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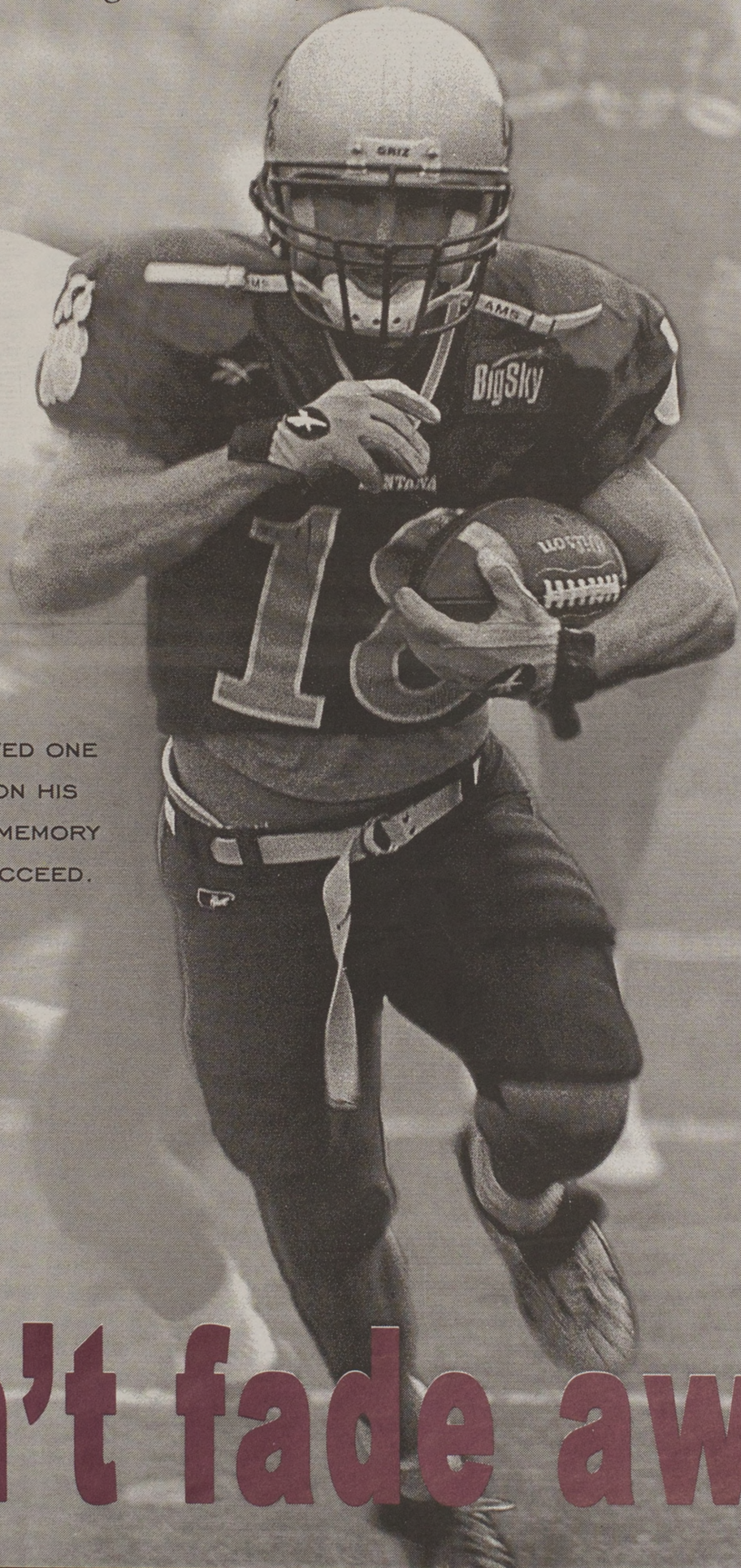
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GameDay
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THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE
 MADE HIM QUESTION HIS
 FUTURE. NOW THE MEMORY
 PUSHES HIM TO SUCCEED.

T.J. Oelkers

Won't fade away

MONTANA VS. St. Mary's

First love

THE PAIN OF LOSING HIS HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART NEARLY KEPT T.J. OELKERS FROM ENROLLING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

BY CHAD DUNDAS

You just finished interviewing T.J. Oelkers and it didn't go as well as you'd hoped. Everything went OK; T.J. was gracious and witty. He answered all your lame questions with a smile on his face, explained things to you when you didn't understand. Just that, something was wrong.

He'd trail off and his answers sounded clipped, abbreviated. You were doing all the talking. His eyes kept searching for something on the floor. When you switch off the tape recorder, say a few cursory goodbyes, he seems surprised the interview is over. Like the whole time he hasn't been sitting here.

You're about to stand up and leave when he says he wants to talk about something else. You tell you don't know what he means.

"The summer before I came to school here my girlfriend passed away," he says. "Her name was Darcee Zeiler, we dated for four years."

The interview begins again, but this time you hardly say a word.

T.J. starts by saying he got up early one day to mow the lawn. It was July and it was hot and he had just graduated from high school in Helena, Mont. He had a little less than a month before he would move to Missoula to walk on as a wide receiver with the Montana Grizzlies. That day he had a date with Darcee to go shopping for new glasses.

T.J. admits the glasses he had were impossibly nerdy. He and Darcee were going to find new ones so he wouldn't have to go off to college with stupid glasses. When he finished with the mowing he went inside to call the Zeiler house.

"I called and her dad answered and he was just like, 'T.J., we lost her. She passed away in her sleep.' I said what? I just, I can't even tell you what I did after that. It was just, lose it."

Darcee was home for the summer after a year at MSU-Billings. She had been battling with an eating disorder and had twice sought treatment. T.J. says that summer he felt things were finally starting to look up for her.

