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MONTANA MEDIA GUIDE

MONTANA FOOTBALL 2016
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GRIZ FOOTBALL 2016: OFFENSE PREVIEW

Flashback to a year ago when the Montana Grizzlies’ 2015 spring season was underway with first year head coach Bob Stitt at the helm and more questions than answers regarding the new-look Griz.

Those questions were answered over the course of a solid 2015 campaign that saw Montana (8-5, 6-2 BSC) make its 23rd foray into the DI-A/FCS playoffs using Stitt’s high-octane offense, quarterback Brady Gustafson’s NFL caliber arm, some of the top receivers in the FCS, and a stifling defense that boasted the best pass defense, quarterback Brady Gustafson’s NFL caliber arm, some of the top receivers in the FCS, and a stifling defense that boasted the best pass defense.

Fast-forward to 2016, a new season that brings a new set of questions, namely how to replace 23 lettermen lost from last season. But to find an answer to those questions, Coach Stitt has a powerful tool: a comfort and continuity with these guys, and it’s really going to be a nice feeling.

Bolstering a strong, if inexperienced, returning group is one of the largest recruiting classes in Montana history. Coach Stitt and his staff have brought in 38 new Grizzlies in the class of 2016, including 13 transfers and 25 incoming freshmen, and welcomes back 11 returners from 2015, and already the group has impressed.

“Another key to the deal would be the O-line returning so many guys. That was a huge question mark last year, it was rough for a while, and now we’ve got all these guys back and they’re bigger and they’re stronger. So I’m excited about that group,” added Stitt.

While Gustafson and the Grizzly quarterbacks bring plenty of experience back for 2016, one of Stitt’s keys to executing Montana’s pass-heavy offense is a consistent and deep receiving corps.

The 2016 Griz bring a virtually all-new, but highly skilled, crop of wide receivers after the departure of some of the best ball catchers in UM history in NFL prospects like Jamaal Jones, Ellis Henderson and Ben Roberts.

Stitt has brought in three transfers, six incoming freshman, and welcomes back 11 returners from 2015, and already the group has impressed.

“Every time I talk about the receivers I forget one of them because we’ve got so many exciting young guys, and we add a couple transfers with these guys, and it’s really going to be a nice group,” said Stitt.

In Montana’s opening scrimmage of spring, Blinn College (Texas) transfer James Homan out of Federal Way, Wash., Kobey Eaton hauled in a 73-yard TD pass, and redshirt freshman Ben Roberts from Billings to develop as one of the Big Sky’s top returning passers.

It’s huge in our offensive scheme to have somebody that understands what we’re doing and you can continue to progress as you get more reps and you can bank more knowledge,” said Stitt.

You can’t have a successful quarterback without a successful offensive line to provide pass protection.

Coach Chad Germer’s offensive line returns four starters from 2015 including all-Big Sky honorable mention Devon Dietrich at right guard. Also making his return to the O-line is senior Ben Weyer who sat out the 2015 season with an injury after playing in every game of the 2014 season. As a group, the 2016 offensive line brings 92 career starts worth of experience back to the field.

While competition has increased, Stitt has indicated that the starting quarterback position will remain with Gustafson, allowing the senior from Billings to develop as one of the Big Sky’s top returning passers.

Even more depth at quarterback comes from Connor Kaegi, the 6-7 JC transfer from Feather River College in California.

The quarterback plays a central role in Coach Stitt’s offense, and Montana’s 2016 crop of signal callers look as deep and capable as ever, with Gustafson returning to lead the group after throwing for 1,194 yards in just seven games last year.

Adding depth are two former FBS quarterbacks, in returning Idaho transfer Chad Chalich (who threw for 908 yards in four games last year in Gustafson’s absence), and Reese Phillips, an SEC transfer from the Kentucky Wildcats.

While big plays are the daggers of Stitt’s offense, the goal remains to rack up 90 or more plays per game, and the receivers will play a key role in that.

“In this type of offense, you’ve got to execute perfectly because we’re looking for 10, 12, 14-play
Simis tied a school record with six touchdown season. As a backup for Gustafson last season, on the receiving end of touchdown passes this wide receiver this season, and will look to be back Makena Simis has made the transition to A solid all around athlete, former quarter position. last year, and figures to work into the "Z" slot receiver, having caught four balls for 16 yards turns to the Grizzlies' only other returning wide receivers that came in look great and you can tell they have a lot more confidence now that they've physically improved so much."

Senior Joey Counts returns as well, looking to build on his shortened season of six games last year, highlighted by the game-winning touchdown in the final seconds against North Dakota State.

**GRIZ FOOTBALL 2016: A RELOADED DEFENSE**

In 2015 defensive end Tyrone Holmes completed his tenure as a Montana Grizzly with the crown jewel of FCS player awards, the STATS Defensive Player of the Year. With a national-best 18 sacks it's easy to see why the all-American earned the title of best defender in all of FCS football and now seems to be destined for the NFL, but that was 2015, and this is 2016.

While replacing 180-sack performers isn't easy, this year's Grizzly "D" is reloading with a young but physical unit that works smarter, not harder, under new defensive coordinator Jason Semore, spreading the pressure around the field.

"With our scheme last year, you just had to be good," says Montana head coach Bob Stitt. "Now, we can bring it from all these places, and the offense doesn't know where it's coming from. It's just more difficult from an offensive protection standpoint, and identifying the personnel up front."

Luckily for the Griz, Montana's defense returns the brains (and brawn) of three key starters in defensive tackle-turned-defensive end Caleb Kidder, safety Yamen Sanders and cornerback JR Nelson. The trio made a combined 36 out of 39 starts last season, and will each feature prominently in 2016.

The Griz bolstered the defense in their massive 39-player recruiting class, signing FBS transfer linebacker James Banks from Alabama-Birmingham. The D-line also added heft to the interior with Brandt Davidson, a 295-pound tackle from Santa Ana College. Also transferring to Montana is Justin Strong, a safety out of Oregon State who will join the team in time for summer workouts.

The 2016 recruiting class also consisted of 11 new defensive specialists that will make their way to Montana for fall camp as true freshmen.

**– RUNNING BACKS –**

As opposed to the wide receivers, Montana returns all of 2015's running backs, led by senior John Nguyen who rushed 184 times for 855 yards and three touchdowns.

"We've got to continue to move forward with the run game," said Stitt. When we run the ball, we've got to get three yards per carry, and when we throw the ball, it needs to be caught. When you don't get three yards, or you drop a pass, then it's hard to keep the drive going, so it's all about execution."

Sophomore Jeremy Calhoun returns in the backfield as well after being thrust into action as a true freshman due to injury. He didn't waste any time acclimatizing to college football though, bashing his way to 291 yards and nine touchdowns in only nine games.

Calhoun returns visibly bigger and stronger this year, and will once again be a red zone threat for the Griz.

"It's everybody, not just Jeremy," said Stitt of his team's off-season gains. "A lot of the rec

Senior running back John Nguyen

drives. As soon as the ball is dropped, then you're second and 10 or third and long, and it makes it difficult and hard to go for it on fourth down," added Stitt.

Montana's leading returning wide receiver is Josh Horner, a 6-5 product out of C.M. Russell High in Great Falls, who played in every game in 2015, starting in three at the "H" position. Horner was the Grizzlies' fourth-leading receiver that season, catching 22 passes for 294 yards and a touchdown.

Also returning in the wide receiver corps is sophomore Keenan Curran, who worked his way into a starting position in one game as a true freshman, and saw action in each of UM's final nine games, catching four passes for 55 yards.

Redshirt sophomore Caleb Lyons also returns to the Grizzlies' only other returning wide receiver, having caught four balls for 16 yards last year, and figures to work into the "Z" slot position.

A solid all around athlete, former quarterback Makena Simis has made the transition to wide receiver this season, and will look to be on the receiving end of touchdown passes this season. As a backup for Gustafson last season, Simis tied a school record with six touchdown passes in a single game against NAU, passing for 740 yards and completing 63 of 115 attempts.

**– DEFENSIVE LINE –**

Kidder, who dons Montana's traditional No. 37 legacy jersey, will lead the D-line as the heir-apparent to Holmes at defensive end. The 6-5, 259-pounder from Helena is the Grizzlies' leading returning tackle from last season with 82 total takedowns.

Bookending the D-line is 6-3, 255-pound defensive end Ryan Johnson who picked up two starts and 33 tackles last year, and Tucker Schye, who looked solid in the team's first scrimmage of spring with three sacks. Also looking to make
made his presence known in the first scrimmage with his physical style. Of the younger linebackers, redshirt freshman Dante Olson heads the list of returners, with nine takedowns, five of which were solo tackles. Olson was also recognized as last year’s Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year.

– DEFENSIVE SECONDARY –
With Strong joining Montana from Oregon State, the Grizzly secondary now boasts three Pac-12-caliber athletes roaming the backfield in safety Yamen Sanders, who transferred last season from Arizona, and cornerback Markell Sanders who came to UM from Washington State.

Sanders and JR Nelson are UM’s second-and-third leading returning tacklers, respectively, with Sanders putting in 64 tackles and Nelson 49, providing ample experience in the backfield.

“Secondary wise, we’re playing very well,” says Stitt. “They’re covering long enough to allow our D-line to get to the quarterback, which is huge.”

Safety Jerrin Williams also turned heads during Montana’s opening scrimmage of spring, intercepting a Reese Phillips pass and returning it 60 yards for a touchdown.

– SPECIAL TEAMS –
After graduating both record setter Daniel Sullivan and Chris Lider, the Griz are on the search for the next great kicker and punter. The starting positions are still wide open during spring ball, with eight players all vying for a spot.

Redshirt freshmen Tim Semenza and Brandon Purdy continued to battle it out through fall camp to see who coach still will place on top of the rotation, with both hitting from distance.

Missoula Lyola product Eric Williams will handle the puntin’ after returning to his hometown from Carleton College in Minnesota.

“We’re going to continue to give guys a lot of reps,” says Stitt. “That’s a big group, and we’re going to have to cut it down to at least three for the next couple weeks, and then get down to two for fall camp.”

– SCHEDULE –
Perhaps Montana’s most difficult opponent in the 2016 season will be the road itself. UM has a brutal away-game schedule, starting with FCS quarterfinalists Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls on Sept. 10. It doesn’t get any easier from there, as the Griz visit Cal Poly on Sept. 24 in a rematch of Cal Poly’s upset win in Missoula last season.

After a three-game home stand, the Griz then face two teams in always-hostile environments, Northern Arizona and Eastern Washington on October 22 and 29.

“Playing on the road is something that is difficult. The team has to address it, and the team has to get excited to get on the road, get out of town and go play ball together. They’ve got to have an us-against-the-world mentality,” says Stitt.

“What we’ve talked about, and what the players have to continue to address is that we get to play football, and we have to play the exact same way regardless if there is 26,000 or if there is 5,000. It’s been an issue for a while in the last few years where the road record isn’t very good, and the home record is real good. We’ve got to get to where we’re excited to play on the road too.”

Montana went 3-3 on the road last year, and 2-5 on the road in 2014. Since arriving at Montana just over a year ago, Coach Stitt has talked about returning National Championship trophies to Missoula. In the 2016 season, that trophy needs to be earned outside of the friendly confines of Washington-Grizzly Stadium.
• FOOTBALL PRACTICE
The first 15 minutes of practice is designated for media interviews on select days only. All video/still photography is limited to the first 30 minutes of practice unless otherwise arranged through Sports Information (406) 243-5402. Practice is CLOSED to media after 30 minutes. Members of the media must leave Washington-Grizzly Stadium at that time. Post-practice interviews will not be granted.

All practices are CLOSED to the public, except for members of the QUARTERBACK CLUB. However, if media (social, audio, video or otherwise) originates from a Quarterback Club member after the posted 30-minute media time, practice viewing privileges will be revoked.

Regular-season practices are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting at 3:15 p.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The first 15-30 minutes of practice on Tuesday and Wednesday is open to the media. Thursday pre-game practice is CLOSED to all.

• INTERVIEW POLICY
Montana Sports Information will hold a weekly press conference during the season, featuring two or three players and the head coach. The media is encouraged to conduct any in-depth player/head coach interviews at this time.

The 2016 season weekly press conference is scheduled for Mondays at 1:00 starting Aug. 29.

All additional player/coach interview requests must be requested through the sports information office.

Media members are forbidden from contacting players or coaches via phone, email, text, or social media without the expressed consent of the sports information office.

Student-athlete phone interviews are granted on a limited basis and must be scheduled through the sports information office. Phone numbers of student-athletes are not issued to the media.

Interview requests must be submitted 24 hours in advance. This allows the sports information office to contact the student-athlete, get his/her approval and then finalize plans with the media representative. Student-athletes hold the right to refuse interview requests outside designated interview times.

The sports information office takes into consideration the student-athlete’s class schedule, practice schedule, team policies and the head coach’s rules when considering interviews and media availabilities.

It is understood that all student-athlete living, dining, training and dressing areas, including the player tunnel at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, are considered private areas and that no member of the media is to be present in any of these areas unless they are escorted by a member of the sports information staff.

• BIG SKY FOOTBALL COACHES TELECONFERENCE
During the season, the Big Sky holds a weekly football coaches conference call. It is requested all phone interviews for Coach Stitt be directed during this conference call. See www.bigskyconf.com for details.

• PRESS/SPECIAL CREDS AND PARKING PERMITS
All media credentials and photography passes, as well as parking passes, must be submitted via the online form at gogriz.com. Credentials for home games will be available in the sports information office in the Adams Center from Thursday at noon until Friday at 4 p.m. Credentials not picked up by that time will be left at the will call window in the Adams Center box office from 9 a.m. until kickoff on game day. Photographers must comply with NCAA GUIDELINES*. Season credentials and parking passes are distributed in late August prior to UM’s first home game.

All credential holders are subject to the Big Sky Conference Media and Credential Use Conditions Agreement. Please read and understand this document before applying for credentials.

Due to limited availability, not all parking requests may be granted.

– MEDIA CREDENTIAL REQUEST FORM –
Please fill out one Media Credential Request form for each member wishing to obtain press credentials. This can be located at gogriz.com.

• VISITING MEDIA CREDENTIALS/PARKING PERMITS
All visiting media should make credential/parking requests through the visiting SID.

• PARKING
Media parking is available on a limited basis to visiting media in several lots, all of which are located a short walking distance from Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

• PROFESSIONAL SCOUTS
Pro scouts: Please contact Eric Taber to obtain a press box credential. Please note, press box seating is not available for all games due to limited space. Every effort will be made to provide a working surface and seat.

* = NCAA Football Photography Area Policies:
Photographers working on the sidelines are restricted to behind the limit lines all around the playing field.
No photographers are permitted in the team areas, which are back off the limit lines between the 25-yard lines.

No media personnel or their equipment shall be in the team area, and no media personnel may communicate in any way with persons in the team areas.
Photographers may not place tripods on or beside the playing field or attach strobes to the goal posts.

Griz Sports Information Policies
CORCORAN NAMED NEW “VOICE OF THE GRIZ”

Montana native Riley Corcoran has been named the new “Voice of the Griz.” As the voice of Montana Athletics, Corcoran will serve as the play-by-play broadcaster for the Griz football and men's basketball teams, and host those sports’ seasonal coaches’ shows.

“Riley is incredibly talented, and we are certain Griz Nation will embrace his great work and look forward to hearing him week in and week out over the airwaves,” said Tom Boman, vice president, broadcast operations for Learfield, UM Athletics’ multimedia rights holder.

“We did not take this lightly. We conducted an exhaustive national search to determine the best candidate. We were fortunate not only to find the best talent but someone who has significant ties to Montana.”

Grizzly Sports Properties is Learfield’s local team in Missoula that works closely with Boman and Montana Director of Athletics Kent Haslam and his administration, and has direct oversight of talent and station affiliates associated with the Montana Grizzly Sports Network.

“We welcome Riley to the Griz family and look forward to listening to him call football in a few short months,” said Haslam.

“We’ve been communicating with Learfield regularly during this search process and know they’ve been extremely diligent in identifying the best talent for our program. We are certainly excited about what’s ahead.”

Corcoran grew up in Billings and joins the Griz from Montana State, where he served the last three years as voice of the women’s basketball program. He also called a handful of football and men’s basketball games.

Additionally, Corcoran was a member of the football broadcast team and part of the pregame and postgame shows. He also helped host the weekly one-hour coaches’ shows that covered all Bobcat sports.

Prior to returning to his home state in 2013, Corcoran was director of media relations and broadcasting for the Wilson Tobs, an amateur baseball club in North Carolina. He hosted the team’s pregame show and handled play-by-play duties for the team’s 61 games.

His additional experience includes serving as a sports reporter for the Billings Gazette and as sports director for 630 The Fan in Boise, where he hosted a daily two-hour radio show that was awarded “Best Sports Program” in 2012 by the Idaho State Broadcasters Association.

That same year he earned "Best Sports Play-by-Play" honors from the ISBA, and in 2015 he was a finalist for “Montana Sportscaster of the Year” by the National Sports Media Association.

“I am truly honored and extremely excited to be the next Voice of the Griz,” said Corcoran. “As a Montana native, driving up to Missoula on weekends for games became a tradition, and I saw the dedication and passion for UM Athletics at a young age.

“I can’t wait to work with all of the great people in Grizzly Athletics and be the voice to the Griz faithful for many Big Sky championships in the years to come.”

Corcoran brings additional play-by-play experience from his alma mater, Washington State, where he primarily called men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and volleyball games.

He also was involved with local, regional and national television news reporting at that time, including FSN Northwest’s (now Root Sports Northwest) weekly “Cougars All-Access” show.

Corcoran’s first play-by-play assignment will be Saturday, Sept. 3, when Montana hosts Saint Francis at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.
Work on the Champions Center has begun! Trench work to relocate the campus main electrical was completed in early April. With the power relocated, construction on the new facility moves into full swing. The project completion is set for late summer/early fall of 2017.

The 46,000-square-foot facility, which will be located hard against the southwest side of Washington-Grizzly Stadium, will provide the department a new football locker room and two-level weight room, which will become the training home of all 15 of Montana’s teams. In addition, there will be student-athlete meeting rooms, a football team room and space for additional concession stands and restrooms on the expanded concourse in the southwest corner of the football stadium.

When the Washington-Grizzly Champions Center is complete, the football locker room will expand from 2,400 square feet at its current location to 7,000. What was a space avoided immediately will become a highlight of recruiting visits. The size of the weight room, currently a dysfunctional arrangement encompassing three different areas, will more than double, from 7,500 square feet to more than 17,000. Multiple teams will be able to train at once instead of stacked one at a time on a tight schedule that’s booked from sunup to sundown.

None of these exciting new facilities are a reality without the generous support of all the donors to Grizzly Athletics. We would like to take this time to thank those who have given as well as those who are considering a gift. We are still actively fundraising and would welcome the opportunity to visit with any potential donors.
WASHINGTON-GRIZZLY STADIUM

THE HOME OF THE GRIZZLIES

Washington-Grizzly Stadium (capacity 25,217) celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2016, serving as the home of the Montana Grizzlies since 1986.

The Grizzlies set broke the stadium's all-time attendance record in 2015, packing 26,427 fans in to see UM's 38-35 win over North Dakota State on ESPN. Griz fans also packed the house for two more of the top-25 all time attended games in 2015, with 26,137 fans at the home-coming game against NAU, and 26,065 fans in a night game against Cal Poly.

For the second-straight season and the fifth time in the last decade, the Grizzlies also packed in more fans than any other program in FCS football, and in 2015 drew more fans than 44 FBS programs as well.

When compared to FBS schools, Montana drew more average attendance than over 34 percent of the 128 total FBS programs, including seven teams from the regionally comparative Mountain West Conference.

The Grizzlies averaged 24,139 fans per-game over the course of a seven-game home slate last year, for a total of 168,975 fans. That’s over 16 percent of Montana’s population.

The first game played in WGS was on Oct. 18, 1986, a 38-31 come-from-behind win over Idaho State. Since that first contest the Grizzlies have an overall record of 185-28. Montana’s 8-5 mark last season was its 28th winning season over the past 29 years (since the Griz have been playing in Washington-Grizzly Stadium).

Montana has set numerous Big Sky Conference attendance records. The Griz hold the standards for single-season, regular-season home attendance average (26,472 in 2015): and single-season, regular-season total home attendance (174,236, seven games, 2008). UM also holds the league record for the largest crowd at a non-conference road game of 94,661, set at Tennessee in 2011.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Not only has Montana won 185 games in its 29 seasons of playing in Washington-Grizzly Stadium, and it has gone undefeated 11 times.

Starting the 1994 season, the Griz reeled off 30 straight home victories. The win streak began with a 41-7 win over Sonoma State on Sept. 3 and ended with a 40-35 loss to EWU on Oct. 18, 1997. Montana’s 30 consecutive home wins are the fifth longest streak in FCS history.

RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS

With support from the university administration and private donors, the athletic facility improvement plan includes the following:

A new academic center was the first of these facility upgrades with construction completed in the summer of 2015. This facility provides student-athletes with ample space to study and meet regularly with their academic advisors. The lower level remains an entrance/exit for the Adams Center and Dahlberg Arena, and houses offices for Montana’s media rights partner, Grizzly Sports Properties.

The next phase of improvements got underway in the summer of 2016 with ground being broke on the Washington-Grizzly Champions Center on the south end of the stadium. This building will house a new student-athlete weight room, football locker room, football lounge and football meeting rooms. It will connect to the Adams Center and allow the football team to continue to access the field through the existing player tunnel. The weight room and locker room will sit below grade and make up the first level while the second will include a mezzanine for the weight room, the football lounge and meeting rooms as well, and a wider concourse in the football stadium complete with additional rest rooms and concession stands.

A new generation of Washingtons, Dennis and Phyllis’s sons Kyle and Kevin, on behalf of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, gifted $7 million to the University of Montana’s Department of Athletics to be used for the $14 million Washington-Grizzly Champions Center.

It is the largest gift to the Department of Athletics in its history.

The remaining $7 million will come from private sources.

Over the years the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation has been one of the university’s most generous benefactors. The foundation has given more than $150 million to various causes since it was established in 1988.

Fans will also notice a new Griz vision jumbotron, with ancillary screens to its left and right that were installed during the summer of 2016. The new screen features HD-quality video, and measures 32 feet high by 55 feet wide, approxi-
The expansion in 2008 provided 375 Grizzly seats in the “Hellgate Terrace,” which has 250 seats inside and 125 seats outside, as well as two membership levels: the “Canyon Room,” which has 125 range, which means the Washington-Grizzly Stadium has the ability to host all levels of NCAA televised football playoff games. It also includes lighting in the tailgate/parking areas. The project cost was approximately $950,000, and includes a 25-year or 20,000 hours service agreement.

**STADIUM EXPANSIONS**

Washington-Grizzly Stadium underwent its third expansion, at a cost of approximately $6.5 million, prior to the 2008 football season. The eastside houses a 500-seat “Stadium Club” with two membership levels: the “Canyon Room,” which has 125 seats inside and 125 seats outside, and the “Hellgate Terrace,” which has 250 seats. The expansion in 2008 provided 375 Grizzly Scholarship Association priority seats, as well as 1,150 non-priority seats, and increased the current seating capacity of Washington-Grizzly Stadium to 25,217. A new Sprinturf playing surface was also installed with the expansion in 2008.

The second expansion occurred in the spring and summer of 2003, and approximately 4,000 seats were added to the north end zone section, boosting the stadium capacity to 23,183, with the cost at around $3.5 million.

In the spring of 1995 the stadium underwent its first expansion in the north and south end zones. That at that time there were 12,500 permanent seats (weather-permitting, which allowed for seating on the grass in the end zones, which made the capacity around 15,000). The cost of that expansion was about $2.5 million.

A natural-grass stadium gave way to Sprinturf prior to the 2001 season at a cost of about $1 million, which was paid for by an anonymous donor. The field was named “John Hoyt Field” in 2001 at the request of the anonymous donor, in honor of Hoyt, a long-time Grizzly booster, who passed away in March of that year.

**STADIUM HISTORY & NAMESAKE**

The plans for an on-campus football facility at Montana came to fruition in August of 1985 when Missoula businessman Dennis R. Washington and the employees of Washington Corporation provided a gift of $1 million, hence the name of Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The initial cost of the stadium was around $3.2 million.

Dennis Washington was brought in early in the process to be among the small group of visionaries who would examine what was possible with the new facility and who better than the man who started with a small loan and a bulldozer in the mid-1960s, turned it into Washington Construction and eventually into the global Washington Companies.

There are 49 private boxes located on the east and west sides of the stadium, and they are individually decorated and furnished.

**NEW LIGHTS FOR 2012**

New lights were installed in WGS in the spring of 2012. When the Big Sky Conference signed a television contract with ROOT Sports, each school in the league was required to install lights in their stadiums. The new lights, installed by Musco Lighting based in Oskaloosa, Iowa, made their debut on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at UM’s annual spring game.

The lights are of the highest quality available, and feature “horizontal footcandles” in the 120-125 range, which means the Washington-Grizzly Stadium has the ability to host all levels of NCAA televised football playoff games. It also includes lighting in the tailgate/parking areas. The new facility and who better than the man who started with a small loan and a bulldozer in the mid-1960s, turned it into Washington Construction and eventually into the global Washington Companies.

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**TOP 25 ALL-TIME ATTENDANCE GAMES IN WASHINGTON GRIZZLY STADIUM**

1. 26,472 vs. North Dakota State, 2015#
2. 26,352 vs. Montana State, 2014
3. 26,293 vs. Appalachian State, 2013#
4. 26,210 vs. Montana State, 2012
5. 26,136 vs. Northern Arizona, 2015
8. 26,065 vs. Cal Poly, 2015
9. 26,019 vs. Montana State, 2010
10. 25,965 vs. Sacramento State, 2010
11. 25,919 vs. Northern Colorado, 2011
12. 25,913 vs. Cal Poly, 2013
13. 25,855 vs. Cal Poly, 2011#
15. 25,811 vs. Weber State, 2009
16. 25,751 vs. Eastern Washington, 2009
17. 25,744 vs. Portland State, 2011
18. 25,726 vs Portland State, 2009
19. 25,698 vs. Western State (Colo.), 2009
20. 25,694 vs. Cal Poly, 2009
22. 25,663 vs. Western State (Colo.), 2010
23. 25,629 vs. Montana State, 2008
24. 25,604 vs. Portland State, 2013
25. 25,568 vs. Idaho State, 2010

$=Largest attendance in a home opener
#=Indicates home opener
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*Signed as free agent  #Currently active
ACADEMICS AND  COMMUNITY SERVICE

One hundred-ninety seven (197) Griz student-athletes received invitations to the annual scholar-athlete awards banquet in the spring of 2015. The annual Lindsay Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet invites those who have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better.

This year once again Derek Crittenden, from football, was awarded the President’s Award, which goes to one male and one female athlete with the highest GPA. Crittenden’s 4.0 GPA earned him the award for the fifth time in his college career. Crittenden has been accepted to Penn to pursue a dual master’s degree in business administration and biotechnology. He also interviewed at Stanford, and at press time was waiting to hear from them.

So when Crittenden talks about the opportunities that lie ahead, of traveling to both Penn and Stanford and likely having to decide between the two -- which is like having to decide if you want to win the Powerball or Mega Jackpot -- he sums up his future with two concise words: “Game on.”

SAAC Cup Champions

The University of Montana Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is a committee made up of student-athletes from each sport to provide insight on issues important to student-athletes on campus.

The University of Montana SAAC defeated all other foes in the annual conference-wide competition for the 2014-15 SAAC Cup! The competition consisted of two contests, a toiletry drive and a campaign to accumulate the most volunteer hours. Griz student-athletes succeeded in collecting a league best 13,729 items for the toiletry drive and totaled 3,101 volunteer hours over the course of the academic year to become SAAC Cup Champions.

The University of Montana student-athletes volunteer annually to support various organizations, community events and educational activities. We believe it is important to be invested in our great community and work diligently to extend a helping hand whenever possible. The Griz student-athletes have devoted over 1,300 hours of their time within Missoula and the surrounding communities this 2015-16 academic year.

UM student-athletes have continued to participate and serve in various community events which provide local fans the opportunity to interact with the Griz, including:

- Missoula Children’s Museum
- Ronald McDonald House
- Missoula Food Bank
- Boys & Girls Club
- YMCA
- Local Elementary and Middle Schools
- Special Olympics

UM student-athletes volunteer at the “Grizzly Plunge” to help with Special Olympics.

UM President Royce Engstrom and Derek Crittenden
2016 COACHING STAFF

MONTANA FOOTBALL
Bob Stitt enters his second season at the helm of the Montana Grizzlies football program in 2016, after leading the Griz back to the NCAA FCS Playoffs for the 23rd time in school history during his 2015 inaugural season.

Stitt’s Grizzlies went 8-5 in his first season, and finished the season tied for 2nd place in the Big Sky Conference with a 6-2 league record. Highlights of his first season as a Grizzly include an upset of defending National Champion North Dakota State on ESPN and a late-season run that included a 57-16 rout of Eastern Washington and UM’s 72nd defeat of Montana State.

Players earning special accolades under Stitt that season include the STATS FCS Defensive Player of the Year Tyrone Holmes, and Jamaal Jones, who became UM’s leading receiver of all time, finishing his career at Montana with 3,021 receiving yards. Stitt coached 18 players who were named to All-Big Sky Conference teams as well.

Coach Stitt was formally introduced as the 36th head football coach in University of Montana history on Friday, Dec. 19, 2014. He signed a three-year contract, which will take him through the 2017 season.

Before coming to Montana, he had a 15-season stint as the head football coach at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) where he had an overall record of 108-62 (a 63.5% winning percentage) and a 83-44 mark (a 65.4% winning percentage) in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Stitt’s CSM teams had 13 winning seasons in his 15-year tenure and registered eight winning seasons in a row. His teams won conference titles in 2004, 2010, and 2014. He is widely known in national coaching circles as having a very creative offensive mind and is the innovator of the fly-sweep play.

His 2014 Orediggers were 10-2 overall and 8-1 in the RMAC and advanced to the Division II national playoffs. The Orediggers posted an 8-3 record in 2013.

He was named the league’s coach of the year in 2004 and 2010. Stitt was selected the Division II Football.com Southwest Region Coach of the Year in 2004 and was also tabbed the AFCA Region 5 Coach of the Year following that season.

During his tenure at Mines, Stitt coached a grand total of 129 All-RMAC performers, 31 All-Region selections and 16 All-Americans. His .635 winning percentage during 15 seasons at the helm of the Oredigger football program is the highest in school history for a coach with at least 20 games under his belt.

A 1987 graduate of Doane College (Nebraska), Stitt received various accolades as a running back and a return specialist when he played for the Tigers in the mid-80’s, including All-State College Offensive Player of the Year in 1985. Stitt also played left field for the Doane baseball squad and was a sprinter on the track & field team.

Stitt returned to coach at his alma mater after receiving his master’s degree in physical education from the University of Northern Colorado in 1989.

He served as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for four years at Doane from 1990-93, and he produced three NAIA Division II All-Americans and 19 All-NIAC offensive players during his tenure there.

Stitt went on to coach at Austin College (Texas) from 1994 to 1999, serving as the assistant head coach and the coordinator of offense and special teams.

Prior to his time at Mines, Stitt served as an offensive coordinator at Harvard University, helping the Crimson set school records in total offense in a game (640 yards), passing yards in a game (405), first downs in a game (34) and points scored in an Ivy League game (63). Stitt’s 1999 offense ranked first among Ivy League teams in rushing, third in scoring and fourth in total offense.

He is a native of Tecumseh, Nebraska. Stitt lettered in football, basketball, track & field and baseball at Tecumseh High School.

Bob and his wife, the former Joan Scherrer, have two sons, Joe and Sam.

COACH STITT YEAR-BY-YEAR AT MONTANA

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| 2015 | 8-5            | 6-2(2nd)                | Led Griz to 23rd appearance in DI-AA/FCS playoffs in 1st year as head coach. Season opening win over NDSU on ESPN. 
Tyrone Holmes named STATS FCS Defensive Player of the Year. |

UM TOTAL....8-5...........................................6-2
### COACH STITT YEAR-BY-YEAR AT COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

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<td>7-4</td>
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<td>1st winning season since 1991. Most wins since 1958.</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>7-4</td>
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<td>1st back-to-back winning seasons since 1975-76.</td>
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<td>4-4 (T-4th)</td>
<td>12 All-RMAC players.</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>12-1</td>
<td>8-0 (1st)</td>
<td>First NCAA berth &amp; conference title since 1958. Advanced to second round of NCAAs. Chad Friehauf wins Harlon Hill Trophy.</td>
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<td>2005</td>
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<td>2nd NCAA berth in school history. Clay Garcia named national finalist for Harlon Hill Trophy.</td>
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<td>2011</td>
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<td>Garcia named Capital One/Co-SIDA Academic All-American of the Year and finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy.</td>
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<td>Orediggers earn 3rd NCAA berth in school history.</td>
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**TOTALS** 108-62 83-44

**CAREER TOTAL** 116-67 89-46

### COACH STITT COACHING TIME LINE

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### JASON SEMORE
**Defensive Coordinator**

Jason Semore enters his first season as the Grizzlies’ defensive coordinator in 2016 after serving one year as Montana’s special teams coordinator and secondary coach under head coach Bob Stitt.

He joined the Grizzly football staff in December of 2014 after a one-year stint with Stitt at the Colorado School of Mines where he served as the defensive coordinator. Last season the Orediggers went 10-2 overall and tied for the league title with an 8-1 record.

Prior to his position at Mines, he had a two-year stint (2012 and 2013) as a defensive assistant at Oklahoma State University where the Cowboys were ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation in five defensive categories, including 14th in scoring defense. OSU competed in the 2013 Heart of Dallas Bowl and the 2014 Cotton Bowl, finishing 10-3 overall and ending the season ranked No. 17 in both the Associated Press Top 25 and the USA Today Coaches’ Poll.

Prior to his time at OSU, he spent two-and-a-half years at the University of Tulsa as an outside linebackers coach. His Golden Hurricane defensive unit led the country in interceptions and in turnover margin and advanced to the 2010 Hawai’i Bowl and the 2011 Armed Forces Bowl.

Semore served as the co-defensive coordinator, secondary coach and special teams coordinator at his alma mater, Adams State, for three seasons.

He got his collegiate coaching start at Mines where he served as a secondary coach with the Orediggers in 2007. His first coaching berth was in 2006 when he served as the defensive coordinator for Round Valley High School in Springerville, Arizona. His defense led Arizona’s Class 3A in total defense, scoring defense and pass defense.

He played linebacker at Adams State from 2001-05, and earned a B.A. in History, Government and Philosophy from there in 2005. He got an M.S. in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Phoenix in 2007. He later received his M.A. in Educational Methods from the University of Tulsa in 2012.

He has two daughters, Paityn and Palmer.

### TRAVIS NIEKAMP
**Special Teams Coordinator/LBs**

Travis Niekamp (pronounced: NEE-kamp) joined the staff at Montana in January of 2016, coming to Montana from the University of Louisiana-Monroe, and serves as the Grizzlies’ special teams coordinator and linebackers coach.

Niekamp served as Louisiana-Monroe’s co-defensive coordinator in 2015, as well as the Warhawks’ special teams coordinator and linebackers coach from 2013-2015. In 2012, Niekamp served as ULM’s tight ends coach.

No stranger to the Northwest, Coach Niekamp served as linebackers coach at Washington State from 2007-2011 in addition to serving as the Cougars’ director of football development. Prior to his time in Pullman, he was the linebackers coach/special teams coordinator at Eastern Washington from 2004-2007.


A native of Stevens Point, Wis., Niekamp and his wife, Tracy, have three children -- Tye Dalton, Dexter Kole and Brooke Ryan.

### CHAD GERMER
**Run Game Coordinator/O-Line**

Veteran mentor Chad Germer returned to his alma mater for the third time in 2015, and in 2016, enters his second season serving as the Grizzlies’ run game coordinator and offensive line coach. The 2016 season will be his 19th year of coaching at the college level.

Germer (pronounced “JUR-mur”) came back to Montana from UNLV in 2015, where he coached under former Griz mentor Bobby Hauck for the past five seasons (2010-14). He returned to Montana and coached for one season in 2009 and joined Hauck’s staff the following year at UNLV.

In his first season back at Montana under Coach Stitt (2015), he coached offensive tackle John Schmaing to a place on the second team all-Big Sky Conference squad.

At UNLV, he coached second team All-Mountain West honoree and four-year starter Brett Boyko, who became the first Rebel offensive lineman to be honored by the league since 2004. Boyko was invited to play in the 90th East-West Shrine game, Jan. 17, 2015.

He also coached three-time honorable mention all-league center and Rimington Trophy Watch List selection Robert Waterman at UNLV.

Germer’s lines helped produce the school’s all-time leading rusher as Tim Cornett finished with 3,733 yards, which is also the second-most in conference history.

Prior to taking the position at UNLV, Germer spent six seasons coaching the offensive line at the University of Wyoming from 2003-08, working for former Griz head man Joe Glenn.

He began his coaching career at Montana as a restricted earnings coach in 1998 and was elevated to full-time status the following season. He coached for the Grizzlies from 1998-2002.

At Montana, his lines opened up holes for standout running back Chase Reynolds who rushed for 1,502 yards and 22 touchdowns and was a second team All-America pick in 2009 as a senior. That season the Grizzlies ranked 18th in the FCS in fewest quarterback sacks allowed.

A 1991 All-America center at Montana, he began his coaching career at his alma mater and went on to coach four All-Americans during his first stint at UM, which lasted five years.

Germer earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from UM in 1993. Chad and his wife, Amy, have two sons, Nicholas and Alex.
Green had a stellar two-year career at running back at Montana, and he also played for four seasons in the National Football League.

He rushed for 1,784 career yards in his two seasons at Montana in 2003 and 2004, which ranks him 11th in school history. As a junior, he rushed for 1,146 yards and 14 touchdowns, and was chosen the Big Sky “Newcomer of the Year.”

He was a fifth round draft pick by the Baltimore Ravens in 2005, and had a four-year career in the NFL. He played three seasons at fullback for the Ravens, and then played one year for the Phoenix Cardinals for one season.

Between his stint with the Ravens and Cardinals, he coached for one season at Berean High School in Walnut Creek, Calif., working with the running backs, linebackers, and cornerbacks. He returned to Berean High School again, after his final NFL season with the Cardinals, once again working with the running backs, linebackers, and cornerbacks.

He came to Montana from San Diego Mesa College where he played for one season (2002), and was team captain and co-MVP, rushing for 874 yards and 7 TDs, and was a JC Gridwire All-America honorable mention. He started his college career at San Diego State, where he redshirted in 2000, and he lettered for the Aztecs in 2001.

He was a standout running back at University of San Diego High School where he rushed for 5,397 career yards which at the time was the most in San Diego County history. He was a first team All-C.I.F. selection as a junior and senior. His junior year in high school he rushed for 2,385 yards, which was the fifth most in California prep history, while his senior season he rushed for 1,801 yards and 20 TDs, and was tabbed a USA Today honorable mention All-American.

He earned a degree in sociology at UM. Justin and his wife, Meghan, have two daughters, six-year-old Giana, and Karis, who is one year old.
JOE “JB” HALL JR.  
CBs/Defensive Quality Control

“J.B.” Hall is in his second season at Montana, serving as cornerbacks coach as well as overseeing defensive quality control.

Before coming to Montana in 2015 with Coach Stitt, Hall was a defensive graduate assistant at the University of Colorado for two seasons, where his primary role was assisting with the linebackers along with general overall duties in the entire defense. In his first season he assisted in coaching the defensive line.

He lettered four years as a wide receiver for the Adams State University Grizzlies and head coach Marty Heaton, where he had 39 receptions for 450 yards (11.5 per catch) and a touchdown. He also threw a touchdown pass that covered 13 yards as a senior against Western New Mexico. A team captain, he earned Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference academic team honors.

He was a youth sports camp coordinator at Boulder’s Family Learning Center for four summers (2009-12), involved in management, organization, teaching and education. He also was a volunteer coach at Centaurus High School in Lafayette, Colo., the summer of 2012, where he completed over 50 hours of coaching-related duties.

Hall graduated from Adams State University with a degree in human performance and physical education in May 2013 and a minor in marketing and coaching.

He is from Boulder, Colo., and graduated from Boulder High School where he lettered in football, basketball and track (sprints).

ANDREW SELLE  
QBs/Offensive Quality Control

Selle is in his second year as an assistant coach at Montana, working with the quarterbacks as well as serving as the Grizzlies’ offensive quality control coach.

He returned to his alma mater in 2015 after a three-year stint as a quarterbacks coach and mathematics teacher at Billings West High School.

He played at Montana from 2007-10, and was a four-year letterman with a record of 13-3 as a two-year starter (2009 and 2010). He is ranked 11th in school history with 4,131 career passing yards, and his 38 career passing TDs tie him for the ninth most in school history.

Selle was instrumental for the Grizzlies in 2009 when they advanced to the FCS national championship game, a 23-21 loss to Villanova in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was 27-of-35-0 passing for 351 yards and three touchdowns in UM’s title loss to the Wildcats. His 3,043 passing yards in 2009 rank him 13th in single-season history.

A 2010 All-America candidate, his playing career ended abruptly when he was injured in the fourth game of the season against Sacramento State on Sept. 25, 2010. After the injury he served as player/coach, working closely with fellow signal caller Jordan Johnson.

Selle was an honors student in mathematics at UM (a 2010 graduate) where he maintained a 3.79 GPA. He earned a Master’s Degree in Education at Montana in 2014.

He was a standout quarterback at Billings West and led the Bears to the State AA championship in 2005. He was the co-MVP in AA that year, and guided West to its first unbeaten (13-0) campaign. He was ranked first in his high school (507 students) with a 4.0 GPA.

