 19-14 at McNeese State in the first round, and the Cowboys made it to the national title game, losing 10-9 to Youngstown State. That year UM finished second in the Big Sky with a 6-2 mark.

In 1996, his first year as the head coach at Montana, Dennehy's Grizzlies won a school-record 14 games, garnering a Big Sky championship, and advanced to the I-AA championship game for the second year in a row.

He was named the 1996 Big Sky Coach of the Year, as the Grizzlies went a perfect 8-0 in league play and 14-1 overall. The Grizzlies lost 49-29 to host Marshall University in the I-AA title game.

Dennehy, 49, is in his 27th season of coaching, 13th year at the college level, and his ninth season at UM.

He came to Montana from Western Montana College (Dillon), where he was the head coach for three seasons (1988-90). His five-year overall college coaching record is 40-22 (.645).

In 1996, Montana had a school-record nine different players named to one of Division I-AA’s All-American teams, and a record 19 UM players were named to the all-conference team that year.

Mick was named UM’s 31st head football coach by Grizzly Athletic Director Wayne Hogan on April 19, 1996. He replaced Don Read who retired after coaching at UM from 1986-95.

Dennehy was Montana’s offensive coordinator and offensive line coach from 1991 to 1995. During that five-year span the Grizzlies went 47-16 (.746), and won two Big Sky championships (1993 and 1995).

During his time at UM as a head coach and assistant coach, the Grizzlies are 77-25 (.755) overall and 48-12 (.800) in the I-AA playoffs during that time.

UM’s offense has been among the national leaders during Dennehy’s tenure. The Grizzlies have been ranked among the top five in the nation in total offense and passing yards from 1991-95 with Dennehy as their offensive coordinator.

A native of Butte, Dennehy coached Western Montana to a 5-3 record in 1990 and was named the Frontier Conference Coach of the Year. He had a 10-13 record at Western. He was an assistant coach at Montana State for former head coach Sonny Lubick in 1980 and 1981.


He was a standout safety for the Grizzlies in 1971-72. He is second (tie) in single-season Big Sky history with 10 interceptions in 1972 and led the league that year. In ’72 he was named first team all-conference. He is ninth (tie) in league history with 16 career interceptions.

Dennehy started his coaching career at Colton High School in Washington, where his teams won state championships in 1975 and 1976, and he compiled a four-year record of 40-4 there. He then moved on to Helena High School and was head coach there for three seasons.

He served as the head football coach at Campbell County High School (in Gillette, Wyoming) from 1982 to 1987, then was appointed head coach at Western Montana. At Campbell he was Coach of the Year in 1983. He has an 88-60 record in the prep ranks, was named coach of the year four times, and he was twice selected to serve as a Shrine Game coach.

Mick and his wife, Sheila, have two sons: Jake, a four-year (1994-97) letterman at safety for the Grizzlies, and Mark, a former (1996-97) wide receiver at UM.
Bob Cole, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
(1st Season at Montana)

Bob Cole was named the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at The University of Montana by Grizzly mentor Mick Dennehy on March 12, 1999. He replaced Brent Pease, who left UM for a similar coaching position at Northern Arizona.

"Bob Cole’s name was the first one that popped into my head when we got word of Brent leaving," Dennehy said. "He does a great job, and he is compatible with our program philosophy, with his understanding of the passing game."

He also has a great understanding of a balanced type of offensive attack. The teams he has coached with have had a great deal of success throwing and running the football.

"From there, everything else we got was a bonus," Dennehy said. "His great personality is infectious. He’s highly competitive. He treats kids with respect and pushes them to get the most out of them. All of those things are extremely important."

"I have no doubt that our young staff has grown as a result of him coming to Montana, and he’s grown as he’s seen some of the things that we were doing and incorporated those into one package," Dennehy said. "I think that the combination of new ideas and some of our proven concepts have given us an offensive package that’s going to continue to be an extremely exciting brand of offensive football."

Cole, 39, came to Montana from Portland State University, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for six seasons. In 1998, the Vikings led the Big Sky Conference in total offense (464 yards per game) and were ranked fourth in Division 1-AA in passing (305 yards per game).

"My number-one priority in filling this position was leadership," said Dennehy. "We have a very young, but talented, group of inexperienced student-athletes at the quarterback position. In searching for an offensive coordinator, we wanted to hire someone who had a tremendous background and success with offensive football. We were looking for someone with a significant amount of knowledge in the passing game and someone who could also help us run the ball successfully. Most importantly, we wanted someone who was successful in the development of young quarterbacks. Bob fit every one of these criteria to a T."

With Cole’s direction on offense, Portland State made significant strides in the passing game. PSU’s starting quarterback, Jimmy Blanchard, led the nation in 1-AA passing efficiency (167.6) last year, while backup quarterback Tyson Parsons was also nationally-ranked in that category. Running back Charles Dunn averaged 141.9 yards per game as a sophomore and was among the nation’s top 10 leaders, while receiver Orshawante Bryant led the Big Sky in receiving yards (99.3 yards per game) as a sophomore.

Portland State led the Big Sky in total offense (464.6 yards per game), scoring (31.5 ppg), first downs (233 per game) and third-down conversions in ’98, and was ranked second in the league in passing (305.4 yards per game) behind Montana (311.6). PSU gained 600 yards in a 34-31 victory at Montana State last season. The Vikings set several offensive records during Cole’s tenure.

"It was difficult for us to leave Portland State," Cole said. "I have a lot of loyalty to the program, the coaches, and the players. There are a lot of good people down there, but everyone has to move on at some point in time."

"Bob’s been a part of numerous offensive schemes, with everything from a three tight end attack to a no tight end look, to a no running back attack," Dennehy said. "He has a thorough knowledge of utilization of personnel in a system, and I think that system will be difficult to defend."

Prior to his tenure at PSU, Cole was an assistant coach at Sonoma State for four years.

His other coaching stints were at San Leandro High School (1986-88), Moreau High School (1983-85), and the University of San Francisco (1982). Cole coached with PSU head coach Tim Walsh for 14 years, beginning at Moreau High School in 1985.

Cole was a three-year starting quarterback at Widener University in Chester, Penn., from 1979-81. He led the Pioneers to a 35-2 record and the 1981 national championship in Division III. He received his B.S. in social science, along with a teaching credential, from Widener in 1982.

Bob’s wife Kathy, is a registered nurse. They have a two-year-old daughter, Zoe and an eight-week-old son, Bobby.
Kraig Paulson, Defensive Coordinator/D-Line
(12th Season at Montana)

“Kraig is now in his 12th season as a full-time assistant coach at his alma mater (1987). He is in his second season as UM’s defensive coordinator. Paulson will not only serve as Montana’s defensive coordinator, but for the ninth consecutive season he will serve as the defensive line coach.

During his tenure working with the defensive line, the Grizzlies have had 12 defensive linemen named to the All-Big Sky Conference team, including tackle Tyler Martin and end Eric Buehler, who were first and second team, respectively, last season. There have been three different players named to All-American teams during that time span.

During his tenure at Montana, Kraig has worked with the secondary, special teams, and linebackers.

“I think when you look at his leadership, his willingness to work, his willingness to learn, and the positive input that he’s given to our football team over the years; then you can see Kraig has certainly been a mainstay for us,” head coach Mick Dennehy said.

“He’s got many strengths, but the one outstanding strength that Kraig has is that he thinks about things before he reacts,” Dennehy continued. “He’s very, very organized, and a well-planned person. Everything that he does defensively, a lot of thought and a lot of organization goes into it. That’s a skill that is very important in tying the various aspects of a unit together.

“Last spring he really helped our defense improve every day,” Dennehy said. “We were young on the defensive side of the football going into last season and I saw improvement and growth in every game. We are becoming a very good defensive football team, but we still have a ways to go. Nobody understands that more than Kraig.”

Montana’s defense has ranked among the national leaders against the rush 12 of the past 13 seasons. The Griz were ranked 21st in 1997, allowing 106.4 yards a game, while they were 10th in ‘96, allowing just 104.1 yards a game.

In ’97, the Griz held I-AA first-round opponent and host McNeese State to 274 total yards (74 rushing).

In UM’s first three I-AA playoff games in ’96 they outscored opponents 162-24.

In 1995, en route to the national title, the Grizzlies allowed just 275 total rushing yards, or 68.8 yards per game in four contests.

Paulson is a 1987 graduate of Montana, earning a B.A. in Education.

Kraig, 35, was a four-year letterman at fullback for the Grizzlies from 1982-86. In 1986 he was the recipient of the Terry Dillon Award, given annually to UM’s outstanding back or receiver. He was voted Montana’s “Outstanding Sophomore” in 1984.

During his prep career at Plentywood High School, Paulson was a two-time all-state selection in football. He lettered four times each in football and track.

Three of Kraig’s brothers: Kevin, Kerry, and Keith ran track for the Grizzlies, and another brother, Kent, ran track at Western Montana College.

Kraig and his wife, Jody, have two sons: Keogh, five, and Elias, three.
David Reeves, Linebackers
(11th Season at Montana)

Now in his 11th season overall at his alma mater (Montana, 1989), this is David’s ninth year as the Grizzlies’ linebackers coach.

Before serving as UM’s linebackers coach, David served as a graduate assistant for the Grizzlies for three seasons, working with the linebackers and special teams.

In his eight-year tenure of working with the linebackers, the Grizzlies have four players at that position named All-Americans, including Buck Buchman Award (I-AA Defensive Player of the Year) finalist Jason Crebo, a three-time All-American selection.

Also during Reeve’s tenure, Montana has had seven All-Big Sky picks at linebacker, including Marcus Wilson (second team) and named All-Americans in 1995 and 1996, Mick Dennehy. “It’s kind of an unspoken position, David kind of inherited the first ideas bounced off of him. In his own right, David is very creative and innovative,” Dennehy said. “He’s a student of the game. He’s the type of guy who brings his playbook home and draws up plays and tries to come up with ways to do things better.”

A native of Three Forks, Chad was a three-year starter at center for the Grizzlies from 1989-91, and during that time he started in 36 consecutive games. He was first team All-Big Sky in 1991, second team in 1990, and an honorable mention pick in ‘89.

“I am incredibly excited about the opportunity of coaching where I played,” Germer said. “What excites me as much as anything is the great group of guys that I’m working with on the offensive line. They’re great people and they’re talented. This is a great opportunity for me.”

“Our running game is now much more multiple, and he has a great understanding of that,” Dennehy said. “He is an outstanding teacher and has a bright future ahead of him in the coaching profession.”

In 1991, Chad was named to two Division I-AA All-American teams. He was also selected to, and participated in, the 54th Annual Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic.

He was the co-recipient of UM’s Weskamp Award in ’91, which is given annually to the team’s “Outstanding Offensive Lineman.”

As a prep at Three Forks High School Germer was all-state in football and basketball, and he also lettered in track.

Germer earned his B.A. degree in Business at UM. Chad’s wife, Amy, is a pharmacist.
Bill Cockhill, Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coor. (6th Season at Montana)

Billy is one of the most prolific receivers in Grizzly football history, and he's currently in his sixth season as an assistant coach at The University of Montana.

In the spring of 1997, he was elevated to a full-time assistant’s position, working primarily with the wide receivers, and also helping out with the special teams.

Cockhill was a restricted duties coach at Montana from 1994-96, working with the wide receivers and punt returners.

He has assisted in UM’s annual football camp the past six years, and has spoken at the Grizzlies’ annual football clinic. He has also made presentations at the Montana Coaches’ Association’s yearly convention in Great Falls.

“Billy was an outstanding player here, and, like a lot of our coaches who have come up through the ranks, has developed into a very fine football coach,” said head coach Mick Dennehy. “He’s at a stage in his career where you really see improvement.

“Billy has really dedicated himself to being an outstanding teacher and an outstanding motivator, and you can see those qualities on the field in the players who he coaches,” Dennehy said. He continues to make great, great strides every single year that he’s been in the program.

“He has become an outstanding football coach, with a great attitude,” Dennehy said. “He strives to get better as a coach, and he’s ‘taken the bull by the horns’ and is trying to become as good a coach as he was a player.

He’s doing the extra things you need to do to get that kind of improvement. He does a great job with our wide receivers.”

In 1993, Cockhill became Montana’s all-time leading career receiver, finishing with 2,257 yards. He is now ranked sixth on the Grizzlies’ career list in receiving yards.

As a senior in 1993, he was voted the co-recipient of the Terry Dillon Award, given annually to Montana’s outstanding back or receiver, sharing the award with fellow receiver Scott Gunsey. Cockhill’s 870 receiving yards that season rank him 11th in single-season history.

In his freshman and sophomore seasons at UM he was ranked among the top 25 punt returners in the nation. He was chosen as the Grizzlies’ “Outstanding Freshman” in 1990, and shared the “Outstanding Sophomore” award in 1991.

He came to UM after a stellar prep career at Helena Capital High School, where he was a two-time all-state tailback for the late coach Jim Tuss. He was one of the state’s leading scorers in 1987 and 1988 with a total of 152 points.

A three-time all-state performer in track, he earned seven letters in high school. His ‘87 football team was the state “AA” champion.

An outstanding student, he was a four-time All-Big Sky Conference academic team selection, and he maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.20 at UM, majoring in business finance and administration. A finalist for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship following his senior season, he was awarded the Big Sky’s Scholar-Athlete Award in 1993-94. He was named to the Dean’s List three times at UM. Bill graduated in 1994.

Cockhill’s primary recruiting area is the state of Washington. He has been a member of the Montana High School Coaches Association for six years.

He is 28 and single.

“I am very excited about the 1999 season. Once again, our receiver unit is a great group of young men who have worked extremely hard on and off the field to meet the challenges of the upcoming year. We have a talented group, with a strong desire to see our offense and our team experience success.” -- Bill Cockhill

Derrick Odum
Secondary (2nd Season at Montana)

Derrick A. Odum is now in his second season as the secondary coach at The University of Montana and was named to that position in February of 1998 by Grizzly mentor Mick Dennehy. He replaced Jerome Souers, now the head coach at Northern Arizona University.

Odum came to Montana from the University of Utah, where he served as a graduate assistant coach from 1996 through 1997, working with the defensive backs (safeties).

From 1995-97 he also assisted with the recruitment of student-athletes at Utah. Some of his other responsibilities there included keeping track of opponents’ player substitutions, charting of opponents’ tendencies during the game, and observation of overall secondary play.

“Derrick is a highly competitive, young, enthusiastic guy, who was a very solid addition to our program,” said Griz head coach Mick Dennehy. “He just seemed to fit like a glove when he joined us prior to spring drills a year or so ago. The transition for him, coming from the University of Utah to The University of Montana was an easy one, and a lot of that has to do with Derrick’s personality.

“He got the respect of the kids early-on,” Dennehy continued. “His group of athletes, the safeties and corners, were very young last season, and they grew a lot during the season, game-by-game. Their improvement was significant.

One of our biggest concerns on defense was perhaps our secondary last spring, and by the time the season was upon us, we had some kids ready to play,” Dennehy said. Derrick’s ability to teach and communicate was apparent as the 1998 season went along.

Now, even though we are still relatively young in the secondary, we have a good nucleus returning for the upcoming season. I like the way that Derrick deals with the kids.”

A four-year letterman for the Utes, Odum played at Utah from 1988-92, and was the starting cornerbck in the 1992 Copper Bowl against Drew Bledsoe and Washington State. He averaged 28.0 yards on kickoff returns at Utah in ‘92.

Odum was also a four-year letterman in baseball at Utah, playing centerfield.

He prepped at Woodbridge High School in Irvine, Calif., where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He was team captain and MVP in football as a senior, when his team won the C.I.F. championship.

He received his B.S. degree in Political Science at Utah in 1992 and is wrapping up the requirements needed to earn a master’s degree from there in Sports Psychology.

Derrick, 29, is single.

“In the secondary we want tough, hard-nosed athletes, who are students of the game and have a tremendous amount of work ethic. Those are must qualities needed at defensive back.” -- Derrick Odum
Craig Dickenson, Running Backs

Craig begins his seventh season as an assistant coach at Montana working with the running backs and special teams.

Dickenson, a Great Falls native, lettered at UM in 1991 and 1992 and was an All-Big Sky Conference academic team selection those years. Craig graduated in 1995 with a B.A. degree in History and earned his Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership in 1997.

Lance Robinson, Assistant Defensive Line

Lance begins his third season as a coach at UM.

A native of Butte, Robinson was a two-year letterman at Montana Tech then transferred to UM. He earned his B.A. degree in Exercise Science at Montana fall semester 1997.

Lance and his wife Shoni have a daughter, Taylor, and a son, Wynn.

Carl Franks, Assistant Defensive Backs

Carl Franks begins his third year at the UM football department as assistant coach for the defensive backs. He is also the defensive special teams coach.

Franks was a standout defensive back for the Grizzlies in 1992 and 1993 and an All-Big Sky first team pick in 1993. Originally from Stockton, Calif, he earned his B.A. degree in Sociology at Montana in 1995.

Carl is married to Lindsay Franks.

Darren Rowell, Tight Ends

A former University of Montana quarterback, Darren was named a restricted duties coach for the Grizzly football team working primarily with the tight ends in April 1999. He was a manager for the team last season.

Rowell lettered at Montana in 1996 and 1997. His senior year he completed 62-of-105 passes for 682 yards and 7 touchdowns. In 1997 against St. Mary’s, he completed 34 passes (of 46) — the 10th most (tie) in school history.

Darren, 25, is from Abbotsford, B.C. He came to Montana from College of the Siskiyous in Weed, Calif., where he passed for more than 3,000 yards in two seasons and set five school records. He prepped at W.J. Movat Secondary School in Abbotsford, where he earned 10 letters.

He earned his degree in Exercise Science at UM in May of 1999. He is single.

Grizzlies came up with a 7-4 record in 1947 and even had hopes of making a good showing in the Coast Conference after wins over Idaho and Washington State. California showed the Grizzlies that they still were far out in the woods with a 60-14 lacing, but then the Montanans closed strong with three straight victories for a satisfactory year.

After a scoreless first half against Eastern Washington at Cheney, the Silvertips ran wild with a combined running and passing attack that netted three goals for a 21-0 win. The next week, in Missoula, it was another 21-0 victory, this time over Portland University. “All Grizzly touchdowns came in the second quarter, two while the band was waiting behind the goal posts to put on its halftime show,” comments the yearbook.

The “Big Four”, 1947 coaching staff left to right: Harry Adams, Paul Szakash, Jiggs Dahlberg, Head Coach Doug Fessenden.
**Coach Frank Milburn, 1930.**

Major Milburn then was given a rousing sendoff when his tricolors won a 12-6 game from Idaho’s Vandals. It was Milburn’s final game as Grizzly coach ... The Grizzly Gridiron

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Adam Boomer

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“This could be as fun a football team to watch as any that we’ve had,” Dennehy said. “I think it’s going to be exciting. We’ll be a little more daring on defense, in terms of coming up with some ways to get after opposing quarterbacks. We’ve got a chance to be an awfully good football team.”

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BY POSITION

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cal, and maybe a bit more athletic now than we have been the past couple of years,” Dennehy said. “If we have any area of weakness there, it’s our depth. Our backups are relatively young.”

Mocko (6-2, 285) has started at center the past couple of seasons, but Thuesen will probably get the starting nod there to make room for potential backups are relatively young.

“Thatcher is going to be as good of an offensive lineman as we’ve had around here — and that’s saying a lot,” Dennehy said; “because we’ve had some great ones around here.

“Chase has emerged into an outstanding player as well,” Dennehy said. “Both Thuesen and Mocko have started for us; Leif Thorsen will start at right guard again for us and had an outstanding spring, as did Kamakana.

“As I said, they’re big, and they’re very, very good pass blockers,” Dennehy said. “I just like the size and physical abilities of this group. They give us a chance to do a lot of good things on offense, and that’s where it all starts — on the O-line. This group gives us a chance to be as successful on offense as we ever have been.”

Also vying for playing time are redshirt freshmen Cory Short (6-2, 275) and redshirt guard Cory Short (6-2, 275) missed spring drills with an injury.

WIDE RECEIVER

At receiver Watkins (5-10, 175) had team-highs of 72 catches for 885 yards, along with seven touchdowns and was a first team all-league selection. Walker (6-1, 195) had 50 grabs for 571 yards and three scores.

Junior Jimmy Farris (6-0, 190) was hampered with a leg injury midway through the ‘98 season, but averaged 15.4 yards per catch on 17 receptions.

Michael Rigell (5-8, 175), a sophomore transfer from BYU, came on strong in UM’s final two spring scrimmages and earned a starting role at one of the receiver spots. Last year at BYU he had 15 catches for 284 yards and a team-high four touchdowns.

The Griz coaching staff moved Etu Molden (6-2, 190), a promising safety, to wide receiver, and he will see plenty of action, as will sophomore Michael Smith (6-0, 180) and redshirt freshman Randyn Akiona (6-0, 180). All three of those players have outstanding speed.

Sophomores Tighran Delaney (6-1, 195) and T.J. Oelkers (5-8, 165) are also competing for playing time, as will junior Matt Thompson (5-9, 160) and redshirt freshmen Brock Sunderland (5-8, 175), and Rory Zikmund (5-10, 185).

“We knew with Walker and Watkins that we had a couple of veterans who gave us a great nucleus, but we had a lot of questions in that area,” Dennehy said. “I think coming out of the spring that was one of our big surprises. It’s an area in which we have outstanding depth. We have five or six kids who can not only play that position, but they can also make big plays, and that has always been our way of thinking.”

TIGHT END

The tight end position in ‘98 played a more significant role than past years, as Neil (6-4, 230), was fifth on the team in receiving with 23 receptions for 245 yards and two scores.

Sophomores John Fitzgerald (6-2, 220) and Spencer Frederick (6-3, 240) were both moved from defense to tight end in the spring, and both showed a lot of promise.

“One thing we’ve kind of moved toward in being a little bit more multiple, is the use of the tight end in our offense,” Dennehy said. “Dallas is a talented player there with experience. Spencer and John are tremendous athletes and gives us some depth there. Brad Fjeldheim (6-5, 240), from Lewistown) could help us right away.”

DEFENSIVE BREAKDOWN

BY POSITION

DEFENSIVE LINE

“This is an area, especially inside, that we’ve had better depth than we’ve ever had,” Dennehy said. “We have six defensive tackles who can play.”

The leaders on the D-line are honors candidates Kelley Bryant (6-2, 300), a senior noseguard, and Martin (6-1, 295), a junior tackle. Martin was a first team All-Big Sky pick last season, while Bryant earned that distinction as a sophomore.

Bryant had injury problems last year and finished with 22 tackles, while Martin led the defensive linemen with 48 tackles and was third (tie) on the team with five stops for losses.

Also expected to see action inside are juniors Jeremiah Buttenschoen (6-0, 250) and Corey Mertes (6-1, 260), along with redshirt freshmen Curt Colter (6-2, 275) and Riley Peuse (6-1, 220).

“Bryant, Martin, and (D.J.) Colter are all proven,” Dennehy said. “Mertes is as good of a change of pace guy as we’ve ever had. Jeremiah had a great spring, and the young Colter is as talented as any of them. D.J. will play both inside and outside for us.”

Three-year letterman Casey Robinson, a 6-4, 240-pound senior, will start at left end, while junior Andy Petek (6-3, 235) will start for the second year in a row at right end. Petek had a team-leading seven tackles for losses last year, along with three sacks.

Senior D.J. Colter and sophomore Justin Klein (6-4, 240) are the backups at end. Colter had 27 tackles and three sacks last season. Klein, who missed spring drills after undergoing shoulder surgery, had a team-best four sacks.

Also in the running for “PT” at end are junior Justin Brannon (6-3, 255) and redshirt freshman Herbert Fernandez (6-4, 215).

“When you go outside, Petek has got great experience,” Dennehy said. “One of the bright spots in the spring was Casey Robinson, who did a great job for us. He’s a senior, and we’re depending on him. We didn’t get a chance to look at Justin Klein this spring because of shoulder problems that he had to take care of, but I think he could have a great sophomore year for us.”

LINEBACKER

Spreading around playing time may be the biggest problem at linebacker, as the Grizzlies return five players with starting experience, a solid sophomore, and some redshirt freshmen with potential.
Wilson (6-1, 230), a second team all-league pick last year, will be starting for the third straight season, and he was third on the team with 68 stops, including five tackles for losses and three sacks.