"She was doing as good as she had in the five years she had the disease and she was really starting to get better and really think she was starting to get out of it," he says. "One night, her body just couldn't take it anymore."

He was eighteen, Darcee a year older. When he thinks about her now, T.J. says he always thought she was the one person he'd be with forever. He remembers having the distinct feeling that he was never going to feel good about

anything again.

But there wasn't much time to grieve. T.J. had already passed up on scholarship offers from Eastern Washington and Montana State for the much riskier plan of walking on at Montana.

Now, he wasn't sure if he wanted to even leave home, much less keep playing football.

"Everybody handles somebody that they love dying differently," T.J. says. "And for me, I probably took it worse than some people do."

He eventually decided to fulfill his personal commitment to come to UM. Exactly one month after Darcee died, he moved to Missoula and started two-a-days with the Griz.

"It all happened so quickly," he says. "She passed away July 8 and football started



T.J. Oelkers takes a break from practice with receiver Jeff Renevier.

August 8. Things were just going crazy in my mind."

He tried to think football, physically following along with the rest of the team through days of seemingly endless drills. It didn't help.

"I still put in the time and everything with football, but mentally, it just wasn't there," he says.

T.J. stuck at it, expecting he would feel better. It was a constant struggle to not pack his bags and head back to Helena that freshman year. He says he couldn't shake the feeling that he needed time away, time alone, to get his head together.

"I think my first semester here I must have called (my parents) about every other day, telling them to come pick me up. That it just wasn't worth it." There was one particularly ugly day when he couldn't

bring himself to get dressed and go to practice. He called Bill Cockhill, then the wide receivers coach, to tell him he would be absent.

"I said 'I don't think I can come to practice today.' He asked me why. I said 'I don't think I can stop crying. I'm not leaving my room.'" T.J. says. "Five minutes later he was in my dorm room."

T.J. says Cockhill was willing to stay as long as it took to get him feeling good enough to at least leave his dorm room and come to practice. Their conversation didn't have any-

thing to do with football. T.J. credits the Grizzly coaching staff, under former head coach Mick Dennehy, for their understanding and says he wouldn't have been able to stay in Missoula without their guidance.

A strong support group of friends, many of them Helena natives who also made the trek to UM, were also instrumental in the recovery process. Whether it was friends sacrificing Saturday nights to hang out and talk to him, or pushing him to stop moping around the house, there's an impressive list of people who he'll never be able to repay for their understanding and generosity.

"My friends have been awesome," he says. "My friends have been so great with me ... They can kind of tell when I've got it on my mind or if I'm not being normal."

Even with the help of friends and coaches, T.J. went back to Helena after his freshman year not really expecting to be back in Missoula in the fall. Things were still not right inside him. He thought he needed to take some time off from school, maybe give up football to get things in order.

In the wake of their loss, he says the Oelkers family and Zeiler family had become one. Both families spent time at the Zeiler's lake house waterskiing or just being together.

"It's been great to have them," he says. "I think I've helped them get through it too."

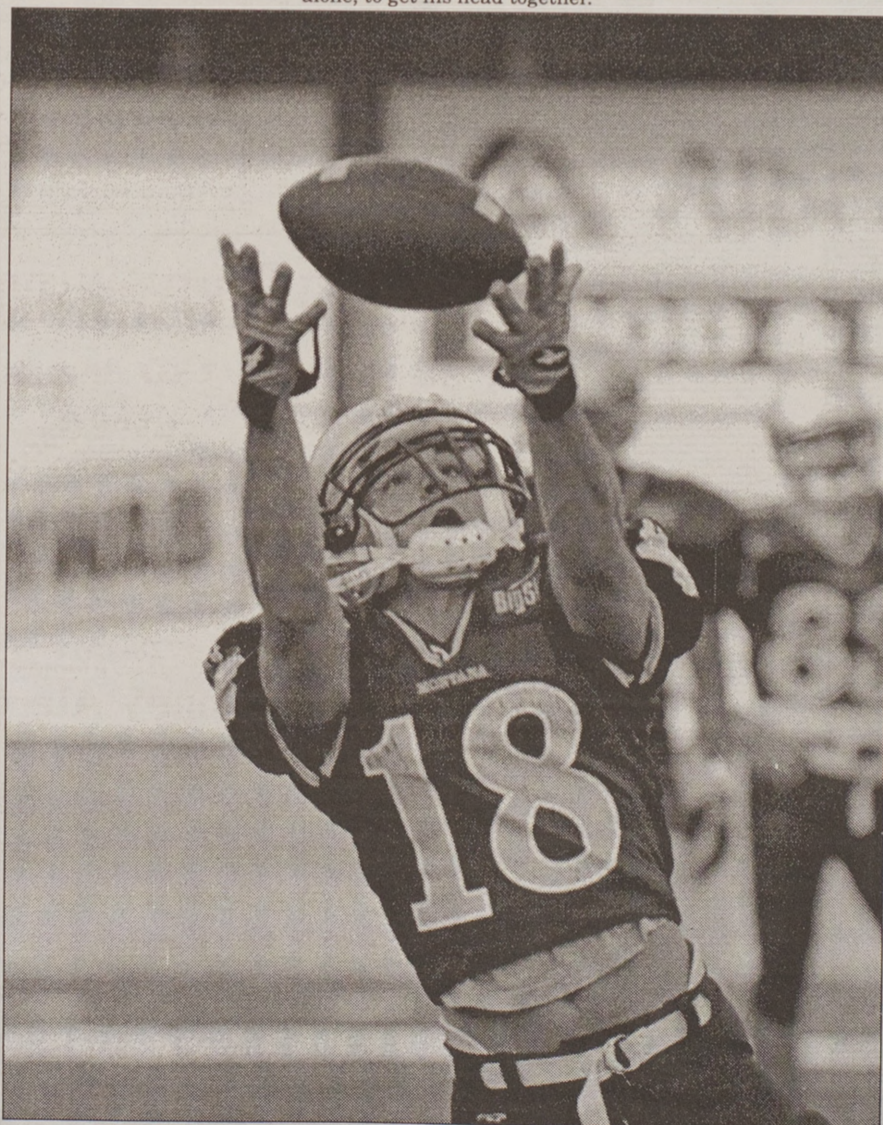
At the beginning of the summer, T.J. says he started dropping hints that he was conflicted about his future. Thinly veiled references to quitting the football team caught the attention of Darcee's father, Ron, who almost immediately sat T.J. down for a discussion.