MIKE FERRITER  
Inside Receivers

Coach Ferriter is in his second season coaching at his alma mater, overseeing the inside receivers.

He came back to Montana in 2015 from fellow Big Sky Conference member Idaho State, where he also coached the inside receivers.

In his first year he coached Luke Austin, who earned second-team all-Big Sky Conference. Austin’s 951 receiving yards were the seventh most in program history, and his 11 touchdown receptions tied for the second most in ISU history.

Ferriter (pronounced: Fair-it-ter) came to ISU after spending two years as an offensive graduate assistant at UNLV under former head coach Bobby Hauck, who was Montana’s mentor from 2003-2008.

He was a stand-out receiver for the Grizzlies, and was a three-year starter and served as a team co-captain on offense as a senior in 2008. He is the 11th Grizzly player to reach the 2,000-yard receiving yards plateau.

He finished his playing career at Montana ranked 12th in school history in both receptions (147) and receiving yards (2,089). His 15 career receiving touchdowns rank him 11th (tie) on the career list.

After earning his bachelor’s degree in human biology, he spent the 2009 season coaching receivers at his alma mater, Helena High School.
BRIAN HENDRICKS  
Defensive Line

Hendricks begins his first season as Montana’s defensive line coach in 2016 after serving as the defensive ends coach in his first season with the Grizzlies in 2015.

Before coming to Montana he was an assistant coach for Griz mentor Bob Stitt at the Colorado School of Mines coaching the defensive line.

In Hendricks’ first year at UM coaching the defensive ends, he coached the 2015 STATS FCS Defensive Player of the Year Tyrone Holmes to a national-best 18 sacks.

In 2014, Mines had an overall record of 10-2 and tied for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title with an 8-1 league mark. The Orediggers participated in the NCAA playoffs, and their 10-2 record was the 13th winning season in 15 years for Coach Stitt, and also added to the program’s record with an eighth consecutive winning season. With Hendricks coaching the defensive front, the Orediggers’ defense ranked second in the RMAC in scoring defense (23.4 pts/game), first in the RMAC and 36th in DII in rush defense (124.9) and first in the RMAC and 12th in DII in sacks (38). Sophomore defensive tackle, Dallas Fields, finished his season with First Team All Rocky Mountain Conference honors while junior defensive end, Emmanuel Graves, finished with second team honors. Hendricks helped an Orediggers defense in 2013 that ranked first in the RMAC and 7th in DII in scoring defense (17.0 pts/game).

Hendricks, a native of Burlington, Colo., joined Bob Stitt’s staff in 2013 following a short stint as a defensive graduate assistant at Colorado State University.

Hendricks was a four-year letterman at inside linebacker for the University of Wyoming from 2008-2011. Hendricks earned a pair of 2nd Team All-Mountain West accolades and was named the team’s most valuable linebacker following his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Hendricks also holds the Wyoming single-game record for most tackles (23), which was also the best single-game performance in the nation in 2009. He was named the Mountain West player of the week on two separate occasions and earned the 2011 Brent Schieffer Most Inspirational Player Award for the Cowboys as well as the Larry Birleffi Outstanding Senior Football Player Award. Hendricks finished his career as the 12th leading tackler in Wyoming team history. Wyoming played in the New Mexico Bowl in 2009 and again in 2011. Additionally, Hendricks served on the UW Leadership Council and earned an invitation to the 2012 Washington Redskins mini-camp. Hendricks graduated in 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business.

As a prep athlete in Burlington, Colo., Hendricks was a three-sport letter winner in football, wrestling and track. Hendricks was the recipient of the prestigious 2007 Fred Steinmark Colorado Athlete of the Year Award presented by the Rocky Mountain News in the spring of each year. The Steinmark Award honors the top male and female high school student-athletes in the state of Colorado based on athletics, academics and citizenship. He was also an outstanding wrestler in high school, posting a 102-1 record.

SHANN SCHILLINGER  
Safeties

Schillinger returns to Missoula to coach the safeties from the University of Nebraska, where the Baker, Mont., native served as a special teams assistant for the Huskers under former Montana assistant coach Bruce Read, son of legendary Grizzly coach Don Read.

“We’re excited, and I know that Montana fans are going to be excited to have Shann back,” said Coach Stitt.

“He’s a legend as far as Griz football goes. He’s one of the best people you’ll ever meet, and he’s got great experience as far as playing in the NFL as a safety, and getting to coach on Mike Riley’s staff this past year. I know our Montana players are going to be excited that a guy they grew up watching play for the Griz will be on the staff.”

Prior to coaching the Huskers, Schillinger coached at Dickenson State University in North Dakota where his brother, Jace, is the offensive coordinator. Shann assisted the Bluehawks as a wide receivers and special teams coach.

Schillinger was a safety in the NFL for the Atlanta Falcons and Tennessee Titans from 2010 - 2013. The Tony Barbour Award winner for the Griz was the 171st overall pick in the 2010 draft, signing with the Falcons in the sixth round. He ranked third on the Falcons in special teams tackles in 2010 and second in 2011.

He and his wife, Ericka, have a daughter, Lenex (1) and recently welcomed their second daughter Malloy.
**MATT NICHOLSON**  
**Strength & Conditioning**

Nicholson is in his second season as the Grizzly football program's strength and conditioning coach.

He came to Montana from Colorado School of Mines in 2015 where he worked with Griz head coach Bob Stitt for two seasons. At Mines, Nicholson coached the linebackers as well directing the strength and conditioning program for the football team, in addition to other sports.

In his last season at Mines, the Orediggers went 10-2 and tied for the conference championship with an 8-1 league record and advanced to the NCAA playoffs. The 10-2 record gave Coach Stitt his 13th winning season in 15 years and program-record eight-straight winning seasons overall. Two of Nicholson’s linebackers, Kole Kadavy and Billy Sprague, were selected to the first team All-RMAC.

In 2013, the Orediggers posted an 8-3 record, including a 7-2 record in the RMAC to finish 2nd in the league. Nicholson’s pupil, Tyler Denson, was a first team All-RMAC selection.

Prior to Golden, Nicholson spent three years as an assistant coach at his alma-mater, the University of Houston. He spent nine months as a weight room assistant before joining the football staff as a graduate assistant. He assisted with the linebackers in 2011 and helped the club to rank amongst national leaders in sacks, tackles-for-loss and interceptions. Additionally, the Cougars posted a 13-1 record and won the Ticket City Bowl against Penn State in the 2011 campaign. In 2012, he was a defensive backs assistant before returning back to a linebacker assistant in 2013.

Nicholson also was selected to be the head football coach for the Houston Youth Impact Program in 2011. The Youth Impact Program was designed to mentor at-risk youth by combining academic and life skills tutoring with football skills. Over 100 middle school-aged boys joined the program.

Nicholson played linebacker at Houston from 2006-2010, racking up 179 tackles, despite missing 20 games his final three season due to injuries. Starting his career as a walk-on and progressing to a scholarship player, he played in 47 career games for the Cougars and served as a team captain during the 2009 and 2010 seasons. He was named Tom Wilson Off-season MVP in both 2009 and 2010 and was also named Houston's special teams player of the year in 2006 as a true freshman walk-on. He was also a 2010 Burlsworth Trophy nominee, which is awarded to college football’s most outstanding player who began their career as a walk-on.

He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Kinesiology/Sport Administration from Houston in December 2010. He graduated with a Master’s Degree in Human Resource Development in the spring of 2013 from Houston as well.

A native of Plano, Texas, and a product of Plano Senior High School, Nicholson helped carry the Wildcats to a 13-1 record and an appearance in the regional finals as a senior. Nicholson was an honorable mention 5A all-state selection as a senior for the wildcats in football in addition to being named first-team all-state in lacrosse. Matt has a son, Ryan.

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**MONTANA FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF**

**COLIN BONNICKSEN**  
**Director of Football Operations**

Bonnicksen is in his second year as UM’s director of football operations for coach Bob Stitt’s program.

He was the assistant athletic director for athletic communications at Colorado School of Mines and previously served as Mines’ sports information director for three years after joining the Mines athletics staff in December of 2011.

While at Mines he was responsible for the promotion of the Orediggers’ 18 intercollegiate athletics programs through the school’s athletics website (www.csmorediggers.com), in addition to composing press releases, print publications, game programs, and game notes while keeping track of statistics and records.

He also served as the Orediggers’ primary contact for football, volleyball, men’s basketball, wrestling, baseball and golf. He oversaw a 74% increase in news stories on the Mines’ web site during his tenure.

He was named the 2013 RMAC Cambell/Marshall Sports Information Director of the Year for the 2012-13 academic year, as voted on by the conference’s 14 sports information directors. In addition, he was an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) 2012 Chad Burger Media Award honoree for volleyball coverage in the South Central Region.

Bonnicksen came to Mines following a one-and-a-half-year stint as the associate director of athletic media relations at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in Pembroke, N.C. While there he oversaw the audio/video streaming efforts of the athletic department and also produced and served as the occasional host of The Black and Gold Report - the highest rated TV show in its time slot in major markets located in both North Carolina and South Carolina. He also served as the play-by-play voice for UNCP’s online webcasting efforts for football and wrestling.

Prior to his stint at UNCP, he was a graduate assistant in the sports information office at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. He also was an intern in the athletic communications department at his alma mater, Minnesota State University-Mankato.

He is a 2008 graduate of Minnesota State-Mankato with a Bachelor’s Degree in Sports Management. The Ringsted, Iowa, native received his Master’s Degree in Education, with an emphasis in health, physical education and coaching from Northern State in May 2010.

He and his fiancé, Colleen, reside in Missoula.
2015: Favors played in seven games in 2015, rushing for 104 total yards on 35 attempts… Averaged 14.9 yards per game… Rushed for a career long of 17 yards at UC Davis on Oct. 3…. Rushed for a career high 45 yards on 16 attempts against North Dakota on Oct. 24.

2014: Favors played in four games where he rushed for 56 yards, averaging 14 yards a game.

2013: Redshirt season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Favors rushed for 1,065 yards and 12 touchdowns on 214 carries as a senior for the Mountain Ridge Mountain Lions … Caught 14 passes for three TDs … Had an injury-shortened junior season when he rushed for 411 yards in four games … Averaged 23.7 yards per kickoff return as a senior, and 25.9 yards his junior season … Earned four letters in both football and track … Was a team captain in football his junior and senior seasons … Was all-conference and voted team MVP his senior year in football. His head coach was Bobby Green.

PERSONAL: A communications studies major… Birth date: Dec. 16, 1994 … Parents are Ron and Nedra Favors of Glendale, Ariz.

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#1 Treshawn Favors
RB • 5-9 • 194 • R-Jr. • 1V
Glendale, Ariz.
Mountain Ridge HS

2016: Favors will feature heavily in Coach Stitt’s 2016 running back rotation after limited action in 2015 due to injury.

2015: Sanders transferred to Montana from Washington State… Played in 11 games, but did not make any starts … Was the Grizzlies’ 19th leading tackler with 14 total tackles … Had one interception and returned it for four yards against Eastern Washington on Nov. 14 … Posted one tackle for loss and a forced fumble… holder of 18 Auburn Mountainview HS football records.

PERSONAL: His major is journalism, and he is interested in a career in sports broadcasting. Birth date: Nov. 27, 1994. His parents are Rick and Shaunne McKinley of Anthem.

#2 Ryan McKinley
CB • 6-1 • 199 • R-Jr. • 1V
Anthem, Ariz.
Boulder Creek HS

2016: McKinley is UM’s 11th leading returning tackler … Had a game-winning pass deflection in the end zone in the Grizzlies’ annual spring game … Will look to feature prominently in defensive coordinator Jason Somere’s secondary.

2015: McKinley played in 12 games as a redshirt sophomore … Was Montana’s 24th leading tackler with seven tackles … Registered four solo tackles and three assisted tackles … Registered a pass breakup on Nov. 21 at Montana State.

2014: McKinley played in four games and had one unassisted tackle, against Sacramento State … Also had one pass breakup.

2013: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He had three interceptions and 38 tackles in 2012 for his Boulder Creek High School team. His prep football coach was Dan Friedman. He earned 10 letters four each in football and track, and two in basketball. He was a team captain and voted his team’s defensive MVP as a senior. He was tabbed first team all-state, all-division, and all-section at defensive back following his senior year.

PERSONAL: His major is journalism, and he is interested in a career in sports broadcasting. Birth date: Nov. 27, 1994. His parents are Rick and Shaunne McKinley of Anthem.

#1 Markell Sanders
CB • 6-2 • 185 • R-So. • 1V
Renton, Wash.
Eastside Catholic HS

2016: Sanders will see plenty of playing time in 2016 in a Montana defensive secondary that features four players with Pac-12 experience … UM’s 8th leading returning tackler from 2015.

2015: Sanders earned All-Metro League first-team honors after making 30 tackles and three interceptions…was team captain his senior year…he tallied 10 tackles and two interceptions in two games before suffering a season-ending injury…named a White Chip prospect as one of Washington’s top-100 prospects by the Seattle Times…ranked the No. 22 overall prospect in Washington by ESPN.com in 2012…also lettered in track.

PERSONAL: He is a psychology major…birth date: May 21, 1995…his parents are Richard and Sheila Sanders and Letrice Hendrix.

#2 Gresh Jensen
QB • 6-2 • 215 • Fr. • HS
Auburn, Wash.
Auburn Mountainview HS

2016: Gresh will be freshman at UM in the fall of 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jensen attended Auburn Mountainview HS in Auburn, Wash. …earned four letters in football from 2012-15 and one letter in basketball (2013)…team captain and MVP of team in both 2014 and 2015…first team All-League SPSL in 2013…first team All-League SPSL QB, second team All-District DB and second team All-League DB in 2014…in 2015 was named first team All-District multi-purpose player and offensive back of the year…All-State DB, second team All-League DB…National Football Foundation scholar athlete award… Max Preps Auburn Mountainview football player of the year…American Family Insurance ALL-USA Performance player of the week…WIAA Washington State athlete of the week…MaxPreps/USA Football player of the week nominee…King 5 News player of the week …Tacoma News Tribune play call of the week…Three year starter with 7,063 career passing yards…73 career passing touchdown1,485 career rushing yards with 19 touchdowns…part time defensive back with 83 career tackles…six interceptions and a forced fumble… holder of 18 Auburn Mountainview HS football records.

PERSONAL: Jensen plans to major in Business…birth date: Oct. 7, 1997…his parents, Mike and Sue Jensen, are both from Montana and graduates of the University of Montana…his mom was a member of the UM track team in 1987.
2016: Coach Bob Stitt has once again named Gustafson his starting quarterback following spring drills. Montana’s leading returning passer, has thrown for a career 2,024 yards in three seasons as a Grizzly, entering the season as UM’s 20th all-time leading passer.

2015: Despite only playing seven games due to injury, Gustafson put together the 25th-best passing season in Montana history with 1,984 yards. Entered fall camp as Coach Stitt’s starting quarterback, and started in all seven of the games he played. Passed for 12 touchdowns, and completed 167 of his 290 attempts for a 57.6% completion percentage. Ran the ball 25 times for 76 yards, averaged 4.1 yards per game on the ground and posted a long run of 15 yards. Set career high of 434 yards in a game in Aug. 29 defeat of North Dakota State. 434 yards is the 17th-best single game passing performance in UM history. Named the NCAA FCS Player of the Week for his 400+ yard performance on Aug. 29. Threw for a career high four touchdowns against Montana State on Nov. 21. Named to the Big Sky Academic All-Conference team. Awarded the 2016 “Moose” Miller football scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: He played in six games and attempted two passes against Central Washington.

2013: He saw limited action, playing in four games.

2012: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He passed for 2,913 yards and 20 TDs with just eight interceptions to lead Billings West to an 11-2 record as a senior in 2011, when he was chosen the Class AA state MVP on offense. He is West’s all-time leading passer. Despite only playing seven games due to injury, Gustafson put together the 25th-best passing season in Montana history with 1,984 yards. Entered fall camp as Coach Stitt’s starting quarterback, and started in all seven of the games he played. Passed for 12 touchdowns, and completed 167 of his 290 attempts for a 57.6% completion percentage. Ran the ball 25 times for 76 yards, averaged 4.1 yards per game on the ground and posted a long run of 15 yards. Set career high of 434 yards in a game in Aug. 29 defeat of North Dakota State. 434 yards is the 17th-best single game passing performance in UM history. Named the NCAA FCS Player of the Week for his 400+ yard performance on Aug. 29. Threw for a career high four touchdowns against Montana State on Nov. 21. Named to the Big Sky Academic All-Conference team. Awarded the 2016 “Moose” Miller football scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

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2015: Played in five games, registering a single assisted tackle at safety.

2014: Saw limited action but played in three games. He had one tackle against Central Washington.

HIGH SCHOOL: He caught 13 passes for 203 yards as a senior in 2012 for the Hawks, who lost 28-36 at Butte in the state AA title game, and he was also a key contributor on special teams. He was all-conference in football as a senior. He also lettered in track and was all-league in that sports as a junior and senior. His high school coach was Troy Purcell.

PERSONAL: His major is business. Birth date: April 10, 1995. His parents are Mike and Angie Delaney of Bozeman. He is the grandson of former Griz head coach Mick Delaney.

HIGH SCHOOL: Graduated from Brenham HS in Brenham, Texas, in 2014...football and track athlete...named football MVP...helped lead the team to the state finals...honor roll student.

PERSONAL: Homan is a business management major...birth date: April 4, 1996...his parents are Amber and Jerry Homan from Brenham, Texas.

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2016: Delaney will see increased playing time in his junior campaign following a solid spring season where he logged two tackles (one solo) in the spring game.

2015: Played in five games, registering a single assisted tackle at safety.

2014: Saw limited action but played in three games. He had one tackle against Central Washington.

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2015: Was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ryan rushed 227 times for 1,451 yards and 21 touchdowns, and also caught 22 passes for 346 yards and three scores as a senior...he was voted all-state at running back as a junior and senior...twice named all-league pick at running back and outside linebacker...his prep coach was Jim Stanton.

PERSONAL: Ryan is undecided on a major...birth date: April 2, 1997...his parents are Trisha and Chris Ryan of Billings...his cousins, Casey and Kyle Ryan, played football at Montana.
2016 Montana Grizzlies

#5 Kobey Eaton
WR • 6-3 • 185 • R-Fr.
Vancouver, Wash.
Evergreen HS

2016: Following an outstanding spring season, Eaton is poised to feature prominently in Coach Stitt’s receiver rotation.

2015: Was a redshirt his true freshman year.

High School: Eaton was a three-sport standout at Evergreen HS, and was named MVP in football, basketball (twice), and track...he was the team captain in football (three times) and basketball (twice)...he was an all-league selection in football as a junior and senior...his senior year he had 19 catches for 526 yards and 6 TDs...he was tabbed “sprinter of the year” as a senior and was an all-league pick in track...a four-year starter in football for head coach Don Johnson.

Personal: Eaton plans to major in business administration...birth date: Aug. 18, 1997...his mom is Jessica Strange of Vancouver, and his dad is Maurice Eaton of Camas, Washington.

#5 Justin Strong
S • 5-11 • 185 • Jr. • TR
Rialto, Calif.
Summit HS • Oregon State

2016: Strong is a junior transfer to Montana from Oregon State where he made 11 career starts for the Beavers.

2015: Was a redshirt his true freshman year.

High School: Eaten was a three-sport standout at Evergreen HS, and was named MVP in football, basketball (twice), and track...he was the team captain in football (three times) and basketball (twice)...he was an all-league selection in football as a junior and senior...his senior year he had 19 catches for 526 yards and 6 TDs...he was tabbed “sprinter of the year” as a senior and was an all-league pick in track...a four-year starter in football for head coach Don Johnson.

Personal: Eaton plans to major in business administration...birth date: Aug. 18, 1997...his mom is Jessica Strange of Vancouver, and his dad is Maurice Eaton of Camas, Washington.

#6 Keenan Curran
WR • 6-2 • 201 • So. • 1V
Federal Way, Wash.
Federal Way HS

2016: Curran will feature as one of Coach Stitt’s most athletic wide receivers in his sophomore year. He is UM’s fourth leading returning receiver from 2015.

2015: Curran worked his way up the depth chart in his freshman year, playing in the Grizzlies’ final nine games of the season, and earning his first start at Idaho State...Saw time as a receiver on offense, as well as special teams action...Caught four passes for 55 yards, including a career-high 30 yard reception...returned three kickoffs for 45 yards, including a long of 21, and an average of 15 yards per return...racked up 100 all-purpose yards...Made four tackles defensively and logged a pass breakup against Montana State...Awarded the Bob & Adeline O’Conner Memorial Athletic Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

High School: Was a three-sport standout at Federal Way High, earning three letters in football and track each, and a letter in wrestling...Named captain of his football team in 2014, and recognized with the team “Captain’s Award”...Named “Most Valuable Track Athlete” in 2014...Was part of back-to-back state track champion teams in '13-'14, and back-to-back SPSL football champion teams in '12-'13...Was a State Champion triple jumper in 2013...Was a 1st team all-league selection for football in '14...Named league defensive back of the year for football in '14...Named 1st team all-state defensive back in '14...Recorded 55 tackles, 7 interceptions, 3 FF on defense his senior season...On offense, recorded 1,500 yards rushing, 300 yards receiving, 500 passing yards, 1 rec TD, 17 rushing TDs and 5 passing TDs.

Personal: Curran attended military prep school for one year following high school. He is a business administration major, but lists his career goals as wanting to become a Sports Performance Trainer or Coach. His mother is Shannon Curran of Tacoma, Wash. He has a tattoo of his family shield he’s had since the age of 14. His high school coach was John Meagher. Birthdate: October 16, 1995.

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#7 Lamarriel Taylor
WR • 6-2 • 195 • R-Fr. • TR
Chula Vista, Calif. (Chula Vista HS)
Massachusetts

2016: Taylor will be in the starting receiver rotation after arriving at Montana in time for fall camp and enrolling in school for Fall 2016.

2015: Was a redshirt at the University of Massachusetts.

High School: Originally signed with UMass on Feb. 5, 2014...Enrolled at UMass for Spring 2015...Had 72 catches for 1,516 receiving yards and 23 touchdowns at Mission Bay High School...Invited to be a member of the U-19 United States Football Team in 2014...Earned All-San Diego Section honors as a senior...Named the NUC All-West Offensive Player of the Year...A National Scholarship Merit Award Winner...Originally from Illinois, but attended school at Mission Bay as a junior and senior...Was also a member of the basketball team...Also held offers from Duke and Indiana.
#8 Jeremy Calhoun  
RB • 6-0 • 203 • So. • 1V  
Long Beach, Calif.  
Long Beach Poly HS  

**2016:** Calhoun is Montana's second leading returning rusher from 2015 ... Produced the third-best season rushing total for a true freshman in Montana history with 291 yards ... Will be one of Coach Stitt's go-to ball carriers this season.

**2015:** Calhoun enjoyed a breakout season as a true freshman in 2015 ... Was thrust into action on Oct. 3 at UC Davis, making an immediate impact, rushing four times for 18 yards and a touchdown ... He was UM's second leading rusher with 291 net yards on 100 attempts ... His 291 yards is the third-most by a true freshman in UM history ... Rushed for a career high 98 yards at Idaho State on Nov. 7, including a career long 27 yards ... Became the 25th Grizzly to rush for three touchdowns or more in a single game with a triple against Eastern Washington on Nov. 14.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Calhoun was an All-CIF selection and team captain as a senior at Long Beach Poly HS...he earned four letters in football and two in track...he was a two-time all-league pick...his 2013 team went 11-2 and was the Southern Section Region champion...his high school football coaches were Antonio Pierce and Raul Lara.

**PERSONAL:** Calhoun is a business administration major ...birth date: Dec. 3, 1996...his parents are Jeremy and Kenon Calhoun of Long Beach. His brother Justin is also playing for the Griz.

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#9 Justin Calhoun  
WR • 5-10 • 168 • R-Fr.  
Long Beach, Calif.  
Long Beach Poly HS  

**2016:** Joins Coach Stitt's stable of wide receivers and will look to make an impact as a redshirt freshman.

**2015:** Was a redshirt in 2015, and did not make an appearance.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Calhoun was an all-conference pick as a junior and senior at Long Beach Poly High School...he was named All-CIF and his teams "Offensive Player of the Year"; following his senior year...also tabbed to the "Dream Team" in 2013 and 2014...2012 team won the CIF title...he lettered in football and track.

**PERSONAL:** Calhoun will major in business...birth date: Dec. 3, 1996...his parents are Jeremy and Kenon Calhoun of Long Beach. His brother Jeremy is also a Griz football player.

#10 Brandon Bea  
QB • 6-3 • 211 • Fr. • HS  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
Riverdale HS  

**2016:** Is a true freshman at Montana.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** An offensive MVP in 2015 at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro, Tenn... A three-sports letter winner, lettering in football, basketball and track... Passed for 2,300 yards and 31 touchdowns at Riverdale. ...Rushed for 350 yards and six touchdowns under coach Kelly Holcomb...earned All-league honors.

**PERSONAL:** Personal: Last name pronounced “Bee”... Plans to become a business and finance major... Birthday is 12/26/1997... Lists his hometown as Washougal, Wash... Parents are Brian and Jody Bea of Washougal, Wash.

#10 Connor Strahm  
LB • 6-0 • 241 • R-Jr. • 2V  
Eugene, Ore.  
Sheldon HS  

**2016:** Strahm is Montana's sixth leading returning tackle from 2015 ... Expected to start at linebacker in his junior season.

**2015:** Strahm had an outstanding sophomore season, earning the Golden Helmet Award for the team’s hardest hitter ... also won Hauck Family Award for Special Teams Player of the Year at the annual Grizzly awards banquet ... Named to the All-Big Sky third team for special teams ... Played in all 12 of the Grizzlies’ games ... UM’s 16th leading tackleer with 23 takedowns ... Had five tackles for loss worth 26 yards ... Had two half-sacks worth a total of seven yards ... Blocked a kick at Liberty on Sept. 19.

**2014:** Played in 13 games. He had 20 total tackles, eight unassisted. He had half a sack for a loss of a yard.

**2013:** He was a redshirt.

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HIGH SCHOOL: He had an exceptional senior year with 92 receptions for 1,138 yards and 14 touchdowns, and also rushed for 564 yards and nine TDs (a 7.2-yard average per tote). On defense, he had 53 tackles, three sacks, and four picks as a two-way star at Sheldon High School. He was the state 6A “Defensive Player of the Year” as a senior for his 14-0 state champion team. He was all-state pick at wide receiver and at defensive back his junior and senior seasons. As a senior he was named the league’s offensive and defensive MVP. He was team captain in football, basketball, and baseball his junior and senior seasons. His prep football teams had a four-year combined record of 52-2. His prep coaches were Lane and Marty Johnson (Marty is QB Jordan Johnson’s dad).


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#11 Chad Chalich
QB • 6-0 • 201 • Sr. • TR
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho
Coeur d’Alene HS/Idaho

2016: Chalich will feature again in Coach Stitt’s quarterback rotation … UM’s second leading returning passer, averaging 227 yards per game in 2015 … Also UM’s fifth leading returning rusher.

2015: Chalich transferred to the University of Montana from the University of Idaho where he regularly played running time … Saw action in four games as a backup for starter Brady Gustafson before sustaining a season-ending injury … Threw for 908 yards and six touchdowns … Set career high of three touchdowns against UC Davis on Oct. 3, 2015.

2014 AT IDAHO: Chalich played in four games for the Vandal… Passed for 491 yards and two touchdowns … Threw for TDs against NMSU and San Diego State … Rushed 24 times for 160 yards … Rushed for a touchdown against San Diego State.

2013 AT IDAHO: Chalich earned the starting quarterback job and started seven games before sustaining a season-ending shoulder injury … he had 416 yards total offense in victory over Temple … one of just five Idaho quarterbacks to rush for more than 100 yards in a single game with 106 vs. Temple … that was the ninth-best total offense game in school history … completed 152 passes without an interception (five-plus games).

2012: Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Two-year starter … 5A Idaho Player of the Year as a junior and as a senior and as a junior … was the 2011 Gatorade Player of the Year … his other accomplishments include first-team all-conference quarterback as a junior and senior; Defensive Player of the Year for the Inland Empire League as a junior and senior; IEL Most Valuable Player as a junior and senior; ranked 13th nationally as a high school quarterback as a senior; led Coeur d’Alene to No. 29 national ranking as a senior; third-team ESPN RISE Junior All-American as a junior; threw for 6,485 yards and 74 touchdowns, and broke 13 school records … as a senior, completed 242 of 331 passes (73 percent) of his passes, while as a junior hit 61 percent (209 of 342) of his throws … threw just two interceptions as a senior.


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#11 TJ Reynard
CB • 5-10 • 176 • R-Sr. • TR
Virginia Beach, Va./Greenbrier HS
Independence CC/Wisconsin

2015: Was a redshirt at Wisconsin, missing the season due to injury.


2013: Earned first letter, playing in seven games … saw action vs. Penn State on Nov. 30, vs. Indiana on Nov. 16, vs. BYU on Nov. 9, vs. Northwestern on Oct. 12 and at Arizona State on Sept. 14 … registered six tackles and a pass break up vs. Tennessee Tech on Sept. 7 … made two tackles in his Badger debut vs. UMass on Aug. 31.

2012: Ranked 11th in NJCAA at Independence CC with 11.3 tackles per game, 13th with 56 solo tackles and 18th in total tackles with 88.

High School: Two-time first-team all-state selection … two-time first-team All-Tidewater Conference pick … finished career with 3,348 rushing yards and 39 rushing touchdowns … also returned four kicks for TDs (3 kickoff, 1 punt) … recorded 12 interceptions to go along with 215 tackles as a defensive back … led team to state championship game as a senior, rushing for 1,411 yards (9.7 ypc) and 17 touchdowns and grabbing five interceptions … led team to state semifinals as a junior, rushing for 1,260 yards and 15 TDs and finishing with four interceptions … three-year team captain … also a four-year letter-winner in baseball … National Honor Society … high school coach was Donnie Simpson

PERSONAL: Parents are Terrious and Eldridge Reynard … volunteered with Relay for Life … hobbies are making music, watching movies and video editing … majoring in life sciences communication.

#12 Korey Alexander
DB • 5-11 • 198 • Jr. • TR
Pittsburg, Calif.
Pittsburg HS • Los Medanos College

2015: Had 12 pass breakups and forced two fumbles in his second year at Los Medanos… Collected 41 tackles as a DB… earned honorable mention honors
in the Pacific 7 league of the California Community College Athletic Assn.

2014: Had three interceptions and 46 tackles as a freshman for the Mustangs… forced three fumbles… Also had a fumble recovery, 1.5 sacks and four tackles for loss.


#12 Reese Phillips
QB • 6-2 • 206 • R-Jr. • TR
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Signal Mountain HS/Kentucky

2016: Phillips is a transfer from the University of Kentucky. He is currently enrolled at UM and will join the team for spring drills.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY: Was a 2013 redshirt… played in three games in 2014, his redshirt freshman season, including games with wins over UT Martin and University of Louisiana-Monroe… had two passes for 45 yards against UT Martin, with a 42-yard long pass… played in one game in 2015 vs. Eastern Kentucky… earned two letters.

HIGH SCHOOL: Phillips graduated from Signal Mountain (Tenn.) HS in 2013 where he was an all-state quarterback… earned five letters in football and four in baseball at SMHS… he was football All-State 2011-12 and baseball All-State 2010 and 2011… football team won the state championship in 2010… his senior year played in Tennessee Class AAAA state playoffs… earned all-state honors from the Tennessee Sports Writers Association his senior year for completing 172 of 274 passes for 2,274 yards… named MVP of the Tennessee High School East/West All-Star Classic… went 10 for 10 for 95 yards and a TD in that game… led the East to a 41-20 win, setting a record for most points in the all-star game… threw for 1,695 yards and 21 TDs as a first-year starting quarterback his junior year… completed 71 percent of his passes… was named a first-team all-state performer in 2011 by Tennessee Sports Writers Association… his freshman and sophomore seasons he started as tight end and defensive back... SMHS coach was Bill Price… was an honor roll end and defensive back… SMHS coach was Bill Price… was a two-year all-state selection that year.

PERSONAL: student.

#13 Lane Hovey
WR • 6-4 • 205 • R-Sr. • TR
Adel, Iowa
Adel-Desoto-Minburn HS/Nebraska

2016: Hovey is a senior transfer from Nebraska.

NEBRASKA: Hovey was a walk-on and redshirted in 2012… he played two games at wide receiver in 2013 and played in every game as a sophomore in 2014 and had five receptions for 69 yards… had three catches for 48 yards at Fresno State his sophomore season with a career-long 29-yard catch… he also saw time on special teams… earned academic All-Big Ten in 2014 with a 4.0 grade-point average… was one of three football student-athletes in the conference named to the academic team… was a six-time Nebraska scholar-athlete and on the Brook Berringer citizenship Team 2013-15 along with the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2014… Hovey was also a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar in 2015.

HIGH SCHOOL: Hovey was a three-sport athlete at Adel DeSoto Minburn HS in Adel, Iowa, earning three letters in both football and basketball and four letters in track… his football team was district champions and state semifinalist in 2011… first team All-State at wide receiver in 2011… he was a Class 3A first-team all-state selection that year.

#13 Josh Sandry
S • 6-1 • 200 • R-Fr.
Bigfork, Mont.
Bigfork HS

2016: Following a strong performance in spring drills, Sandry will be searching for plenty of playing time in 2016.

2015: Was a redshirt… Awarded the Michael R. Jorgensen Endowment Fund scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

HIGH SCHOOL: Sandry was an all-state class “B” selection as a junior and senior, and voted team MVP those seasons as well… team captain for the Vikings as a senior in football and as a junior in hoops... also all-state pick at safety as a senior… played defensive back and handled punting/kicking, and was a returner... his prep football coach was Todd Emslie... he was also all-state in basketball his junior year and co-MVP of the 2014 state tournament, helping Bigfork to its first state title... all-state performer in track as a sophomore and junior, and state high jump champion his junior year.

PERSONAL: Sandry is undecided on a major... birth date: Sept. 20, 1996... his parents are Christine and Paul Sandry of Bigfork... his grandpa, Bruce Olson, was a quarterback at Montana, and lettered in 1957-58.

#14 Connor Kaegi
QB • 6-7 • 205 • So. • TR
Ashland, Ore.
Ashland HS/Feather River College

2016: Kaegi is a transfer from Feather River College, Quincy, Calif., and has enrolled at Montana for spring drills.

FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE: As a quarterback Kaegi was 58-113 for 715 yards and threw five TDs his freshman year in 2015... was team captain.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Ashland HS in Ashland, Ore., graduating in 2013... was a four-sport standout earning four letters in football, 2009-2012, two in basketball, 2011-12, and one each in track and field, 2010, and tennis, 2012... he was an all-league honorable mention in 2012... football high school state champions in 2009 and tennis conference champions in 2012... his senior year he averaged 135.9 yards per game and passed for 13 TDs.

PERSONAL: His major is business... birth date: Sept. 15, 1994... his parents are Anna and John Kaegi.

#16 Jerry Louie-McGee
WR • 5-9 • 168 • R-Fr. • RS
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho
Lake City HS

2016: Louie-McGee emerged as one of Montana’s most dangerous threats at the “Z” wide receiver spot during spring drills, running back the opening kick of the spring game for a 99-yard touchdown, and catching two more touchdown passes in the spring game as well.

2015: Was a redshirt.

PERSONAL: Louie-McGee is a pre-psychology major.
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#17 Makena Simis
WR • 6-2 • 215 • R-Jr.
Boise, Idaho
Capital HS

2016: Simis made the transition from quarterback to wide receiver in spring drills. Tall and athletic, he will feature prominently in Coach Stitt’s receiver rotation.

2015: Played quarterback in five games, and started in three after both Brady Gustafson and Chad Chalich went down with injuries. Tied a school record in his first ever collegiate start, throwing for six touchdowns against North Dakota on Oct. 24. Named ROOT Sports offensive co-Big Sky Player of the Week for his six TD performance. Named FCS National Performer of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards. One of only four Grizzlies to throw for six TDs in a game (Others: Dickenson, Ah Yat and Johnson). In five games threw for 740 yards on 63 completions with four interceptions. Rushed for 226 yards on 65 completions.


2013: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He completed 180 of 263 passes for 2,240 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior at Boise’s Capital High School, and rushed for 535 yards and eight TDs. He started all 14 games. Named Eastern Washington on Nov. 14 for 36 yards. Picked up a bad snap fumble against Idaho State leading to the game-winning touchdown. Named ROOT Sports Big Sky defensive Player of the Week following the Idaho State game.

PERSONAL: His major is education. Birth date: April 20, 1995. His parents are Todd and Lissa Simis of Boise. He hopes to teach high school government and coach football after graduation.

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#18 Mike Ralston
WR • 6-5 • 266 • R-Jr. • 2V
Eugene, Ore.
Sheldon HS

2016: Ralston has changed sides of the ball once again and will now suit up in Coach Stitt’s corps of wide receivers in his redshirt junior season.

2015: Moved to defensive end from the tight end position and played in seven games… posted two assisted tackles as a DE… Named to the Academic All-Big Sky team.

2014: Mike played in 14 games and had four starts. He had four receptions for 41 yards and two touchdowns. He had a long of 21 yards.

2013: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was an all-state pick and defensive tackle as a senior when he had team-highs of eight sacks and 18.5 tackles for loss. He was tabbed first all-conference on defense and at punter his senior year. He was also named all-state in baseball (pitcher) in 2013. He was a team captain for his senior football team that went 14-0 and won the Oregon Class 6A title. He earned nine letters: three each in football, basketball, and baseball. He was a two-time team captain in baseball. His head football coach was Lane Johnson. He attended Jesuit High School and won state titles in basketball there in 2011 and 2012.

PERSONAL: His major is Management Information Systems. Birth date: Dec. 10, 1994. His parents are Danny and Betsy Ralston of Oregon City.

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#18 JR Nelson
CB • 6-2 • 171 • R-Sr. • 3V
Hacienda Heights, Calif.
Glen Wilson HS

2016: Nelson is the Grizzlies’ third leading returning tackler. Expected to start once again at cornerback.

2015: Given an All-Big Sky Honorable Mention. Started in all 13 games at cornerback as a redshirt junior. Was the team’s 10th leading tackler with 49 tackles. Had the third-most solo tackles with 35. Had the second-most pass breakups on the team with 10. Returned two interceptions for touchdowns, one at Idaho State on Nov. 7 for 20 yards, the other against Eastern Washington on Nov. 14 for 36 yards. Picked up a bad snap fumble against Idaho State leading to the game-winning touchdown. Named ROOT Sports Big Sky defensive Player of the Week following the Idaho State game.

2014: Nelson played in all 14 games and started against Central Washington. He had 17 total tackles with 11 unassisted.

2013: He played in 11 games and had seven tackles.

2012: He was a Griz redshirt.
### #19 Samuel Akem

**WR • 6-4 • 195 • Fr. • HS**  
Broken Arrow, Okla.  
Broken Arrow HS

**2016:** Akem will enroll at UM in fall 2016.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Akem lettered in both football and track and field at Broken Arrow HS in Broken Arrow, Okla., where he played football for Coach David Alexander...his senior year he was captain of his football team and All-District...his 2013 track and field team was the Oklahoma state champions...2015 football team were district champions.

**PERSONAL:** He plans to major in psychology and hopes to become a sports psychologist...birth date: Aug. 14, 1997...his parents are Ina Jones and Isaac Akem of Broken Arrow.

### #20 John Nguyen

**RB • 5-7 • 184 • Sr • 3V**  
Bellevue, Wash.  
Bellevue HS

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**2016:** Nguyen (pronounced “win”) enters his senior season as Montana’s leading rusher and punt returner … Also Montana’s leading returning receiver and fourth leading returning kick returner… UM’s leading returning receiver in all-purpose yards.

**2015:** Honorable mention all-Big Sky running back … Emerged as UM’s first-choice at running back, starting in all 13 games in the ’15 season … Rushed for 855 yards on 184 attempts, scoring three touchdowns … Was Montana’s fifth leading receiver with 31 receptions for 159 yards … Rushed for 100-plus yards in three games (102 – EWU, 134 – MSU, 107 – SDSU) … Posted a new career long run of 48 yards against MSU … Broke free for runs of more than 20 yards in eight games … Averaged 4.6 yards per carry, 5.1 yards per catch, 11 yards per kick return, and 6.7 yards per punt return … Averaged 87.1 all-purpose yards per game.

**2014:** Nguyen played in all 14 games in 2014 and started in one vs. Central Washington. He had 268 yards rushing in 33 attempts for a net of 265 yards. He had two touchdowns and averaged eight yards a carry. He also had 32 punt returns for 303 yards at an average of 9.5 yards and a long of 60 with one touchdown. He averaged 16.6 yards on kickoff returns with 25 and 416 yards. His long was 25. John was an honorable mention return specialist on the all-conference football team.

**2013:** He played in 11 games and started in one (Weber State). He was the Grizzlies’ third leading rusher as the team’s fourth leading returning running back. He had 140 yards rushing in 28 attempts for a net of 137 yards, two touchdowns, and averaged eight yards a carry.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He had a prolific senior season at prep powerhouse Bellevue High School, rushing for 1,217 yards and 18 touchdowns, helping the Wolverines continue their 40-game winning streak. His prep football team went 14-0 in 2012 en route to winning its fifth straight Washington Class 3A state title. His high school head coach was Butch Goncharoff. He rushed for two touchdowns in the 3A title game as a junior in 2011.

**CAREER HIGHS:** He rushed 22 times for 144 yards and with a career-long 35-yarder in 2013 against Oklahoma Panhandle State. He had one catch in four different games, also in 2013, including a long of 19 yards at South Dakota. He had five kickoff returns for 92 yards at UC Davis.

