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MONTANA vs. Richmond
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service leaders who amass
ten years of tradition and
team leaders who stand behind
mammoth linemen. It's the
kind of football Griz fans have
to love.
But with the offense shakier at
times this year than last, the
defense has picked things up
and has set the intensity for the
season, while winning games
along the way.
Regardless of their strong
performances, rarely do the defen-
sive players get the credit they
deserve. Sure, a crushing hit
might make the highlight reels or an
interception might get your
name mentioned in a story, but
just about the only time the
defense is ever really noticed is
when it gives up too many points.
You never hear any mention of
defensive tackle Tyler Martin
taking on two or three blockers so
linebacker Adam Boomer is
unlocked and able to make the
tackle. Calvin Coleman and
Damon Parker are never
applauded for coverage so tight
that a quarterback wouldn't
make a throw even if he could.
And Andy Petek has no time to
return their way.
And how much talent,
strength and courage do you
think it takes to make an open-
field tackle as you stand in front
of a 220-pound running back
coming full speed at you? Safety
Vince Huntzburger knows.
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you, while dodging 220-pound backs
twice as fast as you are.
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run as you sprint downfield trying to
cover receivers eight inches taller
than you. It's having the fact that
the defense gets the "goose egg," regardless of how many
points the offense scores, UM
wins.
No, there isn't much glory in
defense. While fans love the 49-
45 games, players defend for the
hits. And if you've seen some of
the hits this year, you know
these guys have a good feel for
them. They love the eight-man pileups as swarming defenders come
crashing together to put running backs' helmets in the mud. They
play for the helmet to helmet col-
sisions and getting receivers in
backs' helmets in the mud. They
showed. There was the 45-35
Southern Utah loss where they
gave up 588 total yards. They
gave up 478 yards to Weber State and 644 yards to Eastern
Washington. The season ended
with a 52-9 loss to Western
Illinois in which the young
defense was clearly overmatched.
"We were all really young, didn't
have any (playoff) experience
and were probably just happy to
be there," Steinau says.
But the players took that
loss as motivation to do better.
"We never wanted something
like that to happen again," Petek
says. It "made us work harder in
the offseason."
Scouting Report:

W. Kentucky vs. Appalachian State

Courtney Lowery

GameDay Kaimin

Kentucky’s shut-out of Florida A&M was no exception. Led by Burk Buchanan Award candidate Martez Wihman who tops the team with 130 tackles and four sacks on the season, the Western Kentucky defense forced A&M to turn the pigeon over a total of six times on the afternoon.

Offensively, Western Kentucky will have quarterback Jason Johnson on the field Saturday, despite rumors he suffered a concussion against A&M. Johnson carried 16 times last Saturday for 95 yards in the first half of the game before being taken out for a “breather.” Western Kentucky’s overall offense is best Daisy, but it is steady and solid. The key to beating Appalachian State’s defense may be to pass, pass and pass. Moore’s defense is geared toward defending the running game, leaving it unsteady when matched up against offenses not reluctant to put the ball in the air, he said.

“That definitely has hurt us. We recruit our defensive players but good against the run,” he said. “We don’t have a corner who can match up with a guy for the full 60 minutes.” And, if Appalachian travels to Missoula next weekend, it won’t be the snow in the air that will scare the Hilltoppers, but brown things spiraling in the air.

“Last week, we trained in minus 19 degree weather,” he said. “The ball is hard to grip, and Harbaugh’s son John, the team plays together. Carvin said of a prospective visit to Montana. “The team would be playing would be another thing. That might get tough.”

However, if Western Kentucky is the team to take a trip to Montana, provided the Griz win, more than a shot at the championship will be at stake.

Former Griz standout and Philadelphia Eagles Tim Hauck and Harbaugh’s son John.

Balance is what will draw in the line between Western Kentucky and Appalachian State as they face each other Saturday to determine who thus, they’ve become notorious running backs and current QB, Breske says no other sport is more aggressive play.

They’re going to want the season to end until they have National Championship status. Petek and Boomer had All-American years, while Huntersberger, Parker, Steinin, Martin and Mertes are having as strong a year as they ever have.

The Griz know another round in the playoffs depends on how well they play defense and if they are able to stop Richmond’s option offense. And coaches let them know that if each man does his job, fills his gaps, plays his part, the Griz move a step closer to Chattanooga.

A shut-out is defense’s greatest accomplishment and the Griz haven’t forced a “goose egg” since a 48-0 defeat of Idaho State in 97. It’s not the glamour of 80-yard touchdown bombs or as fan-friendly as a high-scoring shoot-out, but when a defense gets a goose egg, there’s nothing more beautiful in football.
Grizzly Offense vs. Montana

**Offense**

**Jimmy Farris**
Wide Receiver
6-0, 195 senior from Lewiston, Idaho

We know, we know. GDK’s been giving Farris endless props since the advent of this publication. It’s the only man in the history of the world to appear in the cover three times. Frankly, we can’t help it. He’s just THAT damn good. And lately, he’s been playing out of his mind. Six catches, 178 yards and three touchdowns against Eastern Illinois, not to mention one ESPN appearance thanks to fellow Griz receiver Etu Molden. You thought we were just blowing smoke when we said he was faster than a horse.