"I talked to her dad, and he said (Darcee) would feel bad if I gave up something I'd worked my whole life for just because of her," T.J. says. "That was like the first day of summer that we had that talk. I think at that point I just got it in my mind that there just wasn't anything that was going to stop me from then on."

That summer, T.J. says, he worked harder than he ever had before. He ran the stairs at the high school stadium every day. He recruited Darcee's brother Darin to play catch with him for hours.

"I had Darin out there throwing me balls and he can't even throw a football," he says.

In the fall, he came back to Grizzly two-a-days buried on the depth chart. But his sharpness of mind, improved work ethic and superb conditioning impressed coaches. He moved up quickly.



Oelkers reaches for a deep ball in practice.

Mike Cohea/GDK

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Around the Sky:

WHAT'S THIS? THE 'CATS AT THE TOP OF THE CONFERENCE? BELIEVE IT, JACK.

Ian Costello
GameDay Kaimin

For the first time in recent memory, the Montana State Bobcats are on top of the Big Sky Conference. With wins over Weber State and Eastern Washington, the 'Cats have already doubled their conference win total from the last few years.

But, really, this is classic Bobcat behavior. Outside of last year when the 'cats put forth a winless campaign, Montana State has a history of ruining conference championship hopes for opponents when they have none of their own. Ask Cal. State Northridge from two years ago, ask the University of Idaho twice in the early 1990s. Ask Portland State, who almost fell to the Montana State jinx last season. And if you need any more proof, ask Eastern Washington now.

But could the Bobcats have legitimate conference championship hopes? Well, the Bobcats are 2-0 in the Big Sky and, according to the pre-season polls, have already gotten past the No. 1 contender. The schedule leans in their favor. Outside of a Nov. 17 meeting with the Grizzlies, they play only one more Big Sky team with a winning conference record.

The stats may be in their favor as well. Led by return specialist Junior Adams, the 'cats are first in the nation in punt return yardage, first in the conference in pass defense efficiency, kick off coverage, and sacks and second in the conference in total defense.

And don't forget the players. Adams was selected as special teamer of the week in the Big Sky last week for his 84-yard punt return for a touchdown

and totaled 116 yards returning which helped Montana State to the upset. Adams has returned three punts for scores this season. On the other side of the ball sits Ryan Johnson, who has averaged just a shade over 126 yards rushing per game, good enough for fifth in the conference.

If the 'Cats are to put together a decent season, they has to start this weekend against Sacramento State. The Hornets head to Bozeman Saturday looking to right the ship after a 42-7 loss to Montana last weekend. A good conference win streak by the kitties would at least put a little bit of excitement in their game with the Griz later this season.

GDK Prediction: 27-24 Sac State.

Portland State at Idaho State

Every time GDK sits down to research the Portland State

Vikings, all we seem to find is Jimmy Blanchard this and Jimmy Blanchard that. Unfortunately for the Vikings, Jimmy Blanchard be gone — as in graduated, vamosse, outta here. The only thing this year's Portland State team can attribute to Jimmy Blanchard is their hanging around in the national top 25. And that will be gone soon too.

Blanchard was a great quarterback, but even his memory won't save the Vikings from the downward spiral they have been in since they played Montana last season.

Trying to rebound from their 23-20 loss to Southwest Texas State last weekend, the Vikings head to hapless Idaho State Saturday night.

The Idaho State Bengals have alternated wins and losses this year, beating Montana Tech, losing to Sacramento State, beating MSU-Northern and losing to Northern Arizona.

GDK Prediction: 35-6, Portland State in a breeze.

Northern Arizona vs. Weber State

Sad to say, it is tough to find a reason for GDK to care about this game. At 4-1 Northern Arizona could be one of the sleeper teams in the conference but, frankly, a game with the 1-4 Wildcats isn't much of a match up.

Northern Arizona signal caller Preston Parsons was named the conference offensive player of the week last week for 25 of 33 for 299 yards passing and three touchdown performance against Idaho State. At one point in the game, Parsons completed 11 straight passes.

One more interesting note: With Shegun Cummings-John, Brian Lonestar-Bingham and Robert Anderson-Drake, Northern Arizona leads the Big Sky Conference in players with hyphenated last names.

Eastern Washington and Portland State tie for second in that category with one each. Weber State has none.
GDK Prediction: 26-7 NAU.

Eastern Washington vs. Simon Fraser

Outside of the UM Grizzlies, the Eagles are the only Big Sky team to not play a conference opponent this week. Eastern hosts 2-2 Simon Fraser at Woodward Field on Saturday night.

After two straight losses in the conference, Eastern Washington could use a break from Big Sky opponents.

Sadly, even a win against a Canadian team can't remove the bad taste still lingering from the Eagles loss to Montana State last week.

GDK Prediction: 24-20, Simon Fraser.



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Montana

2001 Record • 4-1, 2-0 Big Sky
2000 Record • 13-2 Overall, 8-0 Big Sky



Offense



Etu Molden

Wide receiver
6-2, 190 senior from Sacramento, Calif.