"It seems like Marcus has been around forever," Dennehy said. "He's had a great career for us.

Senior Rylan Jollymore (6-2, 235) started UM's first two games last year, but he was injured in the Southern Utah game and played in only four games.

"Jolly's" replacement, Adam Boomer, finished with a team-best 103 tackles. Boomer, a 6-2, 220-pound junior, also had six tackles for losses and was an honorable mention All-Big Sky selection.

"We were young at linebacker in a lot of areas last year, and we suffered a bit from growing pains as a result of that, but it helped make us better," Dennehy said. "Jollymore played better than he ever has this past spring, and Adam Boomer is such a steady and versatile player for us.

Steinau (6-1, 225) and Yoro (6-0, 225) split starting duties last year at the "Mack" spot, and Steinau has since moved to the "Hero" linebacker slot and backs up Wilson.

"Usually when you talk about sophomores you're talking about inexperience, but Jacob and Matt played a lot for us last year and give us outstanding play in our linebacking core," Dennehy said. "All of those players who I just talked about are as mobile as we've ever had."

Dennehy also mentioned sophomore Dan Orizzotti (5-11, 225), along with redshirt freshmen Ike Mincy (6-3, 215), Courtney Johnson (6-0, 200), and Jeremy Otteson (6-0, 190).

"These guys all had great springs for us as well and are probably at the same point where Yoro and Steinau were for us a year ago, but they may not get much of a chance because we're still pretty young," Dennehy said. "But, they are very talented young players. That's a good group of kids for us."

SECONDARY

The Grizzlies have no seniors back in the secondary, but all four starters return, including safeties Huntsberger (5-11, 190) and Jason Miller (6-2, 220), last year's second and fourth leading tacklers, respectively.

Huntsberger, an honorable mention All-league choice as a freshman, had 84 tackles and a team-high (tie) seven pass breakups. A second team All-Big Sky selection, Miller had 67 tackles last year.

"We have very proven players in Jason Miller and Vince Huntsberger at our safety spots," Dennehy said. "Both are starters and both are still young. They are a great tandem. I think they're ready to turn it up a notch and maybe become two of the premier safeties in our league."

Sophomore John Hefty (6-1, 190) backs up Huntsberger at strong safety, while redshirt freshman Trey Young (6-0, 190) is number two at free, along with Brad Olszewski (6-0, 195). Hefty was 11th in tackles last season with 29.

Colvin (5-10, 180), who was not eligible to participate in spring drills, was an honorable mention All-conference pick last year, when he had 34 tackles and two interceptions. Redshirt freshman Calvin Coleman (5-10, 185), the Big Sky long jump champion (25-0 3/4), is expected to push Colvin for the starting job at right corner.

Parker (5-7, 175) played very well this past spring and had the 12th (tie) most tackles on the team last season with 27. He will start at left corner. He is backed up by talented junior college transfer (Hartnell) Tony Brown, a 6-1, 200-pound junior.

"At cornerback we've got four guys there for the first time in a long time," Dennehy said. "Damon Parker had a very good spring. Calvin Coleman took advantage of every rep that he had, and the improvement that he showed was just incredible. Calvin had a great spring, and maybe the surprise was the survival of the whole spring, as far as an individual was concerned."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Senior placekicker Kris Heppner made 13-of-20 field goal attempts and 36-of-39 PATs a year ago and was an honorable mention All-league choice. He kicked a school-record 54-yarder as a sophomore and made five-of-five attempts from 40 to 49 yards last year.

Wilson was among the Big Sky leaders with 27. He will start at left corner.

"Kris and Dallas are truly outstanding," Dennehy said. "We didn't lose any returners either, and when you throw Rigell in the mix with Damon Parker and Etu Molden on kickoff returns and Walker and Watkins as far as punt returns are concerned, we've got some guys who can 'take it to the house.' We feel like we have a lot of big-play players in that area."

NON-LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The Griz open their 1999 season with a home contest Sept 4 against the University of South Dakota. Late in the season Montana plays at Cal Poly on Nov. 6, and then the following week UM hosts old nemesis Idaho.

"It's a different kind of a schedule," Dennehy said. "The South Dakota game will give us an idea of where we're at and then we jump right into the mix and Big Sky Conference games. It's a different schedule, but we've never been ones to worry too much about that type of thing."

BIG SKY SCHEDULE

"The league wasn't quite as strong a year ago, because there were so many young teams," Dennehy said. "Northern Arizona returns almost everyone. Eastern Washington returns almost everyone. Northridge returns a whole ton, as does Sacramento State and Portland State.

"I would expect that all of the teams will be improved," Dennehy continued. "Weber, they're always tough, and they're very well coached. You can say the same thing about Montana State — they're always in the thick of things and extremely well coached. The unknown a little bit is Idaho State with a new coach, but you know they'll be competitive.

"The league, from top to bottom, will be much improved," said Dennehy, whose Griz teams won league crowns in 1996 and 1998. "There will be at least three or four teams battling it out, which will make for a very interesting league race."
All-American and Honors Candidates

Tyler Martin

Marcus Wilson

Travis Walker (Photo by Andy Kemmis)

Jeremy Watkins
One of the premier receivers in Division I-AA and the Big Sky Conference last season, Jeremy was a first team all-conference selection last year when he led the league in receptions per game with 6.6, ranking him 9th in Division I-AA.

"Watty" was ranked fifth in the Big Sky and 35th in the nation with 80.5 reception yards per game.

"Jeremy showed us at an early age that he's got a lot of ability," said UM head coach Mick Dennehy. "Last year was kind of a breakthrough year for him, in terms of number of catches and yards, and big plays.

"He's had some nicks from time-to-time, but if he can stay healthy and get rid of some of those owies (sic) that have kept him out of some games; he's got a chance to have as good of a year as anybody that we've ever had," Dennehy said.

"He does the little things extremely well," Dennehy continued. "He's mentally tough. He understands coverages. He's got the ability to beat good corners, in terms of man-to-man coverage. He's got speed to out-run great defensive backs. We're looking for great things for Jeremy — he's certainly got those capabilities."

Watkins begins the season ranked 14th in school history with 1,377 career receiving yards. His 885 receiving yards last year rank him 8th in single-season history.

Jeremy was voted Montana's Terry Dillon Award co-recipieent last year, which goes to the team's outstanding back or receiver. He shared the award with corner back Damon Parker.

He was the Grizzlies' fourth leading receiver as a sophomore, when he had 25 catches for 418 yards and three scores. He was an honorable mention All-Big Sky Conference pick that year.

Following his sophomore year Watkins was named "Most Improved" at Montana, sharing the award with three of his teammates.

"We need to have Jeremy on the field," Dennehy said. "He's an exciting, exciting football player. He is a tremendous pass receiver. He's got great speed; as good a speed as we've had around here. He has shown a great ability to do big things after he catches the football."

At McNeese State in the '97 playoffs, Watkins had five catches for 44 yards, including a 17-yard scoring grab.

He was named MVP of UM's "Scout Team" in 1995, his redshirt year.

Watkins was a three-sport letterman at local Big Sky High School, where he earned three letters in football and track, and two in basketball.

He was a first team all-state pick at receiver and cornerback as a senior. He was second team all-state at cornerback as a junior. He was also a two-year starter in basketball and a 14-foot pole vaulter in track.

In 1994 he was selected the state of Montana’s offensive MVP at the "AA" level in football, when his Big Sky team won the state title.

His prep grid coach was Gary Ekegren, a former coach and player for the Grizzlies.

Watkins was MVP in football his senior year.

CAREER HIGHS: 10 receptions vs. Portland State and @Eastern Washington, 1998; 150 receiving yards, @Stephen F. Austin, 1998; 2 Touchdowns, @Sacramento State, 1998.

Business Management major.

Birth date: January 27, 1976.

Jeremy's parents are Jim and Linda Watkins of Missoula.
One of the few players in recent history to play as a “true” freshman, Marcus is one of the fastest linebackers ever to play at Montana. He has not missed a regular-season game in the past three years, playing in 33 in a row, and he’s started in 21 of UM’s past 22 games.

He is the Grizzlies’ third leading returning tackler this year, with 68 stops in 1998. Last season he tied for the team lead in sacks (three) and tied for third in tackles for losses (five).

A second team All-Big Sky Conference selection last season, Wilson was the co-recipient of UM’s Golden Helmet Award, presented every year to the team’s hardest hitter(s). He shared the award with offensive guard Randy Allik.

He was one of three players selected Montana’s “Junior of the Year.” He shared the award with Paul Mocko and Travis Walker.

“Marcus is a quiet leader, but he is a great leader by example,” said Montana mentor Mick Dennehy. “He’s a great example for our team in general, let alone to our young players. Marcus has progressed nicely since his freshman year. He’s gotten better and better.

“He has a great work ethic, he’s a very bright player, and he understands the defense concepts that we are using, and what his responsibilities are within those defenses,” Dennehy said. “He’s the kind of player defensively, with his mentality and big-play abilities, not only does he make a lot of big plays, but on a steady basis he makes those kids who play with him better players as well.

Marcus has a chance to be a special player,” Dennehy continued. “He’s certainly prepared himself for a successful senior year, based on what’s he’s done so far for our program.”

As a sophomore, he was UM’s leading returning tackler with 58 stops in UM’s 11 regular-season games. That season he was third (tie) on the team with four stops for losses, and he also had two sacks and two interceptions. He also shared Montana’s “Sophomore of the Year” award in ’97.

As a freshman in 1996, Wilson was a candidate for a redshirt season, but because of his many abilities he was activated, and he played in all 11 regular-season games that year, starting once (Eastern Washington). The Griz were 14-1 in ’96. (The last Montana linebacker who saw action as a “true” freshman was Butte native Chad Lembke, who played from 1989-92).

“He just gets better and better every year,” said UM defensive coordinator Kraig Paulson. “He’s smart, tough, and he’s a cover guy, who can also stop the run. To me he epitomizes the position of linebacker. Marcus knows where to be, sees the ball, and then explodes to it. He is so smart technique-wise.”

Following his freshman year he was named “Outstanding Freshman,” along with Kelley Bryant, Rylan Jollymore, Nate Sanders, and Travis Walker.

Marcus’ Fort Walton High School team won the state 5-A football championship his senior year in 1995.

Wilson was his high school’s leading tackler as a junior and senior. As a senior, he was All-Northwest Florida and a first team all-league selection. He was a three-year starter in football.

In high school he competed in the shot put and discus, and also ran the 100 and 200 meters. As a junior he ran a 10.9 in the 100 meters. He was also an All-Region Power Lifter his junior year.


Marcus’ parents are Maxine Valentine of Fort Walton Beach and Melvin Wilson of Marianna, Florida.

Birth date: April 25, 1978.

Business Accounting major.

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Honors Candidates

Kelley Bryant

Senior Defensive Lineman from Honolulu, Hawaii

Kelley Kumumua Bryant was injured early last year, and never really got in the groove like he was in the previous season. He was the team’s 16th leading tackler a year ago with 22 stops.

“Kelley had a great year as a sophomore and tried to get bigger as a junior, and I think that prevented him from being as good of a conditioner as he needed to be in,” said Griz head coach Mick Dennehy. “He’s got a lot of pride in himself, and this past off-season he really put in a lot of extra work to get in great shape.

“He certainly has tremendous physical capabilities in his size, strength, and speed,” Dennehy said. “The one thing that he’s got to do going into his senior year is come back in better cardiovascular condition. He’s lost a little bit of weight. If he’s able to play longer than he did last year, well there’s no one who can block Kelley Bryant. He is that dominating a player.

“Based on the spring that he had, Kelley was very, very consistent,” Dennehy said. “We’re looking for him, as he comes into his senior year, to become the leader that we know he can be, in terms of being able to participate in 50 or more plays a game.”

As a sophomore in 1997 he was first team All-Big Sky Conference and chosen Montana’s “Outstanding Sophomore.” He was UM’s fourth-leading returning tackler with 37 stops in ’97.

As a freshman he played a key role, garnering 19 tackles and was UM’s “Freshman of the Year.”

The strongest player on the team, Kelley can bench press 225 pounds 47 times.

Kris Heppner came to UM from Oregon State. He was a redshirt at OSU in 1995.

Kris was team captain in soccer for his high school team, which won the 1992 state “AA” championship.

He is a Health and Human Performance major. Birth date: August 25, 1977. Kris’ mom is Carol Heppner of Great Falls.

Kris Heppner

Senior Kicker from Great Falls

Kris has been very steady for the Grizzlies the last couple of seasons, connecting on 24-of-38 field goal attempts.

Last season he made 13-of-20 field goal tries and was five-of-five from 40 to 49 yards out. His ‘98 field goal longs were a pair of 49-yarders at Weber State and against Portland State.

“Kris has worked very hard to develop his leg strength,” UM head coach Mick Dennehy said. “His accuracy beyond 40 yards is definitely a bonus, but that is a result of all of the hard work that he has put in. The thing that separates him, is, as a coach, you look for guys who can kick in critical situations and get the ball up and get it through the uprights, and he has demonstrated that ability. He’s a very cool customer.”

Heppner booted one of the all-time clutch field goals in school history as a sophomore, and he also kicked the longest field goal in school history that season.

His dramatic game-winning field goal in 1997 was against intra-state rival Montana State, as he connected on a 37-yarder with no time remaining, giving the Grizzlies a 27-25 victory in Bozeman. Heppner endured two MSU timeouts prior to hitting his game-winner, and it looked like his attempt would have been good from 50-plus yards out.

Also in ’97, he kicked a school-record 54-yard field goal at Idaho State (a 48-0 UM win), breaking the old record of 52 yards set by Eby Dobson at Northern Arizona in 1985.

“He’s won some games for us that looked awfully bleak,” Dennehy said. “That’s, I think, what a kicker would like to be remembered for, and we will certainly remember that about Kris.

Going into this season I think he’s as good a kicker as there is in our league, and he’s as good a kicker as we’ve ever had at The University of Montana.”

“We are fortunate to have a kicker like Kris, who not only kicks the football with good power, but also with great accuracy,” said UM assistant Craig Dickenson. “If we need a field goal or PAT to win a ball game, there is not a guy I would rather have kicking than Kris.”

He was a redshirt at Montana in 1996. Heppner came to Montana from Western Montana College (UM at Dillon). In his one season there he connected on seven-of-14 field goals, including a school-record 57-yarder.

He was a first team all-state and all-conference selection as a kicker at Great Falls High School his senior season, and he was second team all-state and first team all-conference as a junior.

As a prep he made seven-of-nine field goals, including a school-record 47-yarder.

Kris was team captain in soccer for his high school team, which won the 1992 state “AA” championship.

He is a Health and Human Performance major. Birth date: August 25, 1977. Kris’ mom is Carol Heppner of Great Falls.
Honors Candidates

Vince Huntsberger

5-11, 190, 1V
Sophomore Strong
Safety from Libby

4.0 GPA.


He is a General Studies major. Birth date: March 4, 1979. Vince's parents are Gary and Kate Huntsberger of Libby.

Kamakana Kaimuola

6-4, 295, 2V
Junior Offensive Tackle
from Honolulu, Hawaii

“after graduation I hope to later enroll in a film school.”


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Big things were expected from Vince, a highly touted signee from Montana's high school ranks a couple of years ago, and he lived up to those big expectations, finishing second on the team in tackles as a redshirt freshman in 1998 with 84 stops.

He tied for the lead (with Adam Boomer) in solo tackles with 47 and also tied for the lead (with Damon Parker) in pass deflections with 7.

Last season he earned honorable mention All-Big Sky Conference on a vote of the league coaches. He also excels in the classroom and was an all-conference academic team pick with a 3.89 GPA.

He was the co-recipient of Montana’s “Freshman of the Year” award, sharing it with running back Yohance Humphrey. Last year he was also tabbed as UM’s “Special Teams Player of the Year,” along with three of his teammates.

“He is similar to (former Montana All-American) Blaine McElmurry, in that he combines great intelligence with great athletic ability,” said Montana head coach Mick Dennehy. “Vince is cut from the same mold.”

“He plays extremely hard and is a very tough kid,” Dennehy said. “He does an outstanding job on the football field and in the classroom. He’s one of those guys who you never have to worry about. He’s just so steady in everything that he does.

“He’s an extremely talented football player, as demonstrated by the fact that we haven’t had many freshmen start for us in the eight years that I’ve been here,” Dennehy said. “Not only did he do a great job as a starter as a freshman, but he’s continued to get better and better. He’s going to be one of the top players in the league for years to come.”

Vince was a three-sport star at Libby High School and earned all-state and all-conference honors three times in football.

He was also all-state pick in track. Huntsberger lettered three times each in football, basketball, and track. He was the offensive (quarterback) and defensive MVP in football for his team as a senior. He served as team captain in football as a junior and senior.

He was team captain in basketball his senior year and an all-state selection in basketball. He was also an all-conference baseball player.

He had 22 career interceptions as a prep. His high school grid coach was Jeff Gruber. Vince was Libby H.S.’s class Valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Kamakana had an outstanding sophomore season for the Grizzlies, starting all 11 regular-season games at right tackle. He was chosen as one of Montana’s “Outstanding Sophomores,” along with three of his teammates.

“Kamakana is an extremely bright football player with an excellent understanding of the game,” said Griz mentor Mick Dennehy. “I think the thing that makes him as good of a player as he is is that he understands not only the game so well, but he also understands what his strengths are, and he plays to his strengths so well.

“He’s not a super, over-powering player, but he’s such a good athlete and has such good feet, and he’s so disciplined, that he plays within himself as well as you would hope any offensive lineman would.

“He’s a very calculated guy who doesn’t let his emotions get away and let things get to him mentally and bother him,” Dennehy said. “Those are his strengths. As he gets older and stronger, he has the capability of becoming a very, very dominating football player.”

“Kamakana has tremendous footwork ability and body control,” said UM’s offensive line coach, Chad Germer. “He is very skilled technically, has great vision, and possesses excellent football sense. Kamakana truly has a knack for offensive line play, and he is a very consistent player for us because of his abilities.

His great balance and blocking techniques give him a very physical and precise style of play that is not only efficient but also fun to watch,” Germer said.

He saw considerable action in 1997 as a redshirt freshman, and he was selected Montana’s “Outstanding Freshman” that year.

“Kamakana is the other half of our twin ‘tower of power’ at the tackle position,” offensive coordinator Bob Cole said. “He is also a dominant football player and will be relied upon heavily in both our run and pass game. If he continues to improve over the next two years, he has a chance to keep playing.”

He earned three letters in football and two in basketball at Punahou High School. As a prep he was named first team all-state by the Honolulu Star Bulletin following his senior season. He was all-league in football as a junior and senior.

He was an honorable mention all-state pick his senior year by the Honolulu Advertiser.

Kamakana was football captain his senior season for coach Dan Morrison. He also earned two letters in basketball as a prep.

Radio-Television major.

His parents are Clyde and Lo Kaimuola of Honolulu and Paula Kaimuola of Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Misc.: On his athletic questionnaire he wrote,
Tyler Martin

Tyrler had an exceptional sophomore season and was named to the Big Sky Conference’s first team. He was Montana’s fifth leading tackler last year with 48 stops and was second (tie) on the team with 5 tackles for losses.

Martin was chosen one of UM’s “Outstanding Sophomores,” along with receiver Jimmy Farris, offensive tackle Kamakana Kaimuola, and free safety Jason Miller.

“Tyler just has such a dynamic personality,” said Griz head coach Mick Dennehy. “He’s such a fun-loving guy, and he’s a great player to have around. He keeps things loose in the lockerroom. He competes so well.

“He’s built like a defensive tackle, with kind of a squatty body, and he has excellent strength, with tremendous, tremendous quickness,” Dennehy said. “The thing that separates Tyler is that he works so darn hard. He plays as hard from snap-to-whistle as you would hope any big kid would play.

“He’s a smart football player, which, combined with his size, strength, and quickness, makes him an outstanding defensive lineman for us,” Dennehy said.

He had an outstanding freshman season as well, registering 25 tackles, and he also had three sacks and three stops for losses. He was tabbed as one of the Grizzlies’ “Outstanding Freshmen” in 1997, when he played in all 11 regular-season games and started in one (at Montana State).

He is one of the stronger players on the team, well. His father was his coach. He was as fundamentally sound in throwing the football and did some of the little things at quarterback as well as anyone we’ve ever had here.

“The thing that we didn’t know, which is so important, is what type of person he is, what kind of leader he is, and what kind of competitor he is,” Dennehy said. “He’s a tremendous leader, and I think that the other players respect him. He’s a hard-working kid, who works as hard as any of our players do, and I think the other players kind of like that in a quarterback.

“He brings all of the characteristics, all of the intangibles that are all as important as athletic ability,” Dennehy said. “He is a very unselfish. When we’ve been really good at quarterback, we’ve been good because those players bring the same types of things to the table that Drew brings.

“We’re excited about him and looking forward to his continued development and leadership as far as our offensive football team is concerned,” Dennehy said. “He’s still an unknown quantity, but I think people are going to find out about him in a hurry.”

As BYU’s backup last season, Miller completed 23-of-45 passes for 332 yards and two touchdowns. He started against Fresno State last year.

Miller was twice selected the state “Player of the Year” and was a three-time all-state quarterback pick at Lakes High School in Tacoma. He set 11 Washington state passing records and was named an All-American by USA Today and Street & Smith’s. He was named the top player in the state by USA Today as a senior. He completed 690 career passes for 9,000 yards, 101 touchdowns, and he averaged 374 yards a game passing.

Drew earned 12 letters in high school: four each in football and baseball, three in basketball, and one in soccer. He was team captain in football for three seasons and for one in basketball.

His grid teams won league titles four times. His prep football coach was Dick Zatkovich. He is a Business major.

Birth Date: March 14, 1978.

Drew’s parents are Dave and Sonia Miller of Lakewood, Wash.

Misc.: Said he “Plans to own an athletic club chain or be a sports agent.”
Dallas Neil

Dallas had a solid 1998 season, averaging 40.0 yards a punt on 47 attempts. At tight end he had a career-high 23 catches for 245 yards and two touchdowns. He scored the game-winner against Montana State last season on a 18-yard catch.

Last season he received the Tony Barbour Award, presented to the UM player(s), "who make an unselfish contribution to the betterment of the Grizzly football team." He shared the award with Jamie Robbins.

He was a Big Sky Conference honorable mention pick last season and in 1996 at punter.

"Dallas probably has as good a leg strength as any punter in the country," said Griz mentor Mick Dennehy. "He's got a chance, if he can develop just a little more consistency, to lead the country in punting. He's got that capability.

"He's also a very valuable component of our offense," Dennehy said. "He's a tremendous athlete. He's a tenacious blocker, who runs fast enough to get deep on people in the secondary. He's demonstrated that he can catch the football.

"He's become a big part of our offense, and when you add that up to his ability to pin people deep with his punting ability, he is a very, very valuable player for us on both fronts," Dennehy said.

Neil is also an outstanding student. He has been an All-Big Sky academic team selection in 1995, 1996, and 1998, maintaining a 3.86 GPA. He was named to the District 7 all-academic team in 1996. He received UM's President's Academic Award last year.

He was also named to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) "Good Works Team," which recognizes athletes who work to better their communities through various activities.

He suffered an injury in fall camp prior to the 1997 season and redshirted. Neil was one of five players recognized as Montana's "Outstanding Sophomore" in 1996.

At Great Falls High School he earned seven letters; two in football, basketball, and golf, and one in track. His senior season in high school he was co-captain in football for coach Dale Pohle.

He set a GFHS record averaging 41.9 yards per punt. Dallas was the MVP of the 1995 Montana Shrine Game, playing quarterback. A first team all-state punter in 1994, Neil was named an honorable mention All-American by USA Today that season. He was honorable mention all-state at quarterback and as a sophomore in 1993 and 1994.

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Dallas was named to the academic all-state team four times. The Bison won back-to-back state "AA" championships in basketball in '94 and '95.


Chase has worked extremely hard on his strength during his career at Montana and has seen considerable action the past couple of seasons. He had an exceptional spring and will start at left tackle.

He has paid his dues and waited in the wings, playing behind former All-American Scott Curry. Curry was a sixth round draft pick by the Green Bay Packers this past spring.