**Vince Huntsberger**
Strong Safety
5-11, 190 senior from Libby, Mont.

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**Numerical Roster**

1. Tanner Hancock WR/KR 5-8 175 SR
2. Michael Westbrook WR/KR 6-0 190 JR
3. Trey Young FS 6-0 190 So
4. Dave DeCoite FS 6-1 180 FR
5. John Edwards QB 6-1 200 SO
6. Andy Thompson GB 6-3 195 SR
7. Drew Miller QB 6-1 195 SR
8. Jim Farra WR 6-0 190 JR
9. Jason Miller WR 6-2 200 SR
10. Chris Lumper WR 6-1 185 FR
11. Courtney Johnson QB 6-0 210 SO
12. Calvin Coleman CB 5-10 189 JR
13. Darwishus Williams CB 6-0 186 SO
14. Etu Molden WR 6-0 200 JR
15. T.J. Oelkers WR 5-10 180 JR
16. Scott Holand RB 6-0 180 JR
17. Yohance Humphrey RB 6-0 190 JR
18. Kyle Scholl SS 6-0 194 FR
19. Tony Brown WR 6-0 180 FR
20. Damon Parker CB 5-7 175 SR
21. Denny Williams RB 6-1 210 JR
22. Chris Snyder KB 6-0 190 FR
23. Tate Hancock RB 5-10 175 FR
24. Brandon Malcolm RB 5-10 175 JR
25. Joel Rosenberg CB 5-10 185 SO
26. Brad Weston LB 6-1 200 FR
27. Ben Drinkwater RB 6-1 195 SR
28. Andy Petek DE 6-3 235 FR
29. Mike Mahoney CB 5-10 170 FR
30. Iae Muony TE 6-2 200 SO
31. Matt Steinau LB 6-1 220 JR
32. Adam Boomer TE 6-5 220 JR
33. Brock Lee LB 6-2 200 JR
34. Bryce Johnson TE 6-2 220 JR
35. Ryan Johnson TE 6-2 220 JR
36. Michael Martin LB 6-1 220 JR
37. Jeff Rhoden LB 6-2 220 JR
38. Jonathan Maldonado LB 6-1 220 JR
39. Jimmy Farris RB 5-10 185 FR
40. Drew Miller WR 6-0 190 FR
41. Ike Mincy TE 6-3 220 JR
42. Adam Boomer LB 6-5 220 JR
43. Spencer Frederick TE 6-0 240 FR
44. John Ferguson TE 6-2 230 JR
45. Jacob Yorn LB 6-1 220 JR
46. Etu Molden WR 6-0 200 JR
47. John Carlin WR 6-0 185 SR
48. Jake Hautman WR 6-0 185 SR
49. Brian Pelc OT 6-4 285 FR
50. Caleb Pichler DE 6-4 225 FR
51. Justin Brannon DE 6-3 255 SR

**Grizzly Defense vs. Montana**

**Tanner Hancock** WR 6-0 190 SR
**Brian Pelc** 66
**Thatcher Szalay** 73
**Yohance Humphrey** 21
**Drew Miller** 7
**Matt Thuesen** 65
**Leif Thorsen** 75

**GameDay Kaimin, Saturday, December 2, 2000**

**2000 Record • 11-1 Overall, 8-0 Big Sky (1st)**

**1999 Record • 9-3 Overall, 7-1 Big Sky (1st)**

We hate to let the Griz whip-up on NAU, as well and last we checked, the Griz whipped-up on NAU, as well and placed ahead of first-teamer Ray Perryman of Northern Arizona. You thought we were just blowing smoke when we said he was faster than a horse.

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**Typical Matt, you deserve a score. Enjoy the lime- light Matt, you deserve it.**