Two weeks ago: Etu saves the game for Montana in overtime vs. Eastern Washington. Last week: In his hometown, he went off, grabbing seven catches for 149 yards and two touchdowns against Sac State. This week: For homecoming GDK expects similar fireworks. The St. Mary's defense will likely toss everything in the play book at Etu but it won't matter. Molden is shaping-up nicely as the Griz's new go-to receiver. It's not a question of whether the heroics will happen, but when.

Defense



Matt Steinau

Linebacker
6-1, 220 senior from El Torro, Calif.

More of a "stay at home" linebacker, Steinau will be a big brick wall for the St. Mary's offense. Against Eastern Washington a few weeks ago, Steinau tallied 12 tackles, leading the team with fellow defensive affciando, Vinnie Huntsberger. Impenetrable really. Impossible to scare, you might say. Anyway you want to put it, this kid is gonna frighten the tar out of those Gaels. Watch one of them fools make a feeble attempt to break through the lines, 2nd in the nation for rushing or not. You try to break through the line, he break your head.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Levander Segars	Colorado Springs, Co.	CB	5-9	165	FR
2	Jonathon Talmage	Anaheim, Calif.	WR	6-4	190	FR
3	Trey Young	San Diego, Calif.	FS	6-0	190	JR
4	Dave DeCoite	Truckee, Calif.	FS	6-1	190	SO
5	John Edwards	Billings, Mont.	QB	6-1	200	JR
6	Andy Thompson	Walla Walla, Wash.	LB	6-3	195	JR
7	Brett Staninger	Missoula, Mont.	QB	6-3	208	JR
8	Jefferson Heidelberger	Sacramento, Calif.	WR	5-9	165	FR
9	Kendall Selle	Billings, Mont.	QB	6-3	205	FR
10	David Gober	Anaheim, Calif.	RB	5-9	175	FR
11	Vernon Smith	San Diego, Calif.	CB	6-1	175	SO
12	Brent Meyers	Missoula, Mont.	WR	6-0	195	SO
13	Calvin Coleman	Niceville, Fla.	CB/KOR	5-10	189	SR
14	Demetrius Williams	Carson, Calif.	CB	5-11	193	JR
16	Brandon Neill	Great Falls, Mont.	QB	6-3	215	JR
17	Etu Molden	Sacramento, Calif.	WR/KOR	6-2	190	SR
18	T.J. Oelkers	Helena, Mont.	WR	5-8	170	SR
21	Yohance Humphery	Eagle River, Alaska	RB	5-10	190	SR
23	Kevin Edwards	Spokane, Wash.	S	6-2	185	FR
25	Kyle Scholle	Parker, Co.	SS	6-0	195	SO
26	Brandon Grant	Los Angeles, Calif.	CB	6-0	180	FR
27	Johnnie Peeples	Anaheim, Calif.	CB	5-9	180	JR
28	Tyler Peterson	Helena, Mont.	WR	5-10	170	FR
29	Chris Snyder	Spokane, Wash.	K/P	6-0	190	SO
30	Tate Hancock	Salina, Kan.	WR	5-10	175	FR
31	Tyler Thomas	Dillon, Mont.	QB	6-0	185	FR
32	Brandon Malcom	Santa Ana, Calif.	RB	5-10	175	SO
33	Joel Rosenberg	Whitefish, Mont.	CB	5-10	185	JR
34	Brad Weston	Hamilton, Mont.	TE	6-1	220	SO
35	Tim Crabtree	Denton, Mont.	S	5-10	180	FR
36	Ryan Keltz	Missoula, Mont.	S	5-10	175	FR
37	Ciche Pitcher	Anaconda, Mont.	DE	6-4	232	SO
38	Pete Hamill	Couder D'Alene, Idaho	RB	5-11	185	FR
39	Mike Mahoney	Deer Lodge, Mont.	CB	5-10	170	SO
40	Ike Mincy	Wewahitchka, Fla.	DE	6-2	220	JR
41	Matt Steinau	El Torro, Calif.	LB	6-1	220	SR
42	Blake Horgan	Spokane, Wash.	DT	6-3	260	FR
43	Spencer Frederick	Scobey, Mont.	TE	6-3	240	SR
44	John Fitzgerald	Columbus, Mont.	TE	6-2	230	SR
47	Vince Huntsberger	Libby, Mont.	SS	5-11	190	SR
48	Dan Orizotti	Butte, Mont.	LB	5-11	220	SR
49	Ross Richardson	Butte, Mont.	DB	5-11	175	FR
50	Adam Hoge	Bozeman, Mont.	LB	5-11	215	FR
51	Kyler Noel	Helena, Mont.	LB	6-1	200	FR
52	Colt Palmer	Omaha, Neb.	TE	6-1	215	FR
53	Joel Robinson	Kalispell, Mont.	LB	5-11	240	JR
54	Chris Connors	Butte, Mont.	LB	6-2	215	FR
55	Jonny Varona	Medical Lake, Wash.	DT	6-3	270	FR
56	Dan DeCoite	Truckee, Calif.	LB	6-1	240	SR
57	Shane MacIntyre	Helena, Mont.	LB	6-3	195	FR
59	James White	Juneau, Alaska	OG	6-1	270	FR
62	Derek Decker	Ballantine, Mont.	OG	6-5	265	SO
63	Jory Barefield	Missoula, Mont.	DT	6-2	280	FR
64	Dylan Brown	Miles City, Mont.	OT	6-4	260	FR
65	Garth Enger	Bothell, Wash.	OC	6-4	250	FR
66	Brian Pelc	Helena, Mont.	OT	6-4	285	JR
67	Jake Pipinich	Bozeman, Mont.	OG	6-5	280	FR
68	Jason Frink	Post Falls, Idaho	OG	6-4	260	FR
70	Kevin Reese	Hayden Lake, Idaho	OG	6-4	280	FR
72	Dylan McFarland	Kalispell, Mont.	OT	6-6	275	SO
73	Thatcher Szalay	Whitefish, Mont.	OG	6-5	295	SR
74	Beau Hart	Lake Oswego, Ore.	OT	6-6	250	FR
77	Jon Skinner	Dillon, Mont.	OT	6-7	315	SO
78	Drew MacQueen	Pottersville, NJ	OT	6-4	260	FR
80	Brock Sunderland	Great Falls, Mont.	WR	5-8	165	JR
81	Rory Zikmund	Harlowton, Mont.	WR/KOR	5-10	185	JR
82	Mark Spencer	Fallbrook, Calif.	P	6-5	190	JR
83	Dane Oliver	Monmouth, Ore.	WR	5-9	165	SO
84	Connor Molloy	Helena, Mont.	TE	6-5	215	FR
85	Randy Akiona	Waipahu, Hawaii	WR	6-0	180	JR
86	LaShawn George	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	WR	6-2	185	FR
87	Kevin McCutcheon	Helena, Mont.	WR	5-11	160	FR
88	Jeff Renevier	Orange, Calif.	WR	5-10	175	JR
89	Ja'Ton Simpson	Bellflower, Calif.	TE	6-5	215	FR
90	Curt Colter	Hysham, Mont.	NT	6-2	285	JR
91	Tim Bush	Kellogg, Idaho	DE	6-3	240	SO
93	Chris Orwig	Prairie Village, Kan.	DT	6-4	240	FR
95	John Cahill	Billings, Mont.	DT	6-2	250	SO
97	Herbert Fernandez	San Diego, Calif.	DE	6-4	225	JR
98	Jason Francis	Spokane, Wash.	NT	6-2	250	SR
99	Alan Saenz	Newport Beach, Calif.	DT	6-2	260	FR