**PERSONAL:** His major is business. Birth date: Oct. 14, 1994. His mom is Hoa Nguyen of Seattle. His older brother, Peter, finished his career ranked sixth in school history with 1,985 rushing yards.

### #21 Joey Counts

**RB • 5-9 • 207 • R-Sr. • 3V**  
Mesa, Ariz.  
Desert Ridge HS

**2016:** Counts will look to be one of Montana’s go-to rushers as the team’s fourth leading returning running back.

**2015:** Scored the winning touchdown against North Dakota State to open the season on Aug. 29 … Played in six games, battling injury throughout the season … UM’s fourth leading rusher, running for 156 yards on 29 attempts, scoring two touchdowns … Posted a long of 45 yards … Averaged 26 yards per game … Caught two passes for 11 yards.

**2014:** Was a redshirt.

**2013:** He was UM’s fourth-leading rusher with 207 yards. He played in eight games, missing the last five because of an injury, ending his season.

**2012:** He was scheduled to redshirt, but was activated due to an injury to a teammate.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He rushed for 1,719 yards on 180 carries, and scored 24 touchdowns at Desert Ridge High School as a senior, when his team went 10-3. He rushed for a state single-game record 403 yards and five TDs in a 63-14 win over Phoenix North Canyon. Named all-state and All-Arizona at running back as a senior. His junior year he rushed for 1,329 yards and 19 TDs. He was an all-conference pick in wrestling. Served as team captain and was voted “Most Inspirational” in football as a senior. His prep football coach was Jeremy Hathcock. He also lettered in wrestling, baseball, and track.

**CAREER HIGHS:** He rushed 10 times for 79 yards, with a long of 31 yards against Portland State last season. He had a 51-yard TD catch at North Dakota a year ago. He had four receptions and two TD grabs against Idaho State in 2012.

**PERSONAL:** His major is communication studies. His parents are Clint and Leilja Counts of Mesa. Birth date: July 1, 1993.
#23 Caleb Lyons  
WR • 5-9 • 177 • R-So. • 1V  
Lakewood, Wash.  
Lakes HS

2016: Lyons enjoyed a breakout spring performance at the “Z” slot receiver position as a sophomore, and will feature heavily in Coach Stitt’s receiver rotation as well and will return kicks… caught six passes for 111 yards in the spring game, with a long of 57 yards… returned a punt for 11 yards for a total of 122 all-purpose yards in the 2016 spring game.

2015: Lyons saw action in 10 games in his redshirt freshman season… broke loose for a 15 yard rush against UC Davis on his only rushing touch of the season… picked up four receptions for 16 yards on the season as a slot receiver… posted a season high of six yards receiving on a single catch against Cal Poly… Had two receptions for a total of five yards against NAU.

2014: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a four-year letterman in football, and earned three letters in track, and one each in lacrosse and baseball… was team captain and all-state as a senior… first team all-league at wide receiver, returner, and safety… his football team won two league titles in 2010 and 2011, and played in the state playoffs those seasons… first team all-state kick returner as a junior… had 1,276 all-purpose yards and 13 touchdowns his senior season, despite missing two games due to an injury… his prep football coach was Dave Miller.

PERSONAL: His major is business management… Birth date: Nov. 16, 1995… His parents are Sean and Christine Lyons of Lakewood.

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#24 Rey Green  
RB • 5-11 • 190 • Fr. • HS  
Vancouver, Wash.  
Union HS

2016: Green will be enrolled as a freshman at UM during the fall of 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Union HS in Vancouver, Wash.… second team All-Greater St. Helens League in 2013… second team All-League at DB as a sophomore… Northwest Elite Camp MVP in 2014… finished with over 1,000 all-purpose yards as a sophomore.

#25 Shane Moody  
CB • 5-8 • 165 • R-Jr. • SQ  
Parker, Colo.  
Regis Jesuit HS

2016: Moody will add depth to the Montana defensive secondary, and will push for a starting spot his junior season… logged one assisted tackle, two pass break-ups and a pass block in the 2016 spring game.

2015: Played in one game against Eastern Washington as a sophomore… tallied one solo tackle.

2014: Moody was a walk-on freshman. He played in two games and had two tackles vs. Central Washington.

#26 Josh Egbo  
DB • 6-2 • 185 • Fr. • HS  
Gilbert, Ariz.  
Highland HS

2016: Egbo will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL: Egbo attended Highland HS in Gilbert, Ariz. … 1,090 career rushing yards… averaged 6.6 yards per carry… 11 career rushing touchdowns… 1,349 all-purpose yards as a senior… third team All-Arizona running back… MaxPreps Highland HS offensive player of the year in 2015.

PERSONAL: Birth date: Dec. 23, 1997… 4.0 honor student.

#27 Lewis Cowans  
CB • 6-1 • 187 • Fr. • HS  
Mission Viejo, Calif.  
Mission Viejo HS

2016: Cowans will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016 as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Cowans lettered in football as a freshman at Mission Viejo HS, Mission Viejo, Calif… his coach was Bob Johnson… he was captain of the football team and won the Coach’s Award… he was first team All-League his senior season… football team won league, CIF championship and division I state championship in 2015… his senior year he had 10 pass break-ups, one interception and 60 tackles.

PERSONAL: He plans to major in Kinesiology… birth date: March 19, 1998… his parents are Sandra Johnson and Lennard Cowans of Mission Viejo, Calif.

#28 Jerrin Williams  
S • 6-2 • 205 • R-Fr. • RS  
Vancouver, Wash.  
Evergreen HS

2016: Williams will be in the mix for a starting position in the Grizzly secondary as a redshirt freshman following a standout performance in the spring game… posted four tackles (two solo) and intercepted a pass in that game.

2015: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Williams earned four letters in football and three in basketball at Evergreen HS… he was team captain in football as a senior… he was a three-time all-conference selection on the gridiron for coach Don Johnson… his senior season he had 30 tackles, 10 PDs, 6 picks, and 2 sacks.

PERSONAL: Williams will major in business management… birth date: April 14, 1996… his mom is Amanda Williams of Vancouver.
2016: Martinez will look to add depth at the running back position.

2015: Was a redshirt.

PERSONAL: Martinez has yet to declare a major.

2016: Epperly will add solid depth to the Montana defensive secondary as a sophomore following a standout spring season… registered four tackles (three solo) in the 2016 spring game.

2015: Saw action in four games as a redshirt freshman… Registered two assisted tackles, one against Montana State, the other in the FCS playoffs against South Dakota State… Awarded the Kole Swartz Legacy Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned 11 letters in high school: four in basketball and track, and three in football… he was a first team all-state pick at wide receiver and cornerback... had 55 catches for 1,126 yards and 14 TDs, along with 51 tackles, 10 pass break-ups, and five interceptions his senior season… tabbed “AA” Western offensive MVP… football team was state runner-up in 2013… team captain in football and basketball… invited to play in Montana’s East-West Shrine Game, and the Montana-Dakota All-Star Game… first team all-state in hoops and in track as a junior… all-time leader in assists and steals at Glacier High School… his football coach was former (1988-90) Griz quarterback Grady Bennett.

PERSONAL: His major is education… birth date: Aug. 6, 1995… his parents are Jim and Heather Epperly of Bigfork… his aunt, Julie Epperly, played for the Lady Griz from 1988-92.

2016: Le Texier will enroll as a freshman at UM in the fall of 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Jefferson County HS in Boulder, Mont. … earned 12 letters in high school, four in football, four in basketball and four track and field… school record 375 career tackles… 30 tackles for loss, nine fumble recoveries, seven forced fumbles five interceptions in his four-year career… Class B All-State football selection in 2013, 2014 and 2015… All-State basketball selection in 2014.


2016: Crow will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016 as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Crow earned one letter in football at Kubasaki HS in Okinawa, Japan… he earned two letters in football at Kamiakin HS in Kennewick, Wash., where he also earned a special team player of the year award and was captain of defense for Coach Scott Biglin… he also earned the offensive player of the year award and was first team All-Conference at wide receiver and defensive back.

PERSONAL: He plans to major in business… birth date: Dec. 11, 1997… his parents are Jeannette and Darren Crow of Kennewick… his father served in the Marine Corps as a major for over 20 years.

2016: Olson will be in the running for playing time as a redshirt freshman at linebacker after a solid spring game outing where he tallied seven tackles (three solo) and recorded a sack.

2015: He was a redshirt in his true freshman year. Earned the defensive Scout Team Player of the Year award at the team’s annual awards banquet.

HIGH SCHOOL: Olson was a four-year letterman in football at Cascade Christian HS, where his team won four conference championships (10-3 in 2011; 13-1 in 2012; 12-2 in 2013, and 8-3 in 2014) in a row… three-year team captain and defensive player of the year… also led his team in tackles for three seasons… voted defensive MVP of his conference and the state two times… his senior year he had 135 tackles, 5 sacks, and 4 forced fumbles; rushed for 583 yards and 8 TDs… named to the state’s All-Star Football Game… a three-time all-state selection at linebacker and tight end (as a senior)… his prep coach was Jon Gettman… also lettered in basketball and tennis.

PERSONAL: Olson carries a 4.0 GPA, he plans to major in wildlife biology… birth date: Jan. 1, 1997… his parents are Linda and Jeff Olson (the former head football coach at Southern Oregon University) of Medford.

2016: Lewis will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016 as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lewis earned four letters in football, three in track and two in basketball… he was captain of his football team, 2013-15, and basketball team, 2015… football team was conference 5-B champions and state class B champions in 2014… he was named defensive MVP, 2013-15, and offensive MVP, 2014-15… he was a three-time All-State and three-time All-Conference linebacker and quarterback from 2013-15… has 214 career pass completions for a total of 4,337 passing yards and 6,511 total yards, 44 passing TDs, 84 combined TDs, 344 tackles, 17 sacks, and 43 tackles for loss.

PERSONAL: Birth date: May 22, 1997… his parents are Aubra and Lee Lewis of Townsend, Mont.
2016 Montana Grizzlies

#35 Eric Williams
P • 5-11 • 183 • So. • TR
Missoula, Mont.
Loyola Sacred Heart HS • Carleton Col.

2016: Williams will be in the mix for starting kicking & punting duties following a solid spring outing, and will also be in the mix as a receiver…. Caught one pass for 17 yards in the spring game… punted 7 times for 278 yards, with an average of 39.7 yards and a long of 52 in the spring game.

2015: Transferred to Montana from Carleton College, a D-III institution in Northfield, Minn.

2014: Played in 10 games as a true freshman at Carleton College… Punted 60 times for 2,177 yards with a long of 59 yards…. Named MIAC Special Teams Player of the Week in Nov. 2014 after punting five times for 171 yards in a snowstorm, averaging nearly 35 yards-per-punt with a long of 44 yards…. Finished second tied for second in the MIAC with an average of 36.3 yards per punt, and was alone in second with 15 inside the 20 and 11 fair catches…. His long of 59 yards was tied for fifth-best in the MIAC.

High School: Williams was a two-time Montana state champion in 2012 and 13 under coach Troy Walters at Loyola…. was a three-year letter winner and two-year starter as a kicker/punter…. played in 22 games as a starter…. Averaged 62-yard kickoffs his senior season… went 93/109 on PATs as a two year starter… went 6/9 on field goals as a two year starter with a career long of 42 yards…. averaged 45.3 yards-per-punt as a senior with a long punt of 60 yards… put 12 punts inside the 20 yard line on 20 attempts as a senior…. trained under former Grizzly and NFL punter Dallas Neil.

Personal: A Missoula native and graduate of Loyola Sacred Heart… Two-time academic all-state award winner in soccer, ski racing and football… volunteered at St. Patrick’s Hospital and sat on the St. Patrick’s Hospital Junior Board of Directors.

#36 James Banks
LB • 6-1 • 215 • Jr. • TR
Junction City, Ore.
Sheldon HS • Alabama-Birmingham

2016: Banks will compete for a starting role at Montana after emerging as a leader in the Grizzlies’ linebacker corps…. posted three tackles (two solo) in the spring game.

2015: Missed the 2015 season after UAB dropped its football program.

2014: Played in 11 games for the University of Alabama-Birmingham Blazers as a sophomore…. recorded nine tackles (seven solo), one tackle-for-loss, one sack, a pass breakup, a pass deflection and recovered one fumble.

2013: Played his freshman season at the New Mexico Military Institute…. El Toro Bowl champions in 2013….named El Toro Bowl defensive MVP and second team All-Western States Football League linebacker as a true freshman.

High School: Graduated from Sheldon HS in Eugene, Ore., in 2013 where he earned four letters in football and three in basketball….his football team won the Southwest Conference championship in 2012 and was Oregon 6A state champions also in 2012…. he was an honorable mention All-League linebacker in 2010 and honorable mention All-League running back in 2011…. he was a first team All-League linebacker in 2011 and 2012 and a first team All-State linebacker in 2012….his senior year in high school he had a school record 182 tackles.

Personal: Banks major is chemistry …birth date: May 3, 1994….his parents are Jill and Fred Banks of Junction City, Ore….he is a certified private pilot.

#37 Caleb Kidder
DE • 6-5 • 259 • R-Sr. • 3V
Helena, Mont.
Helena Capital HS

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2016: Named to the Athlon Sports preseason FCS All-America first-team…. made a move from defensive tackle to defensive end in the off season…. Montana’s leading returning tackle from 2015 with 82 tackles as a defensive tackle… UM’s only returning first-team all-Big Sky player…. posted four tackles (two solo), a sack and two tackles for loss in the 2016 spring game at defensive end.

2015: Named first-team all-Big Sky at defensive tackle…. On July 28th, he was chosen to wear the #37 jersey, passed down to him by Zack Wagenmann…. Was the Grizzlies’ fourth-leading tackler as a junior with 82 tackles (23 solo)…. started all 12 games…. posted 10 tackles for loss, totaling 52 yards…. responsible for 3.5 sacks for 33 yards…. recorded an interception, six pass breakups, seven pass deflections, a quarterback hurry, recovered a fumble and blocked a kick…. Awarded the ‘54 Griz Football Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: Kidder was the Grizzlies’ fourth leading returning tackle. Plagued by injuries, he only played in the first game at Wyoming and redshirted the season. He had three tackles.

2013: He was the 10th leading tackle on the team with 40 stops. He played in all 13 games and started in two (Appalachian State and Cal Poly). His six tackles for loss were the fourth most (tie) on the team.

2012: He was pressed into action as a true freshman, playing in 10 games. He was 18th on the team in total tackles.

High School: Kidder was selected Montana’s Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior, when he led the Helena Capital Bruins to a 12-1 record and the Class AA state championship…. Voted “AA” defensive MVP his senior year…. He was named first team all-state at guard as a sophomore, junior, and senior, and first team all-state at defensive end his senior year…. He amassed 97 total tackles, 13 sacks, 11 tackles for a loss and six forced fumbles as a senior…. He also recorded 45 pancake blocks on offense in his senior season…. He was selected to play in Montana’s annual East-West Shrine Game and Montana-Dakota All-Star Game…. His prep football coach was Pat Murphy…. He was named to the Great Falls Tribune “Super Team.”

Career Highs: Had 12 tackles against Idaho State on 11/7/15…. had three tackles for loss against South Dakota State in the first round of the FCS playoffs…. Has posted one sack in three different contests, with a long of 13 yards…. Recorded two pass breakups in two different contests.

Personal: His major is business administration… Birth date: Feb. 4, 1994…. His parents are Lance and Kathy Kidder of Helena…. Misc.: His uncle, K.C. McGowan, played basketball at Montana from 1986-89…. Was once a top-five ski racer in the western United States in junior high.

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**#38 Cody McCombs**  
RB • 5-9 • 188 • So. • TR  
Billings, Mont.  
West HS • Black Hills State

2015: McCombs adds depth at running back after transferring to Montana from Black Hills State, a D-II school in Spearfish, S.D. for his sophomore year.

2015: Played in 11 games at running back and kick returner as a true freshman at Black Hills State… rushed 22 times for 107 yards and scored one touchdown… Averaged 9.7 yards rushing per game and 4.9 yards per carry… ran for a career long of 16 yards… returned 11 kickoffs for 203 yards, averaging 18.5 yards per carry, with a long of 27 yards.

**High School:** Named Second Team All-State at Billings West High School… Earned First Team All-Conference honors… Was team leader in rushing yards, all-purpose yards and touchdowns… Named Athletic Medicine and Performance Comeback Athlete of the Month.

**Personal:** Son of Sue and Gunder McCombs… Two siblings, Kelly and Dustin… Mother competed in gymnastics at Montana State Billings… Plans to major in physical therapy

**#39 Brandon Purdy**  
K/P • 5-10 • 168 • R-Fr. • RS  
Kalispell, Mont.  
Glacier HS

2016: Purdy will add depth at the kicker/punter positions.

**High School:** Went 8/12 on field goals and 57/62 on PATs for the Glacier Wolfpack his senior year… A two-year letter winner in football… A four year letter winner in soccer… Rated a four-star kicker by Kohl’s Professional Kicking Camps.

**#40 Cy Sirmon**  
LB • 6-3 • 236 • R-Fr. • RS  
Wenatchee, Wash.  
Wenatchee HS

2016: Sirmon will be in the mix for playing time at linebacker as a redshirt freshman following a solid performance in spring drills… posted two solo tackles and a sack for a loss of 10 yards in the spring game.

2015: He was a redshirt in his true freshman year.

**High School:** Sirmon was a three-year starter at linebacker at Wenatchee HS… senior year he had 106 tackles, 10 TFLs, 3 forced fumbles, and 2 fumble recoveries… a first team all-conference selection at linebacker as a junior and senior… team captain and MVP as a senior… MVP of freshman football squad… his prep football coach was Scott Devereaux… also a two-year letterman in wrestling.

**Personal:** Sirmon’s major is pharmacy… birth date: Feb. 4, 1997… his parents are Kaye and John Sirmon of Wenatchee… his dad John was a four-year starter at Idaho from 1988-92… his uncle, Peter Sirmon, is a member of Oregon’s hall of fame at linebacker (1996-99), and he played seven seasons for the Titans… his uncle, David Sirmon, played linebacker at Montana from 1992-95 and was a member of the Grizzlies' national title team in 1995.

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**#42 Josh Buss**  
LB • 6-2 • 204 • R-So. • 1V  
Boise, Idaho  
Mountain View HS

2016: Buss returns as the Grizzlies’ seventh-leading tackler in his sophomore season… Posted three tackles (one solo) and a pass breakup in the spring game… Will play a key role in a group of young but talented linebackers.

2015: Saw action in 12 games for the Griz… Posted 18 tackles (seven solo) and a single tackle for loss, resulting in a loss of seven yards.

2014: Buss was a redshirt.

**High School:** He rushed for a 5A Southern Idaho Conference-best 1,986 yards and 22 touchdowns his senior year… senior team was 7-3 and reached the state quarterfinals… earned three letters in football, four in lacrosse, and one in wrestling… All-Idaho “Player of the Year” as a senior… first team all-state running back as a junior and senior… freshman and junior lacrosse teams won state titles, and he was tabbed an All-American in that sport as a junior and senior… team MVP and captain in football as a senior and junior; and outstanding wide receiver as a sophomore… career stats: 2,918 rushing yards for 32 touchdowns, and 88 catches for 1,289 yards and 13 TDs, breaking 11 school records… also earned a letter in wrestling… team captain in football for head coach Judd Benedick.

**Career Highs:** Had six tackles against Eastern Washington on 11/21/15

**Personal:** Buss is majoring in economics. Birth date: Dec. 4, 1995. His parents are Kristi Tippetts and Joe Buss of Meridian.

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**#43 Nate Bradley**  
DT • 5-10 • 270 • R-Jr. • 2V  
Billings, Mont.  
West HS

2016: Montana’s fifth-leading returning tackler from 2015… Expected to be a key member of the defensive front… Had five tackles (two solo) in the spring game to go along with 1.5 sacks.

2015: Played in all 13 contests, earning a start against Cal Poly… Posted a total of 28 tackles, the 15th-highest total on the team… tallied two tackles for loss and one sack… Earned Academic All-Big Sky selection… Awarded the Stockman Bank Football Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: Bradley played in 12 games at defensive tackle with a total of 13 tackles, two unassisted. He recovered one fumble.

2013: He was a redshirt.

**High School:** He was a three-year starter on the defensive line and a two-year starter on the offensive line at Billings West High School. He was named all-state as a senior, and all-conference his junior and senior seasons. His prep football coach was long-time mentor Paul Klabo. He participated in Montana’s annual East-West Shrine Game. He served as a team captain in football and in track. He was also a three-year letterman in track, competing in the shot put and discus.

**Career Highs:** Had 14 tackles against Cal Poly on 9/5/15.

**Personal:** Bradley is an Environmental Studies major… Birth date: May 26, 1995. His parents are James Bradley and Tami Haaland of Billings.
2016: Schye emerged as one of Montana's biggest defensive threats during spring drills, racking up seven tackles (five solo) and three sacks for a loss of 20 yards in the spring game... Expected to see ample playing time at defensive end.

2015: Moved from linebacker to defensive end... Played in all 13 games... Posted 14 tackles (six solo)... notched five tackles for loss.

2014: Schye played in all 14 games backing up Jeremiah Kose at linebacker... he had 21 total tackles, nine unassisted. He had one pass breakup.

2013: He was a redshirt. He was named UM’s “Scout Team Player of the Year” on defense.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was the defensive leader for the State B runner-up Mustangs as a senior, and team captain and MVP that season. He racked up 100 tackles in 12 games, including 20 sacks his senior year. He had 10 forced fumbles, including five in the playoffs, as well as an interception that he returned for a touchdown. He was all-state in football in 2011 and 2012...named to Great Falls Tribune’s Super State team. He was named his football team’s “Outstanding Defensive Player” as a junior. He earned 11 letters: four each in football and track, and three in basketball. His prep football coach was Scott King.

PERSONAL: His major is accounting...birth date: April 7, 1994. His parents are Tad and Amy Schye of Malta.

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2016: Vika Fa’atuiese (pronounced Vee-kah FAH-AH-too-ee-essay) saw considerable action in spring ball at linebacker, and will look to move up the depth chart as a redshirt freshman... posted two solo tackles in the spring game and a pass breakup.

2015: Was a redshirt.

PERSONAL: He is a pre-psychology major.

2016: Bedell will add depth to the defensive front in his redshirt sophomore year... Picked up three tackles including a half-sack in the 2016 spring game.

2015: Played in two games (Eastern Washington and Montana State) as a redshirt freshman in his first year at Montana... Got in on one assisted tackle at defensive end.

2014: Was a redshirt at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

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**HIGH SCHOOL:** Part of 2014 signing day class at Rutgers ... coached by Bryan Batchler at Rumson-Fair Haven ... helped team to an 11-1 record as a senior to capture the Central Jersey Group 2 state championship ... picked up three sacks on opponent’s final drive to seal the win ... totaled 90 tackles, nine for loss, 13 sacks, 14 quarterback hurries, three pass breakups and four forced fumbles as a senior ... named First Team All-Shore, First Team All-Group 2, First Team All-Monmouth County and Star-Ledger Third Team All-State ... rated as the 28th-best player in New Jersey by MaxPreps and three-stars by Scout.com ... projected to be a defensive end at the collegiate level by recruiting analysts ... known to play with a high-motor ... attended the Rutgers Big Man Academy ... First Team All-District A selection after junior season ... picked up over 60 tackles with 15 sacks as a junior.

**PERSONAL:** Undecided on a potential major ... son of Paige and Don Bedell.

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**#49 Jesse Sims**

DT • 6-4 • 235 • R-Fr. • RS
Stevensville, Mont.
Corvallis HS

2016: Sims will be in the mix for playing time as a redshirt freshman thanks in part to a strong showing in spring drills... tallied a sack for a loss of 10 yards and a fumble recovery in the annual spring game.

2015: Sims was a redshirt in his true freshman season.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Sims is a three-sport star at high schools in Corvallis and in his hometown of Stevensville, lettering in football, basketball, and track... he was an all-state pick in football at Corvallis HS as a senior for head coach Clayton Curly...his sophomore hoop team at Stevensville HS won the state championship, and he was named the MVP of the state tournament.

**PERSONAL:** Sims plans to major in kinesiology and pursue a career as an athletic trainer... birth date: Nov. 6, 1996...his parents are Julie and Rob Sims of Stevensville...his sister, Alycia, is a senior center on the Lady Griz basketball team.

**#50 Aaron Held**

LS • 6-1 • 190 • R-Sr. • 3V
Sacramento, Calif.
El Camino HS

2016: Held will once again be Montana’s go-to long snapper in his redshirt senior season.

2015: Appeared in all 13 of Montana’s games as a redshirt junior... posted three tackles on special teams... Over the summer, he completed a summer research fellowship for the center for structural and functional neuroscience at UM... Named an All-Big Sky Academic team member for third-straight year... Awarded Larry & Kristin Stayner Family Football Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: He played in all 14 games and had two tackles, one vs. South Dakota and one unassisted tackle at Cal Poly. He was again named an All-Big Sky Conference academic team selection.

2013: He played in 11 games and snapped in PAT and field goal situations. He was an All-Big Sky Conference academic team selection.

2012: Held was a redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He earned two letters in both football and track at El Camino High School. He was team captain in track his senior season. His high school football coach was Adam Reinking.

**PERSONAL:** He is an honors pre-med double major in Exercise Science and Human Biology. Birth date: Nov. 16, 1994. His parents are Les Held and Janice Shaw of Sacramento.

**#52 Caleb Mitchell**

LS • 6-1 • 185 • Fr. • HS
North Bend, Wash.
Mount Si HS

2016: Mitchell will be a freshman at UM in the fall of 2016.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Mitchell attended Mount Si HS in Snoqualmie, Wash... long snapper in high school... 2014 Kingco Conference honorable mention wide receiver... 366 yards and three touchdowns.

**#54 Gage Smith**

LB • 6-3 • 206 • R-So. • SQ
Whitefish, Mont.
Whitefish HS

2016: Smith saw time during spring drills at linebacker, picking up seven tackles in the spring game ... Will add depth at linebacker on Coach Somore’s defense.

2015: Provided depth at linebacker, but did not see playing time.

2014: Was a redshirt.

**PERSONAL:** Smith is a communication studies major.

**#55 Kyle Davis**

DT • 6-1 • 259 • R-So. • 1V
San Diego, Calif.
Cathedral Catholic HS

2016: Davis will add depth at defensive tackle in his redshirt sophomore year.

2015: Played in 11 games as a redshirt freshman and picked up 12 total tackles (one solo).

2014: Kyle was a redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He earned four letters in football and two in wrestling... He was co-captain in football as a senior... Eastern League Defensive Player of the Year, first team all-league, and “Outstanding Lineman” following his senior campaign... three-time all-league selection at defensive end... all-conference wrestler... career-wise he had 180 tackles, 23 sacks, and three fumble recoveries... his head coach was Sean Doyle.

**PERSONAL:** His major is biology and hopes to become a physician... birth date: Sept. 21, 1995... his parents are Ron and Trelli Davis of San Diego.
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#56 Alex Thomas
LB • 6-0 • 211 • R-So. • SQ
Great Falls, Mont.
C.M. Russell HS

2016: Thomas will be one of several young linebackers vying for time at linebacker following a solid outing in spring ball…. Posted six tackles (two solo) and 1.5 tackles for loss in the spring game.

2015: Provided depth at linebacker as a redshirt freshman, but did not see playing time.

2014: Was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Thomas was first team all-state as a senior, and also selected to play in the Montana Shrine Game and Bandlands Bowl…a first team all-state pick in track as a sophomore and junior...all-league in football as a junior and senior...team captain in football and track...earned four letters in track and two in football...his high school football coach was Montana Hall of Fame mentor Jack Johnson...career-wise he had 24 sacks, 28 tackles for loss, 15 quarterback hurries, and he blocked four field goals.

PERSONAL: Political science major... Birth date: Oct. 31, 1995...his parents are David and Lisa Thomas of Great Falls.

#60 Jackson Thiebes
OL • 6-5 • 301 • R-Sr. • SQ
Kalispell, Mont.
Glacier HS • Lewis & Clark College

2016: Thiebes returns for his redshirt senior year as one of the most seasoned offensive lineman on the Grizzly front, and will look to cement a starting position at tackle.

2015: Played in four games at offensive tackle, earning a start against Idaho State.

2014: Thiebes was moved from right end to the offensive line and played at left tackle. He played in six games and started in two: at Wyoming and vs. Central Washington ... Awarded the Colleen Marks Athletic Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2013: Was a redshirt at Montana.

2012: Attended Lewis & Clark College... Played in eight games as a tight end... Picked up two tackles.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two-year letterman in football at Glacier High School... His prep football coach was former (1988-90) Griz starting quarterback Grady Bennett... Also played high school rugby.

PERSONAL: His major is psychology... Birth date: Feb. 15, 1994... His parents are John and Katie Thiebes of Palm Desert, Calif... His grandfather Joseph Thiebes, lettered in football at Montana in 1942.

#57 Shayne Cochran
LB • 6-1 • 221 • R-So. • SQ
Culbertson, Mont.
Culbertson HS

2016: Will add depth to the linebacker position in his redshirt sophomore season... Posted three tackles and one tackle for loss in the spring game.

2015: Provided depth at linebacker, but did not see playing time.

2014: Cochran was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned 10 letters: four in football, and three in both basketball and track...a first team all-state and all-conference selection at running back and linebacker as a junior and senior...rushed for 1,589 yards and 28 touchdowns, and averaged 8.5 yards a run, and also had 85 tackles on defense...was team captain as a senior for his 8-2 team...prep coach was David Helmer his senior year, and Rob Oelkers previous three seasons.

PERSONAL: His major is business...birth date: Oct. 31, 1995...his parents are Laurie and Lary Pearson and Cory and Kathryn Cochran of Culbertson.

#56 Dylan Eickmeyer
OG • 6-4 • 299 • Fr. • HS
Tucson, Ariz.
Salpointe Catholic HS

2016: Eickmeyer in an incoming freshman, and will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL: Eickmeyer earned four letters in football and two in baseball at Salpointe Catholic HS in Tucson, Ariz., where he was varsity captain in football in 2015... his football team under Coach Dennis Benne was the state Champion in 2013 and made the semifinals in 2012 and quarterfinals in 2014... Eickmeyer was a second team All-Section and third team All-Southern Arizona in 2014 and first team All-Section and All-Southern Arizona in 2015.

PERSONAL: Eickmeyer will major in pharmacy/pharmacology... birth date: March 19, 1998... his parents are Michelle and Craig Eickmeyer of Tucson.

#65 Cody Meyer
OL • 6-3 • 285 • R-Fr. • RS
San Marcos, Calif.
San Marcos HS

2016: Meyer will add depth to the offensive line.

2015: Meyer was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Meyer was an all-leaguer at San Marcos HS as a junior and senior...a three-year starter at center for head coach Jason Texler... earned three letters in football and two in volleyball...a two-year team captain in football.

PERSONAL: Meyer will major in political science and pursue a career as an attorney...birth date: April 21, 1997...his parents are Renae and Jeff Meyer of San Marcos.
#66 Ashton Torres
OT • 6-4 • 315 • Fr. • HS
Aurora, Colo.
Cherokee Trail HS

2016: Torres will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL: Torres attended Cherokee Trail HS in Aurora, Colo...he earned four letters in football from 2012-15 and one letter in track (2013)...lineman of the year at Cherokee Trail HS in 2014 and 2015, team captain in 2015 under head coach Monte Thelen...second team all-league in 2013...first team all-league and All-Colorado in 2014 and 2015...Chassa All-State and Prep Colorado All-State in 2015...Centennial League Champions/State runner-up in 2012...Centennial League Champions/Final 4 in 2013.

PERSONAL: Torres is undecided on a major...birth date: Aug. 5, 1997...his parents are Chris Torres and Monique Zivkovic-Torres of Aurora, Colo.

#67 Thayne Jackson
OG • 6-5 • 312 • Fr. • HS
Gilbert, Ariz.
Gilbert HS

2016: Jackson will enroll at UM in the fall as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jackson was a two-sport star at Gilbert HS in Gilbert, Ariz., where he earned two letters each in football and track and field (shotput and discus)...he was captain of the football team for Coach Derek Zellner...Jackson was the most improved player his junior year, All-State his senior year and All-Conference his junior and senior years.

PERSONAL: Jackson is a business management major...birth date: Sept. 17, 1998...his parents are Christina and Daryl Hall and Dustin Jackson of Gilbert...his great uncle Steve Roehl ran track at UM in the 1970s.

#68 McCauley Todd
OL • 6-7 • 304 • R-Sr. • 2V
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Washington HS

2016: Todd should be a regular starter at offensive guard in his redshirt season campaign.

2015: Todd suffered an injury in fall camp, but returned to play in nine games and earn eight starts at offensive tackle.

2014: Played in nine games and had one start vs. Central Washington. He played backup to senior left guard Jordan Hines.

2013: He was a squad member.

2012: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a Mississippi Valley Conference and All-Cedar Rapids first team selection at Washington High School his senior season for his 8-4 team. He anchored the right tackle position on an offense that averaged 33.8 points and 242.8 rushing yards per game. His senior squad advanced to the quarter-finals of the Class 4A playoffs. As a senior he allowed zero sacks in 235 pass attempts, and averaged five knockdowns a game. He was ranked the 17th top player in the state by Iowa Preps. His high school football coach was Tony Lombardi.

PERSONAL: He is a history major. His parents are Mark Todd and Susan Pfeiler-Todd of Cedar Rapids. Birth date: August 20, 1993. He had a 3.7 GPA in high school.

#69 Randy Rodriguez
DT • 6-3 • 244 • Fr. • HS
Peoria, Ariz.
Centennial HS

2016: Rodriguez will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016.

High School: Rodriguez attended Centennial HS in Peoria, Ariz. ... he earned two letters in football from 2014-15 playing under Coach Richard Taylor... Division 1 State Champion in 2015 (12-2), Division 2 State Champion in 2014 (12-2)... first team All-District defense in 2015, first team All-State Honorable Mention in 2015... first team All-Region offensive tackle in 201... recorded 41 tackles and five sacks his senior season.

#70 Ben Weyer
OL • 6-4 • 301 • R-Sr. • 2V
Bozeman, Mont.
Bozeman HS

HONORS CANDIDATE
2016: Weyer will look to return to a starting position as a redshirt senior... Earned a nomination as an all-Big Sky preseason performer.

2015: Suffered an injury during fall camp and was forced to miss his redshirt junior campaign... Was awarded the Bill and Phyllis Bouchee Family Football Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Scholarship Banquet.

2014: Started as right guard on the offensive side. He played in 13 games and started in 12.

2013: Played in several games and lettered. He was an All-Big Sky Conference academic team selection.

2012: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two-time first team all-state selection at offensive tackle at Bozeman High School as a senior. He started at left tackle for the Hawks when they won the 2010 State AA title, going 13-0 that season. He served as team captain his senior year. He was voted “Hawk of the Year” in 2011. He was named his team’s defensive MVP in football as a senior. He was selected the “Outstanding Lineman” in 2010 and 2011. He played in both the East-West Shrine Game and Montana-Dakota All-Star Game. His high school football coach was Troy Purcell. He was named to the Great Falls Tribune’s “Super Team.” He also lettered in track.

PERSONAL: He is undecided on a major. His parents are Tom and Liz Weyer of Bozeman. Birth date: March 1, 1994. He had a 3.8 GPA in high school.
**#71 Devon Dietrich**  
**OL • 6-4 • 309 • R-Sr. • 2V**  
Woodinville, Wash.  
Woodinville HS

**HONORS CANDIDATE**

2016: Dietrich is a two-year starter who will anchor the Grizzly offensive line in his redshirt senior season… Earned a nomination as a preseason all-conference performer.

2015: Earned a All-Big Sky Honorable Mention at right guard… Started in all 13 games for the Griz as a redshirt junior.

2014: Started at right tackle in every game of the 2014 season.

2013: He was a squad member.

2012: He was a redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He was named first team 4A all-league at offensive tackle as a senior by the Seattle Times and tabbed a “White Chip Recruit” by that publication. He received the 2011 Coaches Award. He was team captain in football as a senior. He was a three-time academic all-league selection. He was a member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** His major is marketing. His parents are John and Beth Dietrich of Woodinville. Birth date: Feb. 16, 1994. He is a second degree black belt in karate.

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**#73 Brandon Scott**  
**OT • 6-7 • 320 • Fr. • HS**  
Owasso, Okla.  
Owasso HS

2016: Scott will enroll at UM in the fall as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Scott earned three letters in football at Owasso HS in Owasso, Okla….his coach was Bill Patterson…he earned All-Conference in academics in 2015 and was an OCA all-star in 2015.

**PERSONAL:** He is undecided on a major…birth date: July 10, 1997…his parents are Paula Scott-Miller and Michael Miller and Edward Scott of Owasso.

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**#72 Cooper Sprunk**  
**OL • 6-4 • 293 • R-Jr. • 1V**  
Tigard, Ore.  
Jesuit HS

2016: Sprunk will add solid depth to the offensive line in his redshirt junior season, and will push for a starting position.

2015: Moved to the offensive line for his redshirt sophomore season, and make an appearance in four games at center.

2014: Played in nine games as a tight end.

2013: He was a redshirt.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He was a starter at tight end for the 12-3 Jesuit High School Crusaders his senior season. His high school football coach was Ken Potter. His prep football coach was Wayne Maxwell. His senior team placed third in the state football playoffs and had a 12-1 record. He also lettered in track. He’s a three-time academic all-league selection. He was a member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** His major is business. Birth date: June 29, 1995. His parents are Eric and Kim Sprunk of Portland.

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**#74 Angel Villanueva**  
**OL • 6-5 • 314 • R-Fr. • RS**  
Duarte, Calif.  
Duarte HS

2016: Villanueva will add depth on the offensive line in his redshirt freshman year.

2015: Was a redshirt in his true freshman year.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Villanueva earned 12 letters at Duarte HS: four each in football, wrestling, and track, and was a team captain in all three of those sports as a sophomore, junior, and senior…he was a three-time all-league pick and voted “Most Valuable Lineman” his senior season, when he registered 95 “pancake” blocks…also named All-Mid-Valley and All-San Gabriel Valley.

**PERSONAL:** Villanueva is interested in mechanical engineering…birth date: Dec. 7, 1996…his parents are Nydia Villanueva and Erik Garcia of Duarte.

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**#75 Robert Luke**  
**OL • 6-4 • 316 • Jr. • 2V**  
Tacoma, Wash.  
Charles Wright Academy HS

2016: Luke is expected to see plenty of playing time in his junior season.

2015: Played and started in all 13 games for the Griz in his sophomore season, coming in as injury cover at center… Named to the Big Sky Academic All-Conference team.

2014: Due to injuries on the offensive line, Robert was pressed into action as a true freshman and played in 10 games…., was a nominee for Big Sky Player of the week following the North Dakota game when he blocked a fourth quarter UND field goal attempt, leading to a Griz victory.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** He earned four letters in football and three in track at Charles Wright Academy. He was named All-Area and all-league on offense and defense his junior and senior seasons. His junior (9-1) and senior (8-1) teams went a combined 17-2 overall, winning two league championships. He was a team captain, and voted most inspirational and blocker of the year. He was an all-state selection his senior year. His high school football coach was Mike Finch.

**PERSONAL:** His major is sociology. Birth date: June 2, 1996. His parents are Robert Luke and Peggy Campos of Tacoma.
2016: Reese has added weight in the off season and will look to feature prominently in the Grizzlies’ offensive front.

2015: Reese started in all 13 games for the Griz in his sophomore campaign at right tackle.

2014: Due to injuries on the offensive line, Reese saw action as a true freshman. He played in 12 games and started in 11.

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned three letters in both football and basketball at Clackamas High School...he was an honorable mention all-state pick as a senior...a two-time all-league selection...team captain as a senior in football...senior team went 9-3 and lost in the state playoffs in the quarterfinals...voted his team’s Lineman of the Year in 2012 and 2013...named “Rookie of the Year” in football as a sophomore...second team all-league in hoops as a senior...his head coach was Joe Bushman.

PERSONAL: His major is business. Birth date: March 28, 1996. His parents are Jeff and Ashley Reese of Happy Valley, Oregon.

#76 David Reese
OL • 6-7 • 298 • Jr. • 2V
Happy Valley, Ore.
Clackamas HS

2016: Reese has added weight in the off season and will look to feature prominently in the Grizzlies’ offensive front.

2015: Reese started in all 13 games for the Griz in his sophomore campaign at right tackle.

2014: Due to injuries on the offensive line, Reese saw action as a true freshman. He played in 12 games and started in 11.

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned three letters in both football and basketball at Clackamas High School...he was an honorable mention all-state pick as a senior...a two-time all-league selection...team captain as a senior in football...senior team went 9-3 and lost in the state playoffs in the quarterfinals...voted his team’s Lineman of the Year in 2012 and 2013...named “Rookie of the Year” in football as a sophomore...second team all-league in hoops as a senior...his head coach was Joe Bushman.

PERSONAL: His major is business. Birth date: March 28, 1996. His parents are Jeff and Ashley Reese of Happy Valley, Oregon.

#77 Dallas Hart
OL • 6-5 • 312 • R-Fr. • RS
Cypress, Calif.
Pacifica HS

2016: Hart will add depth to the offensive line in his redshirt freshman season.

2015: Hart was a redshirt in his true freshman year at UM.

HIGH SCHOOL: Hart was a first team all-conference player for Pacifica HS...voted team MVP as a senior...served as a team captain his senior season...a three-year letterman in football for head coach Marcello Giuliano.

PERSONAL: A Scholar Athlete as a prep... Majoring in business administration... Birth date: June 20, 1997...his parents are Kim and Mike Hart of Fredericksburg, VA.

#78 Conlan Beaver
OT • 6-5 • 276 • Fr. • HS
Fredericksburg, VA.