Raynock has played both tackle positions during his career at UM and also played some tight end last year. He has excellent speed for his size, running a consistent 5.1 in the 40.

“Chase is one of those guys who really came on coming into his senior year,” said UM mentor Mick Dennehy. “He’s used the abilities that he’s always had to finally step up to the plate. He had a tremendous spring for us, not only in his ability as a blocker in both the running game and the passing game, but more importantly, he’s one of the only seniors on our offense, and he’s stepped forward as a leader of that group.

“He’s progressed as we hoped that he would,” Dennehy said. “He’s always been a very, very good athlete. That athletic ability, combined with the fact that it’s become his turn, has made him into what we hope is going to be a very dominant lineman in our league — and I think he will be just that.”

“Chase has physical tools that compare to anybody we’ve had here,” said Griz offensive line coach Chad Germer, an All-American at center for the Grizzlies in 1991. “He’s a smart guy too.

Travis has been one of the most steady wide receivers we’ve ever had.

“Being one of the veterans this year, Travis needs to have an outstanding senior year if we’re going to be successful,” Dennehy said. “The thing I like about him is his attitude. He wants to take the last shot. He likes that responsibility. There is no doubt in my mind that Travis will have a great year for us. He has tremendous ability, and we’re looking forward to his senior leadership. His ability and his attitude put him in a great position, in our offense, to have an outstanding season.”

As a sophomore in 1997, he led UM in receiving with 57 receptions for 638 yards and 3 touchdowns. His 638 receiving yards in ’97 rank him 30th in single-season history, while his 571 yards last season rank him 30th.

Walker’s 5.2 catches a game in ’97 ranked him seventh (tie) in the Big Sky.

He returned a career-high 30 punts in 1997, averaging 8.6 yards return, which ranked him sixth in the conference.

After the ’97 season he was one of seven players named “Outstanding Sophomore.”

Travis earned 12 letters at Plentywood High School: four each in football, basketball, and track.

He could probably coach any O-line spot, maybe any position on the field.

“Chase is not only one of our largest offensive linemen, but he is also one of our fastest,” Germer said. “He runs very well and has outstanding quickness for a guy his size.

“He is also a very intelligent player,” Germer said. “He has a great understanding of our offense. His input is very valuable to me.”

Raynock lettered in football and basketball at Skyview High School in Billings. As a prep he was an all-conference selection at tight end and defensive tackle. He was an alternate for Montana’s annual East-West Shrine Game.

His high school football coach was Ron Lebock, who was the Grizzlies’ inaugural recipient of the Steve Carlson Award (MVP) in 1977.


A four-time all-state and all-conference pick in football and track, Walker was selected all-state in basketball three times, and was a four-time all-league pick. His teams won three league championships in basketball and two in football.

Travis was team captain in football and basketball as a sophomore, junior, and senior and team MVP in both sports all three of those seasons. His prep football coach was his father, Duane Walker.

He is a Health and Human Performance major.

Last season he was one of three players selected Montana’s “Junior of the Year.”

“Travis is an emotional, competitive guy,” said Griz head coach Mick Dennehy. “He’s been a great leader. Travis has been one of the most steady wide receivers we’ve ever had.

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He is a Health and Human Performance major.

Birth date: October 11, 1976.

His father, Duane, lettered in football at Montana in 1971 and 1973-75. His mom is Debbie Walker. His brother, Nick, is a freshman quarterback.

Travis is married to former Lady Griz basketball standout Katie McElmurry (July of ’97).
Tighran Delaney, top left, Yohance Humphery, top right, Andy Petek, bottom left, Vince Huntsberger, bottom right.
Randyn Akiona  
6-0, 180  
WR, Fr., RS  
Waipahu, Hawaii

Randyn has excellent speed and should see action at receiver and possibly as a kickoff returner...finished spring drills third on the depth chart at the “Y” wide receiver spot...came to Montana in the spring semester of 1998...earned 12 letters at St. Louis High School in Honolulu: four in track and field, three each in football and soccer, and one in basketball and baseball...team captain in football and track as a senior, and was chosen “Outstanding Receiver” that season...all-state in track four times and twice in football...played on three state champion football teams for coach Calvin Lee...state grid “Player of the Year” as a senior, when he had 23 catches for 680 yards...General Studies major. Birth date: March 1, 1979. Misc.: Hobbies are “collecting sports cards, collecting rocks, and tending my garden.”

James Bailey  
6-2, 235  
FB, Jr., 1V  
Hillsboro, Oregon

James was moved from linebacker to fullback in the spring and should see action there in 1999...had 3 tackles last season and he’s also a valuable member of UM’s special teams...redshirted at Montana in 1996...earned eight letters at Glencoe Montana High School: three each in football and basketball and two in track...his junior team went 14-0 en route to the state football title, while his senior squad was 11-1...in football he was twice an all-state selection and named all-conference three times...he was team captain in football in 1994 and 1995 and in basketball in ’95...his prep grid coach was Craig Rucker...Business Administration major. Birth date: February 11, 1978.

Adam Boomer  
6-2, 230  
ILB, Jr., 2V  
American Falls, Idaho

Adam was thrust into a starting role when starter Rylan Jollymore was injured in the Southern Utah game, and he made the best of his chance, finishing with a team-high 103 tackles...was second on the team with 6 tackles for losses...the sole recipient of Montana’s “Outstanding Linebacker” award...a 1998 All-Big Sky honorable mention pick...suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Idaho State game on a special teams play in ’97, and had 17 tackles before that injury...recipient of UM’s “Service Award” on defense in 1996, the year he was a redshirt at UM...Boomer had an outstanding football career at American Falls High School in Idaho...the Idaho Player of the Year as a senior, when he had 201 tackles for coach Dick Barlouste...earned 11 letters in high school: four each in track and wrestling and three in football...was twice all-state and all-conference in football...also an all-state performer in wrestling at 190 pounds...his senior year he was team captain in football and wrestling...CAREER HIGHS: 18 tackles at Weber State, 1998; 8 solo tackles vs. Southern Utah, 1998. Misc.: had 10 or more tackles in 4 games in ’98...Elementary Education major. Birth date: November 22, 1977.

Justin Brannon  
6-3, 255  
DE, Jr., SQ  
Colstrip

An up-and-coming defensive lineman, Justin should see considerable action this season...a transfer from University of Mary (Bismarck, ND)...had a solid spring and will see action at left defensive end...earned seven letters at Colstrip High School: four in wrestling and three in football...team captain in football and wrestling...all-state and all-conference at linebacker and at guard...1994 wrestling team won the Class “A” state championship...state wrestling champion in the heavyweight division three times and a wrestling USA Magazine honorable mention All-American...prep grid coach was Mark Ator...Health and Human Performance major and hopes to become a coach. Birth date: November 17, 1977.
A tremendous athlete, this past spring Calvin Coleman broke the record (24-10) he set in the long jump at Montana last season, going 25-0 3/4 and winning the Big Sky title in the process...was a standout in spring drills, earning the starting job at right cornerback...had 12 tackles last season and recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown against Northern Arizona...also excelled in the special teams area...earned three letters in basketball, and one each in football and track at Niceville High School...Coleman was team captain in basketball and track...his high school team was district champion in '96 for coach Frank Sorrells...

**CAREER HIGHS:** 3 Tackles at E. Washington, vs. Idaho State, 1998.

Business Administration Studies major. Birth date: December 16, 1978. Misc.: Said he hopes to "help inner-city youth, and try to get them into the church."

Curt Colter has been one of Montana's leading returning tacklers the past couple of seasons...last year he had 27 tackles, including 3 sacks, and a stop for a loss...played in all 11 games in 1998...one of top tacklers in '97 with 22 stops and three sacks...also saw a lot of action in 1996 as a redshirt freshman...finished spring drills in a battle with junior Andy Petek for the starting job at right end and is the backup there...selected one of UM's "Outstanding Sophomores" in '97...an All-Big Sky Conference academic team selection in 1996, 1997, and 1998 with a 3.60 GPA...one of UM's defensive Scout Team MVPs in 1995...earned 12 letters at Hysham High School: four each in football, basketball, and track...three-time captain in football and twice in basketball...also captain of Treasure State Class "C" All-Star Game and the Montana-North Dakota All-Star Game...all-state and all-conference as a sophomore, junior and senior for grid coach Shawn Hollowell...twice all-state in basketball and all-conference four times...team MVP in football three times and in basketball twice...

**CAREER HIGHS:** 5 Tackles vs. Portland St., Idaho St., 1998.

Curt is just a freshman, but his strength and quickness should add up to playing time on the defensive line...earned 12 letters at Hysham High School: four each in football, basketball, and track...team captain in football and basketball as a junior and senior...all-state at linebacker as a junior and senior, and at fullback senior year...led prep team to first state playoff appearance in 18 seasons...as a senior he averaged 13.5 tackles and 8.2 yards a carry for coach Shawn Hollowell...averaged 16 tackles per contest as a junior...all-state basketball pick as a senior...Pronounced: COAL-ter.

Pre-Elementary Education major. Birth date: October 9, 1979. Misc.: Older brother, D.J., is a senior D-lineman at Montana. His cousin, Jay Fagan, was an All-American offensive guard for the Griz in 1989. Curt likes to play the guitar.

Chris Colvin has been an All-Big Sky Conference honorable mention pick in 1998, when he was UM's 10th leading tackling with 34 stops...did not participate in 1999 spring drills...in 1997 he started in nine games and was 6th on the team with 51 tackles...also in '97 he had 13 pass deflections and two interceptions... "Most Improved," as a freshman at UM in '97...at Damien High School (Laverne, Calif.) he earned eight letters: three each in football and track, and two in baseball...team captain in football, track, and baseball...Baseline League and team MVP in football as a senior...All-C.I.F., All-Inland Valley, All-Pomona Valley, All-Southern Section, and a Blue Chip All-West Regional team selection...rushed for 1,360 yards for 21 touch­downs and had 86 tackles and eight interceptions during his career...prep grid coach was Dick Larson...

**CAREER HIGHS:** 9 Tackles at Montana St., 1997 and at Sac State, 1998; 2 interceptions. vs. Weber St., 1997.

General Education major and plans to pursue a career in Elementary Education. Birth date: October 12, 1978.

Tighran Delaney has five catches for 17 yards last season, including a 5-yard touchdown catch against Montana State...finished as the back-up at the "z" receiver spot behind senior honors candidate Travis Walker...a much-heralded recruit after an outstanding prep career at Willamette High School in Eugene...earned eight letters in high school: three in football; two each in track and basketball; and one in baseball...had 81 catches for 1,200-plus yards as a senior...first team all-state at receiver and defensive back...all-league at receiver as a junior and at defensive back as a sophomore...prep football coach was Skip Raish...team captain and MVP in football his senior season...high school grid teams went 24-6 from 1994-96...

Business major.

Birth date: December 7, 1978.

Ben Drinkwalter
6-1, 195
RB, Jr., SQ
Great Falls

Ben saw limited duty at running back last season but was a steady player in the special teams area...had a very solid spring and had a lot of reps because of injuries to Nate Sanders and Yohance Humphrey...listed at third on the depth chart at running back...missed the 1997 season because of personal problems and walked on last spring...a redshirt at Montana in 1996...was named the Gatorade Player of the Year in Montana after a great career at C.M. Russell High School...led the “AA” ranks as a senior with 2,239 all-purpose yards...was ranked second in the state that season with 136 points...his senior year he led the state with 1,768 yards rushing and 7.1 yards per carry...set a school record with 325 all-purpose yards against Helena High in 1995...all-state and all-conference for coach Jack Johnson...earned four letters in track...team MVP and captain as a senior...


Jimmy Farris
6-0, 190
WR, Jr., 2V
Lewiston, Idaho

Jimmy was slowed with injuries last year but still had a solid season, catching 17 passes for 261 yards and 2 touchdowns...was chosen one of Montana’s “Outstanding Sophomores” last year...had a fine ‘97 season as a redshirt freshman with 16 catches for 268 yards (16.8-yard average)...had a school-record 93-yard touchdown catch at Portland State in ‘97...ended spring drills as the starter at the “X” wide receiver spot...named UM’s 1997 “Freshman of the Year”...selected co-winner of the “Service Award” on offense in 1996, his redshirt year...earned eight letters at Lewiston High School: three each in football and track, and two in basketball...as a senior he had 78 receptions for 1,510 yards and 18 touchdowns, and was all-state, team MVP, and team captain that year...MVP in basketball as a senior...his sophomore grid team won the state title with a 10-2 record, while his senior squad was 9-3 and the state runner-up...prep grid coach was Nick Menegas...attended same high school as former quarterback Brad Lebo, UM’s fourth-ranked career passer...

CAREER HIGHS: 4 Receptions at Portland St., 1997; 125 yards at PSU, 1997; 93-yarder at PSU, 1997; 2 TDs at Stephen F. Austin, 1998.


Herbert Fernandez
6-4, 215
DE, Fr. + RS
San Diego, Calif.

A very promising young defensive end, Herbert has added 20 pounds since coming to Montana, and with added weight and strength he could be a standout for the Griz...redshirt at Montana last season...voted “Outstanding Freshman” in football as a prep...earned 10 letters at Mira Mesa High School: four in football; three in basketball; two in volleyball; and one in wrestling...MVP in football and basketball as a senior...first team all-league selection as a junior and senior...team MVP on defense senior year, when he had 18 sacks...had a school-record 6 pass deflections in a game...team captain and “Most Inspirational” in 1997...high school football coach was Gary Bleivins...also an all-academic team pick...


Jason Francis
6-2, 235
TE, So., SQ
Spokane, Wash.

Jason is vying for playing time at tight end...came to Montana from Gonzaga Prep in Spokane...in high school he earned seven letters, including three in football; two in wrestling; and one each in soccer and track...senior football team won the league championship, and he was team captain that year...his senior year he had 4 interceptions and 8 sacks, playing linebacker/defensive end...junior and senior wrestling teams won...
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conference titles...won “Achievement Award” in wrestling in 1997...prep football coach was Don Anderson...

Health and Human Performance major. Birth Date: November 4, 1978. Misc.: Said, “After graduation I plan to attend physical therapy school and get a master’s in PT.”

Another player who changed positions this past spring, Spencer was moved from defensive end to tight end...had a touchdown catch in UM’s spring game in Hamilton... had 3 tackles last season...listed as the back-up at tight end after spring drills...a redshirt at Montana in 1997...lettered in football, basketball, and golf at Scobey High School...all-state and all-conference in football at linebacker and tight end...all-state and team MVP in basketball as a senior...team captain in both football and basketball his senior season...led hoop team in scoring and rebounding...won state crown in basketball in 1996...prep football coach was Larry Henderson...also a standout American Legion baseball player...

Business Administration (Marketing) major. Birth date: April 28, 1979.

Another player who changed positions this past spring, Spencer was moved from defensive end to tight end...had a touchdown catch in UM’s spring game in Hamilton... had 3 tackles last season...listed as the back-up at tight end after spring drills...a redshirt at Montana in 1997...lettered in football, basketball, and golf at Scobey High School...all-state and all-conference in football at linebacker and tight end...all-state and team MVP in basketball as a senior...team captain in both football and basketball his senior season...led hoop team in scoring and rebounding...won state crown in basketball in 1996...prep football coach was Larry Henderson...also a standout American Legion baseball player...

Business Administration (Marketing) major. Birth date: April 28, 1979.

Business Administration (Marketing) major. Birth date: April 28, 1979.
A prolific young prospect on the defensive line, Justin was very effective as a pass rusher last spring, registered 4 sacks, along with 15 tackles...missed spring drills after undergoing off-season shoulder surgery but expected to see plenty of action at left end...a football and basketball letterman at Blue Valley Northwest High School...chosen all-conference and All-Sun County as a junior and senior...honorably mention All-Metro pick in 1996...named his team’s hardest hitter his senior season and also team captain that year...set school single-season and game records in sacks...grid teams were conference and district champions in 1995 and 1996...high school football coach was Steve Harms...


Eric is the backup at right tackle behind junior honors candidate Kamakana Kaimuloa...continues to add weight and strength...earned four letters at Beaverton High School; two each in football and track...participated for the North team in Oregon’s High School All-Star game...second team all-state selection as a senior...first team all-league pick in 1997...high school football coach was Faustin Riley...

Health and Human Performance major. Birth date: June 22, 1979.

Mack started all 11 games at center last season...chose one of Montana’s “Outstanding Juniors” last season, sharing the award with...
Travis Walker and Marcus Wilson...over the past two seasons he has started in 22 regular-season contests...this past spring he was in competition with junior Matt Thuesen for the starting job at center...moved from the defensive line to the offensive line in the fall of 1996...selected "Most Improved" at Montana in 1997, along with three of his teammates...prepped at local Hellgate High School where he lettered in football and track...voted Best Offensive Lineman and team MVP on defense...received the "Captain Award" as a senior...his Jeff Dohn-coached team finished second in the "AA" ranks in 1994 with an 8-3 record...first team all-state at defensive end and at center in 1994...defensive MVP of the East-West Shrine Game...Business Administration major. Birth date: April 8, 1977.

Etu (Pronounced: Ah-too) was moved from safety to wide receiver this past spring and showed great promise on offense...finished spring drills as the backup at the "x" receiver spot behind junior Jimmy Farris...18th at Montana in tackles last season with 19...had a career-high 7 tackles in his hometown at Sac State last year...also returned kicks, averaging a team-high 23.4 yards on 10 attempts...was one of five recipients of UM's "Service Award" on defense...a redshirt at UM in 1997...a two-sport star in football and track at Jesuit High School...earned three letters in track and two in football...team captain as a senior...his prep basketball teams won three state hoop crowns in 1996 (26-1) and 1998 (25-2)...grid MVP senior year...in basketball he was the leading rebounder and "Hustle Award" winner...named "Most Inspirational in track...prep grid coach was Scott King...Pre-Pharmacy major. Birth date: January 18, 1979.

T.J. had a solid spring and plays the "z" wide receiver position...lettered three times in football and three times in basketball at Helena High School...first team all-state as a junior and senior in football...all-state in basketball his senior season...team captain in football in 1996 and team and offensive MVP...also captain in basketball as a senior...his prep basketball teams won three conference championships...led state "AA" ranks in receptions as a junior and senior...had 75 catches for 1,300 yards and 10 touchdowns his senior year...had 130 career catches...prep grid coach was former (1985-88) Griz quarterback Tony Arntson...History major. Birth date: February 20, 1979.

Brad Olszewski
6-0, 195
SS, Fr. + RS
Great Falls

Brad is an up-and-coming young defensive back and was one of two players selected Montana's "Scout Team Player of the Year" on defense last year...a redshirt at UM in 1998...ended spring drills third on the depth chart at free safety...earned two letters in football and one in track at C.M. Russell High School...first team all-state as a junior and senior...chosen to play in Montana's East-West Shrine and Montana-North Dakota All-Star game...led team in total tackles as a senior and in assisted tackles his junior year...set C.M.R. single-game record with 26 tackles in a game...named to Great Falls Tribune's "Super State Team"...played for Jack Johnson, Montana's all-time winningest high school football coach...defensive team captain as a senior...General Studies major. Birth date: May 24, 1979.

Dan Orizotti
5-11, 220
ILB, So., 1V
Butte

Dan was a valuable member of UM special teams last year and a solid linebacker as well...had an excellent spring, finishing as the back-up at the "Mack" linebacker spot behind sophomore Jacob Yoro...had 9 tackles last season...UM's "Service Award" recipient in 1997 on defense...a redshirt at Montana in '97...four-time letterman in football at Butte Central High School...also earned two letters in basketball and one in track...team captain in football as a senior...grid teams won league titles in 1993 and 1996...first team all-state and all-conference at linebacker as a junior and senior...second team all-league pick at fullback in 1995 and 1996...defensive MVP as well in '95 and '96...rushed for 625 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior...grid coach was Don Peoples, Jr...an honors student as a prep with a 3.6 GPA...Business Administration major and plans a career in law. Birth date: October 20, 1978.

Brian Pelc
6-4, 275
OT, Fr. + RS
Helena

Brian has all of the earmarks of another outstanding offensive lineman at UM...the backup at right tackle to senior honors candidate Chase Raynock...will see plenty of action this year, and can play tackle or guard...redshirted at Montana last season...earned eight letters at Helena High..
Andy Petek
6-3, 230, 2V
DE/LB, Jr.
Helena

Andy will be starting for the second year in a row at defensive right end...Montana's 8th leading tackler a year ago with 40 stops...had a team-high 7 tackles for losses of 42 yards and 3 sacks in '98...one of the few defensive linemen to play as a "true" freshman at UM in the past several years...had 20 tackles in 1997 and "Outstanding Freshmen" that year...moved from linebacker to defensive end and has the ability to play both positions...handpicked to wear jersey number 37 by three-time (1995-96-97) Grizzly All-American linebacker Jason Crebo...earned seven letters at Helena High School: four in wrestling and three in football and was team captain in both sports as a senior...defensive MVP his junior and senior seasons, and leading tackler both of those seasons...all-state selection at linebacker and punter as a junior and senior...Montana's prep "Gatorade Player of the Year" in 1996...state wrestling champion as a heavyweight his senior year...had a record of 62-7 his junior and senior seasons.

Political Science major.

Riley Peuse
6-1, 220
DT, Fr. + RS
Columbus

Riley had an outstanding spring and finished third on the depth chart at left defensive tackle...can also play defensive end...continues to add weight and strength...a winner of 10 letters at Columbus High School: four in football and three in both basketball and track...first team all-conference on offense and defense as a junior and senior...two-time all-state selection in football...teams won league championships in football in 1996 and 1997...basketball squads won league titles in 1996, 1997, and 1998...voted "Outstanding Lineman" as a junior and senior...team captain in football senior season for coach John Smith...senior year he had 87 tackles and 7 sacks...

General Studies major.
Birth date: June 19, 1979.

Michael Rigell
5-8, 175
WR/KOR, So., TR
Tacoma, Wash.

A potential impact player at wide receiver and as a kickoff return specialist, Michael led the Western Athletic Conference in kickoff returns last season as a freshman at Brigham Young University...he averaged 28.0 yards per kickoff return last year and caught 15 passes for 284 yards and a team-high 4 touchdowns...he ended spring drills as the starter at the "h" wide receiver slot...a standout prep athlete at Lake High School, he earned nine letters: three each in football, basketball, and baseball...two-time all-state pick at defensive back and once at wide receiver...second team All-American as a senior in 1995, when he had 82 catches for 1,302 yards and 23 touchdowns...a two-time All-Area pick as well...three-time all-conference selection at defensive back/wide receiver/returner...team captain...Athletic-Academic award winner...

Business Administration major.
Birth date: August 18, 1977.

Joel Rosenberg
5-10, 185
RB, Fr. + RS
Whitefish

Joel saw plenty of action in spring drills and displayed toughness and good speed...an exceptional football and track athlete at Whitefish High School...earned four letters in track and three in football...first team all-state selection at defensive back and as a return specialist...teams won state Class "A" track championships in 1997 and 1998.
## 1999 Grizzlies

### Rush

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### Career Highs:

- **Year**: 1996, **G/S**: 11/0, **Rush**: 73, **Yards**: 312, **Loss**: 12
- **Year**: 1997, **G/S**: 10/1, **Rush**: 57, **Yards**: 265, **Loss**: 19
- **Year**: 1998, **G/S**: 11/0, **Rush**: 50, **Yards**: 240, **Loss**: 24

### Nate Sanders

- **Year**: 1996, **G/S**: 6-0, **Rush**: 190, **Yards**: 216, **Loss**: 43

### T.J. Sherry

- **Year**: 1996, **G/S**: 5-9, **Rush**: 185, **Yards**: 43, **Loss**: 3

### Cory Short

- **Year**: 1996, **G/S**: 6-2, **Rush**: 275, **Yards**: 817, **Loss**: 55

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**Missoula's Hellgate High Schools:**
- Four in track, and three each in basketball and track.
- All-state running back and punter as a junior and senior.
- Rushed for almost 3,400 yards in prep career.
- Won football and track league titles as a senior.
- Team captain in football and basketball.
- Voted top running back at Hellgate as a sophomore.