GRIZ OFFENSE VS.

T.J. Oelkers 18 WR

Rory Zikmund 81 WR

Dylan MacFarland 72 T

Thatcher Szalay 73 G

Yohance Humphery 21 RB

John Edwards 5 QB

Brian Pelc 66 C

Derek Decker 62 G

Jon Skinner 77 T

Dane Oliver 83 WR

Etu Molden 17 WR



Skinner 77

The big sophomore from Dillon's been hampered this year with a knee injury and a bone chip in his ankle. Skinner's listed as questionable for the homecoming game, but GDK knows if he can walk, he'll be out there.

GRIZ DEFENSE VS.

Johnnie Peeples 27 CB

Vince Huntsberger 47 SS



Peeples 27

Not only does the junior transfer from FLA have the happiest mugshot of all the Grizzlies, he's also done a great job this season filling the shoes of departed senior Damon Parker. Last season, Parker saved homecoming. Will the Griz need a similar miracle against the Gaels? Probably not.

Ciche Pitcher 73 DE

Andy Thompson 6 LB

Curt Colter 90 DT

Dan DeCoite 56 LB

Jonny Varona 55 DT

Trey Young 3 FS

Matt Steinau 41 LB

Herbert Fernandez 97 DE

Calvin Coleman 13 CB

St. Mary's Defense

CB Calvin Dickerson 19

DE Travis White 99

DT Ray Mike 98

DT Victor Williams 97

DE David Taylor 90

LB Scott McMahon 50

SS Ramon Burley-Johnson 42


LB Wendell Young 9

FS Weston Borba 30

LB Jack Kearns 35

CB Greg Kavulich 28

Borba 30



The Gaels' starting free safety was named I-AA Independent player of the week last week after notching 12 tackles (10 of them solo) and forcing two fumbles as St. Mary's came back to beat UC Davis 28-21.

St. Mary's

2001 Record 3-2
2000 Record 6-5



Offense



Gus Papanikolas

Quarterback
6-1, 195, senior from Salt Lake City, UT

Papanikolas has been instrumental to the Gaels as they have eased into coach Tim Landis' spread option attack over these past two seasons. The speedy quarterback has amassed 4,045 all-purpose yards during his career, good enough for third all-time in St. Mary's record book. Papanikolas and back Andre Coleman and Clint Wilson split the carries nearly exactly in thirds, so the Griz defense will have to key on all three to ensure Montana's fifth victory of the season.

Defense



Travis White

Defensive End
5-6, 250 senior from San Pedro, Calif.