2016: Beaver will enroll at UM in the fall as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Beaver was a two-year captain on the football team at Massaponax HS in Spotsylvania, Va...he earned three letters in football and swimming and participated in three conference championship football teams during the 2014-16 seasons under Coach Eric Ludden...those teams went 12-1 in 2014, 13-1 in 2015 and 12-1 in 2016...he was honored as first team all-conference, all-area, all-region and all-state Virginia preps and second team all-VHSL.

PERSONAL: Beaver plans to major in forestry and hopes to work for the Forest Service upon graduation...birth date: July 2, 2016...his parents are Susan and Ray Beaver of Fredericksburg, Va.

#79 Max Kelly
OL • 6-7 • 301 • R-Sr. • 2V
Spokane, Wash.
Gonzaga Prep HS

2016: Kelly will play a leadership role on the offensive line in his redshirt senior season.

2015: Played in eight games in his redshirt junior season, starting in five...picked up a single tackle against Cal Poly...Awarded the John L. Olson Family Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: He ended spring drills as the back-up at left tackle and played in five games.

2013: He played in seven games and earned a letter. He was an All-Big Sky Conference academic team selection.

2012: He was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was named to several all-state teams following his senior campaign... He was chosen first team All-Greater Spokane League and all-city selection his senior and junior seasons at Gonzaga Prep. He served as a team captain in football as a junior and senior. He was tabbed Spokane U-District’s Physical Therapy Iron Man Award winner. He was selected for Washington’s East-West All-Star Game. He was also a standout in track, throwing the shot put and the discus. He was a two-time team captain in track. His prep football coach was David McKenna.

PERSONAL: He is majoring in business administration. Birth date: May 23, 1993. His mom is Darcy Kelly of Spokane.

#80 Josh Horner
WR • 6-5 • 220 • Jr. • 2V
Great Falls, Mont.
C.M. Russell HS

2016: Horner is Montana's second-leading returning receiver and will feature prominently in the “H” wide receiver position.

2015: Horner played in 13 games and started in three of the last four games of the season... Caught 22 passes for 294 yards and a touchdown... Averaged 13.4 yards per catch and 22.6 yards per game... Had a long catch of 44 yards... Was awarded the GSA License Plate Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: Horner played in 10 games. He was one for seven in reception yards.

HIGH SCHOOL: He was a first team all-state selection at quarterback at C.M. Russell High School, as well as team MVP...a first team all-league pick in basketball...earned seven letters: three each in football and basketball and one in track...team captain in football as a senior at C.M.R. for Montana Hall of Fame coach Jack Johnson.

CAREER HIGHS: Had six catches for 80 yards against South Dakota State in 2013... Caught a pass for 44 yards against Cal Poly in 2015.

PERSONAL: His major is geology. Birth date: July 15, 1994. His parents are Joe and Glenda Horner & Paula and Russ Fry of Great Falls.

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**#81 Mitch McLaughlin**
WR • 5-9 • 175 • So. • SQ
Riverside, Calif.
Riverside Poly HS • Chaffey College

**2016:** McLaughlin will add depth to the wide receiver corps.

**2015:** Transferred to Montana

**2014:** Played football at Chaffey College in California

**HIGH SCHOOL:** McLaughlin caught 33 passes for 423 yards including seven touchdowns as a prep at Poly High School in Riverside, Calif… Averaged 12.8 yards per catch and 22.3 yards per game.

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**#82 Samori Toure**
WR • 6-3 • 172 • Fr. • HS
Portland, Ore.
Westview HS

**2016:** Toure will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016 as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Toure was football team captain and offensive MVP in 2015 at Westview HS in Portland, Ore., for Coach Ryan Atkinson…he earned three letters in football from 2013-15…he was first team All-Metro League wide receiver his junior and senior years, 2014 and 2015, along with first team All-Metro defensive back in 2015…he made third team All-League all-academic in 2014 and All-State honorable mention in 2015.

**PERSONAL:** Toure plans to major in psychology with the goal of becoming a sports psychologist…birth date: March 24, 1998…his parents are Susan and Mamadou Toure of Portland.

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**#83 Brennan Corbin**
WR • 6-5 • 222 • Fr. • HS
Anaheim, Calif.
Villa Park HS

**2016:** Corbin will enroll at UM in the fall as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Corbin earned letters in football, track and field and basketball at Villa Park HS in Anaheim, Calif…he was All-League CIF special teams player of the year…his football was Coach Dusan Ancich.

**PERSONAL:** Corbin plans to major in criminal justice and hopes to be a behavioral analyst for the FBI…birth date: Dec. 21, 1997…his parents are Sushma and Darrell Corbin of Anaheim.

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**#84 Jed Nagler**
WR • 6-4 • 208 • Fr. • HS
Whitefish, Mont.
Whitefish HS

**2016:** Nagler will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016 as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Nagler earned four letters each in football and track and field at Whitefish HS in Whitefish, Mont. …his football coach was Chad Ross…he was football MVP in 2014 and track and field team MVP in 2015…his 2013 track team was the Class A state champions and 4x100 relay state champions…his 2015 track and field team was state champions in the 100M dash, high jump, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay and division champs in 2013-15…his football team was conference champs in 2014-15 and Class A state champs in 2015…Nagler was an All-State and All-Conference wide receiver in 2014 and All-State wide receiver, All-Conference wide receiver and All-Conference outside linebacker in 2015.

**PERSONAL:** He plans to major in business management with the goal of becoming a sports psychologist…birth date: Sept. 2, 1997…his parents are Roxann and Jon Nagler of Whitefish.

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**#86 Ben Hardy**
WR • 6-6 • 225 • Fr. • HS
Fairview, Mont.
Fairview HS

**2016:** Hardy is an incoming freshman.

**PERSONAL:** Brother of former Griz Greg Hardy

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**#87 Dareon Nash**
WR • 6-2 • 170 • Fr. • HS
Covina, Calif.
Charter Oak HS

**2016:** Nash will enroll at UM in the fall as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Nash was captain for his football team at Charter Oak HS in Covina, Calif., and earned the most valuable receiver award…his team record his senior year was 12-2, and his team advanced to the championship game under Coach Lou Farrar…he was first team All-CIF, first team All-Valley and first team All-League his senior year in 2016.

**PERSONAL:** He plans to major in kinesiology or business…his birth date is July 28, 1998…his mother is Alongia Jenkins of Covina.
#88 Colin Bingham
WR • 6-3 • 226 • R-Fr. • RS
Missoula, Mont.
Big Sky HS

2016: Bingham had a solid spring season, and will feature prominently in Coach Stitt’s corps of wide receivers…. Caught a 44-yard touchdown pass for the Maroon team in the spring game.

2015: Was a redshirt in his true freshman year… Awarded the Paul Ricci Memorial Football Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

HIGH SCHOOL: Bingham had 20 catches for 176 yards and five touchdowns as a senior for the Big Sky Eagles, who advanced to the state AA semifinal game…a key blocker for a team that averaged 250 yards rushing a game… also a starter in hoops…his prep football coach was Matt Johnson.

PERSONAL: He plans to major in physical therapy… birth date: June 20, 1997… his parents are Sharon and Guy Bingham of Missoula… His dad, Guy, was a standout player for the Griz from 1976-79, and inducted into the Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame in September of 2003… Guy played for 13 seasons in the NFL and was drafted by the New York Jets.

#89 Tim Semenza
K • 5-7 • 167 • R-Fr. • RS
San Diego, Calif.
Cathedral Catholic HS

2016: Semenza will be in the mix for a starting job at kicker as a redshirt freshman.

2015: Semenza was a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Played at Cathedral Catholic in the San Diego area… Went 52/54 on PATs in his two-year career… Made eight field goals… Kicked a long FG of 42 yards… Averaged 53.1 yards per kickoff with a long of 60… placed 45 touchbacks.

#91 Brandt Davidson
DT • 6-3 • 294 • Jr. • JC
Tucson, Ariz.
Salpointe Catholic HS • Scottsdale CC

2016: Davidson will be a junior at UM after transferring from Scottsdale CC… Posted two tackles in the spring game at defensive tackle.

2014-15: Member of the Scottsdale Community College Fighting Artichokes, playing defensive tackle.

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Salpointe HS in Tucson, Ariz….won a Division-II state championship as a senior in 2013… first team defense, All-Arizona Division-II in 2013… first team defense, All-Southern Arizona in 2013… recorded 70 total tackles, eight sacks and 14 tackles for loss as a senior… recorded 30 tackles last season at Scottsdale CC.

#92 Myles Mckee-Osibodu
DT • 6-3 • 264 • Jr. • JC
Santa Ana, Calif.
Centennial HS • Santa Ana College

2016: McKee-Osibodu is a transfer from Santa Ana College in Santa Ana, Calif., and suited up for spring drills… posted one tackle in the spring game at defensive tackle.

SANTA ANA COLLEGE: McKee-Osibodu was a team captain and a unanimous selection first team All-Conference… SAC defensive lineman of the year.

HIGH SCHOOL: McKee-Osibodu was a three-sport athlete at Centennial HS in Corona, Calif., where he earned two letters in football and one each in basketball and golf… his football team was a two-time Big VIII League champion and CIF-SS champion… Southern California Open Division regional champions and runners-up… he was a two-time scholar-athlete award winner.

PERSONAL: His major is communications with a business minor… birth date: July 17, 1996… his mother is Tina McKee of Corona, Calif…. he saw snow for the first time when he came to Montana on his recruiting visit.
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#93 Zach Peevey
DT • 6-3 • 274 • R-Sr. • 3V
Missoula, Mont.
Hellgate HS

2016: Peevey will play a leading role at defensive tackle in his redshirt senior season... Is Montana’s 12th leading returning tackler.

2015: Played in 11 games, picking up five tackles... Blocked a kick in FCS Playoff game at North Dakota State... Awarded the Col. Thomas M. Alison Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: Played in all 14 games, starting once vs. Northern Colorado. He had 30 total tackles, 10 unassisted. He had 3 sacks for a total loss of 18 yards. He had one pass breakup, two quarterback hurries and one blocked kick.

2013: He played in 11 games and was an All-Big Sky Conference academic team selection.

2012: He was redshirt.

High School: He was an honorable mention all-state selection at defensive end at local Hellgate High School his junior and senior seasons. He was chosen football defensive MVP his senior year. He was a two-year starter in basketball. He was a first team all-state and an all-tournament pick, as well as team MVP in hoops as a senior. His junior and senior hoop teams finished third in the state. His prep football coach was R.L. Boyle. He was a three-time member of Hellgate High School’s state championship tennis teams in 2010, 2011, and 2012, and won the team’s “Coaches Award” those three seasons.

Career Highs: Three sacks and one blocked kick in 2014. Four unassisted tackles at Cal Poly, also in 2014.

Personal: He is a business administration major. Birth date: July 17, 1993. His parents are Blake and JoAnne Peevey of Missoula.

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#94 Devin Maua
DE • 6-3 • 240 • Fr. • HS
Billings, Mont.
Senior HS

2016: Maua will enroll at UM in the fall as a true freshman.

High School: Maua was a first team all-state defensive end and first team all-state offensive guard at Billings Senior in 2015... named to the 2015 USA Today All-USA Montana second team as a defensive lineman... scheduled to play for the East team in the 2016 East and West Shrine Game in July, 2016... named to the 2014 all-state honorable mention team as a junior defensive end... also a wrestler at Senior HS.

Personal: He is a business administration major. Birth date: July 17, 1993. His parents are Blake and JoAnne Peevey of Missoula.

#95 Andrew Harris
DE • 6-2 • 215 • R-Fr. • RS
Kalispell, Mont.
Glacier HS

2016: Harris will provide depth at defensive end in his redshirt freshman season.

2015: Was a redshirt.

High School: Harris was a first team all-state player for 2014 state “AA” champion (13-0) Glacier HS... an all-state and all-conference selection his senior year, when he had 91.5 tackles, four fumble recoveries, and two sacks... voted special teams MVP in 2014... his head coach was Grady Bennett, a former (1988-90) Griz starting quarterback... served as a team captain his senior season.

Personal: Harris will major in business... birth date: Jan. 8, 1997... his dad is Greg Harris of Kalispell... Greg played for the Grizzlies from 1971-75, and also played in the NFL for the Jets and 49ers... Andrews’ older brother Josh was a defensive end at UM from 2008-12.
2016: Johnson returns for his redshirt senior season as one of Montana’s most dangerous weapons at defensive end…he is Montana’s 3rd leading returning tackler.

2015: Johnson played in all 13 games, earning two starts as a redshirt junior… Was UM’s 14th leading tackler with 33 total takedowns (nine solo)… Posted five sacks and eight tackles for loss… intercepted one pass… Broke up two passes, and deflected three… recovered two fumbles and forced one… Awarded the William “Biff” Hall Scholarship at the annual Lindsay Awards Banquet.

2014: Jonson played in nine games and had seven total tackles.

2013: He played in five games and lettered.

2012: He was a redshirt at UM

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned 11 letters at Mountain View High School: four each in basketball and baseball, and three in football. He was an All-Region pick in football as a junior and senior, and in basketball his senior year. He served as team captain in football and basketball. He had a career-high 21 tackles against Lakes High School in a 2011 state playoff game. His prep football coach was Adam Mathieson. He was selected the 2011-12 Male Athlete of the Year by the T.O.D.A.Y. Foundation and the Columbia newspaper. He was chosen the Greater Vancouver and Southwest Washington Scholar Athlete of the Year with a 3.75 GPA.

PERSONAL: His major is business administration. Birth date: Oct. 19, 1993. His parents are Steve and Maurita Johnson of Vancouver. His prep hoops coach was former (1987-89) Grizzly starting guard Nate DuChesne.

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2016: Longoria will enroll at UM in the fall of 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL: Longoria was a three-year football captain at Vallivue HS in Caldwell, Idaho…he played for Coach Layne Coffin where he earned three letters in football from 2013-16…Longoria also earned four letters in baseball from 2012-16…he was the Southern Idaho Conference second team defensive end in 2013, Southern Idaho Conference first team defensive end in 2014, All-State first team defensive end in 2015 along with All-Idaho…he earned Southern Idaho Conference team first baseman in 2013 and Southern Idaho Conference first team designated hitter along with All-State first baseman in 2014.

PERSONAL: His major is undecided…birth date: Aug. 4, 1997…his parents are Melinda and Smiley Longoria of Caldwell…he has two sisters: Ali and Emma…Ali is a softball pitcher at the College of Idaho… he was also recruited to play baseball at the University of Washington.

2015: Provided depth at defensive end.

2014: Was a redshirt.

High School: He earned 11 letters: four each in football and basketball, and three in track…all-state defensive end and punter in 2013…all-state selection in basketball as a junior…twice tabbed all-league as a receiver…varsity football captain as a sophomore, junior, and senior, and team’s leading receiver those seasons…currently serving as team captain in hoops…as a senior he had 44 receptions for 587 yards and 12 TDs, along with 60 tackles…prep football coach was Jason Hanson

PERSONAL: A finance major…birth date: Nov. 30, 1995…his parents are Lee and Sherrie Tilleman of Genesee.
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(As of 8/28/16)

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- **Defensive Line:** 7
- **Wide Receivers:** 8
- **Offensive Line:** 5
- **Quarterbacks:** 4
- **Linebackers:** 3
- **Defensive Backs:** 6
- **Special Teams:** 4
- **Running Back:** 2

### State Breakdown

- **Montana:** 10
- **Oregon:** 3
- **Colorado:** 1
- **California:** 7
- **Oklahoma:** 2
- **Iowa:** 1
- **Arizona:** 5
- **Tennessee:** 2
- **Idaho:** 1
- **Washington:** 4
- **Virginia:** 2
- **Texas:** 1

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Senior Safety Yamen Sanders
Senior Center Aaron Held

MONTANA FOOTBALL
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GAME #1: NORTH DAKOTA STATE VS. MONTANA • W, 38-35
North Dakota State State (0-1) vs. Montana (1-0)
Aug 29, 2015 • Site: Missoula, Mont.
Stadium: Washington-Grizzly • Attendance: 26472

Score by Quarters  1  2  3  4  Score
North Dakota State  7  6  0  17  30
Montana  10  11  7  10  38

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RUSHING:
North Dakota State-State-King Frazier 15-91; Carson Wentz 13-70; Chase Morlock 11-45; Lance Dunn 4-20; Bruce Anderson 2-14; Chase Naccarato 1-6; Brady Gustafson 5-4.

PASSING:

RECEIVING:
North Dakota State-Zach Vraa 4-35; D. Shepherd 3-36; RJ Urzendowski 3-27; King Frazier 2-54; Chase Morlock 1-27; Eric Perkins 1-10; Luke Albers 1-6; Jeff Illies 1-3; Montana-Jamaal Jones 8-119; Ellis Henderson 7-133; John Nguyen 6-48; Reese Carlson 4-52; Ryan Burke 2-15; Ben Roberts 1-38; Josh Horner 1-31; Brady Gustafson 1-minus 2.

INTERCEPTIONS:
North Dakota State-Nick DeLuca 1-5. Montana-None.

FUMBLES:

SACKS (UA-A):
North Dakota State-Nate Tanguay 0-1; Brad Ambrosis 0-1; Nick DeLuca 1-0. Montana-Tyone Holmes 1-0; D. Crittenden 0-1; Tucker Schy 0-1.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A):
North Dakota State-Jordan Champion 9-5; Nick DeLuca 5-7; Nate Tanguay 5-7. Montana-K. Van Ackeren 3-7; Connor Lebock 2-6; Yamen Sanders 3-3; JR Nelson 5-0.

GRIZ OPEN STITT ERA WITH MEMORABLE WIN

To the disbelief of a record crowd, the gambler played it safe. And the end result was a memorable start to the Bob Stitt era at Montana.
Joey Counts scored on a 1-yard run off left tackle on fourth down with two seconds remaining to rally Montana to a 38-35 victory over four-time defending national champion North Dakota State Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula.

Counts' touchdown capped a 16-play, 80-yard, game-winning drive that started at Montana's 20-yard line with just 1:39 remaining after its defense forced a critical three-and-out by the Bison.

The game was played in front of a record crowd of 26,472 and a national television audience on ESPN. And was a baptism by fire for Stitt, whose team generated 544 yards of offense. None was more important than the 544th, which brought Stitt a win in his first game as Montana's coach.

The Grizzlies, who allowed just seven second-half points after trailing 28-21 at the break, did what they needed to do and forced a three-and-out, which gave Montana the ball back at its own 20-yard line with 1:39 on the clock.

Montana made it to the North Dakota State 44, but three incompletion left the Grizzlies facing a fourth-and-10. With the game on the line, Brady Gustafson, who was making his first career start, hit Reese Carlson down the middle on a 31-yard strike to the 13.

Gustafson hit Ellis Henderson one play later to bring the ball to the 1-yard line. Just 15 seconds remained.

After a pair of incompletion, one to stop the clock with 15 seconds left, another on second and goal, Counts got the call. He attempted to go up and over the line, but he was stopped a half yard short, setting up an all-or-nothing play.

Fourth-and-goal. Six seconds left.

Using a three-man backfield, Stitt called Counts' number again, and this time the back found an opening off left tackle and went in standing up. His scoring run set off bedlam in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Montana ran it 35 times Saturday, mostly John Nguyen skittering between the tackles for 86 yards, and threw it 57 times. Gustafson went 30-for-55 for 434 yards and three touchdowns in his first start.

After North Dakota State opened the game with an air-tight and efficient eight-play, 75-yard drive to go up 7-0 less than five minutes into the game, Montana's fans got their first taste of a Stitt-coached offense.

Facing a fourth-and-four from their own 45-yard line -- in the first quarter, on their first drive of the season and already down a touchdown -- the Grizzlies went for it.

Montana tied it 7-7 when Gustafson hit Jamaal Jones on a 7-yard scoring strike across the middle, then took its first lead, 10-7, when Sullivan hit a 22-yard field goal late in the first quarter following a North Dakota State fumble deep in its own end.

The turnover was forced when Tyrone Holmes sacked NDSU quarterback Carson Wentz. The loose ball was recovered by Kendrick Van Ackeren. It was one of the few miscues Saturday for Wentz, who passed for 198 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for 70 yards and two more scores.

Wentz had both of his rushing touchdowns in the second quarter. His second scoring run made it 21-13, but Montana answered 70 seconds later when Gustafson hit Ben Roberts down the left side for an acrobatic, 38-yard score.

Gustafson connected with Roberts for the two-point conversion to make it 21-21.

Wentz hit Zach Vraa from 10 yards out to make it 28-21 just 26 seconds before halftime, and Montana's deficit could have been even larger. At their own 33 with 19 seconds left, the Grizzlies tried a hook-and-half, but Ryan Burke's lateral ended up on the ground.

NDSU recovered and took possession, but Ben LeCompte's 44-yard field goal attempt as time expired was wide left.

After gaining 283 yards of offense in the first half, North Dakota State was limited to just 45 in the third quarter, and Gustafson's 62-yard scoring pass to Ellis Henderson, who finished with seven catches for 133 yards, midway through the quarter sent the teams into the fourth tied 28-28.

North Dakota State went up 35-28 on its first drive of the fourth quarter, going 79 yards in seven plays, capped by King Frazier's 7-yard scoring run. But the Bison would generate just five yards of offense the last 10 minutes of the game.

Wentz couldn't connect on a handoff, and Van Ackeren, who led Montana with 10 tackles, was there to recover the critical fumble. The clock showed 6:20.

Montana had first-and-goal at the NDSU 2-yard line on its ensuing possession, but negative rushes by Nguyen and Counts, followed by an incomplete pass from Gustafson, had Stitt calling on Sullivan, who was good on all three of his attempts on the day, for the field goal that made it 35-31 with 2:47 left.
GAME #2: CAL POLY VS. MONTANA • L, 1!

Cal Poly (1-0) vs. Montana (1-1)
Sept. 5, 2015  • Site: Missoula, Mont.
Stadium: Washington-Grizzly  • Attendance: 26065

Score by Quarters  1  2  3  4  Score
Cal Poly  7  7  3  3  20
Montana  7  7  0  5  19

SCORING SUMMARY
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1st  04:13  UM - Brady Gustafson 1 yd run (Daniel Sullivan kick), 9-81 2:25, CP 0 - UM 7
00:15  CP - Chris Brown 60 yd run (Stephen Pyle kick), 1-60 0:9, CP 7 - UM 7
2nd  04:52  CP - Roland Jackson 36 yd pass from Chris Brown (Stephen Pyle kick), 5-82 1:30, CP 14 - UM 7
00:20  UM - Ellis Henderson 6 yd pass from Brady Gustafson (Daniel Sullivan kick), 12-84 1:24, CP 14 - UM 14
3rd  07:56  CP - Brady Gustafson 48 yd field goal, 17-42 6:58, CP 17 - UM 14
4th  08:52  UM - Daniel Sullivan 24 yd field goal, 8-59 2:09, CP 17 - UM 17
03:43  UM - D. Crittenden safety, CP 17 - UM 19
00:04  CP - Alex Vega 49 yd field goal, 11-36 1:13, CP 20 - UM 19

TEAM TOTALS

RUSHING: Cal Poly-Chris Brown 24-130; Joe Protheroe 29-112; Kori Garcia 15-49; Jared Mohamed 7-34; Elias Stakes 1-5. Montana-John Nguyen 14-70; Brady Gustafson 9-29; Joey Counts 2-9; Herbert Gamboa 1-0; Jamaal Jones 1-1 minus 2.
PASSING: Cal Poly-Brady Gustafson 4-12-0-56; Team 0-1-0-0. Montana-Brady Gustafson 40-64-3-353; Team 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING: Cal Poly-Roland Jackson 2-47; Jordan Hines 1-6; DJ Peluso 1-3. Montana-Chase Naccarato 10-81; Jamaal Jones 9-86; John Nguyen 6-22; Ellis Henderson 5-47; Reese Carlson 3-28; Ryan Burke 2-19; Joey Counts 2-11; Josh Horner 1-4; Ben Roberts 1-9; Caleb Lyons 1-6.
FUMBLES: Cal Poly-Chris Brown 1-0; Kori Garcia 1-0; B.J. Nard 1-1. Montana-Brady Gustafson 2-0; Ellis Henderson 1-1.
SACKS (UA-A): Cal Poly-Logan Mayes 1-0. Montana-Jamal Wilson 1-0; Tyrone Holmes 1-0.
TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A): Cal Poly-Tu’u Inoke 5-11; Chris Fletcher 5-5; J. Gigantono 3-6; R.J. Mazolewski 3-6. Montana-K. Van Ackeren 6-14; Nate Bradley 2-12; Jeremiah Kose 1-13; D. Crittenden 1-11; Yamen Sanders 2-9; Tyrone Holmes 2-8; Jamal Wilson 1-9; Justin Whitted 1-8.

2015 SEASON REVIEW

CAL POLY STUNS MONTANA ON LATE FIELD GOAL

Another Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, another nail-biter that wasn't decided until the game's final seconds. But this time Griz fans went home feeling empty after watching a winnable game slip through their team's grasp.

Shortly after Montana failed to convert on a late 4th-and-inches that would have iced the game, Cal Poly's Alex Vega kicked a game-winning 49-yard field goal with four seconds remaining to give the Mustangs a 20-19 victory.

Montana, which knocked off North Dakota State with a late touchdown last week, had four turnovers and went 0 for 3 on fourth-down conversions Saturday, and scored just five points on eight-second-half possessions to lose to Cal Poly for the second straight season.

It appeared Montana had made the play of the game when Derek Crittenden sacked Cal Poly quarterback Chris Brown in the end zone for a safety to put the Grizzlies up 19-17 with 3:43 remaining. All that remained was to take the ensuing possession and grind out the clock. But like the week before, the favored team was unable to get it done.

Facing 4th-and-inches on the Cal Poly 32-yard line with 1:18 left and the Mustangs out of timeouts, Montana went with its jumbo package, and linebacker Herbert Gamboa was stopped for no gain (though even a first-down run would have been nullified by an illegal procedure penalty).

Cal Poly took over and went 36 yards in 11 plays, including a converted 4th-and-2, to set up the winning field goal, which had enough leg to be good from another 10 yards out.

One year after giving up 421 yards on the ground in a 41-21 loss to Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, Montana’s defense gave up a quiet 330 and kept the Mustangs out of the end zone in the second half. But the offense was unable to reward the effort.

Brady Gustafson took it in from less than a yard out, one play after John Nguyen’s 41-yard burst through a large hole on the left side of the line gave the Grizzlies 1st-and-goal.

The Grizzlies were in Cal Poly territory again on their next possession, but a failed pass attempt on 4th-and-1 turned the ball over to the Mustangs.

Brown, who rushed for 226 yards in last year’s meeting, struck on the very next play. After faking a handoff up the middle, he took the ball around right end and ran 60 yards untouched to tie the game at 7-7.

The dual-threat quarterback was at it again midway through the second quarter. More play after running for 28 yards, he hit Roland Jackson for a 36-yard touchdown to put the Mustangs up for the first time, 14-7.

After a number of stalled efforts, Montana finally put a strong drive together late in the half that sent the teams to the locker room tied 14-14.

Taking over at its 16-yard line, the Grizzlies needed less than 90 seconds to go 84 yards in 12 plays. Jamaal Jones made like Odell Beckham Jr. on an 18-yard reception to the 6-yard line, and Gustafson hit Ellis Henderson on a short crossing route for a 20-yard touchdown to put the Mustangs up 20-14.

The drive felt at the time like a precursor to a big second half, it didn’t turn out to be. Cal Poly started to get its running game going in the third quarter, and with 8:52 left.

Gustafson rushed for six yards to get his team off the goal line, and three straight third-down conversions and a field goal turned the game around. Montana had the ball back with 5:22 left and needed to score.

It appeared Montana had made the play of the game when Derek Crittenden got Brady Gustafson for a safety with 5:15 left to play. But Gustafson hit John Nguyen 30 yards later for a 41-yard touchdown.

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Gustafson hit Josh Horner for 44 yards on the next play, and the Grizzlies drove into the end zone in the second half. But the offense was unable to reward the effort.

Cal Poly dominated the quarter in every aspect but the scoreboard. Despite holding the ball for 12:25 of the quarter's 15 minutes, the Mustangs scored just three points on a 48-yard field goal that capped a 17-play drive that ate up 6:58.

With its defense giving it every opportunity to take control of the game, Montana’s offense remained out of sorts into the fourth quarter. The teams first four possessions of the second half resulted in 42 yards and a pair of Gustafson interceptions.

But the Grizzlies finally got the break they needed early in the fourth quarter on the same play Gustafson threw his third pick. B.J. Nard, who had all three of his team’s interceptions, was tackled and stripped from behind by Henderson, who recovered the fumble.

Gustafson hit Josh Horner for 44 yards on the next play, and the Grizzlies drove down to the Cal Poly 5-yard line before setting for a field goal attempt on 4:52 left. Montana forced a punt on Cal Poly’s next possession and took over at its own 2-yard line with 5:31 on the clock.

Gustafson rushed for six yards to get his team on the goal line, and three straight first-down plays moved the ball close to midfield before the drive stutters.

Had Montana won the game, Chris Lider’s 57-yard punt that flipped the field and pinned the Mustangs down on their own 2-yard line would have been the play of the game, considering Crittenden shook off a block and took down Brown in the end zone on the very next play.

But Cal Poly kicked off, and Montana began the drive that didn’t quite become the drive to a 2-0 start to the season. And a visiting kicker left the field a hero.
Griz Lose at Liberty 31-21

The Montana football team lost 31-21 at Liberty Saturday night in Lynchburg, Va., in a battle of ranked teams and in front of a record crowd of 22,551 at Williams Stadium. The No. 7 Grizzlies fell behind 17-0 early in the second quarter and never led to drop to 1-2 on the season.

Montana scored the final 12 points of the first half to trail 17-12 at the break and were two yards away from taking a lead late in the third quarter when a costly fumble ended the Grizzlies’ chances of making a comeback.

The Flames (2-1) opened the game with a 10-play, 74-yard drive, capped by a four-yard scoring pass from Josh Woodrum to Desmond Rice, and led the final 54 minutes of the game.

Montana rushed 26 times for 21 yards, scored on just three of six possessions inside the red zone, went 3 for 16 on 3rd-down conversions, and had to play the final three quarters with backup quarterback Chad Chalich under center after starter Brady Gustafson was injured late in the first quarter.

Chalich led Montana on its four scoring drives -- both throwing and running for a touchdown -- and threw for 228 yards, but with the game in the balance the Grizzlies generated negative yardage over their final six possessions of the game after being within five points midway through the third quarter.

And still Montana will look at the loss like it did the Cal Poly defeat two weeks ago, when the Mustangs rallied late for a 20-19 victory. A play here, a play there, and who knows how things might have been different.

After Liberty’s opening scoring drive, Montana went three and out. One play later the Flames were back in the end zone after Woodrum hit Dante Shells for a 72-yard score. A 22-yard field goal early in the second quarter made it 17-0.

Daniel Sullivan had an opportunity to get Montana on the board late in the first quarter, but his 33-yard field goal attempt missed wide left. It was one of three possessions the Grizzlies had inside the Flames’ 20-yard line that came up empty.

Five minutes into the second quarter, Montana had run 24 plays for 60 yards and no points.

But the back half of the second quarter belonged to the Grizzlies. Chalich hit Ellis Henderson for 43 yards to set up a 22-yarder for Sullivan and one possession later the Idaho transfer hit Jamaal Jones, who finished with seven catches for 168 yards, for a 70-yard scoring strike. The extra point was missed.

Montana left a number of potential game-changing points on the Williams Stadium turf. A handful came late in the second quarter when a blocked punt by Connor Strahm gave Montana possession at the Liberty 4-yard line.

A rush for one yard and two incomplete passes into the end zone later, a Sullivan field goal from 21 yards out made it 17-12 at the half.

Liberty, on 32-yard pass from Damian King to Shells, and Montana, on a Chalich one-yard keeper to cap an 11-play, 81-yard drive, traded scores in the third quarter that made it 24-19.

Griz linebacker Herbert Gamboa sacked Woodrum on the opening play of Liberty’s next possession, the start of a three-and-out.

Starting their next possession on their own 45, the Grizzlies needed just two plays -- Chalich to Chase Naccarato for five yards and Chalich to Jones for 46 -- to get inside the Liberty 5-yard line.

Taking a handoff on the next play and charging up the middle, Joey Counts was stripped two yards from the goal line. The Flames recovered on the 1-yard line. It would be as close as Montana would get.

The Grizzlies forced a punt on Liberty’s next possession but would lose nine yards on their own possession before punting it themselves. The Flames, on a 40-yard run by D.J. Abnar, went up 31-19 three plays into the fourth quarter.

Montana could not move the ball out of its own end on its next three possessions, but the Grizzlies still had a glimmer of hope when Tucker Schye blocked a punt to give his team the ball at the Liberty 34 with 2:34 remaining.

The final drive started at the 34-yard line, and began with a fumble recovery. Officials then ruled that the ball had gone out of bounds. The Flames elected to take a team safety with 13 seconds left for the game’s final points.
**GAME #: 4: NORTHERN ARIZONA VS. MONTANA • W, 23-14**

Northern Arizona (2-2, 0-1) vs. Montana (2-2, 1-0)

Sept. 26, 2015 • Site: Missoula, Mont.

Stadium: Washington-Grizzly • Attendance: 26136

Score by Quarters
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**PASSING:** Northern Arizona-Case Cookus 13-22-1-187. Montana-Chad Chalich 29-45-1-279.

**RECEIVING:** Northern Arizona-Emmanuel Butler 4-126; RJ Rickert 4-42; Casey Jahn 2-10; Dejzon Walker 2-8; Alex Holmes 1-1. Montana-Jamaal Jones 7-113; Chase Naccarato 7-25; Ellis Henderson 6-95; Ben Roberts 4-27; L. Logwood 2-12; Caleb Lyons 2-5; Ryan Burke 1-2.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Northern Arizona-Marcus Allford 1-11. Montana-Yamen Sanders 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Northern Arizona-Case Cookus 3-0; Marcus Allford 1-1. Montana-John Nguyen 1-0.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Northern Arizona-Zach McDonnell 1-0; Deon Young 1-0. Montana-Tyrone Holmes 3-2; Ryan Johnson 1-0; Tucker Schye 0-1; Herbert Gamboa 0-1; Jeremiah Kose 0-1; Justin Whitted 1-0; Caleb Kidder 0-1.

**TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A):** Northern Arizona-John Herrero 1-10; Josh Bamrick 3-7; Maurice Davison 6-2; Zach McDonnell 3-5. Montana-Jeremiah Kose 3-9; Tyrone Holmes 4-7; Yamen Sanders 3-3.

**GRIZ START FAST, HOLD OFF LUMBERJACKS IN BIG SKY OPENER**

Just four weeks after celebrating one of the program's biggest wins, Montana football coach Bob Stitt and his team took the field Saturday facing a have-to-have-it game. A pair of tough losses and a 1-2 record entering Big Sky Conference action will do that.

Playing like its back was against the wall, Montana rode a dominant defensive effort and a balanced offense to a 23-14 victory over Northern Arizona on Homecoming at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Montana (2-2, 1-0 BSC) had dropped its last two, to Cal Poly and Liberty, with an off week in between, and it was starting to make the team's season-opening victory over North Dakota State feel like a long, long time ago.

Montana, which outgained Northern Arizona 355-19 in the first half, built a 16-0 halftime lead, then watched as the Lumberjacks pulled within 16-14 on a pair of scoring passes less than a minute apart midway through the third quarter.

With the game hanging in the balance in the fourth, the Grizzlies put together an 11-play scoring drive that finally put the game out of reach.

Montana wasted little time jumping all over Northern Arizona, on both sides of the ball. John Nguyen's 22-yard scoring run -- one play after Chad Chalich, getting his first start at quarterback as a Grizzly, hit Jamaal Jones for 56 yards -- put the Grizzlies up 7-0 just 70 seconds in.

That run covered more yardage than the Lumberjacks would generate the entire half.

And yet Montana could only build a 16-0 lead by the break, three times settling for Daniel Sullivan field goals after driving within 10 yards of the end zone. But for 30 minutes it didn't matter, because Montana's defense was absolutely monstrous.

The Grizzlies had six of their eight sacks for the game in the first half, two coming from Tyrone Holmes, and held the Lumberjacks to 19 yards on 26 plays, 11 on the ground, eight through the air.

After Nguyen's scoring run, Montana got the ball back right back when Eric Johnson forced a fumble on the kickoff return and Tucker Schye recovered at the NAU 27. The drive would stall at the 10, and a Sullivan 27-yard field goal gave Montana a 10-0 lead before NAU had run an offensive play.

Montana had a 17-play, 74-yard drive that made it 13-0 early in the second quarter and faced 4th-and-goal from the NAU 4-yard line on its next possession. The Grizzlies lined up to go for it, but a false start penalty changed those plans and brought on the field goal unit.

Sullivan's 27-yarder made it 16-0, and a halftime lead that could have been safely out of reach still felt tenuous.

Northern Arizona (2-2, 0-1 BSC) wasn't going to be held down the entire game, and the Lumberjacks opened the second half by marching right down the field. But Case Cookus's pass into the end zone from the 15 was broken up by Kendrick Van Ackeren and intercepted by Yamen Sanders.

Montana did little to extend its lead, and Northern Arizona took advantage. The Lumberjacks scored twice in 59 seconds midway through the third quarter to close their deficit to 16-14 and get things more tense than any of the 26,136 inside the stadium could have imagined at halftime.

Cookus hit Emmanuel Butler for a 57-yard strike down the left sideline to make it 16-7, and after a Chalich interception, Montana's only turnover of the game, Cookus hit Butler for a 34-yard score.

Given two more possessions to take the lead, Northern Arizona was unable to do so. The Lumberjacks turned the ball over on downs in Montana territory when Cookus's intended receiver slipped and fell, and NAU was forced to punt the ball away midway through the fourth quarter.

And so began the drive of the game for Montana. The Grizzlies went 61 yards in 11 plays, with the insurance touchdown coming on a bubble screen from Chalich to Chase Naccarato in the left flat. Naccarato scored from three yards out to cap the game's scoring.

Seven of the plays on the decisive drive and 45 of the yards came on rushes by Nguyen and Treshawn Favors.

The final drive was a microcosm of Stitt's play-calling for the game, which resulted in 45 passes and 44 rushes. Nguyen ran for 71 yards, Chalich finished 29-of-45 for 279 yards. He also rushed for 40.

Jones had seven receptions for 113 yards, his third time in four games this season with at least 100 receiving yards, and Ellis Henderson caught six balls for 95 yards.

Jeremiah Kose had a team-high 12 tackles, Holmes finished with 11, which included four sacks and 5.5 tackles for loss.
**GAME #5: MONTANA VS. UC DAVIS • W, 27-13**

Montana (3-2,2-1) vs. UC Davis (0-5,0-2)
Oct. 03, 2015 • Site: Davis, Calif.
Stadium: Aggie Stadium • Attendance: 6241

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**PASSING**: Montana-Chad Chalich 29-49-0-265; Team 0-1-0-0; Nate Harris 1-1-0-0. UC Davis-Ben Scott 18-34-2-203; M. Sheppard 1-1-0-31.

**RECEIVING**: Montana-Chase Naccarato 13-84; Ben Roberts 7-74; Jamaal Jones 5-71; Ellis Henderson 4-34; John Nguyen 1-12; UC Davis-Manusamoa Luuga 6-52; Ramon Vargas 3-51; Derek Baljeu 3-38; Chris Martin 2-23; Nolan Tooley 2-9; Atlas Smith 1-31; Ethan Hicks 1-20; Nehemiah Winston 1-10.

**INTERCEPTIONS**: Montana-Caleb Kidder 1-0; Ryan Johnson 1-0. UC Davis-None.

**FUMBLES**: Montana-Chad Chalich 1-1. UC Davis-Manusamoa Luuga 2-1; Chris Martin 1-1; Ben Scott 1-0.

**SACKS (UA-A)**: Montana-Tucker Schye 0-1; Caleb Kidder 1-0; Tyrone Holmes 1-0; Ryan Johnson 1-0; Jeremiah Kose 1-0; Connor Strahm 0-1. UC Davis-Brandon Weaver 1-0.

**TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A)**: Montana-K. Van Ackeren 6-5; Jeremiah Kose 6-3; JR Nelson 6-2; Caleb Kidder 5-2; Eric Johnson 3-2. UC Davis-Brady Stibi 5-3; Patrick Wells 5-2; Jonathan Bias 5-1; Darryl Graham 5-1; Zach Jones 5-0.

**MONTANA MOVES TO 2-0 IN BIG SKY WITH 27-13 ROAD WIN**

Chad Chalich threw three touchdown passes, and the Montana defense forced four turnovers and held UC Davis scoreless in the second half as the Grizzlies improved to 2-0 in the Big Sky Conference with a 27-13 victory Saturday afternoon at Davis, Calif.

Chalich hit Ben Roberts and Jamaal Jones for first-half scores to give Montana a 14-13 halftime lead. Chalich connected with Ellis Henderson in the third, and Jeremy Calhoun capped a 16-play, 85-yard drive in the fourth quarter with a five-yard scoring run that put the game out of reach.

“We made it a lot more interesting than we needed to. We could have had this under control a lot earlier than the fourth quarter,” said coach Bob Stitt. “We were playing hard, but we were making a lot of mistakes and mental errors. We just kept grinding away in the second half and finally pulled away.”

Montana won its second straight game to improve to 3-2 overall. UC Davis (0-5, 0-2 BSC) remains winless.

The Grizzlies, who would eventually run a season-high 97 plays and generate 441 yards of offense, were slow out of the gate offensively, but the defense kept the Aggies in check, including an important goal-line stand in the first quarter.

Montana went nowhere on its first four drives, and that allowed UC Davis to strike early. The Aggies went up 3-0 on their first possession and later used consecutive passing plays that covered 54 yards to get first-and-goal on the Griz 1-yard line midway through the quarter.