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Montana vs. Richmond

Richmond Defense

CB
Jason Hill 10

LB
Marcus Neal 36

DE
Josh Spraker 84

LB
Mac Janney 5

DE
Andrew Bogle 59

DE
Randy Witham 38

LB
Mark Thompson 16

SS
David Giles 13

Richmond Offense

WR
Ryan Tolhurst 3

T
Justin McElfish 77

G
Eric Beatty 64

C
David Pustylnik 51

QB
Sean Gustus 15

FB
Scott Fulton 45

TB
TyRonne Turner 24

Numerical Roster

1 J.R. Purnell JR DB 5-9 200
2 Rashad Smith FB 5-10 165
3 Ryan Tolhurst JR DB 6-0 195
4 Chad Blackstock JR DB 6-0 205
5 Mac Janney SR LB 6-2 245
6 Claude Diga SO FB 6-1 240
7 Adrian Archie SO LB 5-11 205
9 Cordel Roane SO WR 5-9 170
10 Jason Hill JR DB 5-8 170
11 Fred Haines JR DL 6-2 280
12 D'Angy Wilks JR DB 5-2 205
13 David Gies JS DB 5-8 180
14 Warith Alkebu-Lan JR TB 5-9 205
15 Sean Gustus JR DB 5-9 205
16 Mark Thompson SO LB 6-2 220
17 Aaron Picket JS DB 6-2 210
19 Tony Cori JR CB 6-2 210
20 Kenny Daniel FR RB 5-10 195
21 David Edwards RB 6-1 210
22 Matt Bushey JR DB 5-9 185
24 TyRonne Turner SR TB 5-8 185
26 Walter Blue JR LB 6-1 220
28 Harold Hill SR DB 5-7 175
31 Maurice Newbill SO LB 5-9 185
32 Jonathan Wilfong JR DB 6-2 225
33 Jamirne Stod SD DB 6-0 220
35 Curt Rhodes SO DB 5-11 175
36 Marcus Neal SR LB 5-0 335
38 Randy Witham JR DE 5-2 230
39 Deoshawn Goddard SO RB 5-10 210
40 Kirby Wilkes CR 6-3 245
41 Tom Mahony JR P/K 6-2 195
42 Jeff Guidry JR FB 5-9 180
45 Scott Fulton JR FB 5-10 230
48 Greg Kochner JR PK 5-9 180
49 Vinny Murray JR P/K 6-1 210
50 Brian Stoklosa JR OL 5-11 255
51 David Pustylnik JR DE 6-2 290
52 Philip Janney JR LB 6-1 200
53 Andrew Bogle SO OL 6-4 225
54 Eric Beatty SR OL 6-4 295
55 Tom Probst JR OL 6-2 255
56 Kevin Maggs JR DE 6-4 255
57 Ken Farrar JR OL 6-5 245
58 Joe Wilson JR OL 5-8 290
60 Kurt Wilson FR OL 5-8 250
73 Josh Ruelle JR OL 5-0 280
76 Joe Wilson JR OL 5-3 275
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78 Ben Von Schuch FR OL 5-8 200
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85 David Lemberk JR TE/DE 6-5 245
87 Matt Muench JR TE 6-3 200
89 Rich Samuel JR LB 6-3 235
90 Mike Willard JR TE 6-3 225
92 Kyle Kupchak FR LB 6-1 205
93 Jason Houston FR TE/FB 6-3 245
95 Steve Brier SR DE 6-3 255
98 Russell Sullivan JR LB 6-4 335

Richmond

No. 8
2000 Record • 10-2, 7-1 Atlantic 10 (Tied for first)
1999 Record • 5-6, 3-5 A-10

Offense

Tailback
TyRonne Turner
5-8, 185, senior from Clinton, Md.

To be honest with you, we here at GDK have no idea how to pronounce this guy's name. It could be 'Ty-rown" or maybe "Ty-Ron" or even "Ty-Ronn-ee." We're just not sure. Regardless, Mr. Turner should see a lot of action on Saturday if the Spiders stick to the game plan that got them here: the option (cue ominous music). Turner is Richmond's leading scorer, scoring seven rushing touchdowns this season. When QB Gustus doesn't keep the ball, he usually dishes it to Turner for a 4.9 yard average.

Defense

Combacker
Harold Hill
5-7, 175, senior from Voorhees, N.J.

We here at GDK think it's really cute when a team has two brothers who both play the same position. Such is the case with Richmond's starting cornerbacks, Harold and Jason Hill. Jason was the big hero last week, picking off Youngstown and taking the ball 44 yards for the winning score. You can bet Harold wants to match little bro's efforts with a big game this week. Harold has some work to do, though: he only has 49 tackles this year, half of what Jason's got.

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Top seeded Montana hopes to leave Richmond no option

Ryan Divish
GameDay Kaimin

In the pass happy Big Sky conference, the option is usually a single play, not an entire offense. But when the Richmond University Spiders venture into the unfriendly confines of Washington-Grizzly Stadium to take on the Griz in the I-AA quarterfinal, they will bring with them a complete option attack.

The last time UM faced a predominantly option team was in 1999 when the Southern Utah Eagles dove into Missoula and pitched back out with a 45-28 win and almost 500 yards of rushing.

But that was then and as most members of the Grizzly defense will point out, this is now. And the rejuvenated UM defense is looking forward to the challenge.