**Career Highs:**


### Casey Ryan

- **Year**: 1996, **G/S**: 6-4, **Rush**: 255, **Yards**: 128, **Loss**: 32

### T.J. Sherry

- **Year**: 1996, **G/S**: 5-9, **Rush**: 185, **Yards**: 43, **Loss**: 3

### Cory Short

- **Year**: 1996, **G/S**: 6-2, **Rush**: 275, **Yards**: 817, **Loss**: 55
**1999 Grizzlies**

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Matt Steinau
6-1, 220
OLB, So., 1V
El Toro, Calif.

Matt and fellow frosh Jacob Yoro split starting duties last season at the “Mack” position...he ended spring drills as the backup at the Hero,” or outside linebacker position behind senior All-American candidate Marcus Wilson...played in all 11 games last season, starting in five...Montana’s 7th leading tackler in 1998 with 43 stops...also had 2 interceptions...he lettered three times in football and three times in baseball at El Toro High School...prep teammate of Griz receiver Michael Smith...all-league in football and baseball as a junior and senior...played on Division 5 CIF championship team...team captain in football and baseball as a senior, and team MVP of both of those teams as well...had 411 career tackles and is his school’s all-time sack leader, and single-season sacks leader...prep football coach was Mike Milner...honors student with a 3.67 GPA in high school...

**CAREER HIGHS:** 6 Tackles at SFA, vs. S. Utah, at Weber State, 1998. Had a 22-yard interception return at Weber St.


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Thatcher Szalay
6-5, 295
OG, So., 1V
Whitefish

Another outstanding young offensive lineman in the Grizzly football program, Thatcher gets better game-by-game...saw considerable action last season and earned the starting job at left guard after spring drills...can also play the tackle positions...recipient of “Service Award” on offense for the Grizzlies in 1997...a redshirt at Montana in ’97...prepped at Whitefish High School where he earned four letters in tennis and two in football...selected team captain in football and tennis as a senior...received “Spirit of Competition Award” in high school...prep football coach was Mike Ferda...

Elementary Education major. Birth date: January 18, 1979.

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Brock Sunderland
5-8, 175
WR/PR, Fr. + RS
Great Falls

Brock had an outstanding redshirt season in 1998, and he was selected as one of the offensive MVP’s of the scout team last year, along with offensive lineman Brian Pelle, and wide receiver Rory Zikmund...competing for playing time at the “h” wide receiver position...football letterman at C.M. Russell High School...all-state wide receiver as a senior...all-conference selection at wide receiver and as a kickoff and punt returner...played for the legendary Jack Johnson at C.M.R....


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Leif Thuesen
6-5, 295
OG, Jr., 2V
Kalispell

Another potential star on Montana’s talented offensive line, Leif will be starting for the second year in a row at right guard...saw considerable action last season and earned the starting job at left guard after spring drills...can also play the tackle positions...recipient of “Service Award” on offense for the Grizzlies in 1997...a redshirt at Montana in ’97...prepped at Flathead High School...first team all-state and all-conference...high school football coach was Bob Applegate...

Chris can play tackle or guard...played right tackle for the “number one” offense in UM’s final spring game...ended spring drills as the backup at right guard behind junior Leif Thorsen...a standout lineman at Long Beach Poly High in 1997, which was ranked second in the nation by USA Today...his ‘97 Long Beach team went 14-0 en route to the C.I.F. championship...team captain as a senior...also voted his team’s Outstanding Blocker, Outstanding Lineman, and recipient of school’s Academic-Athletic Award following his senior year...chosen all-league and all-area, and named to Long Beach Press Telegram’s “Dream Team”...a three-year letterman in football for coaches Jerry Jaso (USA Today’s 1997 Coach of the Year) and Tim Moncure...Business Administration major. Birth date: October 17, 1979.

Montana’s sixth leading tackler last season as a “true” freshman, Jacob had 45 stops in 1998...also had 4 tackles for losses and a sack...split starting time with fellow freshman Matt Steinau last year...emerged as the starter at the “Mack” inside linebacker position after spring drills...came to UM in the spring of ‘98...earned seven letters at St. Louis High School: four in baseball and three in football...all-state in football as a junior...all-conference in baseball...one of several former St. Louis H.S. stars who played for legendary head coach Cal Lee...played on three state championship teams for Coach Lee...grid teams had a 39-1 record during his career...team captain in baseball as a junior and senior...four-year starter in baseball...team captain his senior year in football...a scholar-athlete in high school with a 3.7 GPA.

CAREER HIGHS: 8 tackles vs. Southern Utah and Cal Poly, 1998.

General Studies major. Birth date: December 8, 1979. Misc.: Said that one of his hobbies is body surfing and that he “hopes to be a school teacher or sports writer.”

Year | G/S | UT | AT | TT | TLs | SACKS | FF | FR | PB | INT | BLK
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1998 | 11/6 | 20 | 25 | 45 | (4-15) | 1 (-5) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0

An up-and-coming young offensive lineman,
Alaska - 1
21 - Yohance Humphery
Arizona - 1
51 - Rylan Jolly
California - 13
26 - Tony Brown
24 - Brandon Cheri
36 - Chris Colvin
97 - Herbert Fernandez
31 - John Hefty
10 - Chris Lumpkin
17 - Etu Molden
88 - Jeff Renevier
16 - Jeff Shoate
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41 - Matt Steinau
52 - Chris Webb
3 - Trey Young
Florida - 6
13 - Calvin Coleman
46 - Courtney Johnson
40 - Ike Miny
27 - Damon Parker
23 - Kevin Tate
56 - Marcus Wilson
Hawaii - 4
85 - Randyn Akiona
95 - Kelley Bryant
67 - Kamakana Kaimuloa
46 - Jacob Yoro
Idaho - 3
42 - Adam Boomer
39 - Russ Cosgrove
8 - Jimmy Farris
Kansas - 1
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# - John Cahill
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54 - Chris Conners
62 - Derek Decker
35 - Ben Drinkwalter
19 - John Edwards
44 - John Fitzgerald
89 - Brad Feldheim

Hometown (Previous School)
Eagle River, AK (Chugiak HS)
Gilbert, AZ (Highland HS)
Seaside, CA (Hartnell CC)
Los Alamitos, CA (Los Alamitos HS)
Inglewood, CA (Damen HS)
San Diego, CA (Mira Mesa HS)
Laguna Niguel, CA (Alison Niguel HS)
San Diego, CA (Mission Bay HS)
Sacramento, CA (Jesuit HS)
Orange, CA (Orange County Lutheran HS)
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Columbus, MT (Columbus HS)
Lewistown, MT (Fergus HS)

#Will join team winter semester.
New Grizzlies

D. J. Colter

John Heffy

Matt Steinadu

Michael Smith
New Grizzlies

John Cahill, TE, 6-2, 235, Billings (West): A two-way starter as a tight end and defensive end for Billings West H.S. as a sophomore in 1996 before a knee injury sidelined him in both 1997 and 1998...his injury is osteochondritis dissecans, required him to undergo two arthroscopic surgeries...Cahill's teammates selected him as team captain in 1998...Golden Bears won the state "AA" title in both 1997 and 1998...Cahill's coach, Paul Klabo, said Cahill is, "one of the strongest and fastest players we've had." Cahill recorded a 4.65 time in the 40...will join Griz winter semester...

Brandon Cheri, CB, 5-10, 165, Los Alamitos HS (Calif.): An outstanding defensive back and return specialist at Los Alamitos High School...two-year first-team all-conference selection and named the Sunset League Defensive Back of the Year in 1998...team Defensive Player of the Year...had eight interceptions as a senior...returned six kickoffs for 144 yards...plus he blocked two punts and three PATs in 1998...a standout in soccer and track & field...posted a 4.6 in the 40...2 GPA...

Brian Chesemore, OL, 6-5, 285, from Sandy Union HS (Boring, Ore.): A two-time Mount Hood all-league pick while at Sandy Union High School...1998 Oregon all-state team pick...can bench press 345 pounds...maintains a 3.44 GPA...will join the team...

Chris Connors, LB, 6-2, 195, Butte: Earned all-conference honors as a junior and senior at Butte HS...all-state at linebacker in 1998...invited to participate in both the Montana-North Dakota game and the East-West Shrine Game...team captain as a senior and averaged 12 tackles per game...lettered in both basketball and track & field...outstanding student, Connors earned academic all-state honors with a 3.6 grade-point average...prep coach was Steve Schulte...

Derek Decker, OG, 6-5, 240, from Huntley Project HS (Billings): Led Huntley Project to its first state class "B" championship title in 1998...all-state pick at defensive tackle and offensive guard...invited to play in the Montana-North Dakota game, the East-West Shrine Game and the Class "B" All-Star Game...all-state both ways as a junior...all-conference pick three times...four-year letter winner in baseball...all-league in track & field (discus)...vice president of his senior class...3.2 GPA...prep coach was Jim Stanton...

Brad Fjeldheim, TE, 6-5, 240, (Lewisport) Fergus County HS: Earned first-team all-conference and all-state honors in 1998...led the Golden Eagles to the state "A" playoffs as a senior and was selected to participate in both the West-East Shrine game and the Montana-North Dakota All-Star game...named to the Great Falls Tribune Super State Football Team in 1998...has a 3.7 grade-point average and earned academic all-state honors in football and basketball...member of the National Honor Society...possible impact player...

Scott Holland, RB, 5-11, 185, Hamilton HS: Scott and new Griz recruit Brad Weston led Hamilton High to the state "A" championship titles in 1997 and 1998...Holland had 179 carries for 1,433 yards (8.0 per carry) as a senior, when he was first-team all-state and all-conference at tailback/cornerback/return specialist...the Western "A" Offensive Player of the Year in 1997, 1998...invited to participate in both the East-West Shrine Game and the Montana-North Dakota Game...also named to the Great Falls Tribune Super State Football Team...as a junior he had 106 carries for 920 yards and 20 touchdowns and earned all-state honors...as a soph: 206 carries for 1,115 yards, 10 TDs...has a 3.4 GPA and is a six-time academic all-state selection...prep coach was Steve Weston, while his father, Daryl Holland, serves as an assistant football coach at Hamilton H.S. will join the squad at winter semester...

Chris Lumpkin, QB/CB, 6-1, 180, from Mission Bay HS (San Diego, Calif.): The 1998 San Diego County Central League Defensive Player of the Year and a first-team selection at quarterback at Mission Bay High School...his team's MVP in 1997 and 1998...senior year he was 72-of-140 for 1,300 yards and 12 touchdowns, and he rushed for 500 yards and 5 TDs...Lumpkin and fellow Griz signee Jeff Shoate, were inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame...as a weightlifter he qualified for Florida's state competition...won the 400 meters at the District Championships in 1998...has a 3.0 GPA...参加了 Outstanding Student-Athlete of Florida High in 1997-98...will join former prep teammate Courtney Johnson, a redshirt at Montana last season...

Dylan McFarland, OL, 6-6, 245, Flathead HS (Kalispell): An all-state and all-conference selection as a junior and senior...missed a few games with a foot injury but was still invited to participate in the East-West Shrine Game...prep coach was Bob Applegate...a two-year letter winner in basketball...maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA and has earned academic all-state honors four times...will be valedictorian of his class, which numbers 582 students...

Jeff Nikolaisen, LB, 6-4, 218, from Plattswood HS: An exceptional player at Plattswood High, Jeff joins former prep teammate Nick Walker at UM...twice first-team all-conference at fullback and linebacker...first-team all-state linebacker in 1997 and 1998...rushed for 1,200 yards in 1997-98...selected to participate in both the East-West Shrine Game and the Montana-North Dakota All-Star Game...a member of the Great Falls Tribune Super State Football Team for 1998...prep coach was Duane Walker, the father of Grizzly players Nick and Travis Walker...all-league in basketball as a junior and senior...maintains a 3.3 grade-point average...member of the National Honor Society...

Jeff Renevier, WR, 5-10, 170, from Lutheran HS (Orange, Calif.): At Orange Lutheran High School Jeff caught 50 passes for 1,098 yards (22.0 average), for 12 touchdowns in 1998...career stats: 125 catches-2,215 yards—29 TDs—averaged 17.7 yards per catch...all-state his junior and senior years...his team's Most Inspirational Player and a Super Prep All-Regional selection...runs a 4.5 in the 40-yard...prep coach was Jim Kunau...also lettered in soccer...maintains a 3.3 grade-point average...Valedictorian of his class, which numbers 582 students...

Jon Skinner, OT, 6-6, 285, from Beaverhead HS (Dillon): From Beaverhead High in Dillon, Jon was a two-way starter there...first-team class "A" all-state selection at offensive tackle...selected to play in both the East-West Shrine Game and the Montana-North Dakota All-Star Game...member of the 1998 Great Falls Tribune Super State Football Team...the starting center for the B.H.S. 's hoop team, ranked No. 2 in the state...also a standout in track & field...maintains a 3.5 GPA and has earned academic all-state honors nine times...his prep football coach was Terry Thomas, a former 1978-80 Grizzly football player...

Kevin Tate, RB, 5-7, 170, from Florida HS (Tallahassee, Fla.): A four-year starter for coach Mike Hickman at Florida High School in Tallahassee...as a senior he had 1,017 all-purpose yards and rushed for nine touchdowns...team captain...earned both honorable mention all-state honors and second team all-conference honors...posted a 4.45 time in the 40-yard dash...also lettered in weight-lifting and track & field...as a weightlifter he qualified for Florida's state competition...won the 400 meters at the District Championships in 1998...has a 3.0 GPA...参加了 Outstanding Student-Athlete of Florida High in 1997-98...will join former prep teammate Courtney Johnson, a redshirt at Montana last season...

Andy Thompson, QB/FS, 6-3, 195, Walla Walla HS (Wash.): Andy passed for 2,600 yards and 26 touchdowns his senior year at Walla Walla H.S...first team all-state quarterback and the Big Nine Offensive Player of the Year...completed 59 percent of his passes...broke Drew Bledsoe's single-game record for touchdown passes...led his team in tackles and earned Big Nine all-conference honors as a free safety...set a school record with 26 tackles in one game...a three-year starter for his basketball team and was team captain his junior and senior years...also earned four letters in track & field...rushed a 4.6 in the 40...has a 3.4 GPA...Andy's brother, Matt, is a junior wide receiver at UM...

Brad Weston, LB, 6-1, 210, from Hamilton HS: Weston was extremely successful in three sports at Hamilton High...played for his father and coach, Steve Weston, and helped lead the Broncs to an 11-0 record and the state "A" titles in football in 1997 and 1998...first-team all-conference at three positions...Western "A" Defensive Player of the Year...first-team all-state honors at three positions...led the Western "A" Conference in scoring with 146 points...had 193 carries for 1,120 yards in '98 for 19 TDs...defensively, he had 143 tackles...selected to play in both the East-West Shrine Game and the Montana-North Dakota All-Star Game...named to the Great Falls Tribune Super State Football Team for 1998...rushed for 1,224 yards and 17 TDs in '97...tabbed the Western "A" Defensive Player of the Year as a junior...rushed for 1,003 yards as a sophomore...lettered in basketball and track & field...maintains a 3.5 GPA and is a 10-time academic all-state selection...
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**KEY:**
- $V=$ varsity letter(s) won
- $RS=$ 1998 redshirt
- $SQ=$ Squad member, did not letter
- $#=$ Will join team spring semester

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- 3-Trey (TRAY) Young, FS
- 11-Tighran (TEE-gran) Delaney, WR
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- 21-Yohance (YOE-hawn-cee) Humphery, RB
- 34-Brad Olszewski (Ole-SOW-Skee), SS
- 36-Chris Colvin-COLE-vin, CB
- 37-Andy Petek (PEA-tik), DE, from Helena (Hell-in-Uh)
- 41-Matt Steinau (Stine-Ow), LB
- 45-Jacob Yoro (YAR-oe), ILB
- 48-Dan Orizotti (Ore-Ih-Zott-ee), LB
- 51-Rylan (RYE-Lan) Jollymore, LB
- 53-Corey Mertes (Mert-ESS), DL
- 59-Jerahmiah Butenschoen (BOOT-en-Shane), DT
- 63-Riley Peuse (POISE), DE
- 67-Kamakana Kaimuloa (Kaw-muh-kaw-nuh...K3E-muh-low-ah), OT
- 68-Paul Mocko (Mock-OE), DT
- 73-Thatcher Szalay (SUH-lay), OG
- 85-Randy Akiona (AW-kee-Own-Ah), WR
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Senior tight end/punter Dallas Neill
Heading into the 21st Century!
This will be the 14th season Washington Grizzly Stadium has been home for The University of Montana Grizzly football team.

Last season Montana drew a stadium-record 110,076 fans for six home games — averaging an unprecedented 18,346 fans a game. That average of 18,000-plus broke the old standard of 17,988 per game set in 1997, which ranked the Grizzlies fourth in Division I-AA attendance.

The Griz began playing in Washington Grizzly Stadium midway through the 1986 season, and they have since compiled a mark of 75-10 — a lofty 88.2 winning percentage. Montana has won 45 of its last 48 games played in Washington Grizzly Stadium, dating back to the middle of the 1992 season — a 93.8 winning percentage.

Montana reeled off 30 straight victories beginning at the start of the 1994 season to Oct. of 1997. That win streak is the fourth longest home winning streak in Division I-AA history.

The first game played in the stadium was on October 18, 1986, the Grizzlies registering a 38-31 come-from-behind win over Idaho State.

The long-time dream of an on-campus football facility was initiated in August of 1985, as Missoula businessman Dennis R. Washington and the employees of Washington Corporations provided a gift of $1 million. Four months after Washington's donation, in December of 1985, excavation crews began work. In recognition of the gift by Washington and his company, UM's new facility was named Washington Grizzly Stadium.

The natural-grass stadium was paid for exclusively by private funds, with the majority of contributions coming from Montanans, and of course Washington Corporations. A good portion of the funding for the stadium was raised by the University Seat Sponsor Program.

After the UM Foundation started its initial fundraising, along with the UM athletic department and the Grizzly Athletic Association, the project received the financial boost it needed.

Former Montana President Neil Bucklew, former Athletic Director Harley Lewis, and the board of directors of the UM Foundation were all instrumental in the construction of the stadium.

The stadium was expanded to a capacity around 19,000 in the spring of 1995, as end zone seating was added on both the north and south sides. Prior to that there were 12,500 permanent seats. When the grass end zones were available, the capacity was approximately 15,000.

The stadium excavation consisted of moving 70,000 cubic yards of dirt, which places the stadium playing surface about 20 feet below ground level. An estimated 4,500 yards of concrete was poured in the project. The field area inside the stadium is 182 feet wide and 402 feet from end-to-end.

In conjunction with the building of the stadium, additional parking and practice fields were built. The Grizzlies are able to practice on the campus on an area which has the dimensions of four, full-size football fields. A 200-space parking lot south of the stadium was also added.

At the peak of construction there were 180 craftsmen employed and 27 contractors, 24 of whom were from the state of Montana.

There are 48 private boxes located on the east and west sides of the stadium. They are individually decorated and furnished by their respective owners.

The press box located above the private boxes on the west side includes radio and television broadcast booths, electronic and print media seating, coaches scouting boxes, a public address booth, and an area for the scoreboard operators. The Missoula Homebuilders Association built the press box, primarily with volunteer labor.

Coca-Cola donated the original scoreboard, which was retrofitted and expanded in June of 1996. A new north end zone "mini" scoreboard, which is three feet high and 40 feet long, was added prior to the '96 season.

A new public address system was added for the 1996 season. The system provides a maximum of 103 decibels at each seat, as well as in each private suite. The expansion also included a 17-foot by 10-foot 65,000 full color SoundBurst® message center. The message center features game statistics, player profiles, statistics, and digital replays during live television broadcasts.

In April of 1996 new men's locker rooms housing football, basketball, track and cross country were completed. The new locker rooms are located below the entry level on the west side of the stadium and cover more than 4,000 square feet.

The school began renovation of Adams Center (formerly called Adams Field House) in the spring of 1998, and it will be ready for use this season for Griz and Lady Griz basketball games and numerous special events.

Also added in renovated Adams Center: a new 7,000 square feet weight room; a 4,500 square feet athletic treatment center; and a new 1,000 square feet learning center and meeting room with big screen videos, new women's locker rooms covering 4,000 square feet, a 3,200 square foot equipment center, and three new meeting rooms totaling 2,000 square feet.

STADIUM STREAKS
Most Consecutive Home Wins: 30 (Sept. 3, 1994 thru Sept. 29, 1997)
Misc.: Montana has won 45 of its last 48 (93.8%) games in the stadium since mid-1992.

WIN-LOSS IN THE STADIUM

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TOP 10 CROWDS IN THE STADIUM

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*Largest home opener in school history
1999 Opponents

Jeramiah Butenschoen, top left, Nate Sanders, top right, Leif Thorsen, bottom left, Justin Klein, bottom right.
### South Dakota

**September 4, 1999 - 1:05 p.m.**  
Washington-Grizzly Stadium

**Location:** Vermillion, SD  
**Enrollment:** 7,317  
**Nickname:** Coyotes  
**School Colors:** Red & White  
**President:** James W. Abbott  
**Athletic Director:** Kelly Higgins  
**Head Coach:** John Austin (South Dakota, 1980)  
**Overall Record:** 0-0, 1st year  
**Record at SD:** 0-0, 1st year  
**Football phone:** (605) 677-5309  
**Best time to call:** 10 a.m.-12 noon  
**Stadium:** DakotaDome (10,000)  
**Stadium phone:** (605) 677-5761  
**1998 Record:** 3-8  
**League:** 1-8 (T-10th)

**Conference:** North Central  
**Assistant Coaches:** Brent Salem, Off. Coor., QBs, RBs; Brad Salem, Receivers & TEs; Mark Hodson, O-Line; Bob Forsyth, Secondary; Brett Chambers, D-Line.  
**Starters Back:** 12 (8 off., 3 def., 1 kicker)  
**Lettermen Back/Lost:** 37/13  
**Series Record:** 12 (8 off., 3 def., 1 kicker)  
**Last Meeting:** September 5, 1999 - 1:05 p.m.  
**Key Returnees:** Darren Smith, RB, 5-10, 200, Jr; Peter Martin, QB, 6-3, 205, Sr; Jamel White, RB, 5-10, 210, Sr; Steve Young, WR, 6-1, 190, Jr.  
**1998 Results**

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**Opponent**  
@ Montana

**Date**  
Sept. 4  
Sept. 11  
Sept. 18  
Sept. 25  
Oct. 2  
Oct. 9  
Oct. 16  
Oct. 23  
Nov. 6  
Nov. 13

*North Central Conference game

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### Sacramento State

**September 11, 1999 - 1:05 p.m.**  
Washington-Grizzly Stadium

**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**Enrollment:** 24,000  
**Nickname:** Hornets  
**School Colors:** Green & Gold  
**President:** Dr. Donald R. Gerth  
**Athletic Director:** Debby Colberg  
**Head Coach:** John Volek (UC Riverside, 1968)  
**Overall Record:** 11-32-1, 4 years  
**Record at CSS:** 11-32-1, 4 years  
**Football phone:** (916) 278-7053  
**Best time to call:** Mornings  
**Stadium:** Hornet Stadium (17,000/Grass)  
**Stadium phone:** (916) 451-5816  
**1998 Record:** 5-6  
**League:** 3-5 (T-7th)  
**Conference:** Big Sky

**Assistant Coaches:** Bob Shook, Asst. Head Coach, Spec. Teams, D-Line; Lou Patrone, Def. Coor.; Bruce Pielstick, Off. Coor.; Lou Baiz, LBs; Bob Visger, RBs; Angus McClure, O-Line; Les Myers, TEs.  
**Starters back:** 17 (10 off.; 6 def.; 1 kicker)  
**Lettermen Back/Lost:** 41/15  
**Series Record:** 4-0, UM  
**Last Meeting:** September 11, 1999 - 1:05 p.m.  
**Key Returnees:** Charles Roberts, RB, 5-6, 175, Jr.; Garrett White, QB, 6-3, 190, So.; Chris Kelly, TE, 6-4, 222, Sr; Lamont Webb, WR, 5-10, 180, Jr; Carlos Williams, DB, 5-9, 205, Sr.