After an incomplete pass, Tyrone Holmes stuffed Manusamoa Luuga for no gain, then sacked quarterback Ben Scott for a three-yard loss, forcing UC Davis to settle for a field goal that made it 6-0.

Montana finally got rolling offensively on its next possession. Chalich hit four different receivers on the drive and connected with Roberts from 20 yards out to give the Grizzlies their first lead of the afternoon, 7-6. It was Roberts’ second touchdown of the season.

The Aggies answered right back, going 75 yards in five plays to retake the lead 13-7 on an 11-yard pass from Scott to Derek Baljeu at 13:44 of the second quarter. It felt like the start of a shootout, but they would be UC Davis’ final points.

Montana needed just 80 seconds and six plays to cover 72 yards on its next possession and took the lead for good when Chalich hit Jones with a 42-yard strike.

The Grizzlies could have extended their lead before half, but their only turnover of the game kept it at a one-point game.

UC Davis’s Chris Martin mishandled a punt late in the second quarter, and Treshawn Favors recovered the fumble at the Aggies’ 3-yard line. Two plays later, with the ball at the one, Chalich fumbled it back.

With the Montana offense in one-score-per-quarter mode, the team’s defense made sure that was enough. The Grizzlies forced turnovers on the Aggies’ first three possessions of the second half.

First it was Caleb Kidder with an interception, then Ryan Johnson. In between picks, Montana went up 21-13 when Chalich found Henderson from four yards out.

The quarterback hit three different receivers for touchdowns Saturday, and that did not include Chase Naccarato, who caught 13 balls, 12 off the school record.

“Your come out and see what they’re doing, and the way they were lining up, we knew we could get Chase a bunch. He got a lot of catches and did some nice things after the catch,” said Stitt. “Those guys are dynamic. They make big plays and are a lot of fun to have out there for a quarterback.”

Montana created its fourth turnover of the game the opening play of the fourth quarter when Jamal Wilson forced a Luuga fumble. Kidder was there for the recovery.

Two possessions later the Grizzlies put the game out of reach. Taking over at their own 15, the Grizzlies went 85 yards in 16 plays, with Calhoun making it 27-13 with 6:28 remaining.

UC Davis turned the ball over on downs and punted on its final two possessions.

Chalich finished 29-of-49 for 265 yards. He also ran 17 times for 64 more to finish as Montana’s leading rusher.

Kendrick Van Ackeren led Montana, which had five sacks and three other tackles for loss, with 11 tackles. Holmes, last week’s STATS FCS national defensive player of the week for his performance against Northern Arizona, finished with three tackles, two coming on the early goal-line stand.

“I’m sure they were worried about Tyrone and did some things to cover him up,” said Stitt, “but you can’t block him all day. That opens things up for other guys to have some success.”
GAME #6: WEBER STATE VS. MONTANA • L, 21-24 (OT)

Oct. 10, 2015 • Site: Missoula, Mont.

Weber State (3-3, 2-1) vs. Montana (3-3, 2-1)

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SACKS (UA-A): Weber State-Jake Gallegos 1-1; Jon Carlson 1-1; Tre'veon Johnson 1-0; Iosua Opea 0-1; R. Henderson 0-1; Montana-Tyrone Holmes 1-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A): Weber State-Tre'veon Johnson 8-5; Cordero Dixon 5-4; Josh Burton 4-3; Devonte Johnson 4-1; Jon Carlson 2-3; Jake Gallegos 1-4; Filipe Sitake 2-2; K. Liljenquist 2-2. Montana-K. Van Ackeren 10-7; Herbert Gamboa 4-8; Caleb Kidder 0-11; D. Crittenden 2-8; Tyrone Holmes 2-8; Jeremiah Kose 2-8.

GRIZ FALL TO WILDCATS IN OVERTIME

The Montana Grizzlies rallied from a 21-14 halftime deficit to force overtime with the Weber State Wildcats, but a 27-yard field goal from Josh Kealamakia broke Grizzly hearts, and broke a 13 game losing streak for the Wildcats at Washington Grizzly Stadium with a 21-14 victory.

Montana takes its first Big Sky Conference loss on the season, moving to 2-1 in league play and 3-3 overall, heading into a bye week.

Montana's hurry up offense tallied just 72 plays under two quarterbacks as UM's starter Chad Chalich left the game injured at halftime, replaced by sophomore Makena Simis, who played his first minutes for the Grizzlies.

Despite having to go deeper in the quarterback depth chart, the Grizzlies tallied 383 yards of total offense, 245 in the air and 138 net yards on the ground.

Ben Roberts had a career day receiving for the Grizzlies, hauling in eight catches for 115 yards and a pair of touchdowns. His second TD reception was a 44-yard bomb from Simis that tied the game and gave the Griz an opportunity to take home a win.

Roberts, the 6-4, 205lb baseball transfer from Missoula, now leads the Grizzlies in TD receptions with four on the season.

Turnovers with ball in hand, and turnovers on downs led to scoring opportunities going away for Montana, with an interception returned for a touchdown late in the second quarter being a key moment for UM.

The Griz also turned the ball over twice on downs inside Dan Sullivan’s field goal range that led to a critical lack of points for the home team.

Weber State came out of the gates with nothing to lose in the first quarter, pulling out a trick play - double pass on its first pass from scrimmage, a 38 yard pass from Drew Batchelor to Cory Thomson. Two plays later, Wildcat running back Eric Wilkes ran in for three yards to get WSU on the board first.

The Grizzlies responded in earnest however, with two quick scores to close out the first quarter.

Chad Chalich threw the first of Roberts’ touchdown passes for four yards to cap off a 12 play, 75 yard drive that took 3:58 off the clock to tie the game at seven. Roberts’ four-yard TD was set up by a crucial 15-yard completion to freshman Jeremy Calhoun to bring the Griz inside the red zone for the first time on the day.

The Grizzly defense forced a three-and-out on the next drive, and UM went back to work on offense, putting together another methodical scoring drive of 11 plays and 64 yards, capped off by a four yard scramble by John Nguyen to the endzone.

UM finished the quarter with a 14-7 lead and momentum heading into the second period.

“‘This one’s really disappointing,” said Coach Stitt. “We started out exactly the way we wanted to start out offensively and had a great first quarter.”

Weber State struck back in the second quarter with 14 unanswered points of its own.

Running back Eric Wilkes, who led the Wildcats with 24 carries for 122 yards, marched the visitors down the field before junior QB Jadrian Clark connected with Cam Livingston for a 15 yard score to tie the game at 14.

The next two drives for both teams resulted in punts, with the second one pinning the Griz on their own 16-yard line. Just as the Griz were clawing their way out of the danger zone, Chad Chalich was intercepted by Cordero Dixon at the UM 30 yard line, who would return it to the end zone to give WSU a 21-14 lead just before halftime.

The Griz managed just a single touchdown in the second half when Simis saw Jamaal Jones in double coverage, and hauled one deep to Ben Roberts for his 44 yard strike. Sullivan’s PAT was good, and the game was tied at 21, where it would stay until the end of regulation.

In the extra period, the Grizzlies won the coin toss to take the first possession, but Makena Simis was sacked from behind for the fourth time in the afternoon, and lost ball in contact, turning it over to the Wildcats.

Kealamakia’s kick sealed the win for WSU on the ensuing drive from 27 yards, and the Wildcats went home with their first road win in Missoula in 28 years.

“Overtime was disappointing,” added Stitt. “We probably should have just handed the ball off, but again, you want to try to steal one. We had set something up, and we wanted to take a look at it, but again, I didn’t want to get into a field goal kicking contest in overtime either.

“Overall it’s very disappointing. I feel horrible for our players. As a coach, you feel like a parent. You want to help ‘em. And when it doesn’t go their way it’s heartbreaking that you can’t help them.”

Montana moves into its second bye week of the season, a feature made possible by the “FCS Kickoff” game against North Dakota State, played a full week earlier than the rest of the nation’s opening day.
SIMIS SHINES IN MONTANA VICTORY OVER NORTH DAKOTA

The Montana Grizzlies entered Saturday’s game against North Dakota with a quarterback who had never started before, and began the season sitting third on the UM depth chart. “You’d have never known it though.

Making his first career start as a Grizzly, sophomore Makena Simis tied the UM school record for touchdown passes in a game with six, and completed 16 of 23 passes for 323 yards, leading Montana to a key 42-16 Big Sky Conference victory over the University of North Dakota.

Montana racked up 488 yards of total offense, with 162 rushing yards and 326 yards in the air. The Montana defense achieved its goal of stopping the Big Sky’s fourth best rushing attack in all plays but one, holding UND to 267 yards on the ground for the game.

The Grizzlies fell behind 7-0 when North Dakota’s freshman phenom running back John Santiago ran in an 80-yard touchdown on the visitors’ first touch of the ball.

But the Griz, led by the debutant Simis, would go on to rack up seven unanswered touchdowns for the win.

Simis was the obvious choice for player of the game with his record-tying inaugural performance that put him equal with Dave Dickenson, Brian Ah Yat and Jordan Johnson for the most touchdown passes in a game with six.

Simis couldn’t have thrown for six touchdowns without an exceptional corps of targets to throw to.

“It’s easy when you have dudes on the outside who can create separation, and I just have to get ‘em the ball. They made some incredible plays. Not all those touchdowns were in the end zone. Some they had to break a tackle and go for 40 yards. So yeah, I’ve got to give it to those guys outside,” he added.

Jones led all receivers against UND with 139 yards, moving him into seventh on the all-time receiving list, and now sitting just six yards behind Raul Pacheco in sixth place. Seventy-four of Jones’ yards came on a single pass form Simis, now ranked as tied for the 11th longest pass in Griz history.

The first quarter couldn’t have opened up any worse for the Griz however. After winning the toss, UM went three-and-out on its first possession. UND capitalized in the biggest way possible, when Santiago burst through a hole and went 80 yards untouched on the first play from scrimmage for the visitors.

The Grizzlies answered back in true Coach Stitt fashion, putting together a three play, 65 yard drive in 39 seconds, capped off by a 36 yard touchdown pass on the back foot to start the game.

Two stalled drives later, the Grizzlies answered back, using good field position to convert a nine-play, 54-yard drive that was capped off by a beautiful pass from Simis to Ben Roberts for a 23-yard strike.

The touchdown was Roberts’ fifth on the season. After Jones and Henderson each caught a pair of touchdowns, Roberts, Jones and Henderson are now all tied at five each for most on the season.

Montana’s first drive of the second quarter stalled after Jones and Roberts put the Griz in good field position again. Jeremy Calhoun was stuffed at the UDN 40 and the Griz would turn it over on downs.

UND then put together a clinical 12 play, 57 yard drive using Santiago again as the weapon of choice on the ground. Nate Harris would come up with some defensive heroics on the goal line though, when he deflected a third down pass to force a 20-yard field goal for North Dakota.

The Griz answered right back in true Coach Stitt fashion, putting together a three play, 65 yard drive in 39 seconds, capped off by a 36 yard touchdown pass from Simis to Henderson in the corner of the end zone.

The Montana defense once again forced a three and out on the next series, forcing UND to punt.

Simis and the Griz went back to work, and put together a carbon copy of the previous drive, capping off by a 63-yard touchdown pass, again to Henderson, who made the circus catch, broke a tackle, and sprinted 20 yards to the end zone.

The Griz then entered the halftime break leading 21-10.

If UM opened the first half in the worst way possible, the Grizzly defense opened the second half in the best way possible when UND went deep on third down and linebacker Jeremiah Kose came up with the clutch interception.

Six plays later, Simis threw his fourth touchdown pass of the game with a 12 yards strike to Josh Horner, completing a text book 55 yard, 2:07 drive, and giving the Griz an 18-point lead, (its largest lead of the season) up 28-10.

UM closed out the third quarter with Simis’ 74-yard bomb to Jones, and the Griz were rolling. The deep pass capped off a quick three play, 85-yard drive in under one minute.

The final Griz touchdown came on the first play of the fourth quarter. UM was set up with ideal field position when UND attempted a fake punt that was read like a book by Connor Straunm, who leveled the North Dakota punter with ball in hand for a loss of nine yards, giving UM the ball on the UND 25.

Four plays later, Simis found Jones open for a 22 yards strike that brought the score to 42-10, and the Griz were on cruise control for the rest of the game.

GAME #7: NORTH DAKOTA VS. MONTANA • W, 42-16

North Dakota (4-4, 2-3) vs. Montana (4-3, 3-1)
Oct. 24, 2015 • Site: Missoula, Mont.
Stadium: Washington-Grizzly • Attendance: 25014

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RECEIVING: North Dakota- John Santiago 2-36; Luke Stanley 2-21; Brandon Walker 2-17; Zach Adler 1-22; M. Cerriteno 1-9; Luke Mathewson 1-6; Josh Seibel 1-2. Montana-Jamaal Jones 4-139; Ellis Henderson 3-11; Ben Roberts 3-33; Josh Horner 1-12; Jeremy Calhoun 1-9; Reese Carlson 1-8; Chase Naccarato 1-5; Caleb Lyons 1-5; Treshawn Favors 1-4; John Nguyen 1-minus 1.

INTERCEPTIONS: North Dakota-None. Montana-Jeremiah Kose 1-0.

FUMBLES: North Dakota-Ryan Bartels 2-1; Josh Seibel 1-0; Clive Georges 1-0. Montana-None.

SACKS (UA-A): North Dakota-J. Disterhaupt 1-0. Montana-Tyone Holmes 1-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A): North Dakota-Dylan Bakker 3-11; Will Ratelle 4-8; Cole Reyes 3-6; Jawon Johnson 2-6; Brian Labat 3-4. Montana-K. Van Ackeren 3-7; Tyrone Holmes 3-7; Jeremiah Kose 6-3; Eric Johnson 3-3; Yamen Sanders 2-4; Nate Harris 3-2.

2015 SEASON REVIEW
BIG PLAYS DOOM MONTANA IN 35-16 LOSS

All five of Portland State's touchdowns came on scoring plays of 35 or more yards, and three first-quarter interceptions and a steady game-long downpour held Montana in check as the Vikings rolled to a 35-16 victory over the Grizzlies Saturday afternoon at Providence Park in Portland. Portland State (7-1, 4-1 BSC) led 21-10 at the half and was never threatened in the second half by a Montana team (4-4-3, 2-2 BSC) that struggled to get much going offensively in the wet conditions. The Grizzlies generated a season-low 294 yards of offense, just 134 through the air.

The win kept Portland State on track to challenge for the Big Sky Conference title. The Vikings, who fell 19-17 to North Dakota for their only loss, trail league leaders Eastern Washington (6-2, 5-0 BSC) and Southern Utah (6-2, 5-0 BSC) by a game, but the Vikings get a shot at both teams in November.

The Grizzlies, meanwhile, put themselves on the playoff bubble with their fourth loss. Montana closes its season with Idaho State, Eastern Washington and Montana State. The ISU and MSU games are on the road. One more loss would end the Grizzlies' chances of returning to the playoffs.

One week after creating a national buzz with six touchdown passes in his first career start in Montana's 42-16 thumping of North Dakota, sophomore quarterback Makea Simis looked a little more mortal.

He completed just 15-of-36 passes and ended three straight first-quarter possessions with interceptions. All three were grabbed by Patrick Onwuasor, who upped his Big Sky-leading total to seven.

Simis's Portland State counterpart, Alex Kuresa, was sensational. He ran for two touchdowns, threw for two more, and the fleet-footed escape artist did not once get sacked by a defense that entered the game with a Big Sky-high 24.

After the Grizzlies opened the game with a three-and-out, Kuresa got to work. Facing third-and-19 from the Montana 41, he hit Thomas Carter for a touchdown. And that would start a trend. All three of the Vikings' first-half touchdowns and four of their five scores for the game came on third down.

Onwuasor intercepted Simis for the first time on Montana's next possession, which set Portland State up in Montana territory, but Eric Johnson got the ball right back for the Grizzlies with his first pick of the season.

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Montana made its way inside the Portland State 40 on its next two possessions, but Onwuasor put an end to both drives. Montana finished the first quarter with 10 passing yards.
GAME #9: MONTANA VS. IDAHO STATE • W, 33-27 (OT)

Montana (5-4, 4-2) vs. Idaho State (2-7, 1-5)
Nov. 7, 2015 • Site: Pocatello, Idaho
Stadium: Holt Arena • Attendance: 7795

Score by Quarters 1 2 3 4 OT Score
Montana 14 7 3 2 0 33
Idaho State 7 6 0 14 0 27

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr Time Scoring Play
1st 10:10 ISU - KW Williams 14 yd pass from Tanner Gueller (Zak Johnson kick), 12-75 4:60, UM 0 - ISU 7
06:40 UM - John Nguyen 28 yd run (Daniel Sullivan kick), 9-75 2:59, UM 7 - ISU 7
04:00 UM - Jeremy Calhoun 3 yd run (Daniel Sullivan kick), 5-45 1:13, UM 14 - ISU 7
2nd 11:43 UM - JR Nelson 20 yd interception return (Daniel Sullivan kick), UM 21 - ISU 7
01:21 ISU - KW Williams 15 yd pass from Tanner Gueller (Zak Johnson kick failed), 10-68 4:10, UM 21 - ISU 13
08:33 UM - Daniel Sullivan 23 yd field goal, 9-58 4:43, UM 24
3rd 13:43 ISU - Tyler Graves 3 yd pass from Tanner Gueller (Tanner Gueller pass failed), 6-20 1:47, UM 24 - ISU 19
10:17 ISU - Jakori Ford 53 yd run (Tyler Graves pass from Tanner Gueller), 5-88 1:54, UM 24 - ISU 27
05:43 UM - Daniel Sullivan 26 yd field goal, 14-54 4:25, UM 27 - ISU 27
OT 15:00 UM - Eric Johnson 40 yd fumble recovery, UM 33 - ISU 27

TEAM TOTALS.................................................UM ISU
FIRST DOWNS..................................................25 24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)..............................60-265 44-133
PASSING YDS (NET).................................169 253
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....................................39-23-1 49-23-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS......................99-434 93-386
Fumble Returns-Yards.............................1-40 0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.................................0-0 2-10
Kickoff Returns-Yards..............................2-33 2-30
Interception Returns-Yards......................3-20 1-12
Punts (Number-Avg).................................5-44.8 7-39.4
Fumbles-Lost..............................................2-2 1-1
Penalties-Yards..........................................6-67 6-38
Possession Time........................................30:07 30:07
Third-Down Conversions............................12 of 25 6 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions.........................0 of 2 2 of 5
Red-Zone Scores-Chances...........................3-5 3-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards............................6-38 1-6

RECEIVING: Montana-Ben Roberts 6-24; Jamaal Jones 5-56; Ellis Henderson 5-46; John Nguyen 4-24; Josh Hornor 1-14; Keenan Curran 1-5; Jeremy Calhoun 1-0. Idaho State-KW Williams 7-87; Broc Malcom 4-51; Madison Mangum 4-42; Xavier Finney 4-41; Tyler Graves 3-32; Jakori Ford 1-0.
INTERCEPTIONS: Montana-JR Nelson 1-20; Nate Harris 1-0; Eric Johnson 1-0. Idaho State-Hayden Stout 1-12.
SACKS (UA-A): Montana-Ryan Johnson 1-2; Jeremiah Kose 1-1; Caleb Kidder 1-0; Connor Strahm 0-1; D. Crittenden 0-1. Idaho State-R. Williams 1-0.
TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A): Montana-Caleb Kidder 4-8; Herbert Gamboa 4-6; Nate Harris 5-3. Idaho State-CJ Langlow 10-10; Tyler Kuder 4-11; Hayden Stout 3-9; R. Williams 5-6.

FORTUNE FINALLY FINDS MONTANA

With Idaho State lined up for a potential game-winning 34-yard field goal in overtime, a few plays after Griz quarterback Makena Simis appeared to fumble away Montana’s chances, a season of bad bounces, quarterback injuries and missed opportunities had its script flipped. ISU’s snapper fired the ball over his holder’s head and bouncing down the turf at Holt Arena. Griz cornerbac JR Nelson and the Idaho State holder raced for it and both fell on it. The ball bounced up, right to Eric Johnson, who went 40 yards for the game-ending (and season-saving?) touchdown.

It was a game Montana appeared to have in hand when the Grizzlies took a 21-7 lead early in the second quarter, but mostly self-inflicted damage kept Montana from pulling away or, in the second half, even keeping the lead.

The Grizzlies missed a pair of field goals, went scoreless on a drive that reached the ISU 1-yard line, saw the opening kickoff of the second half, returned for a touchdown by Ellis Henderson, called back because of a penalty, and won despite fumbling the ball away on their opening possession of overtime.

It was the seventh time in nine games this season Montana’s opponent had scored points on its opening possession of the game. Six of those have been touchdowns.

On Saturday the Grizzlies had an immediate response. On their opening drive they went 75 yards in nine plays, with Simis doing his best Alex Kuresa impersonation. The quarterback ran for 33 yards and threw for 12 more on the drive. John Nguyen made it 7-7 when he scrambled in from 28 yards out.

Montana forced a three-and-out on Idaho State’s next possession, and a poor punt set the Grizzlies up at ISU’s 45.

Simis hit Nguyen out of the backfield for 10 yards to the 30 on 3rd-and-five, and Jeremy Calhoun did the rest. His 27-yard run set Montana up at the three. He scored on the next play to make it 14-7.

The Grizzlies generated 172 yards of offense in the first quarter, 115 of it coming on the ground.

On its first possession of the second quarter, Montana appeared ready to go up 21-7 when the Grizzlies drove inside the ISU 10-yard line.

Facing 3rd-and-goal at the two, Nguyen was stopped a yard short of the end zone, and Montana hurried into its fourth-down play in an attempt to catch Idaho State off guard. Simis opted for a keeper, and he was driven back to the four, turning the ball over on downs.

So the defense took matters into its own hands. Gueller’s short pass from his own 21 was bobbled by the intended receiver, then kicked into the air. Nelson gathered it and strolled untouched into the end zone to make it 21-7. And the rout was on. Or shoulda-woulda-coulda been.

Daniel Sullivan’s 52-yard field goal attempt later in the second quarter was blocked, and Idaho State responded with a drive that kept the Bengals in the game.

Montana opened the game fast and got an electric start to the second half when Ellis Henderson took the opening kickoff 65 yards for a touchdown. Amid the celebration of a two-touchdown lead, a flag on the carpet.

The Grizzlies again got inside the ISU 10 on its second possession of the third quarter, but the drive, which featured 55 rushing yards and a 1st-and-goal at the three, fizzled, and Daniel Sullivan made it 24-13 with a 23-yard field goal.

A Nate Harris interception in the end zone thwarted an ISU drive late in the third quarter, but Simis gave the ball back three plays later when he was intercepted at the Montana 32.

Needling to make a game-defining statement of a drive, Montana went three-and-out, and Jakori Ford put ISU up 25-24 when he ran in from 53 yards out with just over 10 minutes remaining. Gueller hit Graves for the two-point conversion, 27-24. Somehow Idaho State had the lead. The Grizzlies would get to the ISU 9-yard line but no farther. Sullivan was true from 26 yards out to make it 27-24.

Montana had the final possession after Johnson intercepted Gueller’s wild throw in the middle of the field. After a Montana timeout, the field-goal attempt fizzled, and Daniel Sullivan made it 27-24 before time ran out.

Gueller hit Tyler Graves from three yards out to bring the Bengals within five, 24-19, in the opening minute of the fourth quarter. Idaho State’s two-point attempt -- both of them, actually, after a Montana penalty -- were unsuccessful.

Montana had the final possession of overtime and stuck to a ground game that produced a season-high 265 rushing yards. A nine-yard effort by Calhoun set the Grizzlies up 1st-and-goal at the two and gave the freshmem 98 yards on the day. Just two more for an even 100 and the lead. Simple enough.

Idaho State gave the ball to Xavier Finney three straight times to set itself up in the middle of the field. After a Montana timeout, the field-goal attempt. And the rest is a sequence for the history book.

A high snap. A scramble for the loose ball. Johnson running toward the end zone. A video review. The official signaling touchdown.
GAME #10: EASTERN WASHINGTON VS. MONTANA • W, 57-16

Eastern Washington (6-4, 5-2) vs. Montana (6-4, 5-2)
Nov. 14, 2015 • Site: Missoula, Mont.
Stadium: Washington-Grizzly • Attendance: 25213

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**2015 SEASON REVIEW**

- Eastern since the win in 2011. It was the first win against the Eagles for the Montana defense stepped up their game in impressive fashion on the Eagles’ first drive, Ty Gregorak’s defense stepped up when needed. “Early I thought they were moving the ball decently against us, but it was nice to see us buckle down,” Gregorak said. “I really thought, ‘Man are we going to give up another opening drive?’”

- The Eagles drove all the way to the Montana 28 before Reilly Hennessey mishandled a fourth down snap and Crittenden scooped up the fumble. The Grizzlies would only allow three first quarter points, and the offense scored on back-to-back drives to give Montana an early lead, which forced Eastern to take to the air.

- “It was key being able to get up early on them, because we forced them to throw the ball,” defensive-end Tyrone Holmes said. “Our cover guys did a great job covering, and that was key in allowing us time to get to the quarterback.”

- In the first drive of the second quarter, the Eagles went for it on fourth down, but Homes and Crittenden sacked Hennessey to force a turnover on downs.

- On the next Eastern drive, Yamen Sanders made perhaps the biggest play of the game, breaking free on a safety blitz to crush Hennessey, forcing a fumble that Herbert Gamboa returned for six.

- Eastern received the ball coming out of the halftime break and fumbled after just two plays, which Montana turned into three points. Kendrick Van Ackeren intercepted Jordan West on the first play of the next drive, returning it all the way to the Eastern two-yard line.

- Later in the third quarter, JR Nelson intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown for the second straight game, giving Montana their second defensive touchdown of the game.

- Markel Sanders added a fourth quarter interception, as Montana forced a season high six turnovers in a game decided by momentum built off of big plays. “It was just a huge momentum game where it seemed like we had it for most of the game,” Holmes said. “The guys were making plays and it was fun to be out there, because we know how hard each other works during the offseason so it was fun seeing those big plays.”

- When fans see the 57 points on the board, they may assume that the offense ran the ball up and down the field against a weak Eastern defense. In reality, the defense is largely responsible for the high point total on Saturday.

- Kendrick Van Ackeren made the most of his return to the field, as he finished with a game-high 16 tackles, including half a sack. He also nearly returned his interception for a touchdown, and just missed on another interception at the end of the half.

- Tyrone Holmes continued his dominating season, taking advantage of the pass-heavy Eastern offense and recording three sacks to extend his FCS-leading total to 14.

- The three-sack performance also moved Holmes into fourth on the all-time sack list at Montana with 30.5, and he also moved up into sixth on the tackle for loss list with 42.5.

- The 16 points were the fewest the Montana defense allowed against Eastern since the win in 2011. It was the first win against the Eagles for the senior class, and it came during their final regular season game at home. “I’m mostly proud of our seniors. We have so many seniors, whether they are a starter, or they are Connor Lesbock and they come in when they’re needed, I’m just so proud of this class,” Gregorak said. “They’ve helped us win a lot of games in their four or five years here and I give them all the credit, my hats off to them.”

- The Montana defense stepped up their game in impressive fashion on Saturday, and they are playing well as they have all season as they prepare for the final week of the season.
GAME #11 MONTANA VS. MONTANA STATE  •  W, 54-35
Nov. 21, 2015 • Site: Bozeman, Mont.
Stadium: Bobcat Stadium • Attendance: 20507

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TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS ........................... 87-537 77-503
Fumble Returns-Yards .................................. 0-0 0-0
Punt Returns-Yards .................................... 0-0 0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards ................................. 4-92 9-194
Interception Returns-Yards ............................ 0-0 0-0
Punts (Number-Avg) ................................. 5-39.8 5-42.6
Fumbles-Lost .......................................... 0-0 0-0
Penalties-Yards .......................................... 8-99 13-120
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Fourth-Down Conversions .............................. 1 of 0 0 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances ................................ 6-6 5-5

RUSHING: Montana-John Hannah 27-134; Jamaal Calhoun 17-45; Brady Gustafson 4-5; Montana State-Chad Newell 11-92; Dakota Prukop 17-47; Jayshawn Gates 3-3; Gunnar Brekke 5-32; TEAM 1 minus 14.

RECEIVING: Montana-Jamaal Jones 9-132; Josh Horner 5-58; Ellis Henderson 3-91; Ben Roberts 3-48; Keenan Curran 1-15; John Nguyen 1-77; Jeremy Calhoun 1-2. Montana State-Beau Sandland 7-163; Mitch Griebel 4-35; Chad Newell 3-42; Gunnar Brekke 2-13; Austin Barth 2-8; Connor Sullivan 1-22; M. Herbert 1-19; Brandon Brown 1-11; Dakota Prukop 1-0.


FUMBLES: Montana: None. Montana State-Dakota Prukop 2-1; Jayshawn Gates 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A): Montana-K. Van Ackeren 1-0; Ryan Johnson 1-0. Montana State-Jessie Clark 1-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A): Montana-K. Van Ackeren 11-2; Nate Harris 5-2; Eric Johnson 4-0; Yamen Sanders 4-0; Herbert Gamboa 3-1. Montana State-Grant Collins 8-7; Blake Braun 5-7; Mac Bignell 10-1; Taylor Sheridan 5-2.

GRIZ WIN, MAKE STRONG CASE FOR FCS PLAYOFFS

On Saturday at Bozeman, the Grizzlies raced out to a 31-7 first-half lead and defeated the Bobcats for the 72nd time in the schools’ long-running rivalry. Brady Gustafson threw for 353 yards and four touchdowns, three to Jamaal Jones, and Montana (7-4, 6-2 BSC) sent most of the 20,507 in attendance packing before game’s end, looking ahead to next year. Griz fans can start thinking about next week.

Saturday’s game did not start out looking like it would be a lopsided Montana victory. After the Grizzlies went three-and-out on their first possession, the Bobcats (5-6, 3-5 BSC) went 88 yards in just five plays to make it 7-0 less than four minutes in.

Dakota Prukop’s 46-yard strike to Beau Sandland not only opened the scoring, it gave the quarterback his 36th touchdown of the season -- 26 through the air, 10 on the ground -- breaking the Montana State single-season record. He would add three more scores before his day was done.

Montana gained one yard on its next possession, going three-and-out again, then unleashed what Stitt likes to call “championship football.” That term, defined: The Grizzlies scored on their final seven possessions of the first half to blow the game open and take a 37-14 lead to the locker room.

Montana State would come within a two-point conversion early in the fourth quarter of cutting Montana’s lead to one possession, but an eight-play, 75-yard drive, capped by a Gustafson-to-Jones 17-yard touchdown, made it 51-35 and put an end to any chance of a comeback.

After Daniel Sullivan hit the first of his four field goals on the afternoon, a 44-yarder that cut the MSU lead to 7-3, Kendrick Van Ackeren stepped in front of a sideline route and intercepted Prukop for turnover No. 1.

Eight plays later, Gustafson hit Jones streaking across the field on a crossing pattern to put Montana up 10-7. The Grizzlies would keep the lead the rest of the afternoon.

MSU went nowhere on its next possession and was forced to punt. But the punt never came. The snap was mishandled by the punter, and he was tackled at the Montana State 18 for turnover No. 2. Three plays later, Jeremy Calhoun ran untouched off a draw to make it 17-7.

It was one of many plays Saturday that was changed at the line of scrimmage by Gustafson.

Perhaps sensing that his defense was going to be unable to contain Montana’s offense, MSU coach Rob Ash went for it on fourth down on his team’s next possession, including a fourth-and-3 from the Bobcats’ own 38.

Prukop called his own number and ran for 35 yards, but all but two of it was parallel to the line of scrimmage. Van Ackeren, not tricked by Prukop’s change of field, eventually pulled the quarterback down a yard short of the marker, one of Van Ackeren’s team-high 13 tackles on the day.

One play after Montana State’s first failed fourth-down attempt, Gustafson hit Jones, who made a SportsCenter-worthy one-handed grab to make it 24-7, and the Griz were off and running. And rolling on both sides of the ball.

Van Ackeren tackled Sandland short of the first-down marker on a fourth-and-6 on MSU’s next possession, leading to two words that had Montana State’s fans ill at ease all afternoon: Grizzly ball.

Less than two minutes later, Gustafson hit Ellis Henderson, covered one-on-one on the right side (note to defensive coordinators: don’t do that; scratch that: keep doing it), for a 49-yard scoring strike. Midway through the second quarter it was 31-7.

Prukop made it 31-14 with a two-yard scoring run, and Sullivan kicked a pair of field goals, from 32 and 24 yards out, to make it 37-14 at the half.

Gustafson had 227 passing yards and three touchdowns in the first half, and Montana rolled up 321 yards of offense.

The game felt out of reach when Calhoun scored from 10 yards out late in the third quarter and when the Grizzlies took a 44-22 lead into the fourth. Then it was 31-7.

The Grizzlies had 540 yards and 45 first downs on the afternoon, 466 coming on offense.

Montana State put the game away on its next drive, going 75 yards in eight plays -- that’s championship football -- to make it 51-35. With Montana at midfield, Gustafson, in quick succession, hit Henderson for 12 yards, Ben Roberts for 23 and Jones with a scoring pass from 17 yards out. Game. Over.

Jones finished with nine catches for 132 yards, Henderson with three grabs for 91 yards and Roberts with three receptions for 48 yards. John Nguyen accounted for 134 of Montana State’s 184 rushing yards.

Sullivan hit his fourth field goal, from 35 yards out, in the final minute for the game’s final points.
South Dakota State (8-4) vs. Montana (8-4)
Nov. 28, 2015 • Site: Missoula, Mont.
Stadium: Washington-Grizzly • Attendance: 14575

Score by Quarters 1 2 3 4 Score
South Dakota State 0 0 10 7 17
Montana 7 17 0 0 24

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr Time Scoring Play
1st 01:34 UM - Jamaal Jones 4 yd pass from Brady Gustafson (Daniel Sullivan kick), 8-78 2:01, SDSU 0 - UM 7
2nd 10:42 UM - Ellis Henderson 26 yd pass from Brady Gustafson (Daniel Sullivan kick), 7-87 1:50, SDSU 0 - UM 14
03:00 UM - Daniel Sullivan 25 yd field goal, 14-58 3:00, SDSU 0 - UM 17
00:43 UM - Jeremy Calhoun 2 yd run (Daniel Sullivan kick), 5-58 1:08, SDSU 0 - UM 24
3rd 10:02 SDSU - Jay Carlson 34 yd field goal, 6-49 1:11, SDSU 3 - UM 24
03:49 SDSU - Taryn Christion 1 yd run (Jay Carlson kick), 9-59 4:16, SDSU 10 - UM 24
4th 04:44 SDSU - Dallas Goedert 30 yd pass from Taryn Christion (Jay Carlson kick), 9-80 3:32, SDSU 17 - UM 24

TEAM TOTALS

SDSU UM
FIRST DOWNS ................. 21 18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET) ............ 41-177 34-139
PASSING YDS (NET) ............ 230 295
Passes Att-Comp-Int. ................ 43-18-0 39-24-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS. .... 84-347 73-434
Fumble Returns-Yards ............ 0-0 0-0
Punt Returns-Yards ............... 3-14 2-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards .......... 4-96 3-44
Interception Returns-Yards ........ 0-0 0-0
Punts (Number-Avg) .............. 9-35.1 9-39.8
Fumbles-Lost .................. 2-1 0-0
Penalties-Yards .................. 7-40 12-129
Possession Time .................. 35:04 24:56
Third-Down Conversions ........ 4 of 19 3 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions ........ 4 of 5 0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances ........ 2-2 3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards ........ 2-9 3-19

RUSHING: South Dakota State-Taryn Christion 19-54; Kyle Paris 16-49; Isaac Wallace 3-10; Brady Mengarelli 3-4; Montana-John Nguyen 18-107; Jeremy Calhoun 10-29; Brady Gustafson 3-6; Team 3-minus 3.


RECEIVING: South Dakota State-Jake Wieneke 6-128; Cam Jones 3-21; Dallas Goedert 2-43; Brady Mengarelli 2-13; Trevor Wesley 1-11; Matt Raymond 1-6; Brandon Andrews 1-4; Kyle Paris 1-4; Isaac Wallace 1-0. Montana-Ben Roberts 8-133; Josh Horner 6-80; Ellis Henderson 4-52; Jamaal Jones 4-25; John Nguyen 2-5.

INTERCEPTIONS: South Dakota State-One. Montana-None.

FUMBLES: South Dakota State-Brady Mengarelli 1-1; Je Ryan Butler 1-0. Montana-None.

SACKS (UA-A): South Dakota State-J.R. Plote 0-2; Cole Langer 0-1; Shaye Gottlob 0-1. Montana-Tyroe Holmes 3-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A): South Dakota State-T.J. Lally 3-11; Dallas Brown 4-3; Nick Farina 3-3; Jared Blum 2-4; Nick Mears 2-4; Chris Balster 3-2. Montana-Herbert Gamboa 4-3; JR Nelson 4-2; Nate Harris 4-2; Justin Whitted 3-3.
GAME #13: MONTANA VS. NORTH DAKOTA STATE • L, 6-37

Montana (8-5) vs. North Dakota State (10-2)
Dec. 5, 2015 • Site: Fargo, N.D.
Stadium: Fargodome • Attendance: 18232

Score by Quarters 1 2 3 4 Score
Montana 0 0 6 0 6
North Dakota State 7 14 10 6 37

SCORING SUMMARY
Qtr Time Scoring Play
1st 12:08 NDSU - Easton Stick 49 yd run (Cam Pedersen kick), 3-56 1:38, UM 0 - NDSU 7
2nd 06:24 NDSU - Jalen Allison 30 yd interception return (Cam Pedersen kick), UM 0 - NDSU 14
02:50 NDSU - Bruce Anderson 15 yd run (Cam Pedersen kick), 6-70 2:55, UM 0 - NDSU 21
3rd 11:19 NDSU - Cam Pedersen 40 yd field goal, 8-50 3:35, UM 0 - NDSU 24
09:11 UM - Jamaal Jones 20 yd pass from Brady Gustafson (Brady Gustafson drop-kick failed), 7-75 2:08, UM 6 - NDSU 24
08:58 NDSU - Bruce Anderson 100 yd kickoff return (Cam Pedersen kick), UM 6 - NDSU 31
4th 13:12 NDSU - CJ Smith 32 yd interception return (Cam Pedersen kick blocked), UM 6 - NDSU 37

TEAM TOALS ........................................ UM NDSU
FIRST DOWNS ..................................... 14 17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET) ......................... 19-6 56-250
PASSING YDS (NET) ......................... 229 66
Passes Att-Comp-Int .......................... 46-23-4 13-7-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS ............ 65-235 69-316
Fumble Returns-Yards ....................... 0-0 0-0
Punt Returns-Yards ........................... 0-0 1-30
Kickoff Returns-Yards ....................... 2-42 2-125
Interception Returns-Yards ............... 0-0 4-68
Punts (Number-Avg) ......................... .7-37.9 5-42.6
Fumbles-Lost ................................... 0-0 2-0
Penalties-Yards ............................... 6-47 8-70
Possession Time .............................. 19:24 40:36
Third-Down Conversions ................... 3 of 16 1 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions .................. 0 of 2 3 of 5
Red-Zone Scores-Chances ................. 1-1 1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards .................... 2-12 3-17

RUSHING: Montana-John Nguyen 12-19; Jeremy Calhoun 4-4; Brady Gustafson 3-minus 17. North Dakota State-King Frazier 20-87; Easton Stick 11-49; Lance Dunn 8-44; Bruce Anderson 9-27; Chase Morlok 6-22; Darius Anderson 1-13; TEAM 1-minus 2; Jack Plankers 0-10.
RECEIVING: Montana-Ben Roberts 7-43; Jamaal Jones 6-90; Ellis Henderson 5-81; John Nguyen 3-2; Josh Horner 2-11; North Dakota State-Chase Morlok 2-3; Lance Dunn 1-18; RJ Urzendowski 1-13; Andrew Bonnet 1-11; D. Shepherd 1-11; Bruce Anderson 1-10.
INTERCEPTIONS: Montana-None. North Dakota State-CJ Smith 1-32; Jalen Allison 1-30; Robbie Grimsley 1-6; Tre Dempsey 1-0.
FUMBLES: Montana-None. North Dakota State-Easton Stick 2-0.
SACKS (UA-A): Montana-Tyrone Holmes 1-0; D. Crittenden 1-0. North Dakota State-Greg Menard 1-0; Brad Ambrosius 1-0; Stanley Jones 1-0.
TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A): Montana-Jeremiah Kose 11-8; Justin Whited 6-3; Connor Lebosk 4-3; Nate Harris 4-1. North Dakota State-MJ Stumpf 6-5; Nick DeLuca 4-4; Robbie Grimsley 3-1.

BISON OVERWHELM GRIZZLIES IN FCS PLAYOFFS

The Grizzlies can have August. The Bison will gladly continue to own December. North Dakota State, the No. 3 seed in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, jumped out to a 24-0 lead and powered to a 37-6 victory over Montana Saturday afternoon at Fargo, N.D., in the second round of the FCS playoffs.

The Bison returned two interceptions for touchdowns, scored on a 100-yard kickoff return for a third-quarter backbreaker and held Montana to 235 yards of offense, a season low.

North Dakota State, which is seeking its fifth straight national championship, won its 13th straight December game. NDSU will host either No. 5 Portland State or Northern Iowa next weekend in the playoffs’ quarterfinal round. The Vikings host the Panthers Saturday night.

When North Dakota State (10-2) and Montana (8-5) met in Missoula in late August, a game won by the Grizzlies 38-35 on a 1-yard scoring run by Joey Counts in the closing seconds, Montana gained 544 yards of offense, 434 of that coming through the air.