We admit, the GDK scout team ain't what it once was and we haven't seen the kid in person, so we'll have to take www.SMCGaels.com at its word when it says White is only 5-6. He's also Lindy's Magazine's I-AA Independent pre-season player of the year and so far is living up to the hype, leading the Gaels in sacks with 6.5. He also has 9 tackles for loss, which could make things scary if the Griz can't keep him out of the backfield. Let's make no mistake, it would be a disaster for Montana to overlook White. Get it? Overlook? Because he's short? Oh, nevermind.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Kawika Watts	Long Beach, Calif.	WR	5-10	180	SR
2	Andre Coleman	Compton, Calif.	RB	5-9	175	SO
3	Lorenzo King	Oakland, Calif.	RB	5-10	200	SR
4	Chris Klingerman	Redmond, Wash.	WR	6-2	185	FR
5	Gus Papanikolas	Salt Lake City, Utah	QB	6-1	195	SR
6	Brad Scheppeler	Redwood City, Calif.	K/P	6-0	245	JR
7	Devin Lorier	Westlake Village, Calif.	DB	5-10	185	FR
8	Chris Tucker	El Sobrante, Calif.	DB	5-9	165	RS
9	Wendell Young	Inglewood, Calif.	LB	6-0	220	SR
10	Chris Kobe	Valencia, Calif.	QB	6-0	195	SR
12	Anthony Johnson	Valencia, Calif.	RB	5-7	170	FR
13	Ryan Sauter	Claremont, Calif.	QB	6-0	190	SO
14	Garret Vanneman	Roseville, Calif.	QB	6-1	200	SO
15	Ben Antongiavanni	Bakersfield, Calif.	K	5-11	190	SO
16	Steve Wackowski	Anchorage, AK	LB	6-2	210	FR
17	Chris Harrel	Los Angeles, Calif.	RB	5-8	195	SO
18	Terrance Hudson	Oakland, Calif.	DB	5-8	160	SO
19	Calvin Dickerson	Inglewood Calif.	DB	5-10	175	SR
20	Jarritt Jones	San Francisco, Calif.	DB	5-8	170	JR
21	Ian Douglas	San Francisco, Calif.	WR	6-2	185	SR
22	Leonard Harmon	Fresno, Calif.	RB	5-7	170	FR
23	Reed Mokler	Huntington Beach, Calif.	DB/K	5-9	180	SR
24	Tony Mendoza	Burlingame, Calif.	DB	5-10	180	SO
25	Steve Petruzzi	Palm Springs, Calif.	RB	5-8	195	FR
26	Clint Wilson	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	RB	6-0	215	FR
27	Da'Sean Spencer	Concord, Calif.	DB	6-0	185	FR
28	Greg Kavulich	West Hills, Calif.	DB	5-11	170	FR
29	Raul Vasquez	Earlimart, Calif.	DB	5-10	180	SO
30	Weston Borba	Chowchilla, Calif.	DB	6-3	195	SO
31	Dax Harris	Ontario, Calif.	DB	5-10	180	JR
32	Joe Gonzales	Dixon, Calif.	RB	5-8	180	FR
33	Myron Chivis	Highlands, Calif.	DB	5-9	180	JR
35	Jack Kearns	Novato, Calif.	LB	6-2	220	SR
36	Grant Newman	Ventura, Calif.	DB	6-2	205	FR
37	Scott Smiley	La Mesa, Calif.	DB	6-0	195	FR
38	Ezequiel Arevalo	Compton, Calif.	K	5-9	175	JR
39	Ryan Guidi	La Jolla, Calif.	DB	6-0	175	FR
40	Heath Villarreal	Hughson, Calif.	RB	5-10	200	FR
41	Hunter Sill	Bakersfield, Calif.	RB	5-10	170	FR
42	Ramon Burley-Johnson	San Fernando, Calif.	DB	5-11	175	SO
43	Brian Ferraiuolo	Redding, Calif.	RB	5-10	175	FR
44	Eric Billeci	Pittsburg, Calif.	TE	6-0	225	SR
45	Sean Sheridan	Santa Rosa, Calif.	RB	5-10	215	FR
46	Tyson McGuire	Martinez, Calif.	LB	6-2	200	FR
47	Bryan Vargas	Lompoc, Calif.	LB	6-6	260	SO
48	Jesse Charles	Los Angeles, Calif.	DB	6-0	170	SO
49	Demitri Taylor	Oakland, Calif.	LB	6-0	220	FR
50	Scott McMahon	El Dorado Hills, Calif.	LB	6-2	250	JR
51	Kris Szalonek	West Covina, Calif.	LB	5-9	195	SR
53	Jaime Villanueva	Hayward, Calif.	OL	6-2	240	SR
54	Chris Hamlin	Charlotte, NC	LB	6-0	210	SO
55	Michael Jennaro	Pleasanton, Calif.	LB	5-11	235	SO
56	Matt Gelderman	Concord, Calif.	DL	6-1	240	JR
57	David Biller	Concord, Calif.	OL	5-11	240	JR
58	Travis Burkett	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	LB	6-0	215	JR
60	James Fabian	Concord, Calif.	OL	6-1	265	SR
62	Chris Tillery	Clovis, Calif.	OL	6-4	250	SO
63	Scott Kearsley	Modesto, Calif.	OL	6-3	250	SO
64	Harrison Phillips	Burbank, Calif.	DL	6-3	225	JR
65	Rocky Lucero	Downey, Calif.	OL	6-2	305	FR
68	Nathan Roest	Hilmar, Calif.	OL	6-1	265	SR
71	Chris Jacobs	Sacramento, Calif.	DL	5-9	275	SR
72	Mike Sotelo	Vista, Calif.	DL	6-4	305	JR
73	Alex Bribeaux	Crescenta, Calif.	OL	5-9	280	SO
74	Nick Wisely	Manteca, Calif.	OL	6-2	270	SO
76	Nathan Frowsing	Madera, Calif.	OL	6-2	280	JR
77	Andrew Espino	San Jose, Calif.	DL	5-6	200	JR
78	Torin Simpson	Lompoc, Calif.	OL	6-5	285	SO
80	David Chidester	Covina, Calif.	WR	6-5	220	SR
81	Nate Brown	Pullman, Wash.	WR	5-6	175	JR
82	Patrick Ryan	San Francisco, Calif.	WR	5-10	175	SR
84	Paul Reynaud	Concord, Calif.	TE	6-3	250	SO
85	James Blades	Santa Rosa, Calif.	WR	5-10	165	JR
86	Michael Forry	Reedley, Calif.	TE	6-5	240	JR
87	Larry Irving	Salinas, Calif.	WR	6-3	200	SO
89	Cliff LaBoyer	Larkspur, Calif.	DL	6-2	230	JR
90	David Taylor	Monrovia, Calif.	LB	6-2	220	JR
91	Robert Gamble	Atwater, Calif.	DL	6-4	240	JR
93	Jean-Pierre Jodoin	Fairfield, Calif.	K	5-11	180	SO
97	Victor Williams	Bakersfield, Calif.	DL	6-0	255	JR
98	Ray Mike	Pomona, Calif.	DL	6-2	265	SO
99	Travis White	San Pedro, Calif.	DL	5-6	250	SR

St. Mary's Offense

WR Kawika Watts 1

T Nick Wisely 74

G Nathan Frowsing 76

C David Biller 57

G Nathan Roest 68

T Chris Tillery 62


FB Clint Wilson 26

QB Gus Papanikolas 5

RB Anthony Johnson 12

RB Andre Coleman 2

Wilson 26



If and when St. Mary's spread option attack can get into short yardage situations against the Griz, look for 210-pound Wilson to get the carry. He's the Gaels' leading scorer this season with five touchdowns. He also has 386 yards rushing.