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@ Montana

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Sept. 11  
Sept. 18  
Sept. 25  
Oct. 2  
Oct. 9  
Oct. 16  
Oct. 23  
Oct. 30  
Nov. 6  
Nov. 20

*Big Sky Conference game

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*USD State University of South Dakota*
1999 Opponents

Weber State
September 25, 1999 - 1:05 p.m.
Washington-Grizzly Stadium

Location: Ogden, Utah
Enrollment: 15,000
Nickname: Wildcats
School Colors: Royal Purple & White
President: Dr. Paul H. Thompson
Athletic Director: John Johnson
Head Coach: Jerry Graybeal
(Eastern Washington, 1980)
Overall Record: 6-5-1, 1 year
Record at WSU: 6-5-1, 1 year
Football phone: (801) 626-6493
Best time to call: Mornings: 11-12
Stadium: Stewart (17,500/Grass)
Stadium phone: (801) 626-6588
1998 Record: 6-5
League: 4-4 (T-4th)
Conference: Big Sky

Assistant Coaches: Steve Correa, RBs; Damian Jackson, LB's; Lance Minnhaug, TE's; Rick Olson, D-Line; Rick Redden, DB's & Def. Coor; J.D. Sollars, Off. Coor., QBs; Tom Stackrak, O-Line; Ray Williams, WRs.
Starters back: 10 (6 off., 4 def.)
Lettermen Back/Lost: 30/24
Series Record: 26-11, UM
Last Meeting: @ WSU 27, UM 20, 1998
SID: Brad Larsen
SID Phone: (801) 626-6010-W; 776-5376-H; 626-6490-F
Email: blarsen3@weber.edu
Website: www.catsis@weber.edu/athletics
Athletic Trainer: Jim Sterk
Key Returnees: Morgan Welch, RB, 5-8, 205, Sr.; Ryan Prince, TE, 6-5, 250, Jr.; Joel Barrow, DT, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Wade Davis, CB, 5-11, 185, Sr.

1998 Results
Overall: 6-5/Big Sky: 4-4
Sept. 3
Montana Tech
W 38-7
Sept. 12
Humboldt State
W 41-12
Sept. 19
@ Idaho State* W 6-3
Sept. 26
@ Montana* W 27-20
Oct. 3
@ Sacramento State* W 27-14
Oct. 10
Montana State* L 10-7
Oct. 17
@ Boise State L 24-13
Oct. 24
@ Portland State* L 34-27
Oct. 31
Cal State Northridge* L 26-10
Nov. 7
@ Northern Arizona* L 20-17
Nov. 14
Eastern Washington* W 27-23

1999 Schedule
Date
Sept. 2
Western State (CO)
Time (Mtn.)
7:05 p.m.
Sept. 9
@ Wyoming
2:07 p.m.
Sept. 16
Idaho State*
6:05 p.m.
Sept. 23
@ Montana*
1:05 p.m.
Oct. 1
Sacramento State*
6:05 p.m.
Oct. 8
@ Montana State* 12:35 p.m.
Oct. 15
Southern Utah
6:05 p.m.
Oct. 22
Portland State*
1:05 p.m.
Oct. 29
@ Cal State Northridge* 3:05 p.m.
Nov. 5
Northern Arizona* 1:05 p.m.
Nov. 12
@ Eastern Washington* 1:05 p.m.
*Big Sky Conference game

@Portland State
October 2, 1999 - 7:05 p.m.
Civic Stadium

Location: Portland, OR
Enrollment: 15,000
Nickname: Vikings
School Colors: Forest Green & White
President: Daniel Bernstine
Athletic Director: Jim Wallis
Head Coach: Tim Walsh (UC Riverside, 1977)
Overall Record: 64-46, 10 years
Record at PSU: 37-32, 6 years
Football phone: (503) 725-5625
Best time to call: 9-11 a.m.
Stadium: Civic (23,000), Astroturf
Stadium phone: (503) 294-2942
1998 Record: 5-6
League: 4-4 (T-4th)
Conference: Big Sky

Assistant Coaches: Vic Venuta, Asst. Head Coach/D-Line; Mark Criner, Def. Coor./LBs; Robert Prince, Off. Coor./QB's; Jeff Hoover, O-Line; Greg Lupfer, Safeties; Richard Rogers, CBs; Rick Anderson, TE's; Eric Walcha, WRs; Brian Harris, RBs.
Starters back: 12 (8 offense, 3 defense, 1 kicker)
Lettermen Back/Lost: 33/21
Series Record: 17-9, UM
Last Meeting: @ UM 20, PSU 17, 1998
SID: Mike Lund
SID Phone: (503) 725-5602-W; 203-6923-H; 725-5610-F
Email: lund@pdx.edu Website: www.vikings.pdx.edu
Athletic Trainer: Jim Sterk
Key Returnees: Charles Dunn, RB, 5-8, 180, Jr.; Orshawante Bryant, WR, 5-10, 173, Jr.; Dan Frantz, K-P, 6-3, 190, Jr.; DeAngelo Hunter, LB, 6-2, 235, Jr.; Jimmy Blanchard, QB, 6-3, 188, Jr.

1998 Results
Overall: 5-6/Big Sky: 4-4
Sept. 12
@ Eastern Washington* W 30-27
Sept. 19
@ Boise State L 42-24
Sept. 26
Idaho State* L 43-41
Oct. 3
@ Montana* L 20-17
Oct. 10
Sacramento State* W 58-31
Oct. 17
@ Montana State* W 34-31
Oct. 24
Weber State* W 41-27
Oct. 31
Cal Poly W 41-34
Nov. 7
@ Cal State Northridge* L 32-28
Nov. 14
Northern Arizona* L 23-13
Nov. 21
@ Northeast Louisiana L 43-27

1999 Schedule
Date
Sept. 4
@ Fresno State
Time (Pac.)
7:00 p.m.
Sept. 11
Western Washington
6:05 p.m.
Sept. 18
Eastern Washington* 6:05 p.m.
Sept. 25
@ Idaho State* 5:35 p.m.
Oct. 2
Montana*
6:05 p.m.
Oct. 9
@ Sacramento State* 1:05 p.m.
Oct. 16
Montana State*
6:05 p.m.
Oct. 23
@ Weber State* 1:05 p.m.
Oct. 30
@ Cal Poly
2:00 p.m.
Nov. 6
Cal State Northridge* 6:05 p.m.
Nov. 13
@ Northern Arizona* 5:05 p.m.
*Big Sky Conference game
1999 Opponents

Cal State Northridge
October 9, 1999 - 1:05 p.m.
Washington-Grizzly Stadium

Location: Northridge, CA
Enrollment: 27,000
Nickname: Matadors
School Colors: Red, White & Black
Interim President: Louanne Kennedy
Athletic Director: Richard M. Dull
Head Coach: Ron Ponciano (Azusa Pacific, 1983)
Overall Record: 7-4, 1 yr.
Record at CSN: 7-4, 1 yr.
Football phone: (818) 677-2061
Best time to call: 9-11 a.m.
Stadium: North Campus Stadium (7,500/Grass)
Stadium phone: (818) 677-3097
1998 Record: 7-4
League: 5-3 (T-2nd)
Conference: Big Sky

Assistant Coaches: G. Keith Borges, RBs; Bobby Connelly, O-Line; Rob Phenicio, Off. Coor.; Craig Wall, Def. Coor.; Foster Anderson, Safeties; Brent Huff, DBs; Terrance Johnson, D-Line.

Starters back: 16 (7 off., 8 def., 1 kicker)
Lettermen Back/Lost: 43/21
Series Record: 2-1, UM
Last Meeting: @ CSN 21, UM 7, 1998
SID: Ryan Finney
Email: ryanfinney@csun.edu
SID Phone: (818) 677-2313-W; 990-8205-H; 677-4762-F
Athletic Trainer: Rhonda Lowry
Key Returnees: Aaron Arnold, WR, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Marcus Brady, LB, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Jeremy Golden, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Brennen Swanson, LB, 6-3, 230, Sr.

1998 Results
Overall Record: 7-4/Big Sky: 5-3
Sept. 5 @ Boise State L 26-13
Sept. 19 @ Northern Arizona* W 41-10
Sept. 26 Eastern Washington* W 38-35
Oct. 3 Southern Utah W 44-17
Oct. 10 Montana* W 21-7
Oct. 17 @ Sacramento State* L 35-21
Oct. 24 Montana State* L 32-26
Oct. 31 @ Weber State* W 26-10
Nov. 7 Portland State* W 32-28
Nov. 14 @ S.W. Missouri State W 42-38
Nov. 21 @ Idaho State* L 32-29

1999 Schedule
Opponent
Western Oregon
@ Kansas
@ Eastern Washington*
Idaho State*
@ Montana*
Sacramento State*
@ Montana State*
Weber State*
@ Portland State*
@ Southern Methodist
Northern Arizona*
Date
Sept. 4
Sept. 11
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Time (Pac.)
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*Big Sky Conference game

@Northern Arizona
October 16, 1999 - 5:05 p.m.
Walkup Skydome

Location: Flagstaff, AZ
Enrollment: 20,000
Nickname: Lumberjacks
School Colors: Blue & Gold
President: Dr. Clara M. Lovett
Athletic Director: Steve Holton
Head Coach: Jerome Souers (Oregon, 1983)
Overall Record: 6-5, 1 year
Record at NAU: 6-5, 1 Year
Football phone: (520) 523-5353
Best time to call: Mornings
Stadium: J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome (15,300/Artificial)
Stadium phone: (520) 523-7729/7730
1998 Record: 6-5
League: 3-5 (T-7th)
Conference: Big Sky

Assistant Coaches: Corey Batoon, DBs; Scott Criner, WRs; Scott Peoples, D-Line; Ryan Hodson, RBs; Kyle Lingerfelt, DBs; Brent Pease, Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coor./RB; Dave Stromswold, O-Line; Josh Branan, RBs.

Starters Back: 17 (8 off.; 8 def., 1 kicker)
Lettermen Back/Lost: 40/16
Series Record: 21-11, UM
Last Meeting: @ UM 33, NAU 20, 1998
SID: Kevin Klintworth
SID Phone: (520) 523-6792-W; 522-8892-H; 523-6793-F
Email: kevinklintworth@nau.edu
Website: www.nau.edu/~athletics
Athletic Trainer: Mike Nesbitt
Key Returnees: Travis Brown, QB, 6-4, 210, Sr.; Derek Allen, DT, 6-4, 265, Sr.; Jake Crissup, LB, 5-10, 215, Sr.; Afa Faraime, LB, 5-11, 195, Sr.

1998 Results
Overall: 6-5/Big Sky: 3-5
Sept. 5 @ Cal Poly W 9-0
Sept. 12 Southwest Texas W 38-16
Sept. 19 Cal State Northridge* L 41-10
Sept. 26 Western State W 28-9
Oct. 3 @ Eastern Washington* L 21-17
Oct. 10 Idaho State* W 30-7
Oct. 17 @ Montana* L 33-20
Oct. 24 Cal State Sacramento* L 38-21
Oct. 31 @ Montana State* L 32-25
Nov. 7 Weber State* W 20-17
Nov. 14 @ Portland State* W 23-13

1999 Schedule
Opponent
Cal Poly
@ New Mexico
@ Southwest Texas
Eastern Washington*
@ Idaho State*
Montana*
@ Sacramento State*
Montana State*
@ Weber State*
Portland State*
@ Cal State Northridge*
Date
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
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Time (Pac.)
6:05 p.m.
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*Big Sky Conference game

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Eastern Washington

October 23, 1999 - 1:05 p.m.
Washington-Grizzly Stadium

Location: Cheney, WA
Enrollment: 8,000
Nickname: Eagles
School Colors: Red & White
President: Dr. Stephen M. Jordan
Athletic Director: Scott Barnes
Head Coach: Mike Kramer (Idaho, 1977)
Overall Record: 30-28, 5 Seasons
Record at EWU: 5-6
Football phone: (509) 359-7463
Best time to call: Weekday mornings
Stadium: Woodward Stadium (7,000/Grass)
Stadium phone: (509) 359-6351
1998 Record: 5-6
League: 4-4 (Tie-4th)
Conference: Big Sky

Key Returnees: Dario Romero, DL, 6-3, 212, Sr., Lance Knaevelsrud, O T , 6-4, 271, Sr., Greg Belzer, LB, 6-1, 235, Jr.

Assistant Coaches: Paul Wulff, Off., Coor./O-Line; Steve Kizer, Def. Coor./LBs; Dave Telford, QBs/WRs; Randy Hanson, Secondaries; Torrey Smith, RBs; Pete Kwiatkowski, D-Line; Rich Rasmussen, TE.

Starters back: 19 (7 Off., 10 Def., 2 Kickers)
Lettermen Back/Lost: 39/12
Series Record: 29/25
Lettermen Back/Lost: 29/25

1998 Results
Overall: 5-6/Big Sky: 4-4

Sept. 5 @ Idaho L 31-14
Sept. 12 Portland State L 30-27 (ot)
Sept. 26 @ Cal State Northridge L 38-35
Oct. 3 Northern Arizona W 21-17
Oct. 10 Western Washington W 42-19
Oct. 17 @ Idaho State W 44-13
Oct. 24 Montana L 30-27
Oct. 31 @ Sacramento State W 31-25
Nov. 7 Montana State W 31-24
Nov. 14 @ Weber State L 27-23
Nov. 21 @ Southern Utah L 43-21

1999 Schedule

Date Opponent Time (Pac.)
Sept. 3 Idaho 6:05 p.m.
Sept. 11 Central Washington 6:05 p.m.
Sept. 18 @ Portland State 6:05 p.m.
Sept. 25 @ Cal State Northridge 4:05 p.m.
Oct. 2 @ Northern Arizona 2:05 p.m.
Oct. 9 @ Boise State 3:05 p.m.
Oct. 16 Idaho State* 12:05 p.m.
Oct. 23 @ Montana* 1:05 p.m.
Oct. 30 Sacramento State* 11:05 a.m.
Nov. 6 @ Montana State* 1:05 p.m.
Nov. 13 Weber State* 1:05 p.m.

1999 Results
Overall: 3-8/Big Sky: 2-6

Sept. 5 @ New Mexico L 38-9
Sept. 19 Weber State* L 6-3
Sept. 26 @ Portland State* W 43-41
Oct. 3 @ Idaho L 52-3
Oct. 10 @ Northern Arizona* L 30-7
Oct. 24 Southern Utah W 50-33
Oct. 31 @ Montana* L 40-13
Nov. 7 Sacramento State* L 36-13
Nov. 14 @ Montana State* L 66-35
Nov. 21 Cal State Northridge* W 32-29

1999 Schedule

Date Opponent Time (Mtn.)
Sept. 4 Eastern Oregon 6:35 p.m.
Sept. 11 Fort Lewis 6:35 p.m.
Sept. 18 @ Weber State* 6:35 p.m.
Sept. 25 Portland State* 3:05 p.m.
Oct. 2 @ Cal State Northridge* 3:05 p.m.
Oct. 9 Northern Arizona* 2:05 p.m.
Oct. 16 @ Eastern Washington* 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 23 @ Southern Utah 6:35 p.m.
Oct. 30 Montana* 2:05 a.m.
Nov. 6 @ Sacramento State* 6:35 p.m.
Nov. 13 Montana State* 6:35 p.m.

*Big Sky Conference game

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@ Idaho State

October 30, 1999 - 6:35 p.m.
Holt Arena

Location: Pocatello, ID
Enrollment: 12,448
Nickname: Bengals
School Colors: Orange & Black
President: Dr. Richard L. Bowen
Interim Athletic Director: Dr. Howard Gauthier
Head Coach: Larry Lewis (Boise State, 1980)
Overall Record: 0-0, 1st year
Record at ISU: 0-0, 1st year
Football phone: (208) 236-2779
Best time to call: Mornings
Stadium: Holt Arena (12,000/Astroturf)
Stadium phone: (208) 236-2952
1998 Record: 3-8
League: 2-6, 9th
Conference: Big Sky

Assistant Coaches: Chris Ball, Def. Coor./LBs; Joe Borich, RBs; Bruce Barnum, D-Line; Steve Fisk, Asst. D-Line; James Franklin, WRs; Joe Lorig, CBs; Aaron Price, RBs; Allen Salanoa, TE; Keith Uperesa, Off. Coord./O-Line; James Ward, Secondaries.
Starters back: 14 (7 Off., 5 Def., 2 Kickers)

Lettermen Back/Lost: 29/25
Series Record: 29-12, UM
Last Meeting: @ UM 40, ISU 13, 1998
SID: Frank Mercogliano
Email: mercfran@isu.edu
SID Phone: (208) 236-2621; 234-0755; 236-3659
Athletic Trainer: Phil Luckey

Key Returnees: Brian Goodell, WR, 6-2, 205, Sr.; Kevin McCarthy, QB, 6-2, 170, Jr.; Gene Zuniga, O L, 6-1, 270, Sr.; Jason Meador, LB, 6-0, 220, Jr.; Pete Garces, PK, 6-3, 200, Sr.

Overall: 3-8/Big Sky: 2-6

1998 Results

1999 Schedule

Date Opponent Time (Mtn.)
Sept. 4 Eastern Oregon 6:35 p.m.
Sept. 11 Fort Lewis 6:35 p.m.
Sept. 18 @ Weber State* 6:35 p.m.
Sept. 25 Portland State* 3:05 p.m.
Oct. 2 @ Cal State Northridge* 3:05 p.m.
Oct. 9 Northern Arizona* 2:05 p.m.
Oct. 16 @ Eastern Washington* 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 23 @ Southern Utah 6:35 p.m.
Oct. 30 Montana* 2:05 a.m.
Nov. 6 @ Sacramento State* 6:35 p.m.
Nov. 13 Montana State* 6:35 p.m.

*Big Sky Conference game

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Dario Romero
Defensive Line

Assistant Coaches: Dario Romero, DL, 6-3, 212, Sr., Lance Knaevelsrud, O T , 6-4, 271, Sr., Greg Belzer, LB, 6-1, 235, Jr.

Websites:
- www.ewu.edu
- dcook@ewu.edu

Dismissals:
- (208) 359-7463-W; 235-4672-H; 359-2828-F

Football phone:
- (509) 359-6351

Request:
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Thank you.
1999 Opponents

@Cal Poly
November 6, 1999 - 2:00 p.m.
Mustang Stadium

Location: San Luis Obispo, CA
Enrollment: 17,000
Nickname: Mustangs
School Colors: Forest Green & Gold
President: Dr. Warren J. Baker
Athletic Director: John F. McCutcheon
Head Coach: Larry Welsh (Northern Arizona, 1966)
Overall Record: 13-9, 2 years
Record at CP: 13-9, 2 years
Football phone: (805) 756-5166
Best time to call: mornings
Stadium: Mustang Stadium (8,500/Grass)
Stadium phone: (805) 756-6739
1998 Record: 3-8
League: N/A

Idaho
November 13, 1999 - 12:05 p.m.
Washington-Grizzly Stadium

Location: Moscow, Idaho
Enrollment: 11,730
Nickname: Vandals
School Colors: Silver & Gold
President: Dr. Bob Hoover
Athletic Director: Mike Bohn
Head Coach: Chris Tormey (Idaho, 1978)
Overall Record: 26-19, 4 years
Record at Idaho: 26-19, 4 years
Football phone: (208) 885-0235
Best time to call: 11 a.m.-12 Noon
Stadium: Martin Stadium (37,600/Astroturf)
Stadium phone: (509) 335-0270
1998 Record: 9-3
League: 4-1 (1st)

Conference: Big West
Assistant Coaches: Phil Earley, Asst. Head Coach
Coach/Off. Coord./QBs; Todd Hoiness, Off. Line; Paul Skansi, WRs; Jim Mastro, RBs; Randy Hall, TEs; Jeff Mills, Def. Coord./D-Line; Rick Courtnight, LBs; Kim McCloud, DBs; Charlie Camp, D-Line.

Starters back: 19 (10 off., 8 def., 1 kicker)
Lettermen Back/Lost: 50/10
Series Record: 54-23-2, Idaho
Last Meeting: @ Idaho 55, UM 43, 1995
SID: Becky Paul
SID Phone: (208) 885-0245-W; 883-0850-H; 885-0255-F
Email: bpaull@novell.uidaho.edu
Athletic Trainer: Barrie Steele
Key Returnees: Rick DeMulling, OT, 6-5, 296, Jr.; James Durrough, LB, 6-0, 234, Sr.; Matt Jasik, LB, 5-11, 221, Jr.; Ryan Prestimonicino, WR, 5-9, 179, Sr.

1998 Schedule
Overall: 9-3/Big West: 4-1

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Montana State
November 20, 1999 - 12:05 p.m.
Reno H. Sales Stadium

Location: Bozeman, MT
Enrollment: 12,250
Nickname: Bobcats
School Colors: Blue & Gold
President: Dr. Michael Malone
Athletic Director: Chuck Lindemenn
Head Coach: Cliff Hysell (Montana State, 1966)

Overall Record: 38-39, 7 years
Record at MSU: 38-39, 7 years
Football phone: 406-994-5694
Best time to call: Mornings
Stadium: Bobcat Stadium (13,500/Grass)
Stadium phone: 406-994-6180
1998 Record: 7-4
League: 5-3 (T-2nd)
Conference: Big Sky

Assistant Coaches: Jim McElwain, Off. Coor./QB's/WRs; Greg Salo, Def. Coor./LB's; Mike Orthmann, O-Line; Joe Wade, RB's; Chad Mayer, TE's; George Booker, D-Line; Butch Damberger, DB's.
Starters back: 14 (5 off., 7 def., 2 kickers)
Lettermen Back/Lost: 38/18
Series Record: 61-32-5, UM
Last Meeting: @UM 28, MSU 21, 1998
SID: Bill Lamberty
SID Phone: 406-994-5133-W; 587-5459-H; 994-2278-F
Email: blamberty@msubobcats.com
Website: www.msubobcats.com
Athletic Trainer: Rob Higgs (Football)
Key Returnees: Chip Hobbs, WR, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Brent Ludwig, OL, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Shon Flores, SS, 6-0, 215, Sr.; Noel Kulbeck, CB, 5-10, 170, Sr.

1998 Results
Overall: 7-4/Big Sky: 5-3

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*Big Sky Conference game
The 1999-2000 athletic season marks the 37th year of the Big Sky Conference and, although still youthful in the world of NCAA Division I athletic conferences, The Sky has solidified itself as one of the strongest leagues in the west as well as the nation. The Big Sky begins its fourth year of the current nine-institution membership after adding Cal State Northridge, Cal State Sacramento and Portland State to the family in 1996.

With its roots established in 1963, the Big Sky Conference began with six charter members: The University of Idaho, Idaho State University, Gonzaga University, The University of Montana, Montana State University and Weber State University. On July 1, 1970, the league experienced its first expansion, adding Boise State University and Northern Arizona University to the fold to create an eight-member league. On July 1, 1979, charter member Gonzaga left the league and was replaced by the University of Nevada. In 1987, Eastern Washington was admitted to the league to create the first version of a nine-member Big Sky Conference. The University of Nevada’s departure in 1992 moved the league to eight members until July 1, 1996 both Boise State and Idaho left the Big Sky, but the three additional institutions moved the league into a nine-member scenario for the second time.

The Big Sky conference sponsors championships in 15 sports, including men’s and women’s cross country, golf, basketball, tennis, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, in addition to football, women’s volleyball and soccer. The Big Sky is a NCAA Division I member in all sports, with member institutions classified as I-AA in football.

The 1999-2000 athletic season also marks the twelfth year in which the Big Conference will sponsor championships in women’s sports. Twelve years ago the Big Sky Conference merged with the Mountain West Athletic Conference, forming one league for both men’s and women’s athletics. The Mountain West had been in existence since 1982, sponsoring championships for women’s athletics at the same institutions the Big Sky had sponsored men’s programs.

The Big Sky Conference member institutions are located in seven states that span from the Pacific Ocean to the Rocky Mountains and from the Canadian to the Mexican borders. The entire west coast is now represented by the Big Sky with members in Washington, Oregon and California, and of the eight western-most states in the contiguous United States, only one (Nevada) does not contain a Big Sky member. League members can be found in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Utah.

The name BIG SKY originated in a novel written in 1947 by the late A.B. (Bud) Guthrie of Great Falls, Mont., entitled The Big Sky. Jack Hollowell, former Montana advertising director, promoted the Big Sky theme for the Treasure State, and Harry Missildine of the Spokane (Wash.) Spokesman-Review called for the newly formed league to be named “The Big Sky Conference” in his column dated Feb. 20, 1963. Five days later, on Feb. 25, the name Big Sky was adopted by the six presidents of the newly formed league.