That production was nowhere to be found on Saturday, as the Bison held the Grizzlies to 63 yards in the first half while jumping out to a 21-0 halftime lead.

After a 40-yard field goal early in the third quarter put NDSU up 24-0, Montana put together its only scoring drive of the game. The Grizzlies went 75 yards in seven plays and got on the board when Brady Gustafson hit Jamaal Jones on a left-side corner route. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

Bruce Anderson took the ensuing kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, the only one allowed this season by the Grizzlies, to make it 31-6, and Montana, which did not move the ball into North Dakota State territory its final six possessions, went quiet into the offseason.

In the here and now, however, it’s the Bison’s world, at least for now.

After Montana opened the game with a harbinger of things to come -- three plays, four yards, punt -- North Dakota State, matching what it did in the teams’ first matchup in Missoula, went up 7-0 on its first possession.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Easton Stick, making his seventh start in place of senior Carson Wentz, who was lost for the season in NDSU’s 24-21 home loss to South Dakota in mid-October, kept the ball on a savvy read off a stretch power play and raced up the middle untouched from 49 yards out.

It was the eighth time in 13 games this season that Montana allowed its opponents to score a touchdown on its opening possession.

Montana was in North Dakota State territory its next two possessions, but both ended with Chris Lider punts. Defensively the Grizzlies forced the Bison into punts on three of their next four possessions. NDSU also missed a field goal that kept it 7-0 into the second quarter.

Gustafson’s first of three first-half interceptions, grabbed by Tre Dempsey at the Montana 47 early in the second quarter, did not hurt the Grizzlies. The Bison gained five yards in three plays and had to punt.

His second interception, on Montana’s next possession, was more damaging. Gustafson attempted to hit John Nguyen out of the backfield, but the running back never saw the ball, and Jalen Allison returned it 30 yards to make it 14-0.

After another three-and-out for Montana -- the Grizzlies’ first-half possessions: punt, punt, punt, interception, interception, punt, interception -- North Dakota State went 70 yards in six plays, going up 21-0 on a 15-yard sweep around the right end by Anderson.

It was 21-0 at the half, with the Bison outgaining the Grizzlies 210-63. Montana, which rushed for almost 800 yards its previous four games, was held to just 15 on the ground. The Grizzlies would finish with a season-low six for the game.

Down 24-0 after North Dakota State’s first possession of the second half, Montana finally looked like the team that put up 57 points on Eastern Washington and 54 on Montana State.

Gustafson’s second interception, returned 66 yards to make it 31-6, and Montana, drove deep enough to give Daniel Sullivan a 49-yard field goal attempt with 6:27 remaining in the third quarter, but his kick was wide right, and the Grizzlies would not take another snap in Bison territory.

CJ Smith intercepted Gustafson early in the fourth quarter and returned it 49 yards to the 1-yard line, setting up a 3-yard scoring run by Bruce Anderson for the game’s final points.


RECEIVING: Montana-Ben Roberts 7-43; Jamaal Jones 6-90; Ellis Henderson 5-81; John Nguyen 3-2; Josh Horner 2-11; North Dakota State-Chase Morlok 2-3; Lance Dunn 1-18; RJ Urzendowski 1-13; Andrew Bonnet 1-11; D. Shepherd 1-11; Bruce Anderson 1-10.

INTERCEPTIONS: Montana-None. North Dakota State-CJ Smith 1-32; Jalen Allison 1-30; Robbie Grimsley 1-6; Tre Dempsey 1-0.

FUMBLES: Montana-None. North Dakota State-Easton Stick 2-0.

SACKS (UA-A): Montana-Tyrone Holmes 1-0; D. Crittenden 1-0. North Dakota State-Greg Menard 1-0; Brad Ambrosius 1-0; Stanley Jones 1-0.

TACKLE LEADERS (UA-A): Montana-Jeremiah Kose 11-8; Justin Whited 6-3; Connor Lebosk 4-3; Nate Harris 4-1. North Dakota State-MJ Stumpf 6-5; Nick DeLuca 4-4; Robbie Grimsley 3-1.

2015 SEASON REVIEW
Senior Defensive End Caleb Kidder

2016 OPPONENTS

MONTANA FOOTBALL
SAINT FRANCIS
Sept. 3 • Washington-Grizzly Stadium
Missoula, Mont.

Chris Villarrial
Head Coach

Lorenzo Jerome
Safety/KR

2016 Schedule
Sept. 3 .................................................. at Montana
Sept. 10 .................................................. at Towson
Sept. 17 .................................................. at Columbia
Sept. 24 .................................................. at Albany
Oct. 1 .................................................. Malone
Oct. 8 .................................................. at Robert Morris*
Oct. 15 .................................................. Bryant*
Oct. 22 .................................................. Duquesne*
Oct. 29 .................................................. at Sacred Heart*
Nov. 12 .................................................. Central Connecticut State*
Nov. 19 .................................................. at Wagner*

*Northeast Conference game

NORTHERN IOWA
Sept. 10 • UNI Dome
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Mark Farley
Head Coach

Karter Schulte

2016 Schedule
Sept. 3 .................................................. at Iowa State
Sept. 10 .................................................. at Eastern Washington
Oct. 1 .................................................. Southern Illinois*
Oct. 8 .................................................. South Dakota*
Oct. 15 .................................................. Youngstown State*
Oct. 22 .................................................. Missouri State*
Oct. 29 .................................................. North Dakota State*
Nov. 11 .................................................. Indiana State*
Nov. 12 .................................................. Western Illinois*
Nov. 19 .................................................. South Dakota State*

*Missouri Valley Football Conference game

GENERAL INFORMATION
Location ............................................. Loretto, Pa.
Enrollment ........................................ 2,300
President ......................................... Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R.
Athletic Director ................................. Bob Krimmel
Nickname .......................................... Red Flash
Colors .............................................. Red and White
Stadium (Capacity) ............................. Delaware Field (3,500)
Web Site .......................................... www.SFUathletics.com

FOOTBALL INFORMATION
Head Coach (Alma Mater) .......... Chris Villarrial (Indiana (Pa.), 1996)
Record at SFU (Years) .................. 24-41 (6)
Overall Record (Years) ............... Same
Conference ...................................... Northeast
2015 School Record ....................... 6-4
2015 Conference Record (Place) ...... 4-2 (2nd)
Starters Returning/Lost ............... N/A
Lettermen Returning/Lost .......... N/A

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2015 RESULTS
9/5 Georgetown W, 48-20 10/24 at Bryant* L, 26-24
9/12 at Towson L, 35-20 10/31 Sacred Heart* W, 23-14
9/26 University of Faith W, 78-0 11/14 Robert Morris* W, 21-0
10/3 East Tennessee St. W, 58-9 11/21 at Duquesne* L, 30-20
10/17 Wagner* W, 43-14 *Northeast Conference game

2015 RESULTS
9/5 at Iowa State L, 31-7 1/7 Indiana State* W, 59-13
10/10 at North Dakota St.* L, 31-28 12/5 Portland State W, 29-17
10/17 Western Illinois* L, 24-19 12/12 North Dakota State* L, 23-13
10/24 South Dakota State* W, 10-7 *Missouri Valley Football Conference game
10/31 South Dakota* W, 20-7 ^FCS playoff game

GENERAL INFORMATION
Location ........................................ Cedar Falls, Iowa
Enrollment ...................................... 12,043
President ....................................... Dr. William Rudd
Athletic Director ............................. David Harris
Nickname ......................................... Panthers
Colors ............................................ Purple and Old Gold
Stadium (Capacity) ............................ UNI Dome (16,324)
Web Site .......................................... www.unipanthers.com

FOOTBALL INFORMATION
Head Coach (Alma Mater) .......... Mark Farley (Northern Iowa, 1985)
Record at UNI (Years) ............... 120-56 (14)
Overall Record (Years) .............. Same
Conference ...................................... Missouri Valley Football
2015 School Record ....................... 9-5
2015 Conference Record (Place) ...... 5-3 (4th)
Starters Returning/Lost ............... O-11/D-NA
Lettermen Returning/Lost .......... N/A

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2015 RESULTS
9/5 at Eastern Washington W, 38-35 11/14 Missouri State* W, 41-0
10/10 at North Dakota St.* L, 31-28 12/5 Portland State W, 29-17
10/17 Western Illinois* L, 24-19 12/12 North Dakota State* L, 23-13
10/24 South Dakota State* W, 10-7 *Missouri Valley Football Conference game
10/31 South Dakota* W, 20-7 ^FCS playoff game
2016 MONTANA OPPONENTS

CAL POLY
Sept. 24 • Alex G. Spanos Stadium
San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Tim Walsh
Head Coach

Dano Graves
Sr. Quarterback

2016 Schedule

Sept. 3 ........................................ at Nevada
Sept 10 ......................................... San Diego
Sept. 17 ...................................... at South Dakota State
Sept. 24 ...................................... Montana*
Oct. 1 ........................................ at North Dakota*
Oct. 15 ...................................... at Portland State*
Oct. 22 ...................................... UC Davis*
Oct. 29 ...................................... at Sacramento State*
Nov. 5 ...................................... Eastern Washington*
Nov. 12 ...................................... at Weber State*
Nov. 19 ...................................... Northern Colorado*
*Big Sky Conference game

FOOTBALL INFORMATION
Head Coach (Alma Mater) ....Tim Walsh (UC Riverside, 1977)
Record at CPU (Years) ................. 43-37 (7)
Overall Record (Years) .................. 160-119 (25)
Conference ........................................ Big Sky
2015 School Record ....................... 4-7
2015 Conference Record (Place) .... 3-5 (8th-T)
Starters Returning/Lost .............. 18 (O-7; D-7; SP-4)/13 (O-6; D-7)
Lettermen Returning/Lost .......... 50/18

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2015 RESULTS

9/5 at Montana W. 20-19 10/24 Portland State* L. 38-35
9/12 at Arizona State L. 35-21 10/31 at Southern Utah* L. 54-37
9/19 Northern Iowa L. 34-20 11/7 Sacramento State* W. 36-14
9/26 at Montana State* L. 45-28 11/14 at UC Davis* W. 55-38
10/3 Idaho State* W. 58-26 11/21 North Dakota* L. 45-21
10/10 at Eastern Wash.* L. 42-41 (OT) *Big Sky Conference game

SOUTHERN UTAH
Oct. 1 • Washington-Grizzly Stadium
Missoula, Mont.

Demario Warren
Head Coach

Mike Sharp
Sr. Wide Receiver

2016 Schedule

9/1 ........................................ at Utah
9/10 ........................................ Southern Utah
9/24 ........................................ Portland State*
10/1 ........................................ at Montana*
10/8 ........................................ UC Davis*
10/15 ........................................ at North Dakota*
10/22 ........................................ Weber State*
10/29 ........................................ at Idaho State*
11/5 ........................................ Montana State*
11/12 ........................................ at Brigham Young
11/19 ........................................ at Northern Arizona*
*Big Sky Conference game

FOOTBALL INFORMATION
Head Coach (Alma Mater) .... Demario Warren (UC Davis, 2008)
Record at SUU (Years) .................. First year
Overall Record (Years) ................. Same
Conference ........................................ Big Sky
2015 School Record ....................... 6-4
2015 Conference Record (Place) .... 7-1 (1st)
Starters Returning/Lost .............. 16 (O-6; D-7; SP-3)
Lettermen Returning/Lost .......... 15/10

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2015 RESULTS

9/5 at Utah State L. 12-9 10/31 Cal Poly* W. 54-37
9/12 at South Dakota State L. 55-10 11/7 at Montana State* L. 34-23
9/19 Northern Colorado* W. 30-3 11/14 at Portland State* L. 24-23
9/26 Brevard College W. 55-7 11/21 Northern Arizona* W. 49-41
10/2 at Weber State* W. 44-0 11/28 at Sam Houston St. L. 42-39
10/17 Sacramento State* W. 44-0 *Big Sky Conference game
10/24 at UC Davis* W. 34-6 ^FCS playoff game
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE
Oct. 8 • Washington-Grizzly Stadium
Missoula, Mont.

Rick Comegy
Head Coach

Alvin Solomon
So. Offensive Lineman

2016 Schedule

9/2 ................................................... at Eastern Michigan
9/10 .................................................. at Alabama A&M*
9/17 .................................................. at Texas Southern*
9/24 .................................................. Prairie View A&M*
10/1 .................................................. at Jackson State*
10/8 .................................................. at Montana
10/15 .............................................. at Alabama State*
10/22 ................................................ Graham State
11/5 .................................................. at Arkansas-Pine Bluff*
11/12 ............................................... Alcorn State*
11/19 .............................................. at Southern*

*Southwestern Athletic Conference game

SACRAMENTO STATE
Oct. 15 • Washington-Grizzly Stadium
Missoula, Mont.

Jody Sears
Head Coach

Jordan Robinson
Sr. Running Back

2016 Schedule

Sept. 3 ............................................. Western Oregon
Sept. 10 ............................................ at Fresno State
Sept. 17 ............................................. at Weber State
Sept. 24 ............................................. at Idaho State*
Oct. 1 ............................................... Montana State*
Oct. 8 .............................................. North Dakota*
Oct. 15 ............................................. at Montana*
Oct. 22 ............................................. at Northern Colorado*
Oct. 29 ............................................ Cal Poly*
Nov. 12 ............................................ Portland State*
Nov. 19 ............................................ at UC Davis*

*Big Sky Conference game

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location ........................................ Itta Bena, Miss.
Enrollment ....................................... 2,301
President ....................................... William B. Bynum Jr.
Athletic Director .............................. Dianthia Ford-Kee
Nickname ....................................... Delta Devils
Colors ............................................ Forest Green and White
Stadium (Capacity) ........................... Rice-Totten Stadium (10,000)
Web Site ........................................ www.mvsusports.com

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach (Alma Mater)........ Rick Comegy (Millersville, 1976)
Record at MVSU (Years) .............. 156-82
Overall Record (Years) .................. Southwestern Athletic
2015 School Record ....................... 1-10
2015 Conference Record (Place) .... 1-8 (5th)
Starters Returning/Lost ................ N/A
Lettermen Returning/Lost ............. N/A

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2015 RESULTS

2016 MONTANA OPPONENTS

Rick Comegy
Head Coach

Alvin Solomon
So. Offensive Lineman

2016 Schedule

9/2 ................................................... at Eastern Michigan
9/10 .................................................. at Alabama A&M*
9/17 .................................................. at Texas Southern*
9/24 .................................................. Prairie View A&M*
10/1 .................................................. at Jackson State*
10/8 .................................................. at Montana
10/15 .............................................. at Alabama State*
10/22 ................................................ Graham State
11/5 .................................................. at Arkansas-Pine Bluff*
11/12 ............................................... Alcorn State*
11/19 .............................................. at Southern*

*Southwestern Athletic Conference game

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location ........................................ Sacramento, Calif.
Enrollment ...................................... 28,159
President ....................................... Dr. Robert S. Nelson
Athletic Director .............................. Bill Macriss
Nickname ....................................... Hornets
Colors ............................................ Green and Gold
Stadium (Capacity) ........................... Hornet (21,195)
Web Site ........................................ www.hornetsports.com

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach (Alma Mater)........ Jody Sears (Washington St., 1991)
Record at CSUS (Years) ............... 9-14 (2)
Overall Record (Years) ................. 13-33 (4)
Conference ................................... Big Sky
2015 School Record ....................... 2-9
2015 Conference Record (Place) ... 1-7 (13th)
Starters Returning/Lost ............... 19 (O-8; D-11)
Lettermen Returning/Lost .......... 51/25

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2015 RESULTS

9/5 at New Mexico L, 66-0
9/10 Southern* L, 50-13
9/19 at Alcorn State* L, 55-14
9/26 Alabama State* L, 45-15
10/3 at Jacksonville State L, 49-7
10/10 Prairie View* L, 45-6
10/17 Texas Southern* L, 49-21
10/24 at Grambling State* L, 49-14
10/31 Jackson State* L, 26-16
11/7 at Alabama A&M* W, 27-24
11/21 Arkansas-Pine Bluff* L, 25-19
10/17 at Montana State* L, 35-13
10/24 at Weber State L, 32-14
11/11 at Cal Poly* L, 36-14
11/28 at Northern Arizona* L, 49-35
12/19 at Idaho State* L, 24-1
12/30 at Montana State* L, 35-13
12/30 at Idaho State* L, 24-1

*Big Sky Conference game
### NORTHERN ARIZONA

**2016 Schedule**
- Sept. 3: at Arizona State
- Sept. 10: at Western Illinois
- Sept. 17: New Mexico Highlands
- Sept. 24: Eastern Washington* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Oct. 1: at Northern Colorado* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Oct. 8: at Montana State* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Oct. 15: Idaho State* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Oct. 22: Montana* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Nov. 5: at Weber State* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Nov. 12: at North Dakota* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Nov. 19: Southern Utah* (Big Sky Conference game)

**2015 Results**
- 9/5 at Stephen F. Austin
- 9/12 New Mexico Highlands
- 9/19 at Arizona
- 9/26 at Montana*
- 10/3 Montana State*
- 10/10 at UC Davis*
- 10/17 at Idaho State*
- 10/24 Weber State*
- 10/31 Northern Colorado*
- 11/14 Sacramento State*
- 11/21 at Southern Utah*
- 11/28 Eastern Washington*
- 12/5 at Montana State*
- 12/12 Idaho State*
- 12/19 at Portland State*

**2015 Conference Record (Place)**
- 41/14

**Location**: Flagstaff, Ariz.
**Enrollment**: 29,035
**President**: Dr. Rita Cheng
**Nickname**: Lumberjacks
**Colors**: Blue and Gold
**Stadium (Capacity)**: J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome (10,000)

### EASTERN WASHINGTON

**2016 Schedule**
- Sept. 3: at Washington State
- Sept. 10: at North Dakota State
- Sept. 17: Northern Iowa
- Sept. 24: at Northern Arizona* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Oct. 1: UC Davis* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Oct. 8: Northern Colorado* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Oct. 22: at Montana State* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Oct. 29: Montana* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Nov. 5: at Cal Poly* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Nov. 12: Idaho State* (Big Sky Conference game)
- Nov. 18: at Portland State* (Big Sky Conference game)

**2015 Results**
- 9/5: at Oregon
- 9/12: at Northern Iowa
- 9/19: Montana State
- 9/26: at Sacramento State*
- 10/3: Montana State*
- 10/10: Cal Poly*
- 10/17: at Idaho State*
- 10/24: at Northern Colorado*
- 10/31: Weber State*
- 11/14: at Montana*
- 11/21: Portland State*
- 12/5: at Montana State*

**2015 Conference Record (Place)**
- 41/14

**Location**: Cheney, Wash.
**Enrollment**: 12,361
**President**: Dr. Mary Cullinan
**Nickname**: Eagles
**Colors**: Red and White
**Stadium (Capacity)**: Roos Field (8,600)

### Football Information

**General Information**
- **Head Coach (Alma Mater)**: Jerome Souers (Oregon, 1983)
- **Record at NAU (Years)**: 107-87 (18)
- **Overall Record (Years)**: Same
- **Conference**: Big Sky
- **2015 School Record**
  - 7-4
- **2015 Conference Record (Place)**: 5-3 (5th)
- **Starters Returning/Lost**: 13 (O-7; D-6)
- **Lettermen Returning/Lost**: 41/14

**2015 Results**
- 9/5: at Stephen F. Austin
- 9/12: New Mexico Highlands
- 9/19: at Arizona
- 9/26: at Montana*
- 10/3: Montana State*
- 10/10: at UC Davis*
- 10/17: at Idaho State*
- 10/24: Weber State*
- 10/31: Northern Colorado*
- 11/14: Sacramento State*
- 11/21: at Southern Utah*
- 11/28: Eastern Washington*
- 12/5: at Montana State*
- 12/12: Idaho State*
- 12/19: at Portland State*

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**General Information**
- **Head Coach (Alma Mater)**: Beau Baldwin (Central Wash., 1996)
- **Record at EWU (Years)**: 73-30 (8)
- **Overall Record (Years)**: 83-33 (9)
- **Conference**: Big Sky
- **2015 School Record**
  - 6-5
- **2015 Conference Record (Place)**: 5-3 (4th-T)
- **Starters Returning/Lost**: 17 (O-5; D-9; SP-3)/8 (O-6; D-2)
- **lettermen Returning/Lost**: 56/17

**2015 Results**
- 9/5: at Oregon
- 9/12: at Northern Iowa
- 9/19: Montana State
- 9/26: at Sacramento State*
- 10/3: Montana State*
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### 2016 Schedule

**Idaho State**
- Sept. 3: at Simon Fraser, 28-27 (OT)
- Sept. 10: at Colorado State, 42-21
- Sept. 17: at Oregon State, 52-0
- Sept. 24: vs. Sacramento State*, 49-24
- Oct. 1: vs. Portland State*, 41-3
- Nov. 5: at Montana*, 17-10
- Nov. 12: vs. Eastern Washington, 24-6
- Nov. 19: vs. Weber State*, 36-0

**Northern Colorado**
- Sept. 3: vs. Rocky Mountain College, 38-7
- Sept. 10: vs. Abilene Christian*, 34-21
- Sept. 17: vs. Colorado State, 38-14
- Oct. 8: vs. Eastern Washington*, 45-28
- Oct. 15: vs. UC Davis*, 63-21
- Oct. 29: vs. Portland State*, 41-21
- Nov. 5: vs. North Dakota*, 29-14
- Nov. 12: vs. Montana*, 44-20
- Nov. 19: vs. Cal Poly*, 45-21

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### General Information

**Idaho State**
- Location: Pocatello, Idaho
- Enrollment: 14,489
- President: Dr. Arthur Vailas
- Athletic Director: Jeff Tingey
- Colors: Black and Orange
- Stadium (Capacity): Holt Arena (12,000)
- Web Site: www.isubengals.com

**Northern Colorado**
- Location: Greeley, Colo.
- Enrollment: 10,000
- President: Kay Norton
- Athletic Director: Darren Dunn
- Colors: Blue and Gold
- Stadium (Capacity): Nottingham Field (8,500)
- Web Site: www.uncbears.com

### Football Information

**Idaho State**
- Record at ISU (Years): 16-42 (5)
- Overall Record (Years): 93-117 (18)
- Conference: Big Sky
- 2015 School Record: 2-9
- 2015 Conference Record (Place): 1-7 (12th)
- Starters Returning/Lost: 14 (O-7; D-5; SP-2)
- Lettermen Returning/Lost: 37/19

**Northern Colorado**
- Record at UNC (Years): 15-41 (5)
- Overall Record (Years): 29-53 (7)
- Conference: Big Sky
- 2015 School Record: 6-5
- 2015 Conference Record (Place): 3-5 (8th)
- Starters Returning/Lost: 19 (O-10; D-7; SP-2)
- Lettermen Returning/Lost: 38/8

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### 2015 Results

**Idaho State**
- 9/5: vs. Western State, W, 42-34
- 9/12: vs. Portland State*, L, 34-10
- 9/18: vs. Boise State, L, 50-22
- 9/25: vs. Montana*, L, 33-27 (OT)
- 10/2: vs. UNLV, L, 8-38
- 10/9: vs. Utah State*, L, 21-14
- 10/16: vs. Idaho State*, W, 30-27
- 10/23: vs. New Mexico*, L, 27-30
- 10/30: vs. Montana*, L, 21-14

**Northern Colorado**
- 9/5: vs. Western State, W, 42-34
- 9/12: vs. Houston Baptist*, L, 34-10
- 9/19: vs. Southern Utah*, L, 43-21
- 9/26: vs. Weber State*, L, 38-17
- 10/3: vs. Sacramento State*, L, 20-27
- 10/17: vs. UC Davis*, L, 56-27
- 10/24: vs. Eastern Washington*, L, 43-41
- 10/31: vs. Northern Arizona*, L, 53-21
- 11/7: vs. Portland State*, W, 35-21
- 11/14: vs. North Dakota*, L, 21-14
- 11/28: vs. Texas State*, L, 28-20
MONTANA STATE
Nov. 19 • Washington-Grizzly Stadium
Missoula, Mont.

Jeff Choate
Head Coach

Chad Newell
Sr. Running Back

2016 Schedule

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SERIES HISTORY

Saint Francis
(First Meeting)

Northern Iowa
(Montana leads series 4-0*)

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Cal Poly
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*Year Cal Poly joined the Big Sky Conference

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach (Alma Mater) ... Jeff Choate (UM Western, 1993)
Record at MSU (Years) ........................................... First year
Overall Record (Years) ........................................... First year
Conference ......................................................... Big Sky
2015 School Record ............................................. 5-6
2015 Conference Record (Place) ................................ 3-5 (9th)
Starters Returning/Lost ......................................... 14 (O-4; D-8; SP-2)
Lettermen Returning/Lost ........................................ 42/19

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2015 RESULTS

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(Mike Bashor photo)
### 2016 OPPONENTS SERIES HISTORY

#### Southern Utah  
(Montana leads series 5-2)

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(Southern Utah entered the Big Sky Conference in 2013)

#### Montana leads series 27-15-1

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*Year Sacramento State joined the Big Sky Conference

### Mississippi Valley State  
(First Meeting)

#### Sacramento State  
(Montana leads series 18-1)

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*One win vacated in 2011*
BIG SKY FOOTBALL \ 2016 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

All games subject to change. For the latest schedule, visit ROOTSPORTS.com.
Senior Offensive Lineman Max Kelly
Senior Running Back John Nguyen

BIG SKY CONFERENCE

MONTANA FOOTBALL

2016
Weber State. Those six schools formed the Big Sky Conference in 1963 by six charter members – Idaho, Idaho State, Gonzaga, Montana, Montana State and Weber State – have been with the league since its birth. Fellow charter member the University of Idaho returned most of its sports to the Big Sky on July 1, 2014. Northern Arizona University enters its 47th season in the league, giving the league five members with at least 40 years of continuous membership.

The Big Sky Conference welcomed North Dakota and Southern Utah on July 1, 2012 as full members. UC Davis and Cal Poly joined as football affiliate members. Eastern Washington University, the University of Northern Colorado, Portland State University and Sacramento State round out the current membership.

The Big Sky Conference was established in 1963 by six charter members – Idaho, Idaho State, Gonzaga, Montana, Montana State and Weber State. Those six schools formed the foundation of the Big Sky before the league expanded in 1970 by adding Boise State and Northern Arizona. Gonzaga left the Sky in 1979 and was replaced by Nevada, which gave the league eight members. The conference grew to nine schools in 1987 with the addition of Eastern Washington.

The 1990s saw change in the makeup of the league, beginning in 1992 when Nevada departed and put the Big Sky back at eight teams. In 1996 Boise State and Idaho left and at the same time the conference added Portland State, Sacramento State and Cal State Northridge. The Big Sky maintained nine teams for five years before Cal State Northridge departed in the spring of 2001.

The University of Idaho, which was a member from 1963-96, rejoined the conference in the 2015-16 season. Idaho football will once again compete in the Big Sky football beginning with the 2016-17 season.

On Feb 25, 1963, the name Big Sky was adopted by the six presidents of the charter members as the name of the new conference. The name Big Sky originated in a novel written by the late A.B. (Bud) Guthrie of Great Falls, Mont., in 1947 entitled "The Big Sky." Jack Hollowell, a former Montana advertising director, promoted the Big Sky theme for the Treasure State. While on a track and field trip from Pocatello, Idaho, to Missoula, Mont., legendary Dubby Holt of Idaho State saw a "Welcome to Big Sky Country" sign as his team entered Montana. Holt, and his athletes thought "Big Sky" would be a perfect name for the new conference. Harry Missildine of the Spokane Spokesman-Review called for the newly formed league to be named the Big Sky Conference in his column dated Feb. 20, 1963.

The Big Sky sponsors championships in 16 sports, including men’s and women’s cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, basketball and tennis. In addition, there are also championships in football, and women’s volleyball, golf and soccer. The Big Sky sponsored softball for the first time in 2013. Men’s golf returned as a championship sport in 2014-15 for the first time since 2002. The University of Hartford and Binghamton University have joined the Big Sky as affiliate members in golf.

In 1988-89, the Big Sky Conference first began sponsoring women’s sports. The former Mountain West Conference existed from 1982-88, sponsoring championships for women’s sports at the same institutions the Big Sky had men’s programs. The Big Sky merged with the Mountain West in 1988, forming one league for both men and women.

Andrea Williams became the sixth commissioner beginning July 1, 2016 and replaces Doug Fullerton, the fifth commissioner of the Big Sky Conference, who retired in June 2016. Fullerton took over the Big Sky on July 1, 1995, replacing longtime commissioner Ron Stephenson, who passed away in 2011. Stephenson served the league for 14 years. Steve Belko was the commissioner from 1977-81, while John Roning held the post from 1971-77. The first league commissioner was Jack Friel, who served from 1963-71.
A banner season for the Big Sky Conference ended with a national celebration of the league’s best. Overall, four Big Sky football players and coaches earned national awards from STATS, as part of the news organization’s 2016 FCS Awards gala in Frisco, Texas, where Saturday’s FCS national championship game will be played. Eastern Washington wide receiver Cooper Kupp won the FCS Offensive Player of the Year; Montana defensive end Tyrone Holmes won the FCS Defensive Player of the Year; Northern Arizona quarterback Case Cookus won the FCS Freshman of the Year; and Portland State coach Bruce Barnum won the FCS Coach of the Year award.

Cookus finished the season with 37 touchdown passes— a new FCS record for a freshman quarterback— while throwing for 3,110 yards. Cookus led the nation in passer-efficiency, with a rating of 184.9. Barnum helped lead the Vikings to many firsts on the field in 2015, but the most significant to him was earned the Big Sky’s Coach of the Year award. He did much more than just earn a postseason award; he led the Vikings to their first playoff berth since 2000, and was 5-0 against ranked teams in the regular season.

The season Montana defensive end Tyrone Holmes had was magical, as the Grizzlies upset the top-ranked North Dakota State Bison in the opening game, before moving on to a second-round appearance in the FCS playoffs. Holmes finished the season with 17.5 tackles-for-loss, 14 sacks and two forced fumbles. Kupp finished the season with 1,642 receiving yards, on 114 receptions. The junior finished with 19 touchdowns.

James Cowser and Portland State safety Patrick Onwuasor finished as finalists for the FCS Defensive Player of the Year award. The junior finished with 19 touchdowns, and eight 100-yard receiving games. Kupp also set the alltime record for yards at Oregon’s Autzen Stadium. Southern Utah defensive end James Cowser and Portland State safety Patrick Onwuasor finished as finalists for the FCS Defensive Player of the Year award.

--Big Sky Conference

**GRIZ ON 2015 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM**

- Nate Bradley
- Nate Harris
- Robert Luke
- Reese Carlson
- Aaron Held
- Chase Naccarato
- Derek Crittenden
- Tyrone Holmes
- Mike Ralston
- Tyrel Garner
- Connor Lebsack
- Ben Roberts
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## Special Teams

**1998**
- Tyler Martin ...................... DT
- Jeremy Watkins .................. WR

**1999**
- Adam Boomer ...................... LB
- Kelley Bryant ...................... DT
- Vince Huntsberge* ................ SS
- Drew Miller^{*} ..................... QB
- Chase Raynoch ..................... OT
- Thatcher Szalay ................... OG
- Jeremy Watkins .................... WR

**2000**
- Adam Boomer ...................... LB
- Calvin Coleman ................... CB
- Jimmy Farris ....................... WR
- Andy Petek* ......................... LB
- Thatcher Szalay ................... OG

**2001**
- Calvin Coleman ................... CB
- John Fitzgerald .................... FB
- Spencer Frederick ................ TE
- Yohance Humphery ................ RB
- Vince Huntsberge* ................ SS
- Etu Molden ......................... WR
- Chris Snyder ....................... K
- Matt Steinau ....................... OLB
- Thatcher Szalay ................... OG

**2002**
- John Edwards! ...................... QB
- Tim Bush ......................... DE
- Blake Horgan ...................... DT
- Dylan McFarland ................... OT
- Levander Segars ................... Returns
- Vernon Smith ...................... CB
- Chris Snyder ....................... K
- Trey Young* ......................... FS

**2003**
- Dylan McFarland ................... OT
- Jon Skinner ....................... OG
- Brad Weston ....................... FB
- Chris Snyder ....................... K
- Brent Meyers ....................... OLB
- Dave DeCoite ....................... FS

**2004**
- Cory Procter ....................... OT
- Craig Ochs ......................... QB
- Lex Hilliard ....................... RB
- Mike Murphy ....................... DE
- Shane MacIntyre ................... ILB
- Jefferson Heidelberger .......... Special Teams

**2005**
- Brad Rhoades ....................... OT
- Lex Hilliard ....................... RB
- Tuff Harris ......................... Returns
- Alan Saenz ......................... DT
- Brady Green ....................... Special Teams

**2006**
- Eric Allen ......................... WR
- Cody Balogh ....................... OT
- Colin Dow ................. OG
- Mike Murphy ....................... DE
- Kroy Biermann ..................... DE
- Torrey Thomas ..................... FS
- Colt Anderson ...................... SS/ST

**2007**
- Colt Anderson ...................... SS
- Kroy Biermann* ................... DE
- Dan Carpenter ..................... K
- Tyson Johnson ..................... P
- J.D. Quinn ......................... OG
- Brent Russum ....................... OT
- Loren Utterback ................... LB

**2008**
- Marc Mariani ...................... WR/Returns
- Colin Dow ......................... OG
- Colt Anderson ...................... SS

**2009**
- Marc Mariani ...................... WR
- Levi Horn ......................... OT
- Terran Hillesland ................ OG

**2010**
- Chase Reynolds ................... RB
- Kevin Klabeo ....................... FB
- Shawn Lebsco ...................... ILB
- Trumaine Johnson ................ CB
- Shann Schillinger ................ FS
- Cole Lockwood .......... Special Teams

**2011**
- Caleb McSurdy* ..................... LB
- Trumaine Johnson$ ................ CB
- Bryan Waldhauser ................. DT
- Greg Hardy ......................... TE
- Jon Opperud ....................... OT
- Jabin Sambrano .................... Returns

**2012**
- Greg Hardy ......................... TE
- Danny Kistler Jr. .................. OT
- Jordan Tripp ....................... OLB
- Zack Wagenmann ................... DE

**2013**
- John Kanangata'a ................ OLB
- Matt Hermanson ................... Safety
- Tonga Takai ......................... DT
- Zack Wagenmann ................... DE

**2014**
- Jordan Canada ..................... RB
- Matt Hermanson ................... Safety

**2015**
- Jamaal Jones ....................... WR
- Caleb Kidder ....................... DT
- Tyrone Holmes ..................... DE
- Herbert Gamboa ................... OLB

\*Defensive MVP
#Offensive MVP
!Offensive co-MVP
^Newcomer of the Year
$Vacated due to NCAA infraction case

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- 1997 Eastern Washington (7-1) Montana (6-2)
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- 2000 MONTANA (8-0) Portland State, Sac State, Weber State (5-3)
- 2001 MONTANA (7-0) Northern Arizona, Portland State (5-2)
- 2002 MONTANA, Idaho State, Montana State (5-2)
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- 2004 MONTANA, Eastern Washington (6-1) MSU, PSU (4-3)
- 2005 MONTANA, EWU, Montana State (5-2) PSU, WSU (4-3)
- 2006 MONTANA (8-0) Montana State, Portland State (6-2)
- 2007 MONTANA (8-0) Eastern Washington (6-2)
- 2008 MONTANA, Weber State (7-1) EWU, Montana State (5-3)
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- 2010 EWU, MSU (7-1) Montana, Sac State, WSU (5-3)
- 2011 Montana State (7-1) PSU, EWU, WSU (5-3)
- 2012 Eastern Washington, Montana State, Cal Poly (7-1) NAU (6-2)
- 2013 Eastern Washington (8-0) Northern Arizona (7-1)
- 2014 Eastern Washington (7-1) Idaho State, Montana, MSU (6-2)
- 2015 Southern Utah (7-1) Montana, Portland State (6-2)

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Senior Defensive End Ryan Johnson

Senior Quarterback Chad Chalich

RECORDS / AWARDS

MONTANA FOOTBALL
PASSING – GAME

MOST ATTEMPTS
72 ...... Dave Dickenson @Idaho, 1995

MOST COMPLETED
43 ...... Dave Dickenson @Idaho, 1995

MOST YARDS
560 ... Brian Ah Yat @Eastern Washington, 1996

MOST TOUCHDOWNS
6 ...... Jordan Johnson, Weber State, 2011
Dave Dickenson, Boise State, 1995
Brian Ah Yat @Stephen F. Austin, 1998

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
(Minimum of 10 attempts)
1.000 ...... Cole Bergquist, Fort Lewis, 2007, (13x13)

MOST INTERCEPTED PASSES
5 ...... John Vacarelli @Pacific, 1966

LONGEST PASS (NO TD)
72 ... Shay Smithwick-Hann @Weber St., 2012

MOST PASSING YARDS
560 ...... Brian Ah Yat, 1996, @Eastern Washington
558 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995, @Idaho
512 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1993, @Idaho
510 ...... Brian Ah Yat, 1996, Northern Arizona
Dave Dickenson, 1994, Idaho
505 ...... Drew Miller, 2000, @Idaho
498 ...... Drew Miller, 1999, @Portland State
493 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995, Weber State
489 ...... Brad Lebo, 1991, Nevada
469 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995, UC Davis
466 ...... Brad Lebo, 1991, Weber State
460 ...... Brent Pease, 1986, @Weber State
458 ...... Brian Ah Yat, 1998, @Stephen F. Austin
453 ...... Brian Ah Yat, 1996, @Sacramento State
447 ...... Brent Pease, 1986, Eastern Washington
435 ...... Grady Bennett, 1990, @Weber State
434 ...... Brady Gustafson, 2015, North Dakota St.
424 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1994, Eastern Wash.
423 ...... Brian Ah Yat, 1998, Southern Utah
417 ...... Marty Mornhinweg, 1984, Army
411 ...... Brad Lebo, 1991, @Idaho

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS
93 ...... Brian Ah Yat, 1997, @Portland State
91 ...... John Edwards, 2000, Montana State
90 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995, Boise State
87 ...... Trent McKinney, 2012, @App. State
Dave Dickenson, 1993, Weber State
Marty Mornhinweg, 1985, Weber State
84 ...... Justin Roper, 2009, Cal Poly
Dave Dickenson, 1995, @Idaho
80 ...... Jordan Johnson, 2011, @Tennessee
79 ...... Jordan Johnson, 2011, @Montana State
Drew Miller, 1999, Weber State
78 ...... Joe Douglass, 1996, Northern Arizona
75 ...... Cole Bergquist, 2008 @Weber State
Cole Bergquist, 2008 @ N. Colorado
Brandon Neill, 2001, St. Mary’s (Calif.)
75 ...... Craig Ochs, Hofstra, 2004
Rock Svennungsen, 1974, Montana State
74 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1993, @Idaho

PASS ATTEMPTS
72 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995, @Idaho
62 ...... Johnny Coppedge, 1983, Idaho State
61 ...... Brad Lebo, 1992, @Washington State
60 ...... Brent Pease, 1986, @Weber State
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Brent Pease, 1986, Idaho State
Brad Lebo, 1990, Nevada
Grady Bennett, 1989, @Idaho
52 ...... Drew Miller, 1999, @Portland State

PASS COMPLETIONS
43 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995, @Idaho
38 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1994, Idaho
36 ...... Drew Miller, 1999, @Portland State
Brian Ah Yat, 1996, Montana State
Dave Dickenson, 1995, Weber State
Brad Lebo, 1991, Nevada
Brent Pease, 1986, Idaho State
Brad Lebo, 1992, @Kansas State
Brad Lebo, 1992, Montana State
Johnny Coppedge, 1983, Idaho State
34 ...... Darren Rowell, 1997, St. Mary’s
Dave Dickenson, 1994, Eastern Wash.
Dave Dickenson, 1993, @Eastern Wash.
33 ...... Brad Lebo, 1992, Idaho
Grady Bennett, 1989, @Idaho
Dave Dickenson, 1995, @Washington State
Drew Miller, 2000, @Idaho

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES
6 ...... Makena Simis, 2015, Northern Arizona
Jordan Johnson, 2011, Weber State
Brian Ah Yat, 1998, @Stephen F. Austin
Dave Dickenson, 1995, Boise State
5 ...... Jordan Johnson, 2013, @North Dakota
Brandon Neill, 2001, St. Mary’s (Calif.)
Drew Miller, 2000, @Idaho
Drew Miller, 1999, @Portland State
Brian Ah Yat, 1996, Idaho State
Brian Ah Yat, 1996, Portland State
Dave Dickenson, 1995, @Idaho
Brad Lebo, 1991, @Idaho
Brad Lebo, 1991, Weber State
Brent Pease, 1986, Eastern Washington
Brent Pease, 1986, Idaho State
4 ...... (27 tied with 4; Dickenson had nine games with 4 TD passes)

PASSING – SEASON

MOST ATTEMPTS
457 ...... Brad Lebo, 1991

MOST COMPLETED
309 ........ Craig Ochs, 2004
309 ........ Dave Dickenson, 1995

MOST YARDS PASSING
4,176 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MIN. 100 ATTS)
68.7% ...... Craig Ochs, 2004 (309-of-450)

PASSING YARDS PER GAME
379.6 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED
16 .......... Marty Mornhinweg, 1984
16 .......... Grady Bennett, 1990

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES
42 .......... Brian Ah Yat, 1996