"I think we've got a good scheme coming in," said senior defensive end Justin Brannon. "The coaches were at Northern Colorado last season and they saw some option last season and they've brought in a really good scheme."

Unlike last week's film fiasco, the tapes of Richmond arrived on time and Brannon said they have been watching a lot of film. Because the Spiders barely attempt 10 passes a game, UM only has about three blitz packages for the week. UM has focused almost solely on shutting down the option and individual responsibilities that are necessary to stop it.

"It's huge thing to do," Brannon said. "You gotta watch what they're doing, their formations. You always get to know who you got and then go out and do your job."

The Griz defense will look to stop a two-headed monster at quarterback in Darcy Willis and Sean Gustus. Gustus is listed as the starter but Willis has played more recently and been more effective.

Regardless of who is at the helm, the quarterback will have two extremely dangerous backs in TyRonner Turner and J.R. Purnell, who have combined to rush for over 2,000 yards. As a whole, the Spiders average 259 yards in rushing per game — 10th in I-AA.

Around the I-AA:

Lehig out to gain respect

Chad Dundas
GameDay Kaimin

The Lehigh Mountain Hawks are the I-AA football equivalent of the Backstreet Boys. No matter how well this clean-cut bunch of choir boys does — no matter how stagger­ ing the statistics — they get no respect.

The Hawks are 12-0, the only undefeated team in the playoff season. They've outscored their opponents a total of 373-165, allowing an average of 13.75 points per game. None of Lehigh's opponents scored more than 18 points against the Hawks this year.

The team has a 32-1 regular season record since 1997, winning the Patriot League for the third straight time this year.

And yet the Hawks received a lowly No. 10 seed into the 2000 playoffs, which forced them to go on the road against Gateway Conference champion Western Illinois in the first round. The jilted Mountain Hawks responded, ravaging the Leathernecks 37-7. Saturday, they'll swept into a second-round match up with No. 2 Delaware on the Blue Hens' home field in Newark.

This is not an admirable situation for the Hawks, since the Hens pillaged the Portland State Eagles in 1999.

But when the Richmond team showed up in Newark last Friday night, the rejuvenated Hawk defense flexed its muscles, as the defense finished the evening with 20 tackles, 2 sacks and 4 interceptions.

"Lehigh is the team in the Patriot League we are most concerned about," said Delaware head coach Jack Apap. "They've got a good defense and a good offense and they have to be held in check for this to be a good game.

"We want to get the ball out of the hands of the Lehigh offense. The Lehigh offense is definitely not the same offense they had last year. They've got a new quarterback in D'arcy Willis and a new running back in Sean Gustus. They've made some changes and it's going to be a challenge for our defense."

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GDK Prediction: It was a nice run for Lehigh, but Delaware's wing-T offense will continue to struggle and they'll thud out a 35-14 victory at home.

Things are good in Grizzlyworld, much is for certain. Montana has won 11 straight, vanquished the conference and secured the No. 1 seed in the postseason tournament.

So do you think the Griz and their fans are still steamed over the sloppy 10-9 loss to Hofstra in last year's conference opener? You're damn right.

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  **Reg. Price $99.95**
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- Womens
  
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**Spedia! Junior Ski Package**
- K2 Merlin J Skis
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- Scott Powder Poles
- Binding Installation & Ski Tuning
  
  **Reg. Price Up to $550.00**
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- Salomon Q600 Bindings
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- Scott Powder Poles
- Binding Installation & Ski Tuning
  
  **Reg. Price $701.00**
  **Bob Ward’s Price**
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**Ski Package #2**
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- Salomon S600 PowerAxe Bindings
- Dalbello NX 7.7 TF MS/LS Boots
- Scott Powder Poles
- Binding Installation & Ski Tuning
  
  **Reg. Price $1089.00**
  **Bob Ward’s Price**
  **$429.99**

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- Salomon X-Scream 8 Skis
- Salomon S850 PowerAxe Bindings
- Binding Installation & Ski Tuning
  
  **Reg. Price $810.00**
  **Bob Ward’s Price**
  **$429.99**

**Salomon X-Free 8/8L Skis**
- Salomon S600 PowerAxe Bindings
- Binding Installation & Ski Tuning
  
  **Reg. Price $810.00**
  **Bob Ward’s Price**
  **$429.99**

**EGO Snowboard Jacket**
- Snow Cuff: Removable Hood
- Regular Price $140.00
  
  **Bob Ward’s Price**
  **$69.99**

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### I-AA Scores

- **45, Eastern Illinois 13**<br>  Richmond 10, Youngstown State 3<br>  Appalachian State 33, Troy State 30<br>  Western Kentucky 27, Florida A&M 0
- **Georgia Southern 42, McNeese State 14**<br>  Delaware 49, Portland State 14<br>  Lehigh 37, Western Illinois 7<br>  Hofstra 31, Furman 24

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