On July 1, 1995, Doug Fullerton became the fifth commissioner of the Big Sky Conference and was given the reins to lead the league into the changing world of intercollegiate athletics. Fullerton replaced longtime commissioner Ron Stephenson, who retired after 14 years in the position. The first commissioner of the Big Sky was Jack Friel, who served from the league’s inception until 1971. After Friel, John Roning directed the conference for six years until 1977 when Steve Belko assumed the commissioner’s role. Belko was with league for five years.

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Grizzly Records

Adam Boomer

Michael Smith

Jacob Yoro

Kelley Bryant
### Individual Records - Single Season
#### Rushing
- **Most Carries**: 241, Greg Iseman @ Weber State, 1982
- **Most Net Yards**: 1,253, Steve Caputo, 1971
- **Highest Average Per Carry**: 8.2, Rich Irmer, 1953 (86-703)
- **Most Touchdowns Rushing**: 14, Dave Dickerson, 1993; 11, Steve Sullivan, 1920; 10, Greg Iseman, 1982; 10, Tony Rice, 1992

#### Passing
- **Most Attempts**: 437, Brad Lebo, 1991
- **Most Completed**: 309, Dave Dickenson, 1995
- **Highest Completion Pct.**: *68.2%, Dave Dickenson, 1994 (229-of-336)
- **Pass Yards Per Game**: *379.6, Dave Dickenson, 1995
- **Most Passes Had Intercepted**: 16, Marty Mornhinweg, 1984; 16, Grady Bennett, 1990
- **Most Touchdowns**: 32, Brian Ah Yat, 1996

### Individual Records - Single Game
#### Rushing
- **Most Carries**: 36, Monty Bullerdick vs. Idaho State, 1977
- **Most Net Yards**: 227, Les Kent @ Portland State, 1969
- **Most Touchdowns Rushing**: 4, Arnie Blancas @ Weber State, 1980; 8, Doug Egbert @ Weber State, 1975

#### Passing
- **Most Attempts**: 72, Dave Dickenson @ Idaho, 1995
- **Most Completions**: 43, Dave Dickenson @ Idaho, 1995
- **Most Yards**: 560, Brian Ah Yat @ E. Wash., 1996
- **Most Touchdowns**: 6, Dave Dickenson vs. Boise State, 1995
- **Highest Completion Percentage**: *67.3%, Dave Dickenson, 1992-95

#### Punting
- **Most Punts**: 77, Scott Gurney, 1992
- **Highest Average**: *44.7, Mike Rice, 1985 (62-2.771)

#### Kickoff Returns
- **Most Returns**: 33, Shannon Cabunoc, 1990
- ** Highest Average**: *3.5, Greg Anderson, 1974 (10-335)

#### Kickoff Punting
- **Most Punts**: 116, Joe Douglass, 1996
- **Most Yards**: 84, Dave Dickenson, 1995
- **Highest Average**: *26, Mike Rice vs. Idaho State, 1986

#### Field Goal Attempts
- **Most Field Goals**: 8, Shalon Baker vs. Montana State, 1992
- **Longest Field Goal**: 28, Jody Farmer, 1986-89

#### Interceptions
- **Most Interceptions**: 11, Terry Thomas @ Nevada-Las Vegas, 1978

#### Scoring
- **Most Touchdowns**: 227, Joe Douglass @ E. Wash., 1996
- **Most Field Goals**: 84, Greg Iseman @ Weber State, 1982
- **Most Points**: 192, Raul Pacheco, 1995-98

### Individual Career Records
#### Rushing
- **Most Carries**: 433, Monty Bullerdick, 1977-78
- **Most Net Yards**: 2,228, Rocky Klever, 1977-81

#### Passing
- **Most Attempts**: 1,208, Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
- **Most Completed**: 813, Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
- **Most Yards Passing**: 11,080, Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
- **Most Touchdowns**: *96, Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
- **Most Passes Had Intercepted**: 42, Grady Bennett, 1988-90
- **Pass Yards Per Game**: *316.3, Dave Dickenson, 1992-95

#### Interceptions
- **Most Interceptions**: 212, Karl Stein, 1969-70
- **Fewest Interceptions Per Pass**: *2.1%, Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
- **Passing Efficiency**: *166.2, Dave Dickenson, 1992-95

#### Receiving
- **Most Receptions**: 192, Raul Pacheco, 1995-98
- **Most Yards**: 189, Matt Wells, 1992-95
- **Most Touchdown Receptions**: 26, Shalon Baker, 1991-94

#### Scoring
- **Most Touchdowns**: 5, Greg Iseman @ Weber State, 1982
- **Most Field Goals**: 4, Kirk Duce vs. East. New Mex., 1988
- **Most Touchdowns**: 4, Bruce Carlson @ Northern Colorado, 1976
- **Longest Field Goal**: 54, Kris Hoppner @ Idaho State, 1997
- **Most Conversions**: 9, Russell Sweet @ Montana School of Mines, 1924
- **Most Conversion Kicks**: 177, Andy Larson, 1993-96

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Grizzly Records

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**Longest Touchdown Pass**
- 93, Brian Ah Yat @ Portland State, 1997

**Total Offense**
- **Most Plays**: 85, Dave Dickenson @ Idaho, 1995
- **Most Yards**: 574, Dave Dickenson @ Idaho, 1995
- **All-Purpose Yards**: 321, Damon Boddie @ Idaho, 1994

**Pass Receiving**
- **Most Receptions**: 15, Josh Paffhausen vs. St. Mary’s, 1997

**Punting**
- **Most Returns**: 28, Shalon Baker, 1991-94
- **Longest Touchdown Pass**: 42, Grady Bennett, 1988-90

**Kickoff Returns**
- **Most Returns**: 28, Shalon Baker, 1991-94
- **Longest Touchdown Pass**: 316, Jody Farmer, 1988

**Kickoff Punting**
- **Most Punts**: 280, Kirk Duce, 1988-91
- **Highest Average**: *177, Andy Larson, 1993-96

**Field Goal Attempts**
- **Most Field Goals**: 4, Kirk Duce, 1988-91
## TEAM RECORDS - SINGLE SEASON

### RUSHING
- **Most Carries**
  - 728, 1970
- **Most Net Yards**
  - 3,477, 1971
- **Highest Average Per Carry**
  - 5.6, 1954 (380-2,114)
- **Highest Per Game Average**
  - 338.4, 1970

### PASSING
- **Most Attempts**
  - 503, 1994
- **Most Completed**
  - 336, 1995
- **Highest Completion Percentage**
  - 67.2%, (336-of-500), 1995
- **Most Interceptions**
  - 4, 1963
- **Most Passes Had Intercepted**
  - 4, 1963

### TOTAL OFFENSE
- **Most Plays**
  - 859, 1989
- **Most Yards**
  - 5,637, 1995
- **Highest Per Play Average**
  - 6.9, 1995 (820-5,637)
- **Highest Per Game Average**
  - 512.5, 1995

### FIRST DOWNS
- **Most Total First Downs**
  - 279, 1995
- **Most First Downs Rushing**
  - 171, 1970
- **Most First Downs Passing**
  - 185, 1995
- **Most First Downs by Penalties**
  - 33, 1998

### PUNTING
- **Most Punts**
  - 84, 1992
- **Most Yards**
  - 3,161, 1988
- **Highest Average**
  - 44.7, 1985 (62-2,771)

### KICKOFF RETURNS
- **Most Returns**
  - 53, 1985, 1986
- **Most Yards**
  - 1,127, 1986

### SCORING
- **Highest Average**
  - 24.6, 1974 (43-1,059)
- **Most Points - 469, 1995**
- **Most Touchdowns - 64, 1995**
- **Most Field Goals - 18, 1988**
- **Most Conversions - 54, 1996**

### RUSH DEFENSE
- **Fewest Average Carries Allowed**
  - 34.6, 1970
- **Lowest Per Rush Yield**
  - 2.0, 1970 (346-699)
- **Fewest Yards Allowed**
  - 699, 1970

### PASS DEFENSE
- **Fewest Attempts Allowed**
  - 4, 1996
- **Fewest Interceptions Allowed**
  - 35, 1959
- **Lowest Completion Percentage**
  - .833, vs. Thomas More, 1990

### TOTAL DEFENSE
- **Fewest Average Plays Allowed**
  - 55.6, 1963
- **Lowest Average Per Play Yield**
  - 3.3, 1970 (648-2,150)
- **Fewest Yards Allowed**
  - 415, 1959
- **Fewest Touchdowns Allowed**
  - 4, 1963
- **Most Passes Intercepted**

### FIRST DOWNS
- **Fewest By Penalties**
  - 7, 1995
- **Lowest Yield Per Game**
  - 215.0, 1970

### RECOVERIES
- **Most Fumble Recoveries**
  - 27, 1975
- **Most Total Recoveries**
  - 45, 1977 (24 Interceptions and 21 Fumble Recoveries)

### BIGGEST COMEBACK
- **31 points vs. South Dakota State, 1993; (38-7; won 52-48)**

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### NATIONAL RECORDS
- **Most Interceptions**
  - 11, 1988
- **Most Conversions**
  - 54, 1996
- **Most Field Goals**
  - 18, 1988
- **Most Touchdowns**
  - 64, 1995
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  - 3,477, 1971
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**Ed Cerkovnik (26), most interceptions, 4, vs. Portland State, 1977.**
## Career Leaders

### RUSHING
1. Rocky Klever (1977-81) 2,228 yards
2. Steve Caputo (1969-71) 2,033 yards
3. Josh Brann (1995-97) 1,885 yards
4. Monty Bullerdick (1978-79) 1,813 yards
5. Jody Farmer (1986-89) 1,719 yards
6. Dick Imer (1953-54) 1,592 yards
7. Terry Dillon (1960-62) 1,569 yards
8. Amie Blancas (1969-70) 1,564 yards
9. Les Kent (1969-70) 1,554 yards
10. Tony Rice (1988-92) 1,453 yards
11. Del Spear (1973-76) 1,429 yards
12. Paul Connelly (1964-65) 1,348 yards
13. Jeff Hoffman (1970-71) 1,345 yards
14. Bob Byrne (1949-51) 1,313 yards
15. Renard Coleman (1985-88) 1,311 yards
16. Casey Reilly (1969-71) 1,284 yards

### RECEIVING (Cont.)
9. Brian Solonen (1980-83) 1,882 yards
10. Matt Clark (1987-90) 1,639 yards
11. Bob McCauley (1982-84) 1,466 yards
12. Mike Rice (1985-86) 1,434 yards
14. Travis Walker (1996-98) 1,334 yards
17. Ray Bauer (1948-50) 1,250 yards
18. Marvin Turk (1990-91) 1,178 yards
19. Mike Carlse (1991-92) 1,140 yards
20. Vern Kelly (1978-79) 1,103 yards

### SCORING (Cont.)
13. Josh Branen (1995-97) 144 points
14. Dave Dickenson (1992-95) 126 points
15. Del Spear (1973-76) 126 points
17. Bob Turnquist (1972-73) 115 points
18. Rocky Klever (1977-81) 112 points
19. Dick Imer (1953-54) 111 points

### PASSING
1. Dave Dickenson (1992-95) 11,080 yards
2. Brian Ah Yat (1995-98) 9,315 yards
3. Grady Bennett (1988-90) 7,778 yards
4. Brad Lebo (1989-92) 6,717 yards
5. Marty Mornhinweg (1980-84) 6,083 yards
6. Brent Pease (1985-86) 3,655 yards
7. Tom Kingsford (1948-50) 2,296 yards
10. Scott Werbelow (1986-87) 2,099 yards
11. Ray Brum (1969-70) 2,068 yards
12. Tim Kerr (1976-78) 1,745 yards
13. Van Troxel (1972-75) 1,447 yards
14. Rock Svenningen (1971-74) 1,446 yards
15. Dick Heath (1952-54) 1,231 yards
16. Kelly Richardson (1980-84) 1,191 yards

Rocky Klever (15), number one in career rushing with 2,228 yards, 1977-81. Number 65 is center Guy Bingham.
### Grizzly All-Americans

**David Kempfert, All-American 1995-1996.**

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**Eso Naranche, All-American, 1942.**

**PLAYER**

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- "Wild" Bill Kelly^*
- 1926
- Russell Sweet^*
- 1926
- Tom Davis^*
- 1928
- Jim Morrow
- 1929
- Waldo Ekegren^*
- 1930
- Bob Stansberry^*
- 1933
- Henry Blastic
- 1937
- Milt Popovich^*
- 1937
- Eso Naranche^*
- 1942
- Ken Campbell*
- 1950
- Joe DeLuca*
- 1954
- Doug Dansinger*
- 1955
- Stan Renning
- 1957, 58
- John Lands
- 1958, 59
- Terry Dillon^*
- 1962
- Wayne Harrington
- 1965
- Bob Beers
- 1967, 68
- Herb White*
- 1968
- Les Kent
- 1969
- Tuufuli Uperesa
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- Larry Miller
- 1969
- Ray Brum
- 1969, 70
- Karl Stein
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- Larry Miller
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- Arnie Blancas*
- 1970
- Steve Okoniewski
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- Barry Darrow
- 1971, 72
- Ron Rosenberg
- 1974
- Greg Anderson
- 1975, 76
- Monty Bullerick*
- 1977

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Joe Douglass, 78-yard touchdown pass, 1996 vs. Northern Arizona;

four touchdown receptions, 1996 at Eastern Washington;

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(21 tied with 4: Dickenson has nine games with 4 touchdown passes)
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Montana has had six conference defensive MVPs and five offensive MVPs.

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Scott Gurnsey, Big Sky Conference first team 1993 (at wide receiver).
Grizzly Awards

Each year outstanding University of Montana football players are recipients of eight different awards.

The Terry Dillon Award, honoring the outstanding back or receiver, was established in 1964 following the accidental death of former Grizzly Terry Dillon. Dillon played defensive and offensive halfback for UM from 1960 to 1962. He started at defensive halfback for the National Football League Minnesota Vikings.

The Steve Carlson award is given to the team’s most valuable player in memory of the former Grizzly football player who died in 1977.

Pat Norwood was a four-year starter at offensive tackle for the Grizzlies (1979-82) from Billings who died of cancer in 1983. This award is given to the Most Inspirational Player, who oftentimes had to overcome an injury.

Carlson (MVP)

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Raul Pacheco, 1998 award winner.
The Paul Weskamp Award was established in memory of Paul Weskamp, a tackle on Ed Chinske's 1954 Grizzly team. The award honors UM's outstanding lineman and was established by the citizens of Ronan, Montana.

The Golden Helmet Award honors the hardest hitter on the team. It was set up on a nationwide basis by the CocaCola Company in 1967.

Weskamp
1967 .......... Larry Huggins
1968 .......... Tuufuli Uperesa
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1970 .......... Larry Miller
1971 .......... Steve Okoniewski
1972 .......... Ron Richards
1973 .......... Jim Leid
1974 .......... Larry Farnam
1975 .......... Walt Brett
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1983 .......... Bob Cordier
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1985 .......... Eric Dawald
1986 .......... Larry Clarkjson
1987 .......... Scott Camper
1988 .......... J.C. Campbell
1989 .......... Dan Edwards
1990 .......... Joe Kalafat
1991 .......... Wade Thoemmes
1992 .......... Sam Davidson
1993 .......... Lance Allen
1994 .......... Jay Turner
1995 .......... Yohanse Manzanarez
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1997 .......... Randy Riley
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Golden Helmet
1967 .......... Bob Beers
1968 .......... Herb White
1969 .......... Jim Nordstrom
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1971 .......... Casey Reilly
1972 .......... Mick Demneh
1973 .......... Sly Hardy
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Tony Barbour
1987 .......... Nate Odden
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Outstanding Linebacker
1990 .......... Bryan Tripp
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The Larry Miller Award is given in memory of the great Grizzly lineman and wrestler who competed for UM in 1969 and 1970. Miller died in an automobile accident in 1974. The award honors the team's outstanding defensive lineman.

The Tony Barbour award is given in memory of a Loyal Grizzly Fan. It is presented annually to a UM player, "who best exemplifies outstanding practice habits and makes an unselfish contribution to the betterment of the Grizzly Football Team. Enthusiasm, dedication and commitment are the key factors sought in the person receiving this award."

The Outstanding Linebacker award was inaugurated in 1990 and is given by an anonymous donor.

Jason Crebo, 1997 Outstanding Linebacker and Golden Helmet awards.
Game 1: Sept. 5, 1998
MONTANA 49, @ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 42
(Homer Bryce Stadium)

Attendance: 8,637 - Weather: 93, Sunny
Montana

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TEAM-QUARTER-TIME-PLAY-LEADER

SFA-1st-2:30-Zach Woods 9 pass from Peyton Jones (Ted Woodard kick), 7-0, SFA
SFA-1st-2:22-Blocked punt recovered in end zone (Woodard kick), 14-0, SFA
UM-2nd-13:32-Raul Pacheco 11 pass from Brian Ah Yat (Kris Heppner kick), 14-7, SFA
SFA-2nd-13:08-Woods 47 pass from Jones (Woodard kick), 21-7, SFA
SFA-2nd-7:00-KaRon Coleman 1 run (Woodard kick failed), 27-7, SFA
UM-2nd-3:15-Pacheco 33 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 27-14, SFA
UM-2nd-11:Jim Farris 37 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 27-21, SFA
SFA-3rd-12:45-Bryan Smith 25 interception return (Coleman rush), 35-21, SFA
UM-3rd-9:31-Justin Olsen 4 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick),35-28, SFA
UM-3rd-7:31-Olsen 73 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 35-35, SFA
SFA-3rd-5:02-Jay Stegall 20 run (Woodard kick), 42-35, SFA
UM-3rd-1:30-Farris 4 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 42-42
UM-4th-5:51-Ah Yat 1 run (Heppner kick), 49-42, UM

TEAM STATISTICS

UM | TEAM STATS | SFA
---|------------|---
28 | First Downs | 27
25 | Rush Attempts | 59
114 | Net Yards Rushing | 335
458 | Passing Yards | 104
72-546 | Plays-TOTAL YARDS | 74-399
1-12 | Sacks by (-yards) | 11-13
47 | Pass Attempts | 15
30 | Completions | 7
2 | Had Intercepted | 0
0 | Fumbles-Lost | 2-2
10-84 | Penalties-Yards | 10-128
5-268 | Punts-Average | 5-41.6
8x14 | 3rd Down Conversions | 6x14
26:22 | Time of Possession | 33:38

INDIVIDUAL STATS


GAME NOTES:
The weather was hot, and the forecast looked bleak for the 4th-ranked Montana team. It was the 1998 opener for both Montana and unranked Stephen F. Austin, and the revenge-minded Lumberjacks jumped to a 27-7 lead in the second quarter. It was 93 degrees at kickoff in Grizzly Stadium.

The visitors intercepted Ah Yat three times and recovered a fumbled snap. One of Montana's few veteran defenders, junior linebacker Rylan Jollymore, suffered a knee injury on SUU's first drive of the game. He was replaced by sophomore Adam Boomer who had a game-high 17 tackles and a key second-half interception.

Giving up 40 points two straight weeks (SFA scored 42 the week before) is a rarity, as only two Montana opponents (Marshall 49-29 in the 1996 I-AA championship game and Eastern Washington 40-35 in 1997) have done that. Before the SFA and SUU games, it had been 13 years since back-to-back opponents reached 40 or more points against the Griz.

Game 2: Sept. 12, 1998
MONTANA 35, SOUTHERN UTAH 45
(Washington Grizzly Stadium)

Attendance: 18,804 - Weather: 79, Sunny

Southern Utah

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TEAM-QUARTER-TIME-PLAY-LEADER

UM-1st-13:33-Justin Olsen 63 pass from Brian Ah Yat (Kris Heppner kick), 7-0, UM
SUU-1st-9:11-Brook Madsen 5 run (Jerry Holstrom kick), 7-7
UM-1st-2:03-Madsen 12 run (Holstrom kick), 14-7, SUU
UM-2nd-13:13-Jeremy Watkins 32 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 14-14
UM-2nd-5:08-Olsen 36 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 21-14, UM
SUU-2nd-11-Holstrom 21 field goal, 21-17, UM
SUU-3rd-12:24-Jeffries 4 run (Holstrom kick), 24-21, SUU
SUU-3rd-10:34-Matt Cannon 1 run (Holstrom kick), 31-21, SUU
UM-3rd-13:1- Ah Yat 2 run (Heppner kick), 31-28, SUU
SUU-4th-7:54-Madsen 2 run (Holstrom kick), 38-28, SUU
SUU-4th-3:08- Madsen 35 run (Holstrom kick), 45-28, SUU
UM-4th-2:20-Olsen 7 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 49-45, SUU

UM TEAM STATS

| 23 | First Downs | 27
| 18 | Rush Attempts | 77
| 25 | Net Yards Rushing | 493
| 423 | Passing Yards | 95
| 60-448 | Plays-TOTAL YARDS | 89-588
| 0 | Sacks by (-yards) | 1(6)
| 42 | Pass Attempts | 12
| 30 | Completions | 4
| 2-1 | Had Intercepted | 1
| 1 | Fumbles-Lost | 3-1
| 7-65 | Penalties-Yards | 13-111
| 3-36.3 | Punts-Average | 4-36.5
| 2-9 | 3rd Down Conversions | 11x17
| 23:34 | Time of Possession | 36:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS


SUU TEAM STATS

| 11x17 | Time of Possession | 36:26
**1998 Season Review**

**Game 3: Sept. 19, 1998**

**MONTANA 37, CAL POLY 14**

(Washington Grizzly Stadium)

Attendance: 16,954 - Weather: 59, Broken Clouds

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**Brian Gales**

**INDIVIDUAL STATS**


**GAME NOTES:** Montana employed a balanced offense, a stingier defense, and a little luck to get back on the winning track against the Mustangs of Cal Poly, a 10-1 club the previous season. It was the Grizzlies’ final non-league contest of 1998.

Cal Poly, a I-AA Independent, entered the fray 0-2, but could have easily been 2-0, losing its opener 9-0 to Northern Arizona, and the following week dropping a 22-14 contest at Sacramento State.

The 11th-ranked Griz got a break early in the second half when linebacker Jacob Yoro out-jumped a Cal Poly receiver for the ball, after it had bounced off Anthony Parker 7TT, PD, Int. and Sauce. CP-Curt Rubin 14TT, Int.

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**INDIVIDUAL STATS**


**GAME NOTES:** The Grizzlies started the 1998 league race as the favorite. Two months earlier the Big Sky Conference’s coaches and media had tabbed Montana as the front-runner to garner its third conference title in the last four years.

It didn’t start out that way, though, as Weber State’s defense delighted a Homecoming Stewart Stadium crowd of 16,954 (the second largest attendance in stadium history), by stifling UM’s usually explosive passing game and living up to its reputation as perhaps the Big Sky’s most talented defense.

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After Montana had taken a 17-7 lead on two Brian Gales runs and a 49-yard Kris Heppner field goal, Welch picked up 23 yards on two carries and then exploded off left tackle for a 57-yard touchdown, cutting the Grizzly advantage to 17-14. UM answered with another Heppner field goal, but 13 unanswered points sealed it for the Wildcats.

Once again the Griz ground game was stymied, gaining just 40 yards, while WSU ran for 240, all but 9 carries and 23 yards coming via Welch.

Griz senior Raul Pacheco had a 10-catch day for the second straight week, and Gales rushed for 50 yards and two scores and had 4 receptions.