Scouting Report: No. 3 Furman Paladins

Bryan Haines
GameDay Kaimin

Glancing at the Top 25 this week, GameDay Kaimin noticed that the Grizzlies had a team hot on their heels. The Furman Paladins currently sit at number three, only 20 points behind Montana.

This brought up the question: What in the hell is a Paladin?

Well a Paladin, after looking in the dictionary, is not a penguin like one GDK member guessed, but a knight crested on top of a horse, a defender of good. A heroic mascot indeed, and definitely more frightening than a penguin.

Everything you need to know about Furman football begins and ends with All-America running back Louis Ivory.

The reigning Walter Payton award winner, the "Ivory Tower" as he has become known to fans in Greenville, S.C., is a yardage machine.

Last season, while on his way to winning Division I-AA's player of the year award, Ivory averaged an unbelievable 7.1 yards per carry while rumbling for 2,079 yards and 18 touchdowns on 319 carries. Five times Ivory rushed for more than two hundred yards, including 301 yards and three touchdowns in a 42-10 dismantling of Georgia Southern. With stats like those, it is easy to see why we here at GDK think Ivory is the best running back in the nation not named Yohance Humphery.

This season, teams have done all they can to hold the running back in check, and to date, Ivory has not had a breakout game. Ivory still has amassed 583 yards and seven touchdowns in five games, but he has yet to display the game-breaking abilities that make defenders lose sleep and coaches lose jobs.

When the Paladins go to the air, and with a back like Ivory

that isn't often, junior Billy Napier has held his own. Napier has completed more than 61 percent of his passes, throwing for 704 yards and four touchdowns. During Furman's win over No. 6 Appalachian State last weekend, it was Napier who lead the Paladins to the win, not Ivory.

With Appalachian State's performance proving that Ivory really is human by holding him to only 40 yards on 18 carries, Napier threw two second-half touchdowns of 39 and 30 yards, lifting Furman to a 28-20 win.

Little-used receiver Isaac Hayes had been invisible before last week's game as well, catching six passes for 68 yards. Hayes woke up after half-time though, catching both touchdown passes and finishing with six grabs for 120 yards.

The Paladins corps of receivers, like Hayes, has not seen a lot of action, making 50 catches for 767 yards and five touchdowns. Montana's pass-

catching crew, meanwhile, has almost doubled that with 95 receptions for 1,203 yards and six touchdowns.

Defensively, the Paladins have been stingy, giving up only 13.8 points a game. After giving up 20 points in a season-opening loss to Division-I Wyoming, the Paladins kept opponents below 14 points in their next three outings before allowing the Mountaineers to score 22 last week.

Heading the group is All-America Will Bouton, last year's Southern Conference Defensive player of the year. Bouton leads the Paladins with 41 tackles, including five for losses. The Paladins don't put much pressure on the quarterback though, getting only 12 sacks.

Furman has made 10 consecutive appearances in the I-AA playoffs, and barring a complete collapse, the streak will not stop this season.

DIVISION I-AA POLL

HUNTINGDON VALLEY, Pa. — The top 25 teams in the Sports Network Division I-AA football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 7, and last week's ranking:

	Rec	Last
1. Georgia Southern	5-0	1
2. Montana	4-1	2
3. Furman	4-1	3
4. Rhode Island	5-0	7
5. Youngstown State	4-1	9
6. Lehigh	4-0	8
7. Grambling State	4-0	10
8. Appalachian State	3-2	5
9. Hofstra	4-1	12
10. Eastern Illinois	3-1	6
11. Western Kentucky	3-2	11
12. Villanova	4-0	13
13. McNeese State	3-2	4
14. Western Illinois	3-1	14
15. Northern Iowa	4-1	18
16. Florida A&M	4-1	17
17. S.W. Texas State	4-1	19
18. Tennessee State	4-0	22
19. Sam Houston State	4-1	25
20. Northwestern State	3-2	15
21. Jacksonville State	4-0	NR
22. Northern Arizona	4-1	NR
23. Stephen F. Austin	3-2	NR
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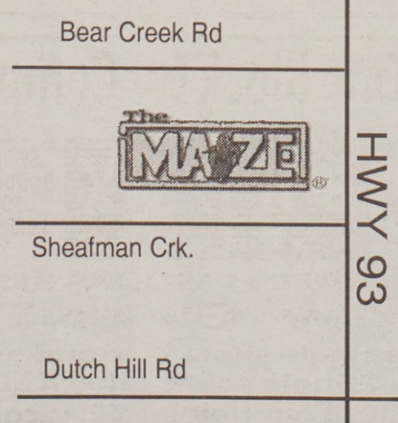
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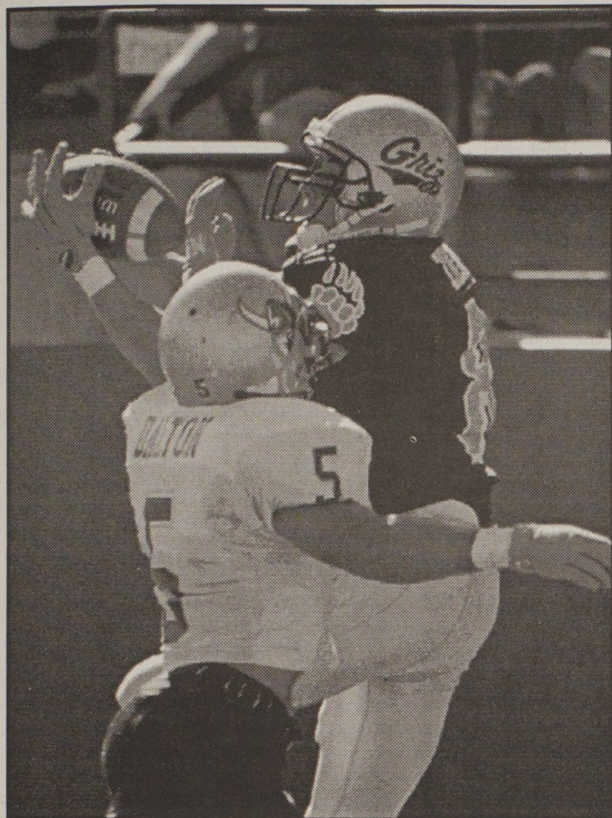