Quarterback Craig Ochs
PASSING YEARS
4,176........Dave Dickenson, 1995
3,807........Craig Ochs, 2004
3,640........Dave Dickenson, 1993
3,615........Brian Ah Yat, 1996
3,461........Drew Miller, 1999
3,387........Jordan Johnson, 2013
3,384........Brad Lebo, 1991
3,209........John Edwards, 2002
3,156........Cole Bergquist, 2008
3,091........Grady Bennett, 1989
3,056........Brent Pease, 1986
3,053........Dave Dickenson, 1994
3,043........Andrew Selle, 2009
3,005........Grady Bennett, 1990
2,952........Brian Ah Yat, 1998
2,784........Jordan Johnson, 2014
2,685........Josh Swogger, 2006
2,691........Brian Ah Yat, 1997
2,646........Brad Lebo, 1992
2,623........Cole Bergquist, 2007
2,453........Marty Mornhinweg, 1984
2,439........Drew Miller, 2000
2,400........Jordan Johnson, 2011
1,984........Brady Gustafson, 2015
1,885........Justin Roper, 2010
1,883........Scott Werbelow, 1987
1,682........Grady Bennett, 1988
1,668........Bob Boyes, 1979
1,612........Craig Ochs, 2003
1,569........Marty Mornhinweg, 1982
1,361........Tom Kingsford, 1950

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
42............Brian Ah Yat, 1996
(Big Sky Conference Record)

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS (CONTINUED)
38............Dave Dickenson, 1995
33............Craig Ochs, 2004
32............Jordan Johnson, 2013
Drew Miller, 1999
Dave Dickenson, 1993
30............Brent Pease, 1986
28............Andrew Selle, 2009
Cole Bergquist, 2008
26............Brian Ah Yat, 1998
24............Jordan Johnson, 2014
Dave Dickenson, 1994
Grady Bennett, 1990
21............Jordan Johnson, 2011
Brian Ah Yat, 1997
Brad Lebo, 1991
20............Cole Bergquist, 2007
Grady Bennett, 1989
19............Justin Roper, 2010
John Edwards, 2002

PASS COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
(Minimum 200 attempts)
68.6........Craig Ochs, 2004 (308-450-8)
(Big Sky Conference Record)
68.2........Dave Dickenson, 1994
67.9........Dave Dickenson, 1995
67.2........Dave Dickenson, 1993
66.4........Drew Miller, 2000
65.8........Scott Werbelow, 1987
65.2........Drew Miller, 1999
64.2........Brian Ah Yat, 1998
62.9........Andrew Selle, 2009
61.9........Marty Mornhinweg, 1982
61.3........Brian Ah Yat, 1996

PASSING – CAREER
MOST YARDS PASSING
11,080........Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
9,315........Brian Ah Yat, 1995-98
8,612........Jordan Johnson, 2010-11, 2013-14
7,778........Grady Bennett, 1988-90
7,505........Cole Bergquist, 2005-08
7,617........Brad Lebo, 1989-92
6,704........John Edwards, 1999-02
6,083........Marty Mornhinweg, 1980-84
5,900........Drew Miller, 1999-00
5,419........Craig Ochs, 2003-04
4,131........Andrew Selle, 2007-10
3,655........Brent Pease, 1985-86
2,836........Justin Roper, 2009-10
2,685........Josh Swogger, 2006
2,296........Tom Kingsford, 1948-50
2,178........Bob Boyes, 1978-79
2,173........Bert Wilberger, 1991-94
2,099........Scott Werbelow, 1986-87
2,068........Ray Brum, 1969-70
2,024........Brady Gustafson, 2014-15
1,745........Tim Kerr, 1976-78
1,447........Van Troxel, 1972-75

PASSING YARDS A GAME
(MINIMUM 12 GAMES)
327.8........Drew Miller, 1999-00
(Big Sky Conference Record)
316.6........Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
258.8........Brian Ah Yat, 1995-98

PASSING YARDS A GAME (CONTINUED)
250.9........Grady Bennett, 1988-90
225.8........Craig Ochs, 2003-04
206.5........Josh Swogger, 2006
203.1........Brent Pease, 1985-86
191.1........Brad Lebo, 1989-92
184.6........John Edwards, 1999-02
169.0........Marty Mornhinweg, 1980-82, 84

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS (SINCE 1948)
96............Dave Dickenson, 1993-95
89............Brian Ah Yat, 1995-98
77............Jordan Johnson, 2010-11, 2013-14
58............Cole Bergquist, 2005-08
55............Grady Bennett, 1988-90
46............John Edwards, 1999-2002
Drew Miller, 1999-2000
42............Craig Ochs, 2003-04
41............Brad Lebo, 1989-92
38............Andrew Selle, 2007-10
Marty Mornhinweg, 1980-82, 84
34............Brent Pease, 1985-86
27............Justin Roper, 2009-10
20............Ray Brum, 1968-69

MOST ATTEMPTS
1,208........Dave Dickenson, 1992-95

MOST COMPLETIONS
813............Dave Dickenson, 1992-95

COMPLETIONS PER GAME
23.9........Drew Miller, 1999-00
(430 in 18 games)
(Big Sky Conference Record)

MOST YARDS PASSING
11,080........Dave Dickenson, 1992-95

MOST TOUCHDOWNS
96............Dave Dickenson, 1992-95

PASSING EFFICIENCY
166.3........Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
(3rd in FCS history)

HIGHEST % OF PASSES FOR TDS
7.9%........Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
(FCS National record)

MOST INTERCEPTED PASSES
42............Grady Bennett, 1988-90

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE
67.3%........Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
(Big Sky Conference Record)

MOST YARDS PER ATTEMPT
9.2............Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
(FCS National record)

ATTEMPTS/INTERCEPTION RATIO
0.02............Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
(26 interceptions, 1,208 attempts)

PASS YARDS PER GAME
327.8........Drew Miller, 1999-00
(18 games, 5,900 yards)
(Big Sky Conference Record/6th in FCS history)
RECEIVING – GAME

MOST RECEPTIONS
15 .......... Josh Paffhausen, St. Mary’s, 1997

MOST YARDS RECEIVING
279 ... Joe Douglass @Eastern Washington, 1996

MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS
4 ........ Jabin Sambrano, Weber State, 2011
Marc Mariani, Southern Utah, 2008
Mike Rice, Idaho State, 1986
Marvin Turk @Idaho, 1991
Joe Douglass @Eastern Wash., 1996

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION
93 .......... Jim Farris @Portland State, 1997

LONGEST RECEPTION (NO TD)
72 .......... Peter Nguyen @Weber State, 2012

RECEPTIONS
15 ..... Josh Paffhausen, 1997, St. Mary’s
14 ..... Joe Douglass, 1996, @E. Wash., vs. MSU
Mike Trevathan, 1990, Idaho
13 ..... Joe Douglass, 1995, @Montana State
12 ..... Marc Mariani, 2009, South Dakota State
Levander Segars, 2002, @Eastern Wash.
Jeremy Watkins, 1999, Idaho
Joe Douglass, 1995, Boise State
Shalon Baker, 1994, @Weber State
12 ..... Matt Wells, 1992, @Kansas State
Mike Rice, 1986, Idaho State
11 ..... Etu Molden, 2001, @Hawaii
Mike Erhardt, 1996, Northern Arizona
Matt Wells, 1995, @Idaho
Mike Rice, 1986, Nevada, Idaho
Brian Salonen, 1983, Idaho State
10 ..... Ryan Bagley, 2007, Northern Colorado
Tate Hancock, 2003, North Dakota State
Jon Talmage, 2002, @Portland State
Etu Molden, 2001, Portland State
Jeremy Watkins, 1999, @Portland State
Jimmy Farris, 1999, @Portland State
Raul Pacheco, 1998, Cal Poly, @Weber State
Mike Erhardt, 1995, @Idaho
Joe Douglass, 1995, Weber State
Scott Gurnsey, 1994, @N. Texas, @BSU
Shalon Baker, 1992, Idaho
Shalon Baker, 1991, @McNeese State
Mike Trevathan, 1990, Idaho, @Weber State

RECEIVING YARDS
279 ..... Joe Douglass, 1996, @E. Washington
250 ..... Joe Douglass, 1996, Northern Arizona
248 ..... Mike Trevathan, 1990, Idaho
225 ..... Joe Douglass, 1996, @Sacramento State
222 ..... Mike Erhardt, 1995, @Idaho
208 ..... Marc Mariani, 2008, Southern Utah
Joe Douglass, 1995, @Montana State
205 ..... Joe Douglass, 1996, Montana State
204 ..... Marvin Turk, 1991, @Idaho
200 ..... Marc Mariani, 2009, Cal Poly
198 ..... Terry White, 1985, Weber State
188 ..... Ellis Henderson, 2013, @South Dakota
190 ..... Scott Gurnsey, 1994, @Montana State

RECEIVING YARDS RECEIVING (CONTINUED)
187 ..... Mike Rice, 1986, Idaho
185 ..... Matt Wells, 1995, Cal-Davis
182 ..... Justin Olsen, 1998, Southern Utah
182 ..... Matt Wells, 1993, Weber State
180 ..... Ellis Henderson, 2013, @Sac State
178 ..... Marc Mariani, 2009, Villanova
176 ..... Scott Gurnsey, 1993, Boise State
175 ..... Joe Paffhausen, 1997, St. Mary’s
173 ..... Scott Gurnsey, 1993, Montana State
172 ..... Marc Mariani, 2008, Richmond
Shalon Baker, 1994, @Weber State

LONGEST RECEPTION
93 .......... Jimmy Farris, 1997, @Portland State
91 .......... Jimmy Farris, 2000, Montana State
90 .......... Matt Wells, 1995, Boise State
87 ..... Dan Moore, 2012, @App. State
Matt Wells, 1993, Weber State
Scott Moe, 1985, Weber State
84 ..... Marc Mariani, 2009, Cal Poly
Mike Erhardt, 1995, @Idaho
80 ..... Jabin Sambrano, 2011, @Tennessee
79 ..... Jabin Sambrano, 2011, @Montana St.
76 ..... Jim DeBord, 1968, @Idaho
75 ..... Tyler Palmer, 2008, @Weber State
Mike Ferriiter, 2008, Northern Colo.
Levander Segars, 2004, Hofstra
Etu Molden, 2001, St. Mary’s
Del Spear, 1974, Montana State
74 ..... Jamaal Jones, 2015, North Dakota
Matt Wells, 1993, @Idaho
74 ..... Mike See, 1989, Eastern New Mexico
Mike Rice, 1986, Eastern Washington
73 ..... Mike Ferriiter, 2008, Sacramento State
Etu Molden, 1999, @Idaho State
Justin Olsen, 1998, @SFA

RECEIVING – SEASON

MOST RECEPTIONS
82 .......... Joe Douglass, 1996

MOST YARDS RECEIVING
1,479 .......... Marc Mariani, 2009

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME
133.6 ...... Joe Douglass, 1996
(82 catches for 1,469 yards)

RECEIVING YARDS
1,479 .......... Marc Mariani, 2009
1,469 .......... Joe Douglass, 1996
1,308 .......... Marc Mariani, 2008
1,240 .......... Jefferson Heidelberg, 2004
1,217 .......... Jamaal Jones, 2015
1,145 .......... Etu Molden, 2001
1,079 .......... Scott Gurnsey, 1993
1,047 .......... Marvin Turk, 1991
1,046 .......... Mike Rice, 1986
1,044 .......... Jamaal Jones, 2014
1,025 .......... Jeremy Watkins, 1999
1,008 .......... Ellis Henderson, 2013
998 .......... Scott Gurnsey, 1994
885 .......... Shalon Baker, 1994
870 .......... Bill Cockhill, 1993
832 .......... Joe Douglass, 1995
832 .......... Brian Salonen, 1983
820 .......... Mike Ferriiter, 2008
819 .......... Jon Talmage, 2004
817 .......... Ellis Henderson, 2015
801 .......... Eric Allen, 2006
792 .......... Mike Erhardt, 1995
760 .......... Jamaal Jones, 2013
746 .......... Matt Wells, 1994
733 .......... Mike Ferriiter, 2007
730 .......... Travon Van, 2014
722 .......... Jim Hard, 1979
710 .......... Levander Segars, 2004
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Receiving – Career

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MONTANA RECORDS: RECEIVING

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Receive Yards Per Game

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Wide Receiver Jamaal Jones
RUSHING – GAME

MOST CARRIES
38 ..... Chase Reynolds vs. Texas State, 2008
Yohance Humphrey vs. Weber St. 2001

MOST NET YARDS
265 ..... Yohance Humphrey vs. Weber St., 2001

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING
4 ..... Jordan Canada, @Sacramento St., 2013
Lex Hilliard vs. Northwestern St., 2004
Justin Green vs. Eastern Wash., 2003
Yohance Humphrey vs. Weber St., 2001
Arnie Blancas @Weber State, 1970

LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE
88 ..... “Wild” Bill Kelly vs. Carroll Coll., 1925

LONGEST TD RUNS (SINCE 1968)
80 ..... Jordan Canada, 2013, Weber State
Jabin Sambrano, @Northern Ariz., 2003

LONGEST RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE (CONTINUED)
67 ..... Mike Rice, 1985, Idaho State
Paul Fiskness, 1975, Portland State

MOST RUSHING GAMES (SINCE 1968)
266 ..... Yohance Humphrey, 2001, Weber State
241 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2009, Weber State
237 ..... Lex Hilliard, 2005, Cal Poly
233 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2008, Texas State
227 ..... Les Kent, 1969, @Portland State
220 ..... Jim Olson, 1972, @Idaho State
208 ..... Greg Iseman, 1982, @Weber State
201 ..... Yohance Humphrey, 2001, E. Wash.
197 ..... Yohance Humphrey, 2000, @Weber State
194 ..... Yo. Humphrey, 2000, @Portland State
193 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2009, Appalachian State
189 ..... Jordan Canada, 2013, Weber State
187 ..... Josh Bransen, 1997, Sacramento State
185 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2008, Weber State
185 ..... Rocky Klever, 1981, Idaho State
182 ..... Steve Caputo, 1971, @Portland State
181 ..... Lex Hilliard, 2007, @Montana State
180 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2010, Montana State
175 ..... Justin Green, 2003, Eastern Washington
173 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2010, North Dakota
Steve Caputo, 1971, @Cal Poly
171 ..... Lex Hilliard, 2004, Northwestern State
170 ..... Monty Bullerick, 1977, Idaho State
167 ..... Jordan Canada, 2012, @Eastern Wash.
Yo. Humphrey, 1999, Sacramento State

MOST RUSHING TDS IN A GAME
32 ..... Lex Hilliard, 2007, @Montana State
Justin Green, 2003, Eastern Washington
Nate Sanders, 1996, Portland State
Steve Caputo, 1971, @Weber State

MOST RUSHES IN A GAME (CONTINUED)
31 ..... Lex Hilliard, 2007, Portland State
Monty Bullerick, 1977, @Montana State
Greg Iseman, 1982, @Portland State
Rocky Klever, 1981, Idaho State
Wayne Harper, 1980, Northern Arizona

Lex Hilliard, 2004, @Eastern Washington

Running Back Chase Reynolds

Top Rushing Games (Continued)
166 ..... Bob Smith, 1973, @Northern Arizona
163 ..... Monty Bullerick, 1977, Weber State
Steve Caputo, 1971, @Weber State
160 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2008, @Portland State
Greg Iseman, 1982, Idaho
159 ..... Peter Nguyen, 2012, @Northern Colorado
Jordan Canada, 2011, Portland State
Lex Hilliard, 2005, Weber State
JR Waller, 2002, Northern Arizona
Yohance Humphrey, 2001, @Cal Poly
Steve Caputo, 1971, vs. Idaho
158 ..... Yo. Humphrey, 1999, Cal State Northridge
Joey Charles, 1983, Weber State
157 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2008, Northern Arizona
156 ..... JR Waller, 2002, @Portland State
155 ..... Lex Hilliard, 2005, @Sacramento State
153 ..... Chase Reynolds, 2008, Idaho State
Yohance Humphrey, 2001, Portland State

Running Back Jordan Canada

Montana Records: Rushing

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RUSHING – SEASON

MOST NET YARDS
1,658 .......... Yohance Humphery, 2001
1,583 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2008
1,502 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2005
1,322 .......... Steve Caputo, 1971
1,277 .......... Yohance Humphery, 1999
1,253 .......... Dick Imer, 1953 (86-703)
1,207 .......... Jordan Canada, 2014
1,146 .......... Justin Green, 2003
1,132 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2007
1,075 .......... Greg Iseman, 1982
1,062 .......... Jordan Canada, 2013
1,022 .......... Monty Bullerdick, 1977
982 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2010
972 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2004

HIGHEST AVERAGE PER CARRY
8.2 .......... Dick Imer, 1953 (86-703)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING
22 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2009
17 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2004
16 .......... Jordan Canada, 2013

MOST RUSHES
321 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2009
303 .......... Yohance Humphery, 2001
281 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2008

RUSHING YARDS
1,658 .......... Yohance Humphery, 2001
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972 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2004

AVG YARDS RUSHING
(50 ATTS)
8.17 .......... Dick Imer, 1953
8.01 .......... Dick Imer, 1954
6.82 .......... Josh Branen, 1995
6.69 .......... Roy Malcom, 1948
6.67 .......... Bob Byrne, 1950
6.60 .......... Dale Shupe, 1954
6.54 .......... Mike Mickey, 1975
6.48 .......... Lex Kent, 1969
6.44 .......... Damon Boddie, 1994
6.43 .......... Paul Fiskness, 1975
6.43 .......... Steve Caputo, 1971
6.41 .......... Casey Reilly, 1971
6.41 .......... Murdo Campbell, 1954

AVG YARDS RUSHING PER GAME
138.2 .......... Yohance Humphery, 2001
116.1 .......... Yohance Humphery, 1999
114.7 .......... Dick Imer, 1953
113.9 .......... Steve Caputo, 1971
110.4 .......... Yohance Humphery, 2000

AVERAGE YARDS RUSHING PER GAME (CONTINUED)
110.2 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2005
102.9 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2007
102.2 .......... Monty Bullerdick, 1977
101.1 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2009
98.9 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2008
98.8 .......... Dick Imer, 1954
97.7 .......... Greg Iseman, 1982
97.2 .......... Lex Kent, 1969
89.3 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2010
88.2 .......... Justin Green, 2003
87.0 .......... Rocky Klever, 1981
85.5 .......... Arnie Blancas, 1970
81.8 .......... Bryan Magnuson, 1967
81.7 .......... Jordan Canada, 2013

RUSHING – CAREER

MOST YARDS RUSHING
4,070 .......... Yohance Humphery, 1998-01
4,067 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2008-10
2,228 .......... Rocky Klever, 1977-81
2,033 .......... Steve Caputo, 1969-71
1,985 .......... Peter Nguyen, 2009-12
1,885 .......... Josh Branen, 1995-97
1,813 .......... Monty Bullerdick, 1977-78
1,784 .......... Justin Green, 2003-04
1,726 .......... JR Waller, 2002-05
1,719 .......... Jody Farmer, 1999-2002
1,644 .......... Rocky Klever, 1977-81
1,635 .......... John Edwards, 1999-2002
1,625 .......... Del Spear, 1973-76
1,572 .......... Jeff Hoffman, 1964-65
1,569 .......... Bob Byrne, 1949-51
1,564 .......... Arnie Blancas, 1969-70
1,554 .......... Les Kent, 1969-70

MOST YARDS RUSHING (CONTINUED)
1,453 .......... Tony Rice, 1988-92
1,429 .......... Del Spear, 1973-76
1,348 .......... Paul Connelly, 1964-65
1,345 .......... Jeff Hoffman, 1970-71
1,313 .......... Bob Byrne, 1949-51
1,311 .......... Renard Coleman, 1985-88

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
52 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2008-10
50 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2003-05; 2007
43 .......... Yohance Humphery, 1998-2001
40 .......... Jordan Canada, 2011-2014
24 .......... Tony Rice, 1989-92
22 .......... Justin Green, 2003-04
20 .......... Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
17 .......... Jody Farmer, 1986-89
16 .......... Rocky Klever, 1977-81
14 .......... Del Spear, 1973-76
13 .......... JR Waller, 2002-05
12 .......... Mike Hagen, 1980-81

MOST CARRIES
806 .......... Lex Hilliard, 2003-05; 07

MOST NET YARDS
4,070 .......... Yohance Humphery, 1998-01

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
52 .......... Chase Reynolds, 2008-10

Running Back Justin Green
SCORING – GAME

MOST POINTS
30 ........ Greg Iseman @ Weber State, 1982
26 ........ “Wild” Bill Kelly vs. Whitman, 1926
Del Spear vs. Idaho, 1974
Mike Rice vs. Idaho State, 1986

MOST TOUCHDOWNS
5 ........ Greg Iseman @ Weber State, 1982

MOST FIELD GOALS
6 ........ Brody McKnight vs. W. Oregon, 2011

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
57 ...... Chris Snyder vs. Albany, 2002

MOST CONVERSIONS
10 ...... Kris Heppner vs. Weber State, 1999

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
57 ...... Chris Snyder, 2002, Albany
54 ...... Brody McKnight, 2009, @ N. Arizona
Dan Carpenter, 2007, @ Sacramento State
Chris Snyder, 2003, @ Idaho State
Kris Heppner, 1997, @ Idaho State
53 ...... Brody McKnight, 2010, @ Eastern Wash.
52 ...... Chris Snyder, 2000, @ Portland State
Eby Dobson, 1985, @ Northern Arizona
51 ...... Brody McKnight, 2011, Western Oregon
Brody McKnight, 2011, @ Idaho State
Dan Carpenter, 2007, @ Montana State
Kirk Duce, 1988, @ Nevada
50 ...... Ben Worst, Ok. Panhandle State, 2013
Dan Carpenter, 2007, Northern Colorado
Dan Carpenter, 2006, @ Weber State
50 ...... Dan Carpenter, 2005, @ Northern Ariz.
Bruce Carlson, 1976, @ Northern Colo.
Dan Worrell, 1969, South Dakota State
49 ...... Dan Carpenter, 2004, Northern Colorado
Chris Snyder, 2002, @ Idaho
Chris Snyder, 2001, @ NAU, vs. Hawaii
Kris Heppner, 1998, @ WSU, Portland St.
49 ...... Bruce Carlson, 1977, @ Northern Arizona
48 ...... Brody McKnight, 2011, @ Idaho State
Chris Snyder, 2003, Western Illinois
Chris Snyder, 2001, @ Idaho State, PSU
Kris Heppner, 1997, @ Northern Arizona
Eby Dobson, 1985, Boise State
Bob Turnquist, 1973, @ Rice

MOST POINTS SCORED (CONTINUED)
109 ...... Brody McKnight, Kicker, 2009
107 ...... Chris Snyder, Kicker, 2002
102 ...... Marc Mariani, WR, 2008
Lex Hilliard, RB, 2004
101 ...... Dan Carpenter, Kicker, 2007
99 ...... Daniel Sullivan, 2015
96 ...... Jordan Canada, RB, 2013
Lex Hilliard, RB, 2007
Yohance Humphery, RB, 1999
92 ...... Marc Mariani, WR/Returns, 2009
Lex Hilliard, RB, 2007
90 ...... Ellis Henderson, WR/Ret, 2013
Eby Dobson, WR, 2001
85 ...... Chris Snyder, Kicker, 2001
84 ...... Jabin Sambrano, WR/Returns, 2011
Lex Hilliard, RB, 2005
Justin Green, RB, 2003
Dave Dickenson, QB, 1993
83 ...... Brody McKnight, Kicker, 2010
82 ...... Chris Lider, Kicker, 2012
80 ...... Mike Rice, WR, 1986
79 ...... Brody McKnight, Kicker, 2008
Andy Larson, Kicker, 1993
78 ...... Chris Snyder, Kicker, 2000
Kris Heppner, Kicker, 1997
Marvin Turk, WR, 1991
76 ...... Dan Carpenter, Kicker, 2005
75 ...... Ben Worst, Kicker, 2013
75 ...... Kris Heppner, Kicker, 1998

MOST TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS
24 ...... Chase Reynolds, RB, 2009
23 ...... Chase Reynolds, RB, 2008
19 ...... Joe Douglass, WR, 1996
17 ...... Lex Hilliard, RB, 2004
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14 ...... Jabin Sambrano, WR/Ret., 2011
Lex Hilliard, RB, 2005
Justin Green, RB, 2003
Dave Dickenson, QB, 1993
Greg Iseman, RB, 1982

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE FOR
46 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1993
45 ...... Brian Ah Yat, 1996
41 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1995
35 ...... Craig Ochs, 2004
34 ...... Brent Pease, 1986
32 ...... Jordan Johnson, 2013
Drew Miller, 1999
29 ...... Andrew Selle, 2009
28 ...... Dave Dickenson, 1994
28 ...... Grady Bennett, 1989
27 ...... John Edwards, 2002
26 ...... Brian Ah Yat, 1998

SCORING – SEASON

MOST FIELD GOALS
25 ............ Chris Snyder, 2003

MOST PATS
64 ............ Brody McKnight, 2009

HIGHEST PAT PERCENTAGE
100% ........ Dan Carpenter, 2004 (63-of-63)

MOST POINTS SCORED
144 ...... Chase Reynolds, RB, 2009
138 ...... Chase Reynolds, RB, 2008
124 ...... Chris Snyder, Kicker, 2003
123 ...... Dan Carpenter, Kicker, 2004
116 ...... Brody McKnight, Kicker, 2011
116 ...... Yohance Humphery, RB, 2001
Joe Douglass, WR, 1996
113 ...... Dan Carpenter, Kicker, 2006

Kicker Dan Carpenter
SCORING – CAREER

MOST POINTS SCORED
413........#Dan Carpenter, 2004-07
(Big Sky Conference/FCS Records)
394........#Chris Snyder, Kicker, 2000-03
387........#Brody McKnight, Kicker, 2008-11
354........Chase Reynolds, RB, 2008-10
312........Lex Hilliard, 2003-05, 07
290........Yohance Humphrey, RB, 1998-01
280.........Kirk Duce, K, 1988-91
271........Brody McKnight, Kicker, 2008-11
261........Andy Larson, Kicker, 1993-96
252..........Jordan Canada, RB, 2011-14
241.........Kris Heppner, Kicker, 1997-99
200.........Marc Mariani, WR, 2006-09
196.........Bruce Carlson, Kicker, 1974-77
180.........Dan Worrell, Kicker, 1968-70
178.........Jody Farmer, RB, 1986-89
174.........Joe Douglass, WR, 1995-96
170.........Shalon Baker, WR, 1991-94
166.........Eby Dobson, Kicker, 1983-86
165.........Daniel Sullivan, 2014-15
160.........Kelly Stensrud, RB, 1992-95
158.........Tony Rice, RB, 1988-92
153.........Kris Heppner, Kicker, 1997-98
146........Jon Talmage, WR, 2002-05
144.........Jabin Sambrano, WR/Returns, 2008-11
132.........Justin Green, RB, 2003-04
(#Carpenter, Snyder and McKnight are ranked first, second, and third in FCS history in kickoff career points.)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS (SINCE 1948)
59.........Chase Reynolds, RB, 2008-10
52.........Lex Hilliard, 2003-05, 07
48.........Yohance Humphrey, RB, 1998-01
36.........Lex Hilliard, 2003-05
33.........Marc Mariani, WR, 2006-09
29.........Jordan Canada, RB, 2011-2014
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28.........Shalon Baker, WR, 1991-94
28.........Jody Farmer, HB, 1986-89
26.........Etu Molden, WR, 1991-94
26.........Mike Erhardt, WR, 1993-96
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24.........Jabin Sambrano, WR/Returns, 2008-11
Jon Talmage, WR, 2002-05
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Kelly Stensrud, RB, 1992-95

TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE FOR
117.........Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
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83.........Jordan Johnson, 2010-11, 2013-14
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67.........Grady Bennett, 1998-90
62.........John Edwards, 1999-02
59.........Chase Reynolds, 2007-09
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48.........Yohance Humphrey, 1998-01
Marty Mornhinweg, 1980-82, & 84
47.........Craig Ochs, 2003-04
46.........Drew Miller, 1999-00
43.........Brad Lebo, 1989-92

Punt Return Touchdowns
102...Milt Popovich @Oregon State, 1936
99......Damon Boddie @Idaho, 1993
98......Ellis Henderson, 2013, @South Dakota
Marc Mariani vs. S. Dakota State, 2009
96......Jabin Sambrano vs. Cal Poly, 2011
Jefferson Heidelberger vs. NW State, 2002
Jefferson Heidelberger vs. Hofstra, 2004

RETURNS – SEASON

MOST PUNT RETURNS
46........Tuff Harris, 2006
...........Levander Segars, 2002
(Big Sky Conference Record)

HIGHEST AVERAGE PUNT RETURNS
20.2......Greg Anderson, 1974 (13-for-263)

MOST YARDS PUNT RETURNS
667......Tuff Harris, 2006
(Big Sky Conference Record)

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS
40......Jabin Sambrano, 2011

HIGHEST AVERAGE KICKOFF RETURNS
33.5......Greg Anderson, 1974 (10-335)
29.4......Renard Coleman, 1987 (20-588)

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS
2,265........Marc Mariani, 2008
2,185........Marc Mariani, 2009
2,056........Yohance Humphrey, 2001
1,963......Jabin Sambrano, 2011
1,908.......Joe Douglass, 1996
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### Kickoff Return Yards

- Jordan Johnson, 2010-11, 2013-14: 836 yards
- Jabin Sambrano, 2011: 836 yards

### Returns – Career

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**Interception Return Touchdowns**

- Greg Anderson, 1973-76: 4 touchdowns (Ties Big Sky Conference Record)

### Total Offense

**Game**

- **Most Plays:**
  - 85: Dave Dickenson @Idaho, 1995 (Big Sky Conference Record)
- **Most Yards:**
  - 574: Dave Dickenson @Idaho, 1995 (Big Sky Conference Record)

**Career**

- **Most Plays:**
  - 7.9: Drew Miller, 1999-00 (708 plays-5,628 yards) (Big Sky Conference Record)
- **Average Yards per Game:**
  - 328.9: Dave Dickenson, 1992-95 (35 games-11,513 yards) (Big Sky Conference Record/8th in FCS history)
- **Most Touchdowns Responsible for:**
  - 116: Dave Dickenson, 1992-95 (Big Sky Conference Record)

**Yards (Since 1948)**

- **Most Yards:**
  - 11,523: Dave Dickenson, 1992-95
TOTAL YARDS (CONTINUED)
5,900 ........ Drew Miller, 1999-00
5,613 ........ Craig Ochs, 2003-04
4,926 ........ Cole Bergquist, 2005-08
4,070 ........ Jabin Sambrano, 2008-11
4,018 ........ Lex Hilliard, 2003-05, 07
3,728 ........ Brent Pease, 1985-86

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS
5,441 ........ Marc Mariani, 2006-2009
4,994 ........ Yohance Humphery, 1998-2001
4,958 ........ Chase Reynolds, 2008-10
4,828 ........ Lex Hilliard, 2003-07
4,549 ........ Levendar Segars, 2001-04
4,070 ........ Jabin Sambrano, 2008-11
3,347 ........ Renard Coleman, 1985-88

TOTAL DEFENSE
GAME
MOST SACKS
4.5 ......... Tim Bush vs. Northern Arizona, 2002

MOST INTERCEPTIONS
4 ............. Ed Cerckovnik vs. Portland State, 1977
(Ties Big Sky Conference Record)

MOST YDS RETURNED BY INTERCEPTION
11

MOST INTERCEPTIONS
4.5

MOST SACKS
GAME

SACKS PER GAME
2.45 ........ Andy Petek, 2000
(11 games, 27 TFLs)

SACKS
19 ............ Andy Petek, 2000
(Big Sky Conference Record)
18 ............ Tyrone Holmes, 2015

SACKS PER GAME
1.76 ........ Andy Petek, 2000
(11 games, 19 sacks)

FUMBLE RECOVERIES
10 ............. Jordan Tripp, 2009-13

FORCED FUMBLES
6 ............. Andy Petek, 2000

MOST INTERCEPTIONS
11 ............. Karl Stein, 1969
(Big Sky Conference Record)

MOST YDS RET. FOR INTERCEPTION
218 ........... Greg Anderson, 1978 (6)

MOST BLOCKED EXTRA POINTS
4 ............. Tim Hauck, 1988

CAREER
TACKLES (SINCE 1976)
393 ............ Vince Huntsberger, SS, 1998-01
356 ............ Tyler Joyce, LB, 2004-07
348 ............ Matt Hermanson, FS, 2011-14
335 ............ Jordan Tripp, LB, 2009-13
326 ............ Mike Rankin, LB, 1985-88
313 ............ Tim Hauck, DB, 2004-08
305 ............ Tim Hauck, DB, 1987-89
304 ............ Kyle Ryan, LB, 2004-07
301 ............ Jake Trammell, LB, 1981-84
294 ............ Shawn Lebsock, LB, 2006-09
293 ............ Brock Coyle, LB, 2009-13
289 ............ Jason Crebo, LB, 1994-97
287 ............ Todd Ericson, DB, 1990-93
284 ............ Curt McElroy, LB, 1979-82
281 ............ Kendrick Van Ackeren, LB, 2013-15
270 ............ Mike McGowan, LB, 1987-90
269 ............ J.P. Kanangataa, LB, 2010-13
268 ............ Adam Boomer, LB, 1997-00
267 ............ Sam Martin, DE, 1976-79
266 ............ Dave DeCoite, DB, 2000-03
262 ............ Loren Utterback, LB, 2004-07
257 ............ Shann Schillinger, FS, 2006-09
250 ............ Trey Young, SS, 1999-02
245 ............ Mike Boucher, LB, 1993-96
241 ............ Dan Downs, LB, 1991-94
239 ............ Matt Hermanson, FS, 2011-2014
233 ............ Blaine McElmurry, DB, 1993-96
231 ............ Alex Shaw, LB, 2008-11
225 ............ Erik Stoll, SS, 2008-10
220 ............ Kroy Biermann, DE, 2004-07
213 ............ Greg Dunn, DB, 1976-79
211 ............ Brent Oakland, LB, 1981-83
208 ............ Blake Horgan, DT, 2001-04
207 ............ Scott Gratton, LB, 1979-82
201 ............ Zack Wagenmann, DE, 2011-14
Matt Steinau, LB, 1998-01

TACKLES FOR LOSS (SINCE 1976)
35 ............ Zack Wagenmann, DE, 2011-2014
49.5 ........ Tyrone Holmes, DE, 2012-15
48.5 ........ Tim Bush, DE, 2000-03
45 ............ Kroy Biermann, DE, 2004-07
44.5 ........ Mike Murphy, DE, 2003-2006
44 ............ Andy Petek, DE, 1997-00
39 ............ Jason Crebo, LB, 1994-97
34.5 ........ Trey Young, DB, 1999-02
32 ............ Adam Boomer, LB, 1997-00
30.5 ........ Lance Spencer, DE, 2002-05
29.5 ........ Zack Wagenmann, LB, 2011-2014
Jordan Tripp, LB, 2009-13
28.5 ........ Shawn Poole, DT, 1982-85
26.5 ........ J.P. Kanangataa, LB, 2009-13
Loren Utterback, LB, 2004-07
25.5 ........ Tyrone Holmes, DE, 2012-14
24.5 ........ Brock Coyle, LB, 2009-13
Ryan Fetherston, DE, 2008-11
Ciche Pitcher, DE, 2000-03
24 ............. Dustin Dlouhy, DE, 2003-06
22 ............. Corey Mertes, DE, 1998-00
21.5 ........ Shane Maclntyre, LB, 2002-05
21 ............. Pat Foster, DE, 1984-87
20.5 ........ Alan Saenz, DT, 2002-05
19.5 ........ Bobby Alt, DE, 2009-11
Severin Campbell, DE, 2007-10
TACKLES FOR LOSS (CONTINUED)
19 ......... Bryan Waldhauser, DE, 2009-12
   Keith Jones, 1991-94
   Scott Camper, DT, 1987

TACKLES FOR LOSS CONTINUED
19 ......... Ben Kiefer, LB, 1981-82
   Brent Oakland, LB, 1981-83
18.5 ......... Jace Palmer, DE, 2006-2009
   Mike Stadnyk, DE, 2005-08
18 ............. Blake Horgan, DT, 2001-04
17 ............. Caleb McSurdy, LB, 2008-11
   Yohance Manzanarez, DE, 1992-95

SACKS (SINCE 1976)
37.5 ......... Zack Wagenmann, DE, 2010-2014
34.5 ......... Tyrone Holmes, DE, 2012-15
32.5 ......... Tim Bush, DE, 2000-03
32 ............. Kroy Biermann, DE, 2004-07
29 ............. Andy Petek, DE, 1997-00
27 ............. Mike Murphy, DE, 2003-06
24 ............. Corey Falls, DE, 1993-96
23 ............. Lance Spencer, DE, 2002-05
22 ............. Trey Young, SS, 1999-02
17 ............. Jace Palmer, DE, 2006-09
   Kroy Biermann, DE, 2004-06
   Dustin Diouhy, DE, 2003-06
16.5 ......... Tyrone Holmes, DE, 2012-14
15.5 ......... Ciche Pitcher, DE, 2000-03
15 ............. Randy Riley, DE, 1993-96
13.5 ......... Bryan Waldhauser, 2009-12
13 ............. Kelley Bryant, DT, 1996-99
   Mike McGowan, LB, 1987-90
   Ryan Thompson, DT, 1993-96
   Keith Jones, DE, 1991-94

SACKS (CONTINUED)
12 ............. Mike Stadnyk, DE, 2005-08
   Eric Buehler, DE, 1995-98
   Pat Foster, DE, 1984-87
   Ryan Fetherston, DE, 2008-11
   Jace Palmer, DE, 2006-2009

INTERCEPTIONS (SINCE 1968)
20 ............. Karl Stein, 1969-70
16 ............. Mick Denney, 1969, 71-72
15 ............. Tim Hauck, 1987-89
13 ............. Trumaine Johnson, 2008-11^
   Blaine McElmurry, 1993-96
12 ............. Torrey Thomas, 2004-07
11 ............. Matt Hermanson, 2011-14
   Todd Ericson, 1990-93
   Tony Breland, 1985-87
   Greg Nygren, 1986-88
   Ed Cerkovnik, 1977-79
11 ............. Greg Anderson, 1973-76
10 ............. Shann Schillinger, 2006-09
   Keith Burke, 1992-94
   Kent Clausen, 1977-80
   Greg Dunn, 1977-79
   Robin Peters, 1969-71
(^Forfeited two interceptions due to NCAA infractions case, 2011)

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS
398 ............. Karl Stein, 1969-70

INTERCEPTION RETURN TOUCHDOWNS
4 ............. Greg Anderson, 1973-76
   (Ties Big Sky Conference Record)

FORCED FUMBLES
11 ............. Zack Wagenmann, 2011-14
10 ............. Jordan Tripp, 2009-13
9 ............. Kroy Biermann, 2004-07
   Mike Rankin, 1985-88

BLOCKED EXTRA POINTS
7 ............. Tim Hauck, 1987-89

PUNTING – GAME
MOST PUNTS
11 ......... Brody McKnight @Portland St., 2010
   Mark Spencer vs. McNeese St., 2002
   Mike Rice @Boise State, 1986
   Dave Harrington @Rice, 1973
   Terry Thomas @UNLV, 1978

MOST YARDS
501 ...... Jody Farmer @Nevada, 1988

HIGHEST AVERAGE
55.7 .... Jody Farmer @Nevada, 1988
   (9 for 501)

LONGEST PUNT
79 ...... Jody Farmer, @Weber State, 1988
78 ...... Jody Farmer, Weber State, 1989
77 ...... Mark Spencer, @Montana State, 2001
75 ...... Brody McKnight, @Sac State, 2011
   Kelly Stensrud, Eastern Wash., 1994
74 ...... Ken Wood, @Eastern Wash., 2008
   Jody Farmer, @Nevada, 1988
   Mike Rice, Boise State, 1985
73 ...... Mike Rice, Montana State, 1986
72 ...... Jody Farmer, @Eastern Wash., 1987
   and @Northern Iowa, 1987
70 ...... Mark Spencer, Montana State, 2002
69 ...... Mike Rice, @Idaho, 1985
68 ...... Jake Denneyh, @Montana State, 1997
   Jody Farmer, @Boise State, 1986

PUNTING – SEASON
MOST PUNTS
77 ............. Scott Gurnsey, 1992

MOST YARDS
3,161 .... Jody Farmer, 1988

HIGHEST AVERAGE (MIN. 35 PUNTS)
44.7 ...... Mike Rice 1985 (62-2,771)

AVERAGE YARDS PER PUNT
(MINIMUM 25 ATTEMPTS)
44.69 ......... Mike Rice, 1985
44.62 ......... Tyson Johnson, 2007
43.87 ......... Stephen Shaw, 2013
43.50 ......... Paul Gustafson, 1959
43.30 ......... Jody Farmer, 1988
43.16 ......... Mark Spencer, 2001
42.75 ......... Brody McKnight, 2011
41.76 ......... Jody Farmer, 1989
41.44 ......... Dan Carpenter, 2006
41.39 ......... Tyson Johnson, 2004
41.36 ......... Tyson Johnson, 2003
41.26 ......... Lon Howard, 1968
41.23 ......... Ken Wood, 2008
41.19 ......... Sean Wren, 2009

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS
398 ............. Karl Stein, 1969-70

INTERCEPTION RETURN TOUCHDOWNS
4 ............. Greg Anderson, 1973-76
   (Ties Big Sky Conference Record)
### MISCELLANEOUS CAREER

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### AVERAGE YARDS PER CATCH

(MINIMUM 12 GAMES)
- 18.41 ...... Marvin Turk (64-1178), 1990-91
- 18.40 ...... Marc Mariani (164-3018), 2006-09
- 17.31 ...... Jimmy Farris (129-2233), 1997-00
- 16.85 ...... Bob McCauley (87-1466), 1981-84
- 16.23 ...... Ray Bauer (77-1250), 1948-50
- 16.10 ...... Jabin Sambrano (111-1787), 2008-11
- 16.05 ...... Tony Lambert (57-915), 1986-87
- 15.93 ...... Mike Rice (90-1434), 1985-86
- 15.87 ...... Joe Douglass (145-2301), 1995-96
- 15.09 ...... Paul Lamb (70-1056), 1984-87