Linebacker Adam Boomer was all over the place for the Griz, racking up a career-high 18 tackles, and he also had two stops for losses.
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**Game 5: Oct. 3, 1998**

### MONTANA 20, PORTLAND STATE 17

(Washington Grizzly Stadium)

**Attendance:** 18,731 - **Weather:** 57, Sunny

**Portland State**
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**Montana**
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## TEAM-QUARTER-TIME-PLAYER-LEADER

| UM-1st:11:52 | Justin Olsen 18 pass from Sean Davis (Kris Heppner kick), 7-0, UM |
| UM-1st:3:13 | Heppner 49 field goal, 10-0, UM |
| PSU-2nd:11:21 | Art Williams 33 pass from Jim Blanchard (Dan Frantz kick), 10-7, UM |
| UM-2nd:7:16 | Heppner 26 field goal, 13-7, UM |
| PSU-3rd:2:47 | Art Williams 14 pass from Blanchard (Frantz kick), 14-13, PSU |
| PSU-4th:8:01 | Frantz 29 field goal, 17-13, PSU |
| PSU-4th:29 | Jeremy Watkins 8 pass from Davis (Heppner kick), 20-17, UM |

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#### Rushing:
- Passing: UM-Davis: 28x47-1=297/2. PSU-Blanchard: 22x35-0=289/2.
- Receiving: UM-Watkins: 10-93/1; Walker: 9-78/0. PSU-Tom Matijacic 12TT, 3 TFL, Sac.

**GAME NOTES:**
- Portland State was one of seven Big Sky games left on the schedule, and a loss to the Vikings would be devastating for the Grizzlies, considering their league loss the previous week.
- This one came down to the wire, as sophomore quarterback Sean Davis saved Montana's Homecoming, engineering an 11-play, 80-yard drive, culminating with an 8-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver Jeremy Watkins with 29 seconds remaining.
- Davis had replaced starter Brian Ah Yat, who had taken a knee in the back from a PSU lineman in the Grizzlies' opening series. The contest then turned into a battle of defenses. The Vikings had surrendered an average of 37.3 points in their first three games, gave up just two TDs to the Griz — on UM's first and last drives.
- Montana, which had fallen to 21st in the Sports Network's top 25 poll, found themselves in need of a touchdown, trailing 17-13 with 8:01 after a short PSU field goal.
- "Watty" had four catches in UM's final drive, including the game winner; Brian Gales had a key 25-yard grab on a screen play; but the biggie was a 4-yard gain by Davis on a fourth-and-1 on the PSU 41-yard line. Five plays later Davis hit Watkins on a short slant pattern for the go-ahead TD, as most of the 18,731 fans went bonkers.
- The outcome was still in doubt, though, as the Vikings returned the ensuing kickoff to their own 46. PSU made it to UM's 37, but a final long pass fell incomplete.
- The Grizzlies had a solid edge in turnovers, recovering all three PSU fumbles, including one by UM's Casey Robinson on his team's two-yard line.
- The thing that'll stick in my mind about this game is, with as many young kids as we're playing, to find a way to win a ball game against an awfully good football team is about as much as you can ask of these guys today," Denney told the media after the game. "It's early in the year. There's a long way to go, and a lot more good teams to play."
- Watkins had a career-high 10 catches and a team-best 93 yards, while junior receiver Travis Walker had 9 grabs for 78 yards. Davis was 28-of-47 for 297 yards and two TDs, and he also rushed for 33 yards. The Griz defense limited PSU's talented halfback Charles Dunn to 83 yards on 19 carries.

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**Game 6: Oct. 10, 1998**

### MONTANA 7, CAL STATE NORTH RIDGE 21

(North Campus Stadium)

**Attendance:** 5,237 - **Weather:** 82, Sunny, hazy, breezy

**Montana**
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**Northridge**
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## TEAM-QUARTER-TIME-PLAYER-LEADER

| CSN-3rd:12:28 | Jimmy Greninger 51 pass from Marcus Brady (Manny Marquez kick), 7-0, CSN |
| UM-3rd:8:48 | Travis Walker 13 pass from Sean Davis (Kris Heppner kick), 7-7 |
| CSN-4th:4:52 | Aaron Arnold 21 pass from Brady (Marquez kick failed), 13-7, CSN |
| CSN-4th:3:4 | Melvin Blue 4 run (Ryan Schatz pass), 21-7, CSN |

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### INDIVIDUAL STATS

**Rushing:**
- Passing: UM-Davis: 17x33-1=274/2. CSN-Marcus Brady: 21x31-1=172/1.
- Receiving: UM-Watkins: 7-86/0; Pacheco: 4-32/0. CSN-Mike Ogas: 5-87/0; Arnold: 4-38/1.

**GAME NOTES:** With signal caller Brian Ah Yat out of the lineup with a back injury sustained early in the Portland State game, a lot of the offensive load was placed on the hero of UM's recent last-second win.

Griz sophomore Sean Davis' had struggled at times against PSU, but led UM to a 20-17 win and he was named the Big Sky's "Player of the Week" on offense after that PSU performance.

But, against the 23rd-ranked Matadors, he fumbled four snaps, losing two, and was sacked six times, Northridge defeating the 18th-ranked Grizzlies, 21-7. The Griz also suffered from dropped passes, untimely penalties, big plays, and faced one of the most athletic quarterbacks (freshman Marcus Brady) the Big Sky has seen since Idaho's Ken Hobart scrambled and passed so effectively in the early 80's. Two miscues ended two possible scores by UM. The Grizzlies' drove the ball to the Northridge 17-yard line on the first possession of the game, but on third-and-9 Davis fumbled the snap, and the ball was recovered by Northridge.

In the third quarter, with the game knotted at 7-7, Montana once again advanced to the Northridge 17, but on a second-and-7 Davis was picked off. Brady, who was also sacked six times — two each by Casey Robinson and Corey Mertes, somehow evaded Griz defenders time and time again, and his scrambling led to both of his two touchdown passes.

"Marcus Brady is a very, very elusive player," said UM mentor Mick Denhey. "He was the difference in the football game."

Montana's 7-point output was its lowest in 78 games (dating back to a 24-7 loss at Weber State in 1992). UM's only score came on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Davis to Travis Walker, which knotted the game at 7-all midway through the third period.

Neither team scored in the last half, and both teams exited to their respective locker rooms after a 60-yard field goal attempt right before halftime by Montana's Kris Heppner grazed the crossbar. "I didn't get it all," the flamboyant junior said.

Of note is that eventual I-AA national champion Massachusetts had moved from 25th to 12th in the top 25 poll, with runner-up Georgia Southern was second, trailing Griz nemesis McNeese State.

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The Grizzles were now at .500 (3-3), and more importantly they fell to 1-2 in the Big Sky.
1998 Season Review

**Game 7: Oct. 17, 1998**

**MONTANA 33, NORTHERN ARIZONA 20**

(Washington Grizzly Stadium)

Attendance: 18,594 - Weather: 42, Cloudy

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**TEAM-QUARTER-TIME-PLAYER-LEADER**

UM-1st-8:25-Tigran Delaney 2 pass from Brian Ah Yat (Kris Heppner kick), 7-0, UM

UM-1st-4:25-Heppner 28 field goal, 10-0, UM

NAU-2nd-6:31-Francis St. Paul 33 pass from Travis Brown (Mike Goldstein kick), 10-7, UM

UM-2nd-2:56-Jeremy Watkins 3 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 17-7, UM

UM-3rd-14:46-Calvin Coleman fumble recovery in end zone (Heppner kick), 24-7, UM

NAU-3rd-5:02-Goldstein 30 field goal, 24-10, UM

NAU-1st-55-Goldstein 46 field goal, 24-13, UM

UM-4th-9:05-Justin Olsen 9 pass from Ah Yat (kick failed), 30-13, UM

UM-4th-3:38-Heppner 37 field goal, 33-13, UM

NAU-4th-2:07-Justin Vaile 22 pass from Brown (Goldstein kick), 33-20, UM

**INDIVIDUAL STATS**

UM

| Rushing: | 25 | First Downs | 25 |
| Receiving: | 25 | Rush Attempts | 20 |
| Pass Yards | 38 | Net Yards Rushing | 57 |
| Sacks (by yards) | 357 | Passing Yards | 381 |
| Time of Possession | 75-395 | Plays-TOTAL YARDS | 78-438 |
| –0 | Sacks by (yards) | –0 |
| –50 | Pass Attempts | 58 |
| –33 | Completions | 33 |
| –3 | Had Interception | 3 |
| –0 | Fumbles-Lost | 0 |
| –8 | Penalties-Yards | 10-103 |
| –4 | Punts-Average | 5-35.2 |
| –15 | 3rd Down Conversions | 7-16 |
| –32:46 | Time of Possession | 27:14 |

**GAME NOTES:** There were a lot of questions that needed answers going into this pivotal Big Sky encounter. 1. Would QB Brian Ah Yat play? 2. How would new Northern Arizona head coach Jerome Sosiere, a Griz assistant the previous 12 seasons, react to being on the “other” sideline? 3. Could the unranked Grizzlies (UM dropped out of the top 25 for the first time since the 1993 preseason poll) get back into the rankings and still make a viable run at the playoffs? 4. Would this match-up spark as much interest as in the past, when from 1993-97 this was a clash of top 20 teams?

The answers: 1. Yes, even though he was supposedly out after missing almost two full games, Ah Yat passed for 357 yards and three scores. 2. Maybe, a little nervous, but as classy as ever. 3. The Griz were receiving votes, almost two full games, Ah Yat passed for 357 yards and three scores. 4. A definite yes, as 18,594 mostly Grizzly faithful fans showed up for the game home win, streak with a 40-35 win.

More-than-likely those Griz-maniacs were flashing back to 1997, when the Grizzlies finally holding off the Eagles in the closing minute for a heart-stopping 30-27 win.

At least 4,500 fans in Spokane’s Joe Albi Stadium watched the Grizzlies keep their slim Big Sky playoff hopes alive as Montana narrowly stopped Eastern’s modest three-game win streak.

**GAME NOTES:** Despite a maturing defense and a healthier Ah Yat at the helm, long-time nemesis Eastern Washington proved to be as formidable as ever, the Grizzlies finally holding off the Eagles in the closing minute for a heart-stopping 30-27 win.

**INDIVIDUAL STATS**


**GAME 8: Oct. 24, 1998**

**MONTANA 30, @ EASTERN WASHINGTON 27**

(Albi Stadium, Spokane, Wash.)

Attendance: 8,721 - Weather: 52, Partly sunny

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**TEAM-QUARTER-TIME-PLAYER-LEADER**

UM-1st-9:38-Pauchecko 18 pass from Brian Ah Yat (Kris Heppner kick), 7-0, UM

UM-2nd-5:24- B. Brightful 5 pass from Griffin Garske (Nick Reynolds kick), 7-7

UM-2nd-9:01-Dallas Neil 4 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 14-7, UM

UM-2nd-5:14-Joe Levens 19 pass from Garske (Reynolds kick), 14-14

UM-2nd-20-Heppner 30 field goal, 17-14, UM

UM-3rd-4:02-Hopkins 35 field goal, 20-14, UM

UM-4th-10:38-Heppner 36 pass from Brown (kick failed), 23-13, UM

EWU-4th-8:57-K. Livingston 45 pass from Garske (kick failed), 23-21, UM

EWU-4th-6:37-Brightful 35 pass from Garske (pass failed), 27-23, EWU

**INDIVIDUAL STATS**

UM

| Rushing: | 21 | First Downs | 19 |
| Receiving: | 33 | Rush Attempts | 27 |
| Passing Yards | 135 | Net Yards Rushing | 152 |
| Sacks by (yards) | 312 | Passing Yards | 312 |
| Time of Possession | 82-447 | Plays-TOTAL YARDS | 57-464 |
| –1(5) | Sacks by (yards) | 2(10) |
| –49 | Pass Attempts | 30 |
| –33 | Completions | 18 |
| –2 | Had Interception | 2 |
| –0 | Fumbles-Lost | 0 |
| –11-99 | Penalties-Yards | 7-54 |
| –5-34.2 | Punts-Average | 5-36.0 |
| –8-17 | 3rd Down Conversions | 1-9 |
| –37-24 | Time of Possession | 22-36 |

**GAME NOTES:** After that Olsen TD, the Eagles moved the ball inside the Grizzly 30, but a pass off the intended EWU receiver’s shoulder pads was picked off by UM linebacker Marcus Wilson with 2:05 left. The Eagles got the ball back, and after an EWU penalty, kicker Nick Reynolds’ potential game-tying field goal, a 47-yarder, was wide left.

The teams were pretty even in total yards with 447 for the Griz and 464 for EWU, but since Montana had the ball almost a full quarter longer than the Eagles, that was obviously a big factor for the victors. Another key for UM was third down conversions, where they were good on 8-of-17, while EWU made just 1-of-9.

Montana gained 135 yards on the ground and 312 via the airways, while Eagle workhorse Mike MacKenzie picked up 152 yards on 19 carries for a lofty 8.0-yards per tote average.

Watkins tied his career-high with 10 catches. Junior kicker Kris Heppner made all three of his field goal attempts, covering 30, 35, and 46 yards. Safeties Jason Miller and Vince Huntsberger combined for 23 tackles.
MONTANA 40, IDAHO STATE 13

(Washington Grizzly Stadium)

Attendance: 17,384 - Weather: 54, Sunny

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TEAM-QUARTER-TIME-PLAYER-LEADER

UM-1st-14:10- Travis Walker 18 pass from Brian Ah Yat (Kris Heppner kick), 7-0, UM
UM-1st-6:16- Justin Olsen 7 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick), 14-0, UM
UM-1st-0:55- Heppner 25 field goal, 17-0, UM
UM-2nd-7:52- Jeremy Watkins 10 pass from Ah Yat (Heppner kick failed), 23-0, UM
UM-2nd-1:01- Heppner 31 field goal, 26-0, UM
UM-3rd-6:29- Yohance Humphrey 1 run (Heppner kick), 33-0, UM
ISU-4th-10:38- Craig Joseph 2 run (Pete Garces kick), 33-7, UM
ISU-4th-6:44- Sean Davis 11 run (Heppner kick), 40-7, UM
ISU-4th-00:54- Brian Goodell 15 pass from Seth Burford (Garces kick blocked), 40-13, UM

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INDIVIDUAL STATS

Receiving: UM-Walker: 7-93/1; Olsen: 4-44/1. ISU-DeRonni Finley: 7-65-0; K. Nkeyasen: 5-41/0. Defensive Leaders: UM-John Fitzgerald 10TT; Wilson 7TT, 2TFL, Sack. ISU-Trevor Misipeka 6TT, Sack.

GAME NOTES: The Grizzlies improved to 6-3 overall and 4-2 in the Big Sky — the win guaranteeing their 13th consecutive winning season. The methodical 41-0 drubbing of Idaho State also kept their playoff hopes alive on this Halloween day. Ah Yat completed 22-of-28 passes for 281 yards and 3 touchdowns. Ah Yat and Davis combined 23-of-30 passes for 77%.

Montana scored on each of its five first-half possessions, and completed its first 11 passes, building a 17-0 advantage. Later in the half, Ah Yat fired 8 straight strikes and the Griz were on top 26-0. Ah Yat left in the third quarter with a 31-0 lead. He did not give up an interception. He'd been picked off at least twice in every previous game of the '98 season.

UM-freshman halfback Yohance Humphery had game and career-highs of 79 yards rushing and scored his first collegiate touchdown. Junior halfback Nate Sanders' 34-yard scamper was Montana's longest run from scrimmage since Josh Branen went 71 yards from scrimmage against Sacramento State in 1997.

Travis Walker caught 5 straight passes in a row on UM's first and second drives, including an 18-yarder for a TD, and he finished with 7 grabs for a game-best 93 yards. Justin Olsen and Jeremy Watkins had 4 catches and a touchdown each.

On defense, redshirt freshman linebacker John Fitzgerald finished with a game-high 10 tackles.

UM's kickoff team was once again close to spectacular for the third straight week, as the Bengals advanced the ball past their own 20-yard line only once in eight tries. In the past three games, all Montana wins, the opponents have started at their own 19, on the average, after a Grizzly kickoff. Griz corner back/returner Damon Parker missed the game with a groin injury, while defensive tackles Scott Curry and Chase Raynok went out of the first half with injuries. Fortunately, the Grizzlies had an open week in preparation for a league encounter at Sacramento State two weeks later.
1998 Season Review

Game 11: Nov. 21, 1998
MONTANA 28, MONTANA STATE 21
(Grizzly Stadium)

TEAM STATS

Montana State: 28/16-70
- 5 TDs, 2 passes INTs
- 4 rushing TDs, 1 passing TD
- 310 rushing yards, 120 passing yards
- 27 first downs
- 11:40 possession time

Montana: 21/12-70
- 1 TD, 2 passes INTs
- 1 rushing TD
- 241 rushing yards, 46 passing yards
- 18 first downs
- 9:51 possession time

GAME NOTES:
- Montana's defense limited Montana State to just 120 passing yards.
- Montana State had 27 first downs to Montana's 18.
- Montana's defense held Montana State to just 9:51 possession time.

Game 12: Nov. 28, 1998
MONTANA 9, @WESTERN ILLINOIS 52

TEAM-QUARTER-TIME-PLAYER-LEADER

UM-Int-5:24-Raul Pacheco 15 pass from Brian Ah Yat (Kris Heppler kick), 7-0, UM
MSU-2nd-13:30-Travis Wright 1 run (Matthew Peot kick), 7-7
MSU-2nd-7:24-Eric Kinnaman 7 run (Peot kick), 14-7, MSU
UM-2nd-4:14- Travis Walker 25 pass from Ah Yat (Peot kick), 14-14
MSU-3rd-9:58- Oscar Cablerio 19 pass from Rob Compson (Peot kick), 21-14, MSU
UM-3rd-5:33- Jeremy Watkins 9 pass from Ah Yat (Heppler kick failed), 21-20, MSU
UM-4th-5:21- Dallas Neil 18 pass from Ah Yat (Sanders pass from Ah Yat), 28-21, UM

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing: UM-Sanders: 9-41, MSU-Kinnaman: 8-69/1
Passing: UM-Ah Yat: 26/49-2-288/4, MSU-Compson: 16/36-1=97/1
Receiving: UM-Watkins: 8-78/1, MSU-Chip Hobbs: 9-101
Defensive Leaders: UM-Jason Miller 9TT; Chris Colvin 3TT, Int, MSU-Noel Kalbeck 14TT

GAME NOTES:
- Montana's defense limited Western Illinois to just 7 points in the second quarter.
- Western Illinois had 24 first downs to Montana's 18.
- Montana's defense held Western Illinois to just 9:10 possession time.

Game 13: Dec. 5, 1998
WIU-1st-9:40-Aaron Stecker 2 run (Joe Lopez kick), 7-0, WIU
UM-1st-5:29- Kris Heppler 32 field goal, 7-3, WIU
WIU-2nd-14:57- Lopez 26 field goal, 10-3, WIU
WIU-2nd-12:07- Brock Smith 19 pass from Mark Zanders (Lopez kick), 17-3, WIU
WIU-2nd-8:50- Shadruck 52 pass from Zanders (Lopez kick), 24-3, WIU
WIU-2nd-58- James Milton 2 blocked punt return (Lopez kick), 31-3, WIU
WIU-2nd-13- Kevin Walsh 42 pass from Zanders (Lopez kick), 38-3, WIU
WIU-3rd-13:02- Ephron Crump 14 run (Lopez kick), 45-3, WIU
WIU-3rd-1-33- Steckler 42 run (Lopez kick), 52-3, WIU
UM-4th-4:35- Nate Sill 9 pass from Sean Davis (Heppler kick failed), 52-9, WIU

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing: UM-Nate Sanders: 9-38, WIU-Stecker: 13-70/2
Passing: UM-Ah Yat: 15x30-3=135/0, WIU-Zanders: 17x23-0=321/3
Receiving: UM-Olsen: 10-109, Sill: 2-41, WIU-Walsh: 7-113/1
Defensive Leaders: UM-Adam Boomer 13TT, 3TFL; Rylan Jollymore 7TT, WIU-David Bowens 9TT, 5TFL, 4 Sacks

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The Leathernecks (10-2) blistered the Grizzlies 31-0 in the second quarter. Junior quarterback Mark Zanders, one of 11 Division I transfers playing for WIU, was almost flawless. The transfer from Wisconsin was 17-of-23 for 321 yards and 3 touchdowns — all career highs.

Western Illinois had held nine of 11 foes to 10 points or less, and after a missed PAT by Kris Heppler on UM’s only touchdown, a 9-yard pass from Sean Davis to tight end Nate Sill, WIU added No. 10 to that impressive list.

Griz quarterback Brian Ah Yat was sacked seven times by ‘Nds David Bowens and Dave Watson, transfers from Michigan and Minnesota, respectively.

Montana’s senior quarterback, who was picked off three times in the second quarter, was helped off the field near the end of the third with a twisted ankle.

Receiver Justin Olsen ended his career at Montana with a game-high 10 catches for 109 yards.

Coach Mick Dennehy praised Olsen and the other 11 Grizzly seniors.

“So we won (43 games over the past four seasons) an awful lot of football games with this group of kids, and I’m very proud of them,” he said. “I feel bad for them having to end their careers this way, but I’ll remember all they’ve done for our program.”
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Note: Year listed is first as a professional. Team listed is the team the player was originally drafted by or signed with.

*Still active at press time. **Signed as free agent.
# Montana 11-Game Statistics  
(8-4 Overall/6-2 Big Sky Conference-1st)

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84
1897 - Year of History

Some two years after Montana University opened its doors to students, the first football squad was organized and coached by Fred D. Smith, professor of chemistry. The beginning of football at the University, like all enterprises in the sparsely-settled Northwest, was under adverse circumstances. The student body was small, funds from the state were limited, the city was too small to support large crowds at games, and travel distances to neighboring schools were great.

There were no more than 75 male students at MSU (UM), in fact, when coach Smith made his first call for the gridiron sport. No uniforms were available, so many of the players used makeshift clothing. An adequate field was finally found on the river bottom flat east of the old wooden bridge in Missoula, the site of the present Milwaukee Railroad depot.

It was hoped that a game could be arranged with the Agricultural College (now MSU) in Bozeman...On Nov. 4 came the announcement that a game had been arranged with the Agricultural College, to be played in Missoula on Thanksgiving Day.

With the dawn of Thanksgiving Day came several inches of snow. The varsity students cleaned the snow off the grounds and marked the field early in the morning. The grounds and grandstand also were bedecked in the school colors of the University and College, and a capacity crowd was on hand by noon. Crown sentiment was strongly in favor of the MSU (UM) team, but many observers noted that the fans cheered loudly for every good play the visitors made.

One reporter comments that "the play that day was fast and furious, fierce and fair." MSU (UM) won that first encounter with MSC, 18-6.

(Taken from The Grizzly Gridiron, 1960, edited by Bob Gilluly, Sports News Editor, Montana News Service. Please note that at the time of the printing, the University of Montana was called Montana State University.)