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Gaels gust into UM with robust running game



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Grizzly wide receiver Rory Zikmund tries to hang onto a pass while Western Washington's Anthony Dalton attempts to bat it away. This week the Griz take on the Gaels of St. Mary's for homecoming. The Gaels have the nation's No.2 ranked rushing offense.

Carl Hennell
GameDay Kaimin

Consider Saturday's game against Saint Mary's College a precursor to the matchup the second-ranked Grizzlies could face in the post season if they meet the top-ranked Georgia Southern Bulldogs.

The Gaels (3-2) are sailing into Missoula with the nation's second-ranked rushing attack, behind only GSU's Adrian Peterson and the Eagles with more than 323 yards rushing per game using the same spread option offense as GSU.

Led by sophomore running back Andre Coleman, who ranks No. 21 in the nation with 549 yards in five games and averages almost seven yards per carry, the depth of the Gaels rushing attack is staggering.

"It's going to be a different style of play than we're used to in the Big Sky Conference," said Griz coach Joe Glenn.

Behind the 5-foot-7-inch, 175-pound Coleman, freshman full-back Clint Wilson (6-0, 215), senior quarterback Gus

Papanikolas (6-1, 190) and back-up quarterback Chris Kobe have totaled more than 900 yards rushing. The Gaels have scored 17 rushing touchdowns and SMC coach Tim Landis mixes it up so much that even defensive end Travis White has scored.

Of the top nine SMC rushers, only Papanikolas has an average of less than five yards per carry and two players average more than seven yards a pop.

"We're going to have our hands full trying to contain these guys," Glenn said. "Coleman has explosive speed with agility and has the ability to break tackles and Papanikolas knows how to handle the ball and poses just as big of a threat."

In the trenches, the Griz' defensive front matches up well against the Gaels' offensive line. But the Gaels incorporate blocking schemes that will challenge Griz defensive coordinator Mike Breske.

"They're going to come at us low chop blocking," said Glenn. "We're not used to seeing that. We're going to have to keep our feet and stay with each man."

Defensively, SMC has been consistently inconsistent regarding the schemes it runs.

"Tim Landis is a crafty guy," Glenn said. "They've matched up against a pro-set offense similar to our style 12 times and have run 11 different schemes. It's tough to plan against something when you don't know what's coming."

Led by free safety Weston Borba (6-3, 195), the Gaels are flying high after a come-from-behind victory last week against University of California-Davis.

Trailing 21-0 at halftime to the Division II powerhouse, the Gaels roared back scoring 28 unanswered points. The defense forced three fumbles and blocked a punt, all in the fourth quarter, to whisk the victory away. Borba had 12 tackles, forced two fumbles and recovered another to earn the I-AA Independent Defensive Player of the Week.

"Anytime you're down by that much and come back, your team shows a lot of character," Glenn said.

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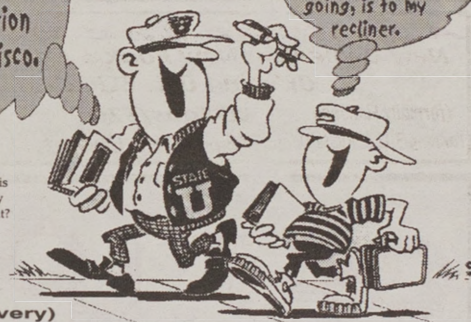
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He won a job as holder on field goals and extra points. Later he started returning punts and eventually got a chance to play wide receiver. Where once he thought of quitting, he accepted the opportunity to play with a zeal that awed even veteran coaches.

T.J. stayed on where some players who got scholarships from UM walked away. By his third year, he'd won his own scholarship.

Now a starter on a team that boasts the best I-AA receiving corps in the nation, T.J. says he's regained his faith in life. He still carries Darcee with him and he says her memory now comforts him.

"It's hard, even to this day," he says. "I mean I still have days when I wake up and want to stay in bed all day and feel sorry for myself. But time heals wounds too."

At some point — perhaps a half hour after he started talking about Darcee — you realize that this is the T.J. Oelkers you

expected all along. He is laughing, talking fast, getting sidetracked on amusing anecdotes. His attention never ebbs. Your tape runs out, you flip it. He keeps going. You just try to keep up.

When he's finished, the conversation ends naturally. You know the flatness of the original interview was your fault, not T.J.'s. The small talk you tried to make about Big Sky Conference football seems just that, small.

As an afterthought you ask him why he wanted to tell you these personal details about his life.

"I love to talk about her," he says. "It just makes me smile, even now. I don't know, maybe I thought it would be therapeutic."

You shake hands with T.J. Oelkers. You thank him and mean it. You go back to the office, rip the prepared questions out of your notebook and throw them away.



Oelkers makes a grab.

Mike Cohea/GDK

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