"Wild Bill" Kelly, 1926 captain

Athletic Field, circa 1915
1897
Fred Smith
(Cornell) 1-2-3 (.333)
1897
UM Opp.
0 The "Tigers" 0
0 The "Tigers" 0
0 The "Tigers" 0
4 Butte Bus. College 20
18 Montana State 6
10 @ Butte Bus. Coll. 26
(1-2-3)

1900-01
Frank Bean
(Wisconsin) 2-4-0 (.333)
1900 UM
10 Fort Missoula 0
0 @ Utah 17
5 @ Utah State 0
5 Washington State 6
79 Montana State 0
(3-2)

1905-06
F.W. Schule
(Wisconsin) 4-7-0 (.363)
1905 UM
0 Utah 42
0 @ Whitman Coll. 5
6 @ Wash. State 28
23 Utah State 0
88 Ft. Shaw Indians 0
(2-3)
1906 UM
32 Ft. Shaw Indians 6
0 Wash. State 5
11 Spokane Ath. Club 0
0 @ Utah 42
6 @ Utah State 16
0 Ex-Collegians 6
(2-4)

1902
Dewitt Peck
(Iowa State) 0-3-0 (.000)
1902 UM
0 Montana Tech 16
0 Montana State 38
(0-2)

1907
Albion Findlay
(Wisconsin) 4-1-1 (.800)
1907 UM
62 Montana Wesleyan 0
28 Ft. Shaw Indians 8
0 @ Wash. State 38
12 Montana Tech 0
12 Spokane Ath. Club 0
0 @ Montana Tech 0
(4-1-1)

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1898
Sgt. F.B. Searight
(Stanford) 3-2-0 (.600)
1898
UM Opp.
5 Helena High School 6
0 Anaconda Ath. Club 18
5 Helena Athletic Club 0
6 @ Montana State 0
16 Montana State 0
(3-2)

1903-04
H.B. Conibear
(Illinois) 5-7-0 (.416)
1903 UM
32 Fort Missoula 0
11 Fort Missoula 0
0 Montana Tech 19
0 @ Montana Tech 23
0 @ Idaho 28
0 @ Washington State 32
6 @ Montana State 13
(2-5)

1907
Albion Findlay
(Wisconsin) 4-1-1 (.800)
1907 UM
62 Montana Wesleyan 0
28 Ft. Shaw Indians 8
0 @ Wash. State 38
12 Montana Tech 0
12 Spokane Ath. Club 0
0 @ Montana Tech 0
(4-1-1)

1912
Lt. W.C. Phlooln
(West Point) 4-3-0 (.571)
1912
UM Opp.
28 Missoula High 0
7 @ Montana State 0
0 @ Utah State 17
3 @ Utah 10
39 Montana State 3
18 @ Gonzaga 6

1913-14
A.G. Heilman
(Franklin-Marshall) 8-4-1 (.666)
1913
UM Opp.
9 @ Wash. State 34
7 Utah State 9
7 @ Montana State 0
20 Montana State 0
7 @ Gonzaga 16
0 @ Whitman Coll. 35
(2-4)
1914
UM Opp.
87 Butte Ramblers 0
10 Wash. State 0
0 @ Idaho 0
32 Utah State 0
26 Montana State 9
13 North Dakota State 0
19 @ Gonzaga 0
(6-0-1)

1899
Guy Cleveland
(Montana) 1-2-0 (.333)
1899
UM Opp.
12 Anaconda Ath. Club 5
0 @ Montana State 38
0 Montana State 5
(1-2)

1908-09
Roy White
(Iowa) 7-2-2 (.777)
1908
UM Opp.
0 Montana State 0
8 Montana Tech 5
4 @ Montana Tech 5
0 @ Montana State 5
(1-2-1)
1909
UM Opp.
33 Missoula High 0
52 Ft. Shaw Indians 0
0 @ Montana Tech 0
3 @ Montana State 0
42 Fort Missoula 0
0 Montana Tech 0
15 Montana State 5
(6-0-1)

1910-11
Robert Cary
(Montana) 5-3-1 (.625)
1910
UM Opp.
8 Montana Tech 0
0 @ Montana State 0
3 Utah State 5
5 @ Gonzaga 17
3 @ Montana Tech 0
10 Montana State 0
(3-2-1)
1911
UM Opp.
12 @ Montana Tech 0
0 Utah State 8
28 Polson Independ. 6
(2-1)
1915-17
Jerry Nissen
(Washington State) 7-7-3 (.500)
1915
UM Opp.
15 Idaho 3
7 @ South Dakota 10
10 @ North Dakota 10
7 @ Washington State 27
50 Butte Centervilles 0
6 Syracuse 6
(2-2-2)
1916
UM Opp.
11 @ South Dakota 0
20 @ Gonzaga 0
0 @ Washington State 27
17 Whitman College 0
6 @ Montana State 6
20 @ Idaho 13
(4-1-1)
1917
UM Opp.
6 Utah State 21
3 @ Whitman Coll. 14
9 Montana State 7
0 @ Washington State 28
3 Idaho 14
(1-4)

1918
— no team —

1919-21
Bernie Bierman (Minnesota)
9-9-3 (.500)
1919
UM Opp.
26 Montana Wesleyan 7
0 @ Utah State 47
28 Montana Tech 6
6 Whitman College 6
0 @ Idaho 7
6 @ Montana State 6
14 Washington State 42
(2-3-2)
1920
UM Opp.
133 Mt. Saint Charles 0
18 @ Washington 14
34 Montana Wesleyan 14
7 @ Whitman Coll. 13
28 Montana State 0
7 Idaho 20
0 @ Wash. State 31
(4-3)
1921
UM Opp.
25 Idaho State 0
7 @ Washington 28
6 Whitman College 14

1922-23
J.W. Stewart (Geneva) 7-8-0
(.466)
1922
UM Opp.
0 @ Washington 26
37 Montana Wesleyan 0
15 Idaho State 12
6 @ Gonzaga 37
7 Montana State 6
0 Whitman College 13
0 Idaho 39
(3-4)
1923
UM Opp.
27 Mt. Saint Charles 0
25 Montana Tech 0
32 Gonzaga 0
16 @ Whitman College 7
14 @ Washington 26
24 @ Montana State 13
0 @ Pacific College 6
(4-4)

1926-30
Frank Milburn (West Point) 18-22-3 (.450)
1926
UM Opp.
0 Oregon 49
12 Idaho 27
6 @ Washington State 14
27 Montana St. (in Butte) 0
6 @ Gonzaga 10
56 Whitman College 7
21 @ Sacramento State 0
0 @ USC 61
(3-5)
1927
UM Opp.
19 Butte Centerville 0
8 Mt. Saint Charles 0
0 @ Washington State 35
0 @ Washington 32
6 @ Idaho 42
13 @ California 33
6 Mont. St. (in Butte) 0
0 @ Gonzaga 0
(3-4-1)
1928
UM Opp.
13 Butte Centerville 0
13 Anacoda Anodes 0
6 Washington State 26
0 Washington 25
20 Montana Tech 0
0 Mont. St. (in Butte) 0
0 @ Stanford 0
9 California 0
0 @ Washington State 31

1931-34
Bernard Oakes (Illinois) 32-25-4 (.561)
1931
UM Opp.
0 Mt. Saint Charles 2
0 @ Washington 25
19 @ Idaho 21
0 Washington State 13
37 Mont. St. (in Butte) 6
0 @ Oregon State 19
0 @ USC 69
(1-6)
1932
UM Opp.
25 Anaconda Anodes 0
13 @ Washington 26
14 Carroll College 8
6 Idaho 19
0 @ UCLA 32
7 Mont. St. (in Butte) 19
6 @ Washington State 31

1935-41
Doug Fessenden (Illinois)
32-25-4 (.561)
1935
UM Opp.
0 @ USC 9
20 Mont. St. (in Butte) 0
7 Washington State 13
7 @ Idaho 14
7 @ Washington 33
7 Gonzaga (in G. Falls) 7
0 @ Stanford 32
0 Oregon State 0
(1-5-2)
1936
UM Opp.
0 @ Washington State 19
0 @ UCLA 30
45 Idaho State 13
6 Gonzaga 0
27 Mont. St. (in Butte) 0
7 @ Oregon State 14
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(Colorado)
8-20-0 (.285) 1958
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6 @ Utah 20
14 Wyo. (in Billings) 21
16 @ New Mexico 14
0 @ Denver 27
12 @ Brigham Young 0
12 Denver 27
0 @ Utah State 28
14 New Mexico 55
16 Colorado State 26
6 @ Montana State 20
6 @ Idaho 40
(1-8)
1959
UM Opp.
19 North Dakota 27
0 Wyo. (in Billings) 58
12 @ Brigham Young 0
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16 Colorado State 26
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1960
UM Opp.
21 @ North Dakota 14
0 Wyo. (in Billings) 14
12 Utah State 14
18 Idaho 14
26 @ Denver 12
6 Brigham Young 7
26 @ Colorado State 14
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6 @ Utah 16
6 @ New Mexico 24
(5-5)
1961
UM Opp.
0 Wyo. (in Billings) 13
8 @ North Dakota 14
20 @ Utah State 43
22 Idaho 16
25 Weber State 6
22 Brigham Young 27
22 @ Idaho State 15
36 Montana State 19
12 @ New Mexico 41
16 @ Colorado State 15
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1962
UM Opp.
0 Wyo. (in Billings) 13
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1963
UM Opp.
16 @ British Columbia 0
6 @ Idaho 40
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1964-66
Hugh Davidson
(Colorado)
8-20-0 (.285) 1964
UM Opp.
29 British Columbia 24
7 @ Pacific 25
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UM Opp.
3 Montana State 30
7 @ San Diego Marin 43
(3-6)
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UM Opp.
13 @ Utah 28
14 S. Dakota (in Billings) 15
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14 @ Western Michigan 17
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(4-6)
1967
UM Opp.
6 N. Dakota (in Billings) 30
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1968
UM Opp.
14 @ Idaho State 30
12 @ Montana State 29
10 Montana State 26
24 @ South Dakota State 0
16 North Dakota State *31
*Camellia Bowl (Sacramento, CA)
(10-1)
1970
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28 No. Dakota (in Billings) 7
30 @ Northern Illinois 6
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38 Weber State 29
44 Idaho (in Pullman) 26
35 @ Idaho State 34
35 @ South Dakota 7
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16 North Dakota State *31
*Camellia Bowl (Sacramento, CA)
(10-1)
1971
UM Opp.
14 S. Dakota (in G. Falls) 7
27 @ North Dakota 14
38 @ Cal Poly (SLO) 14
12 Idaho 21
24 @ Boise State 47
45 Idaho State 35
14 Pacific 30
14 @ Weber State 13
30 @ Montana State 0
11 @ Hawaii 25
29 @ Portland State 36
(6-5)
1972
UM Opp.
0 @ South Dakota 35
14 N. Dakota (in Billings) 42
40 Northern Arizona 17
6 @ Pacific 24
12 Weber State 7
7 @ Idaho State 14
4 @ Hawaii 30
42 Boise State 28
1976-79
Gene Carlson
(Montana)
16-25-0 (.390) 1976
UM Opp.
19 @ Nevada-Las Vegas 21
49 @ Portland State 50
28 Weber State 25
1986-95
Don Read
(Sacramento State)
85-36-0 (.702)
1986

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Larry Donovan
(Nebraska)
25-37-1 (.403)
1995 Season-by-Season/Head Coaches

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$IAA Playoff game
$IAA National Championship game

1996-Present

Mick Dennehy
(Montana, 1973)
30-9-0 (.769)

1996 Season-by-Season/Head Coaches

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1997 Season-by-Season/Head Coaches

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1988 coaching staff: bottom row, l to r: Bill Venard, Bob Hauck, David Reeves, Joe Klucewich. Top row, l to r: Bob Beers, Robin Pflugrad, Bruce Read, Tommy Lee, Don Read, Bill Smith, Kraig Paulson, Jerome Souers.

Senior halfback Nate Sanders looks for running room.
Kevin Bartsch (44), lettered 1985-88.

The Washington Victory, 1920

The fight and determination of the Grizzlies instilled by coach Bernie Bierman just before the game last Saturday enabled them to romp through the Sun Dodgers (Washington) to victory. "You can beat those fellows if you fight and are willing to take punishment," were the last words of Bierman to his team.

Luck was with Washington for the first few minutes. We sickened as we saw them succeed with their first two passes to score the first touchdown of the game. Then, as the ball was put into play again, we knew that we had them beaten. Time after time they would buck our line, but it was in vain. When we got the ball, it was a steady march toward their goal.

After our first score, someone pointed to Jim Dorsey. Jim had big tears rolling down his cheek and he kept repeating, "We're going to beat those fellows!"

After our first touchdown, we rejoiced, shook hands, slapped each other on the back. Then as the game went on we all got mad. For every time we came within striking distance of the goal the referee penalized us.

The next I remember was when Harry Adams caught a Washington punt and ran 60 yards right through the whole Washington team. We all went hog wild. Then the first half ended and we all ran for the dressing room. The Montana men were scarcely breathing hard.

Again the game started and the march continued till Harry Adams was injured. I was delegated to help take Adams to the dressing room, and we expected the worst. But when I came back out to the bench, I saw that Montana now had 18 points.

Then the rain started, and you could have rowed a boat through the field. Washington slipped over another touchdown, and we were praying and cursing to try to help the Grizzlies hold the Sun Dodgers for the final period. That last 10 minutes is the longest I have ever lived. But we held them.

Adams scored two touchdowns, but had much help from his mates, Sullivan, Kershner and Higbee. End Barry got the other Montana touchdown. Montana's line performed in a manner that would have made Bentz, Cooke and Keen (of the 1915 team) jealous. McGowan and Captain Harry Dahlberg played wonderful football. Freeman, DeMers and Elliott gave all they had and scarcely a yard was made through them. The ends, Daylis, Currier and Madsen, put up a fine exhibition of guarding the wings.

(As told by Ted Ramsey in the "Montana Kaimin." The score was 18-14 and the only time Montana beat Washington.)—from "The Grizzly Gridiron," edited by Bob Gilluly.
1998: GRIZ ADVANCE TO NCAA FOR 6TH STRAIGHT SEASON

SECOND CENTURY ON THE GRIDIRON

The University of Montana Grizzlies started their second 100 years on the gridiron as one of the premier teams in their division. Montana celebrated its first century of football in 1997. Montana played its first game October 22, 1897 against “The Tigers” a team made up of players from Missoula, the contest ending in a 0-0 tie.

Montana began its second century on the gridiron in 1998 continuing its current winning ways — advancing to the NCAA Division I-AA national playoffs for the sixth season in a row. UM’s sixth straight playoff berth tied them with Idaho for most consecutive (1985-90) post-season appearances.

Montana garnered its third Big Sky Conference title in the past four seasons in ‘98. The Grizzlies have finished first or second in the league since 1993.

Last season, despite starting 10 underclassmen on defense, Montana went 8-4 overall and 6-2 in the conference en route to another Big Sky title. The Griz won their last five straight regular-season games.

Also in 1998, the Grizzlies registered an unprecedented 13th winning season in a row — a skein which started in 1986. Since that winning streak, Montana has averaged 8.8 victories a season.

Montana’s great success over the past several years culminated with a last-second, come-from-behind 22-20 victory over host Marshall for the I-AA national championship in 1995.

The following season the Grizzlies and first-year head coach Mick Dennehy reeled off a 14-0 record, losing to Randy Moss and his Marshall team in the title game.

In ‘97, with just eight starters back from their record-setting 14-1 team of the previous season, Montana posted an 8-4 record and again advanced to the I-AA playoffs.

The Grizzlies fell out of The Sports Network poll’s top 25 for the first time in six seasons last year. But, after a brief three-week hiatus they returned and finished the season ranked 20th by The Sports Network and 13th in the ESPN/USA Today poll. Montana has been ranked in the top 25 for 79 of the past 82 weeks going into the 1999 season.

For Montana, as the 1995 National Champions and the 1996 Runners-up, the ‘98 season marked its ninth trip to the I-AA playoffs and the Grizzlies garnered their seventh Big Sky crown.

1998: FROM .500 TO THE PLAYOFFS

In Montana’s 1998 opener, the Grizzlies had their hands full against revenge-minded Stephen F. Austin, as SFA jumped to a 27-7 lead late in the second quarter. It was 93 degrees at kickoff in Nacogdoches, and the Lumberjacks were anxious to make amends for a 24-10 loss at Montana in ‘97, as well as an embarrassing 70-14 setback to the Griz in an NCAA semi-final contest in 1995.

Quarterback Brian Ah Yat, who was injured in the first quarter in that ‘97 contest, was not to be undone, though, as he tied a school record with six touchdown passes, and scored the winning points on a one-yard run, as the Griz pulled out a 49-42 win. It was the ‘98 opener for both the unranked Lumberjacks and No. 4-ranked Montana.

The following week Montana, ranked third, lost 45-35 to Southern Utah, UM’s only setback in its previous 33 home games. SUU rushed 77 times for an astounding 495 yards and six touchdowns.

A week later in Missoula, 11th-ranked Montana used a balanced
offense and a stingier defense to get back on the winning track against the Mustangs of Cal Poly, a 10-1 club the previous season, winning 37-14 in UM’s final non-league contest.

The Grizzlies’ league start was an ominous one, as Weber State’s defense stymied them, winning 27-20. Montana was held to 257 total yards, while host WSU had 478. The 21st-ranked Wildcats improved to 4-0 overall, while UM went to 2-2 and suffered its second setback to a Utah-based school.

Montana’s Homecoming game with Portland State came down to the wire, as sophomore quarterback Sean Davis saved the day when he hit Jeremy Watkins for an 8-yard touchdown pass with just 29 ticks remaining on the clock, the Griz winning 20-17. Davis had replaced Ah Yat, who had taken a knee in the back from a PSU linebacker in the Grizzlies’ opening series, and was forced to leave the game.

Ah Yat remained out against Cal State Northridge and Davis struggled, as the 23rd-ranked Matadors beat the 18th-ranked Grizzlies, 21-7. UM’s seven points was its lowest output in 78 games.

With the season past the mid-way point, Montana was again at the .500 (3-3) mark overall and now 1-2 in the Big Sky. A I-AA berth seemed almost out of reach; however, the Griz rebounded at home against Northern Arizona next, winning 33-20. Ah Yat surpassed the 8,000-yard barrier in career passing yards in the game.

Long-time nemesis and defending league champion Eastern Washington proved to be as formidable as ever, but the Griz held off the host Eagles for a heart-stopping 30-27 win in Spokane a week later.

With a 40-13 home win on Halloween day over Idaho State, the Grizzlies improved to 6-3 (4-2 in the Big Sky) — the victory guaranteeing Montana its 13th consecutive winning season.

The Grizzlies had the previous week off, and for the fourth game in a row, knowing a defeat would probably mean elimination from both a league title and I-AA playoff berth, jumped to an early lead (21-0), cruising to a 31-16 decision over host Sacramento State. Montana, ranked 22nd, was 3-0 in such do-or-die games.

Montana ended the regular-season and final home game on a high note, as THE STREAK continued, the Griz holding off intra-state rival Montana State for a 28-21 win. It was Montana’s 13th victory in a row over MSU and its fifth straight win in ’98.

A few hours after the Griz-Cat fray, upset Idaho State beat visiting Cal State Northridge 32-29, giving Montana the out-right Big Sky championship.

1998 PLAYOFF GAME: A TOUGH SEASON-ENDER

The Grizzlies, playing in their 19th I-AA playoff game, suffered their most lopsided playoff loss ever, losing 52-9 to host Western Illinois. The Leathernecks (10-2) took a 31-0 lead in the second quarter and never looked back.

Ah Yat was sacked seven times and was helped off the field near the end of the third quarter with a twisted ankle.

GRIZ IN THE PLAYOFFS FOR THE 9TH TIME

Montana now boasts nine Division I-AA playoff appearances and a prolific run from 1993-1998.

That run began in 1993, when UM suffered a gut-wrenching, last-second 49-48 first-round home loss to Delaware. The Griz had entered the game with a 10-1 record and were ranked No. 3.

That letdown turned to elation a year later, when the Grizzlies squeaked by Northern Iowa 23-20; beat McNeese State on Andy Larson’s last-second field goal (30-28); and then lost 28-9 at Youngstown State in the semi-finals.

UM’s All-American quarterback Dave Dickenson was injured early in the McNeese game in 1994, and did not play against Youngstown, but the team and its coaches realized they were close to reaching the pinnacle of Division I-AA — a spot in the championship game.

Saying that they were close proved to be an understatement.

In 1995, despite returning just 12 starters, the Grizzlies looked like they were playing with a sense of purpose and destiny. Their eventual march to the championship game at Marshall in that historic 1995 season was an awesome one. Dickenson and an underrated defense led the way.

“Dicky” passed for 1,219 yards and 11 touchdowns in Montana’s first three ‘95 playoff wins. That run included lopsided victories over visiting Eastern Kentucky (48-0); Georgia Southern (45-0); and Stephen F. Austin (70-14), as the Griz out-scored their first three playoff opponents 163-14.

But, in the championship game against Marshall University, the Grizzlies needed a 12-play, 72-yard drive engineered by Dickenson, the ‘95 Walter Payton Award winner. That drive led to a 22-20 win, as Larson kicked a 25-yard field goal, with 39 seconds to go.

Even though Dickenson had graduated and 10-year head coach Don Read had retired, Montana did not experience a letdown in 1996 — far from it.

First-year head coach Mick Dennehy and the ‘96 Grizzlies reeled off a school-record 14 victories and advanced to the I-AA title game for the second year in a row, once again traveling to Huntington, West Virginia, to play Marshall.

For the first time ever, two 14-0 teams squared off for the national crown. The Herd avenged that ‘95 loss to the Grizzlies with quarterback Eric Kresser and Moss, transfers from Florida and Florida State, hooking up for a playoff record four touchdown passes, Marshall winning 49-29.

Prior to its current six-year run from 1993-98, Montana had been in the playoffs on three previous occasions. UM’s first trip was in 1982, a 21-7 loss to former Big Sky member Idaho, while its second came in 1988, a 38-19 setback, also to the Vandals. Both games were played at Idaho.


The Grizzlies are 10-1 in Washington Grizzly Stadium in I-AA playoff games.

Mick Dennehy speaks at NCAA luncheon in Huntington, W.V., 1996.
**KGVO RADIO & THE “VOICE OF THE GRIZZLIES”**

Mick Holien is now in his seventh year as the “Voice of the Grizzlies” and his 15th season overall as a play-by-play announcer at The University of Montana.

The flagship station of the Grizzly football and men’s basketball teams is KGVO (AM-1290) of Missoula. Stations KGVO, KYSS-FM and KLCY are all owned by Marathon Media of Chicago, Ill. KLCY also is the radio voice of the Lady Griz, UM’s women’s basketball team.

Holien will call his 50th Grizzly game when UM plays at Portland on Oct. 2. Prior to calling men’s football and basketball games, Holien broadcast Lady Griz basketball games for eight seasons, a time during which he also was the public address announcer for Grizzly football games.

In 1999, Mick received the Good Neighbor Award from the American Red Cross for his dedication to helping others. In 1998 he was honored by the National Exchange Club with a community service award for “Unselfish Devotion to the Principle of Good Citizenship.”

After a vote of his peers in 1998, the National Sportswriters and Sports Broadcasters Association named Holien Montana Sports Broadcaster of the Year, the fourth time he’s been so honored.

Mick received the inaugural Montana Broadcasters Association News Enterprise Award in 1988. The MBA also has honored several of his radio programs, including his coverage of the 1995 national championship game which was tabbed “Program of the Year.”

A news reporter for the local newspaper, The Missoulian, since 1992, Holien’s work year is recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists and the Montana Newspaper Association.

Holien’s son, Chris, is employed by the Ford Motor Company in Beaverton, Ore., while his daughter, Stephanie Landers, attends UM.

Mick’s e-mail address is mickinmontana@webtv.com or he can be reached evenings at The Missoulian at 1-800-366-7186.

NOTE: Holien and Dave Guffey, UM’s Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations, co-authored “Odyssey to a National Championship,” an illustrated 100-year history of University of Montana football. For more information see UM’s website: [http://www.umt.edu/sports](http://www.umt.edu/sports). To order an autographed copy, please call or fax 1-406-543-7527.

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**GRIZZLY SPORTS NETWORK**

KGVO-AM Radio was working on its 1999-2000 Grizzly Network affiliates at press time. Nineteen cities will comprise the Grizzly Network Stations: Anaconda, Billings, Butte, Cut Bank, Deer Lodge, Glendive, Great Falls, Hamilton, Helena, Kalispell, Lewistown, Livingston, Miles City, Plentywood, Shelby, West Yellowstone, Wolf Point, and of course, in Missoula on flagship station KGVO.

In addition to The Mick Dennehy Show, Chris also hosts “The Don Holst Show” as well as serving as the play-by-play man for The University of Montana men’s and women’s basketball and football.

Chris’s wife Julie works for the Missoula Credit Bureau, and they live in Missoula.

Chris’s email address is sports@kpax.com, or he can be reached evenings at KPAX at 1-800-234-5615.

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**KPAX-TV TO HOST “MICK DENNEHY SHOW” & AIR GAMES**

For the fourth straight year KPAX-TV of Missoula will broadcast the “Mick Dennehy Show,” with the station’s sports director, Chris Fegan, serving as the host. UM’s weekly football highlight show will be aired on Sundays, beginning August 29 at 10:30 p.m. KPAX is a member of the Montana Television Network. KPAX will air live coverage of the UM football games at Portland State, at Northern Arizona, at Idaho State, and as well as the 99th Grizzly-Bobcat (Montana versus Montana State) contest Saturday, November 20 in Bozeman.

Chris is in his second year of Grizzly football after coming to Montana last November from Evansville, Indiana, where he served as a sports anchor/reporter with WEVV-TV.

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Mick Holien

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**Chris Fegan**

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**Former (1991-94) Griz receiver/punter Scott Gurnsey is in his second season as a color commentator. He works locally for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company as a sales representative. Scott received his B.S. degree in business administration from UM in 1995.**
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