### RECEPTIONS PER GAME

( MINIMUM 12 GAMES)
- 6.59 ...... Joe Douglass (22 games), 1995-96
- 5.03 ...... Jeremy Watkins (33 games), 1996-99
- 4.88 ...... Eto Molden (33 games), 1999-01
- 4.68 ...... Tanner Hancock (19 games), 1999-00
- 4.66 ...... Mike Trevathan (29 games), 1987-90
- 4.50 ...... Matt Wells (42 games), 1992-95
- 4.47 ...... Raul Pacheco (43 games), 1995-98
- 4.33 ...... Shalon Baker (42 games), 1991-94
- 4.29 ...... Mike Rice (21 games), 1985-86
- 4.00 ...... Marvin Turk (16 games), 1990-91

### TOTAL OFFENSE PER GAME

( MINIMUM 12 GAMES)
- 329.2 ...... Dave Dickenson (35 games), 1992-95
- 327.8 ...... Drew Miller (18 games), 1999-00
- 266.3 ...... Grady Bennett (31 games), 1988-90
- 259.1 ...... Brian Ah Yat (36 games), 1995-98

### PAT KICKS MADE

- 210 ...... Brody McKnight (210-220), 2008-11
  (Big Sky Conference Record)
- 182 ...... Dan Carpenter (182-188), 2004-07
- 182 ...... Chris Snyder (182-187), 2000-03
- 175 ...... Andy Larson (175-187), 1993-96

### CAREER BLOCKED KICKS

- 7 .......... Tim Hauck 1987-89

### MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

105 ...... Chris Snyder, 2000-03
  (Big Sky Conference/FCS Records)

### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

(MINIMUM 25 ATTEMPTS)
- 77.5 ...... Daniel Sullivan (31-40), 2014-15
- 73.6 ...... Dan Carpenter (78-106), 2004-07
- Andy Larson (28-45), 1993-96
- 67.8 ...... Brody McKnight (59-87), 2008-11
- 66.7 ...... Raul Allegre (20-30), 1978-79
- 62.2 ...... Chris Snyder (70-105), 2000-03
- 62.1 ...... Kris Heppner (36-58), 1997-99
- 60.0 ...... Kirk Duce (48-80), 1988-91

### AVERAGE YARDS PER PUNT RETURN

(MINIMUM 35 ATTEMPTS)
- 15.01 ...... Marc Mariani (83-1253), 2006-09
- 13.89 ...... Tuff Harris (72-1000), 2003-06
- 12.39 ...... Ron Baines (41-508), 1967-68
- 11.64 ...... Shalon Baker (78-908), 1991-94
- 11.61 ...... Joe Douglass (70-813), 1995-96
- 10.28 ...... Brody McKnight (59-87), 2008-11
- 10.20 ...... Bill Cockhill (50-510), 1990-93
- 10.08 ...... Levander Segars (143-1441), 2001-04

### AVERAGE YARDS PER KICK RETURN

(MINIMUM 35 ATTEMPTS)
- 27.57 ...... Marc Mariani (42-1158), 2006-09
- 25.85 ...... Renard Coleman (55-1422), 1985-88
- 25.50 ...... Marc Mariani (42-1158), 2006-09
- 25.31 ...... J. Heidelberger (42-1063), 2001-04
- 25.14 ...... Damion Boddie (49-1232), 1993-94
- 24.58 ...... Brian Gaels (36-885), 1995-98
- 23.98 ...... Greg Anderson (49-1175), 1973-76
- 23.89 ...... Gregg Dunn (66-1577), 1977-79
- 23.62 ...... Mike Guevara (55-1299), 1991-92
- 23.40 ...... Rob Schulte (91-2129), 2004-08

### CAREER BLOCKED KICKS

- 9 .......... Tim Hauck, 1987-89
TEAM RECORDS – GAME

RUSHING

MOST CARRIES 83 .......................@South Dakota State, 1970
MOST NET YARDS 471 .......................vs. Portland State, 1968
MOST TOUCHDOWNS 16 .......................vs. Carroll College, 1920
8 ....................... vs. Thomas More, 1990
HIGHEST AVERAGE/CARRY 8.6 .......................vs. North Dakota, 1948

PASSING

MOST ATTEMPTS 72 .......................@Idaho, 1995
MOST COMPLETIONS 43 .......................@Idaho, 1995
MOST YARDS 560 .......................@Eastern Washington, 1996
MOST TOUCHDOWNS 6 .......................vs. Weber State, 2011
6 .......................vs. Southern Utah, 2008
6 .......................@Stephen F. Austin, 1998
6 .......................vs. Boise State, 1995
HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE .833 .......................vs. Thomas More (20x24), 1990

TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS 99 .......................@ South Dakota State, 1970
MOST YARDS 717 .......................vs. Weber State, 1999
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PLAY 9.9 .......................vs. North Dakota (46-457), 1948
MOST FIRST DOWNS 34 .......................vs. South Dakota, 2012
MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING 25 .......................@Idaho, 1974
MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING 24 .......................vs. Weber State, 1995
MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTIES 7 .......................vs. Northern Arizona, 1998
FEWEST RUSH FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED 0 .......................vs. Thomas More, 1990
(Ties FCS National Record)

PUNTING

MOST PUNTS 12 .......................@Boise State, 1986
MOST YARDS 501 .......................@Nevada, 1988
HIGHEST AVERAGE 55.7 .......................@Nevada, 1988

POINTS

MOST POINTS 133 .......................vs. Carroll College, 1920
81 .......................vs. Weber State, 1999
79 .......................vs. Montana State, 1904
73 .......................vs. Idaho State, 1999
68 .......................vs. Southern Utah, 2002
63 .......................@Eastern Washington, 1995
62 .......................vs. Thomas More, 1990

MOST POINTS SCORED IN 4TH QUARTER TO WIN A GAME
39 Montana (52) vs. South Dakota State (48), Sept. 4, 1993 (Montana trailed 38-13 to start the 4th quarter – FCS National Record)

FEWEST YARDS ALLOWED
-43 .......................vs. Weber State, 1989

FEWEST AVERAGE YARDS PER PLAY
-2.9 (9 for -26) .......................@Idaho State, 2011

PASS DEFENSE

MOST INTERCEPTIONS 10 .......................vs. Boise State, 1989
(Big Sky Conference record)
LOWEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE .179 .......................@Montana State (5x28), 1971
MOST YARDS INTERCEPTED RETURNED 180 .......................vs. Portland State, 1977
(Big Sky Conference Record)
INTERCEPTION RETURN TOUCHDOWNS 4 .......................vs. Western State, 2010

TEAM RECORDS – SEASON (SINCE 1948)

RUSHING

MOST CARRIES 728 .......................1970
(Big Sky Conference Record)
MOST NET YARDS 3,477 .......................1971
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER CARRY 5.6 (380-2,114) .......................1954
HIGHEST PER GAME AVERAGE 338.4 .......................1970

PASSING

MOST ATTEMPTS 503 .......................1992
MOST COMPLETED 336 .......................1995
HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE 67.8% (331-488) .......................2004

Running Back Peter Nguyen
### Montana Records: Team Records

#### Highest Average Yardage
- 408.2 (Big Sky Conference Record)
  - 1995

#### Most Intercepted Passes
- 28
  - 1977

#### Fewest Intercepted Passes
- 4
  - 1970

#### Most Touchdown Passes
- 43
  - 1996

#### Total Offense

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#### Scoring

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#### Rush Defense

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#### Total Defense

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#### Lowest Average Per Play Yield
- 3.3 (648-2,150) 1970

#### Fewest Yards
- 2,150 1970

#### Lowest Yield Per Game
- 215.0 1970

### Big Sky Conference Records

#### Most Consecutive Victories
- 24 Montana, from Sept. 22, 2001 through Nov. 9, 2002

#### Most Consecutive Games Without Being Shut Out
- 33 Montana, from 1989 to Present

#### Attendance Records by Montana

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<td>25,652 (6 games)</td>
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<td>26,472 North Dakota State @ Montana, Aug. 29, 2015</td>
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<td>94,661 Montana @Tennessee, Sept. 3, 2011</td>
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STEVE CARLSON (MVP)
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.
1977...................................... Ron Lebock
1978.................................. Tim Kerr
1979.................................. Jim Hard
1980.................................. Kent Clausen
1981.................................. Rocky Klever
1982....................... Greg Iseman, Marty Mornhinweg
1983......................... Brian Salonen
1984.................................. Marty Mornhinweg
1985.................................. Mike Rice
1986.................................. Brent Pease
1986.................................. Mike Rice
1987......................... Pat Foster, Bill Venard
1988.................................. Tim Hauck
1989.................................. Tim Hauck
1990......................... Grady Bennett, Mike McGowan
1991......................... Brad Lebo, Marvin Turk
1992.................................. Sean Dorris
1993.................................. Dave Dickenson
1994................................. Shalon Baker, Dave Dickenson
1995.................................. Scott Gurnsey
1996.................................. Dave Dickenson
1997.................................. Brian Ah Yat
1998.................................. Jason Crebo, Joe Douglass
1999.................................. Brian Ah Yat, Josh Branen
2000.................................. Jordan Johnson, Zack Wagenmann
2001.................................. Colt Palmer
2002.................................. Sam McIntyre
2003.................................. Colt Anderson, Kyle Ryan
2004.................................. Brayton Dwyer, Kyle Ryan
2005.................................. Colt Anderson, Shann Schiller
2006.................................. Shann Schiller
2007.................................. Scott Spraggs
2008.................................. Mike Erhardt
2009.................................. Billy Ivey
2010................................. Don Graves, Jay Fagan
2011.................................. Matt Clark
2012.................................. Nels Kludt, Steve Premock
2013.................................. Scott Spraggs
2014................................. Jim Hard
2015.................................. Jace Palmer

TONY BARBOUR AWARD
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.”
1987.................................. Nate Odden
1988.................................. Clay Clausen
1989.................................. Grady Bennett
1990................................. Kevin Morris, Galen Lawton
1991................................. Greg Ferguson, Kyle Mirich
1992................................. Scott McCoy
1993................................. Quinton Burns, Marc Monestime
1994................................. Mike Goicoechea, Kelly Stensrud
1995................................. Marty Duffin, Kelly Stensrud
1996................................. Brian Toone, Josh Paffhausen
1997................................. Darren Rowell
1998................................. Jake Dehney, Eric Buehler
1999................................. Dallas Neil, Jamie Robbins
2000................................. Dallas Neil, Matt Thuesen
2001................................. Dan Orizotti
2002................................. Brandon Neill
2003................................. Chris Connors
2004................................. Colt Palmer
2005................................. Shane MacIntyre
2006................................. Colt Anderson, Kyle Ryan
2007................................. Brandon Dwyer, Kyle Ryan
2008................................. Colt Anderson, Shann Schiller
2009................................. Shann Schiller
2010................................. Erik Stoll
2011................................. Sam Gratton
2012................................. Jordan Tripp
2013................................. Tyrone Holmes
2014................................. Matt Hernandez
2015................................. Nate Harris

LARRY MILLER
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.
1976................................. Doug Betters
1977................................. Steve Fisher
1978................................. Steve Fisher
1979................................. Sam Martin
1980................................. Arnie Rigoni
1981................................. Pat Curry
1982................................. Joe Nuu
1983................................. Cliff Lewis
1984................................. Dave Seaman
1985................................. Pat Foster
1986................................. Pat Foster, Jason Ray
1987................................. Pat Foster
1988................................. Scott Camper
1989................................. J.C. Campbell, Rick Sullivan
1990................................. Dan Edwards, Joe Kalafat
1991................................. Kirk Murphy, Gregg Smerker
1992................................. Sam Davidson
1993................................. Lance Allen
1994................................. Jay Turner
1995................................. Yohanse Manzanarez
1996................................. Corey Falls, Randy Riley
1997................................. Eric Manzanarez
1998................................. Eric Buehler
1999................................. Kelley Bryant
2000................................. Andy Petek
2001................................. Cliche Pitcher
2002................................. Tim Bush
2003................................. Tim Bush
2004................................. Mike Murphy
2005................................. Alan Saenz
2006................................. Dustin Dlouhy, Mike Murphy
2007................................. Kroy Biermann
2008................................. Craig Mettler, Mike Stadnyk
2009................................. Austin Mullins, Jake Palmer

LARRY MILLER AWARD (CONTINUED)
2010................................. Severin Campbell, Tyler Hobbs
2011................................. Bryan Waldhauser
2012................................. Zack Wagenmann
2013................................. Zack Wagenmann
2014................................. Tonga Takai
2015................................. Tyrone Holmes

PAT NORWOOD
Pat Norwood was a four-year starter at offensive tackle for the Griz (1979-82) from Billings who died of cancer in 1983. This award is given to the most inspirational player, who oftentimes has to overcome an injury.
1982................................. Brian Salonen
1983................................. Dave Dummett
1984................................. Kelly Richardson
1985................................. Tim Monterossi
1986................................. Rob Kunka, Rick Sullivan
1987................................. David Reeves, Jason Ray
1988................................. Jason Ray
1989................................. Don Graves, Jay Fagan
1990................................. Matt Clark
1991................................. Nels Kludt, Steve Premock
1992................................. Kelly McCallum
1993................................. Frank Garrett
1994................................. Matt Wells
1995................................. Ernie Simonson
1996................................. Josh Branen, Mike Kowalski
1997................................. Scott Spraggs
1998................................. Mike Erhardt
1999................................. Billy Ivey
2000................................. J.C. Campbell, Rick Sullivan
2001................................. Tyler Corwin, Craig Mettler
2002................................. Thomas Brooks-Fletcher
2003................................. Herb Fernandez
2004................................. Jonny Varona
2005................................. Lance Spencer
2006................................. Brady Green
2007................................. Lex Hilliard
2008................................. Tyler Corwin, Craig Mettler
2009................................. Thomas Brooks-Fletcher
2010................................. Andrew Selle
2011................................. Ryan Fetherston
2012................................. Josh Harris
2013................................. Jordan Tripp
2014................................. Trevor Rehm
2015................................. Derek Crittenden

GOLDEN HELMET
The Golden Helmet Award honors the hardest hitter on the team. It was set up nationally by the CocaCola Company in 1967.
1967................................. Bob Beers
1968................................. Herb White
1969................................. Jim Nordstrom
1970................................. Jim Nordstrom
1971................................. Casey Reilly
1972................................. Mick Denney
1973................................. Sly Hardy
1974................................. Ron Rosenberg
MONTANA AWARDS

GOLDEN HELMET AWARD (CONTINUED)
1975.................................Steve Dionnas
1976.................................Greg Anderson
1977.................................Kelly Johnson
1978.................................Kent Clausen
1979.................................Greg Dunn
1980.................................Jay Becker
1981.................................Scott Gratton
1982.................................Scott Gratton, Curt McElroy
1983.................................Brent Oakland
1984.................................Jake Trammell
1985.................................Todd Smith
1986.................................Demidric Cooks, Pat Hardiman
1987.................................Tim Hauck
1988.................................Tim Hauck
1989.................................Tim Hauck
1990.................................Mike Rankin
1991.................................Todd Ericson, Don Graves
1992.................................Todd Ericson, Carl Franks
1993.................................Chad Lemke
1994.................................Acen Chiles
1995.................................Blaine McElmurry
1996.................................Blaine McElmurry
1997.................................Josh Remington, Jason Crebo
1998.................................Randy Allik, Marcus Wilson
1999.................................Adam Boomer, Thatcher Szalay
2000.................................Vince Huntsberger
2001.................................Vince Huntsberger
2002.................................Dave DeCoite
2003.................................Dave DeCoite
2004.................................Justin Green
2005.................................Tyler Joyce
2006.................................Kroy Biermann, Jimmy Wilson
2007.................................Colt Anderson
2008.................................Colt Anderson, Shawn Lebock
2009.................................Shawn Lebock
2010.................................Jimmy Wilson
2011.................................Caleb McSurdy
2012.................................Brock Coyle
2013.................................J.P. Kanangata'a
2014.................................Jeremiah Kose, Jamal Wilson
2015.................................Connor Strahm

PAUL WESKAMP AWARD (CONTINUED)
1982.................................Greg Amundsen
1983.................................Bob Cordier
1984.................................Rick Linderholm
1985.................................Rick Gragg
1986.................................Scott Gragg
1987.................................Scott Gragg
1988.................................Jay Fagan
1989.................................Kirk Scafford
1990.................................Rick Erps
1991.................................Chad Germer, Damon Gilbreth
1992.................................Scott Curry
1993.................................Matt Thuesen
1994.................................Dylan McFarland
1995.................................Dylan McFarland
1996.................................David Kempfert
1997.................................Randy Allik, Jason Baker
1998.................................Scott Curry
1999.................................Chase Raynock
2000.................................Matt Thuesen
2001.................................Thatcher Szalay
2002.................................Dylan McFarland
2003.................................Dylan McFarland
2004.................................Cory Procter
2005.................................Brad Rhoades
2006.................................Colin Dow
2007.................................Cody Balogh
2008.................................Colin Dow, J.D. Quinn
2009.................................Brent Russum
2010.................................Russell Piette, Alex Verlanic
2011.................................Jon Opprud
2012.................................Jake Hendrickson, Danny Kistler Jr.
2013.................................Danny Kistler Jr.
2014.................................Logan Hines
2015.................................Devon Dietrich

TERRY DILLON AWARD
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 Minnesota Vikings.

1964.................................Wayne Harrington
1965.................................Paul Connelly
1966.................................Jim Neilsen
1967.................................Bryan Magnuson
1968.................................Mike Buzzard
1969.................................Karl Stein
1970.................................Arnie Blancas
1971.................................Steve Caputo
1972.................................Jeff Hoffmann
1973.................................Bob Smith
1974.................................Rock Svenningsen
1975.................................Del Spear
1976.................................Paul Fiskness
1977.................................Monty Bullerdick
1978.................................Rocky Klevre
1979.................................Rocky Klevre
1980.................................Wayne Harper
1981.................................Rocky Klevre
1982.................................Greg Iseman
1983.................................Joey Charles
1984.................................Scott Murray
1985.................................LeRoy Foster
1986.................................LeRoy Foster
1987.................................Kraig Paulson
1988.................................Renard Coleman, Scott Werbelow
1989.................................Jody Farmer
1990.................................Jody Farmer

PAUL WESKAMP
This was established in memory of Paul Weskamp, a tackle on Ed Chinski’s 1954 Grizzly team. The award honors UM’s outstanding offensive lineman and was established by the citizens of Ronan, Mont.

1967.................................Larry Huggins
1968.................................Tuufuli Uperesa
1969.................................Tuufuli Uperesa
1970.................................Larry Miller
1971.................................Steve Okoniewski
1972.................................Ron Richards
1973.................................Jim Leid
1974.................................Larry Farnam
1975.................................Walt Brett
1976.................................Dan Sullivan
1977.................................Terry Falcon
1978.................................Guy Bingham
1979.................................Guy Bingham
1980.................................Brian McHugh
1981.................................Jim Rooney

Devon Dietrich, Paul Weskamp Award, 2015
**TERRY DILLON AWARD (CONTINUED)**

1990                         Mike Trevathan
1991                         Marvin Turk
1992                         Shannon Cabuno, Tony Rice
1993                         Bill Cockhill, Scott Gurnsey
1994                         Damon Boddie
1994                         Keith Burke
1995                         Mike Temple, Matt Wells
1996                         Josh Branen, Sean Goicochea
1997                         Raul Pacheco, Josh Remington
1998                         Damon Parker, Jeremy Watkins
1999                         Yohance Humphery
                              Vince Huntsberger, Jeremy Watkins
2000                         Jimmy Farris
2001                         Yohance Humphery, Etu Molden
2002                         John Edwards
2003                         Justin Green
2004                         Jefferson Heidelberger
2005                         Lex Hilliard
2006                         Josh Swogger
2007                         Ryan Bagley, Lex Hilliard
2008                         Marc Mariani, Mike Ferriter
                              Chase Reynolds
2009                         Marc Mariani, Chase Reynolds
2010                         Brandon Dodson, Trumaine Johnson
2011                         Jabin Sambrano
2012                         Sam Gratton, Greg Hardy
2013                         Ellis Henderson
2014                         Jordan Canada, Travon Van
2015                         Jamaal Jones

**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER(S) OF THE YEAR**

2007                         Dan Carpenter, Brandon Dwyer,
                              Andrew Schmidt
2008                         Severin Campbell, Tom Martin
2009                         Jeff Larson, Marc Mariani
2010                         Jeff Larson
2011                         Donny Lisowski
2012                         Nate Harris
2013                         Kendrick Van Ackeren

**HAUCK FAMILY SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

2014                         Daniel Sullivan
2015                         Connor Strahm

**WALTER PAYTON AWARD**

(FCS Offensive Player of the Year)

1989                         Tim Hauck*
1993                         Brian AhYat*
1997                         Brian AhYat*
1999                         Drew Miller*
2001                         Yohance Humphery*
2002                         John Edwards*
2004                         Craig Ochs*
2005                         Lex Hilliard*
2009                         Chase Reynolds*
2010                         Chase Reynolds*

**BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD (CONTINUED)**

2000                         Andy Petek (Runner-up)
2001                         Vince Huntsberger (Runner-up)

2002                         Trey Young
2006                         Kroy Biermann*
2007                         Kroy Biermann!
2010                         Trumaine Johnson*
2011                         Trumaine Johnson
2012                         Jordan Tripp*
2013                         Jordan Tripp*

**BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD**

(FCS Defensive Player of the Year)

2015                         Tyron Holmes!

**STATS FCS**

(Award Winner)

2015                         Tyron Holmes!

**ALL-AMERICANS**

Year ............................... Name (All-American Earned) .................................. Position
1918                         Chris Bentz (+) .................................................. OT/DT
1925                         William "Wild Bill" Kelly (+) .................................. QB
1926                         William "Wild Bill" Kelly (&+) .................................. QB
1928                         Tom Davis (*) .................................................. HB
1929                         Jim Morrow (*) .................................................. QB
1930                         Waldo Ekergren (*) ............................................... HB
1933                         Bob Stansberry (#&+)) ...................................... HB
1933                         Henry Blastic (*) ............................................... HB
1934                         Naseby Rhinehart (*) ........................................... End
1935                         Hank Blastic (*) ............................................... HB
1937                         Milt Popovich (#&+) ........................................... HB
1938                         Roland Lundberg (#) ........................................... HB
1939                         Frank Nugent (#) ............................................... HB
1941                         Eso Naranch (#) .................................................. FB
1950                         Ken Campbeilm (#) .............................................. OC
1953                         Dick Imer (#) ...................................................... HB
1954                         Dick Imer (#) ...................................................... HB
1954                         Joe DeLuca (#) ..................................................... OG
1955                         Doug Dansinger (#) ............................................. OG
1955                         Dale Shupe (*) ..................................................... HB
1957                         Stan Renning (#&+) ............................................ LB/OG
1958                         Stan Renning (#) .................................................. LB/OG
1958                         John Lands (#) .................................................... End
1959                         John Lands (#) .................................................... End

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(FCS Defensive Player of the Year)

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2011                         Trumaine Johnson
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2007 ................... Kroy Biermann (^+) .......................... DE
2007 ................... Dan Carpenter (^+) .......................... K
2007 ................... Collin Dow (^) .............................. OL
2007 ................... Lex Hilliard (^) ............................. RB
2007 ................... Tyson Johnson (^) ............................ P
2007 ................... Craig Mettler (^) .............................. DT
2007 ................... J.D. Quinn (^) ............................... OC
2007 ................... Brent Russum (^) ............................. OT
2008 ................... Collin Dow (^+) ............................. SS
2008 ................... Cole Bergquist (^) ............................ QB
2008 ................... Trumaine Johnson (!^&~) ..................... CB
2008 ................... Caleb McSurdy (^#~!) ........................ LB
2008 ................... Jabin Sambrano (^~) .......................... WR
2008 ................... Chase Reynolds (^) ............................. RB
2008 ................... Brent Russum (^) ............................. OT
2009 ................... Levi Horn (^!) ................................. OT
2009 ................... Mark Mariani (#^+) .......................... WR/Ret.
2009 ................... Chase Reynolds (^) ............................. RB
2010 ................... Trumaine Johnson (!^&~#) ..................... CB
2010 ................... Erik Stoll (~) ................................. SS
2011 ................... Trumaine Johnson (!^&~#) ..................... CB
2011 ................... Caleb McSurdy (^#~!) ........................ LB
2011 ................... Jabin Sambrano (^~) .......................... WR/Ret.
2011 ................... Jon Opperud (~-) ............................. OT
2012 ................... Danny Kistler (~) ............................. OT
2012 ................... Jordan Tripp (^~) ............................. LB
2012 ................... Zack Wagenmann (^#~) ........................ DE
2013 ................... Danny Kistler Jr. (#^!+) ........................ OT
2013 ................... Jordan Tripp (^#!+) ............................. DE
2014 ................... Matt Hermanson (^#) .......................... FS
2014 ................... Zack Wagenmann (!^#+) ........................ DE
2015 ................... Tyrone Holmes (#^!+) ........................ DE
2015 ................... Jamaal Jones (^) ................................. WR

Key: #=Associated Press  ^=The Sports Network/STATS FCS
&=United Press International  !=American FB Coaches’ Association
*=Honorable Mention  ^=Phil Steele All-American
%=Kodak All-American

GRIZ IN ALL-STAR GAMES

East-West Shrine Game
1926 .......................... William "Wild Bill" Kelly
1928 .......................... Tom Davis
1938 .......................... Milt Popham
1942 .......................... Eso Naranche
1962 .......................... Terry Dillon
1983 .......................... Brian Salonen
1994 .......................... Scott Gragg
1999 .......................... Chase Raynock
2014 .......................... Jordan Tripp
2016 .......................... Tyrone Holmes

Senior Bowl
1994 .......................... Scott Gragg
2014 .......................... Jordan Tripp

Hula Bowl
1997 .......................... David Kemptfert
1999 .......................... Brian Ah Yat
1999 .......................... Raul Pacheco
2004 .......................... Cory Procter
2008 .......................... Kroy Biermann

Japan Bowl
1989 .......................... Tim Hauck

Martin Luther King Bowl
1989 .......................... Kirk Scrabbard

Paradise Bowl
2001 .......................... Calvin Coleman
2007 .......................... Thatcher Szalay
2007 .......................... Vince Huntsberger
2002 .......................... Trey Young

Las Vegas All-Star Game
(Formerly the Paradise Bowl)
2004 .......................... Justin Green
2007 .......................... Craig Ochs

Blue Gray All-Star Game
1987 .......................... Larry Clarkson

Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Game
2007 .......................... Josh Swoger
2009 .......................... Colt Anderson
2010 .......................... Shann Schilling
2013 .......................... Dan Moore

Players All-Star Classic
2012 .......................... Charles Burton
2012 .......................... Caleb McSurdy
2012 .......................... Jon Opperud

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
2014 .......................... Brock Coyle
2015 .......................... Zack Wagenmann
2016 .......................... Jeremiah Kose
Senior Offensive Lineman McCauley Todd

GRIZ LETTERMEN

MONTANA FOOTBALL

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Editor’s note: The following is a list of current and former Grizzly football players dating from 1897-present. If any have been omitted, please contact sports information at (406) 243-6899.

Player is listed first season lettered.

1-2-3-4 denotes number of letters won.

Hometown is also listed; those without a state are all from Montana cities.

Name (Letter(s) won)  Year(s)  Hometown

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Baker, Jason  1994-97  Bozeman, MT
Baker, Shalon  1991-94  Vancouver, WA
Baker, William  1950  Polson
Baldwin, Gene  1969  Spokane, WA
Balogh, Cody  2004-07  Stellacoom, WA
Bansmer, James  1960  Milwaukee, WI
Barbour, William  1941  Philadelphia, PA
Barhente, John  1963  Calgary, Alberta
Barker, Jason  1990-91  Layton, UT
Barney, George  1901  Olive, WI
Barney, Phil  1957  Missoula
Barone, Vincent  1953-54  Elizabeth, NJ
Barrett, Lee  1988-89  Vacaville, CA
Barrick, Brett  1977-80  Lewistown
Barry, Earl  1990-93  Anaconda
Beaudin, Dan  1995-98  Missoula
Bebout, Marc  1993-95  Kalispell
Bennett, William  1993-96  Missoula
Beard, LeBaron  1978-80  Arlington Heights, IL
Beeman, Stewart  1925  Lewistown
Beers, Bob  1967-68  Beaverton, OR
Bell, Darrell  1977  Federal Way, WA
Benjamin, Karl  1956-57  Seattle, WA
Bennett, Grady  1988-90  Missoula
Bennett, William  1990-91  Anaconda
Benson, Frank  1933  White Pine
Bentz, Christian  1914-17  Aberdeen, SD
Benzy, Robert  1963-64  Green River, WY
Berding, Gary  1970-71  Cincinnati, OH
Berg, Edward  1942  Billings
Bergquist, Cole  2005-08  San Clemente, CA
Bergren, Terry  1964-66  Darby
Berlau, Don  1976  Bellevue, WA
Belrand, Kevin  2014  Missoula
Berry, Dale  1958-60  Fairview
Berry, Oral  1906-07  Granite
Bettors, Douglass  1934-35  Arlington Heights, IL
Bieneman, Alex  2010-13  Denver, CO
Biermann, Kroy  2004-07  Hardin
Blair, Edward  1957  Calgary, Alberta
Bingham, Guy  1976-79  Missoula
Birgenheier, Richard  1960-61  Harlowton
Blair, Dan  1991-92  Bozeman
Blair, Frank  1960  Missoula
Blair, George  1960-61  Billings
Blaisdell, Walter  1970-71  Great Falls
Blanchard, Ryan  1994  Huntington Beach, CA
Blanchard, Adam  1995-96  Billings
Blank, Jeff  1986  Billings
Blank, Russ  1986  Missoula
Blaier, Ken  1933-35  Chicago, IL
Blue, Christopher  1971-73  Olympia, WA
Boockman, Montana  1955-56  Missoula
Boddie, Darnell  1993-94  Missoula
Boykin, Tom  1970-71  Grayland, WA
Boas, Jerry  1975-76  Fair Haven, CT
Bonawitz, Norval  1936  Missoula
Boom, Adam  1997-98  American Falls, ID
Boone, William  1929-30  Deer Lodge
Bordner, Richard  1973-74  Salt Lake
Botkin, Bob  1992  Plentywood
Botzenhardt, August  1930-31  Missoula
Botzheim, Al  1982-84  Ione, WA
Bouchie, Mike  1993-96  Missoula
Bouchie, William  1960-62  Livingston
Bowen, Marcus  1988-89  Edzula, CA
Bowman, Dennis  1980-81  Spokane, WA
Bowman, Richard  1942  Casper, WY
Boyes, Bob  1978-79  Sacramento, CA
Bozzo, Tony  1969  Salinas, CA
Bradford, Tim  1987-88  Etha, CA
Bradley, Nate  2014-15  Billings

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Baker, Frank  1904-05  Missoula
Adam, Emi  1897-98  Missoula
Adams, Harry  1915-18  Aberdeen, WA
Adams, Merle  1965  Livingston
Adams, Mike  1973  Newton, IA
Adkins, Nathan  2003  Cerritos, CA
Agee, Mike  1993-96  Kalispell
Ah Yat, Brian  1995-98  Honolulu, HI
Akiona, Randy  1999-01  Waipahu, HI
Albright, Keith  1977  Kalispell
Alex, Mike  1980-81  Overland, K
Anderson, Brady  1992  Post Falls, ID
Alexander, Dan  1993  Los Angeles, CA
Allard, Charles  1898-1900  Ravalli
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*Ties not computed in percentage.

Editor's note: The Redbook is The University of Montana Athletic Department's handwritten history by George "Jiggs" Dahlberg dating from 1897 through the 1980 season. (All photos from Sports Information archives)

Fred Smith 1897

“Two years after The University of Montana opened its doors to students, the first football team was organized.

Professor Fred D. Smith, chemistry professor and former football player at Cornell University, volunteered to coach the football team. Twenty-four men turned out. No uniforms were available so many of the players used makeshift clothing.”

-- The Redbook

F.B. Seabright 1898

“Sgt. F.B. Seabright, a graduate and former player at Stanford, was a coach in 1898. He was engaged by the university as instructor in general athletics.

Students raised an initial $110 to help pay the coach’s salary.

Charles Allard kicked the first field goal in the state of Montana at the Thanksgiving game vs. the Montana State College Aggies in Missoula. Montana won 16-0.”

-- The Redbook

Guy Cleveland 1899

“Prospects for a first class team were not very bright at the start of the 1899 season when Guy Cleveland took over the team. Scarce any of the old players were back and positions had to be filled with untried material.”

“In the first game against the Anaconda Athletic Club, Coach Cleveland played right half-back. He made the two touchdowns and kicked goal both times to win for the varsity.”

-- The Redbook

Frank Bean 1900-1901

“Frank Bean from the University of Wisconsin was selected as coach. A game with Anaconda failed to materialize, therefore, the only game scheduled in 1900 was with Montana State College.”

-- The Redbook

“Prospect of the season was due to the lack of experienced players. We had no experienced quarterback.”

-- Kaimin, student paper

H.B. Conibear 1903-1904

“Hiram Conibear coached at Illinois University before coming to UM.

The 1903 team was the first university football team to be sent out of the state to compete in an athletic contest.

Coach Conibear will be remembered by University of Montana fans for at least one contribution, his 1904 team ran up the biggest score in football history against Montana State College, 79-0.”

-- The Redbook

Dewitt Peck 1902

This season saw the organization of the Northwest Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Nine Northwest colleges were represented at a meeting which was held in Spokane.

F.W. Schule 1905-1906

A writeup of the 1906 season by Coach Schule in the yearbook says, “as interesting and as spectacular a game of football as the writer has seen in the far west was played on the Montana field on October 19th. Our men succeeded in holding Washington State's undefeated team to the closest score made against them this season.”

-- Montana Sentinel
Robert Cary, 1910-11

“Montana was very successful using the forward pass in 1910.” -- The Redbook

Lt. W.C. Philoon, 1912

Lt. Philoon was an All American player (center) at West Point.

A.G. Heilman, 1913-14

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Bernie Bierman

1919-1921

“Bernie Bierman, the new coach, was an All-America halfback at the University of Minnesota in 1915. Probably no season up to this time saw more “firsts” than in 1920. The Grizzlies beat the University of Washington for the only time in history. Montana’s football field was moved and named “Dornblaser Field” in honor of Paul Dornblaser, the great Grizzly tackle, who was killed in action in World War I. Finally, the Grizzlies ran up their biggest score in history, a 133-0 pasting of Mount St. Charles.” (Carroll College) -- The Redbook

J.W. Stewart

1922-1923

“John W. Stewart, a graduate of Geneva College, Penn., was selected from a list of 50 candidates to succeed Bernie Bierman. He was to be head coach of the football, basketball and track teams.” -- The Redbook

Earl Clark

1924-1925

“Earl “Click” Clark became the second Montana graduate to coach a Grizzly team in 1924. Coach Clark resigned at the end of the 1925 season to accept the position of trainer at the University of Washington. He held this position until his retirement.” -- The Redbook

Frank Milburn

1926-1930

“Major Frank Milburn, a West Point graduate and winner of the Athletic Saber, emblematic of the best athlete at West Point, became head of the R.O.T.C. and head football coach. The 1930 season highlights were victories over Montana State College, University of Idaho and Gonzaga University. Major “Shrimp” Milburn closed his coaching career at the University of Montana due to Army orders transferring him to another station.” -- The Redbook

Bernard Oakes

1931-1934

“Bernard F. “Bunny” Oakes, who had been line coach at the University of Nebraska for the past five years, became Major Milburn’s successor as head coach of football for the 1931 season. Robert Stansberry and Henry Blistic made honorable mention All Americans. Bernard Oakes left after the 1934 season to coach football at the University of Colorado.” -- The Redbook

Doug Fessenden

1935-1941

“Douglas Fessenden, Fenger High School coach in Chicago, was selected as head football coach at the university in April of 1935. “Man of the Year” was the honor accorded Douglas Fessenden by the Kaimin in 1935 for the distinguished work done by him in raising Montana to a prominent place in Pacific Coast Conference football. Fessenden proved himself to be an able mentor and won the respect and admiration of the entire school. The 1937 season was the most successful football season since 1914. Montana won six consecutive games in 1937 which is the first time in history Montana won as many games. The highlight of the 1939 season was the 13-0 win over the University of Idaho, smashing the Idaho jinx and giving Montana possession of the Little Brown Stein for the first time.

The 1941 football season was a successful year as well, UM going 6-3. 1946-1948 (14-15) Douglas Fessenden returned from the Army Air Corp in time to take over his duties as head football coach. Montana enjoyed a successful 1947 season winning 7 games and losing 4 and defeated Washington State College and the University of Idaho on their home grounds. Fessenden resigned in 1948 and the following year received his doctors degree in Physical Education from Columbia University. Fessenden had the best win and loss record in football of any university football coach up until that time.” -- The Redbook

George Dahlberg

1945

“George “Jiggs” Dahlberg from the University of Montana coached football for the 1945 season. Dr. J.E. "Burl" Miller, faculty athletic representative ruled that the University of Montana, must follow pre-war Pacific Coast Conference rules.” -- The Redbook

Ted Shipkey

1949-1951

“Ted Shipkey began his coaching stint at the University of Montana in 1949.

The passing combination of Ray Bauer (end) and Tom Kingsford (quarterback) in 1950 was one of the best in University history. Montana withdrew from the Pacific Coast Conference and joined the Mountain States Conference which is also know as the “Skyline” Conference.

Ted Shipkey resigned as football coach in 1951.” -- The Redbook
Ed Chinske 1952-1954

“Edward Chinske became the next UM head football coach in 1952. Richard (Dick) Imer was selected for All-American honors in 1953. Imer and Joe DeLuca were chosen to several All-American teams in 1954.” -- Redbook

Jerry Williams 1955-1957

“UM’s fund-raising arm, the Century Club, got its start in 1955, the same year as Head Coach Jerry Williams arrived.

Aside from the fact that Stanley Renning was considered one of the greatest sophomores to ever appear in a Grizzly uniform, the 1956 campaign was a dismal one.

Coach Williams, who had played professional football with the Philadelphia Eagles, left UM to be an assistant coach for the Eagles.” -- Redbook

Ray Jenkins 1958-1963

“Ray Jenkins’ first year as football coach was a poor debut with an 0-10 record, the worst in Montana history.

The Grizzlies came up with their best passing attack in 10 season during 1959, a campaign that also marked the end of a 15-game losing streak when the Grizzlies scored a 12-0 upset over Brigham Young.

Terry Dillon was selected and played in the East-West Shrine game January 1963.

The 1963 football season was unsuccessful - winning one game and losing nine. Ray Jenkins resigned at the close of the 1963 football season.” -- The Redbook

Hugh Davidson 1964-1966

“In 1964 Hugh Davidson became the new head coach. The Terry Dillon Award was established for the most valuable player on the football team.

Davidson resigned at the end of the 1966 football season.” -- Redbook

Jack Swarthout 1967-1975

“Since assuming the duties of both head football coach and AD at UM in 1967, Jack Swarthout put a drive into the school’s athletic program which had not been seen in Missoula for several years.

Montana won the Big Sky Conference championship in 1969 for the first time since conference football began in 1963.

Coach Swarthout and his staff received considerable praise for the excellent job of coaching Montana to its second consecutive undefeated regular season play in 1970. The team played in the Camilla Bowl, losing to UND 31-16. There were several Grizzlies selected to various All-American teams in 1971.

Swarthout resigned as football coach at the close of the 1975 season. He chose to return to high school teaching and coaching at Capital High, Olympia, Wash. Swarthout left UM as the winningest football coach in the University’s history with a nine-year record of 51 wins, 41 losses and one tie. He won two consecutive Big Sky football championships (1969 and 1970).” -- The Redbook

Gene Carlson 1976-1979

“The 1976 football season opened with Eugene Carlson as the new head football coach. Carlson inherited the coaching staff of the preceding administration (Jack Swarthout), as well as the offensive system (Wishbone or Texas Y). However, Gene made some changes in the offense formation.”

Carlson was an alumnus of UM and was a very successful high school coach in Great Falls prior to coming to the University of Montana. A greater success was expected by those in power so Carlson resigned at the close of the 1979 season. ” -- The Redbook

Larry Donovan 1980-1985

Larry Donovan was selected to replace Gene Carlson. Donovan was a graduate of the University of Nebraska and came to Montana from the University of Kansas where he had been an assistant coach.

The 1981 season was positive, as Donovan was rebuilding the football program, and 1982 saw the Grizzlies in a first-round playoff game at Idaho along with winning the Big Sky Conference title. However, the next three seasons had more L’s then W’s, and after the 1985 season, Donovan, and most of his coaching staff, did not have their contracts renewed for the 1986 season.

Don Read 1986-1995

Don Read is Montana’s all-time winningest coach. He came to Montana from Portland State in 1986.

Read never had a losing season as head mentor to the Grizzlies. In Montana’s 96-year football history. Also during his 10-year tenure, he was 10-0 against the MSU Bobcats. The Grizzlies advanced to the playoffs five out of the 10 years he coached, winning the Division 1-AA (FCS) national championship in 1995. He was also selected the Division I-AA Coach of the Year in 1995 and coached Dave Dickenson, the 1995 Walter Payton Award winner.

During his tenure, the Griz had an overall record of 85-36, and his 85 overall wins at UM and 54 Big Sky victories rank him second in conference history.

Joe Glenn 2000-2002

Joe Glenn came to Montana after a very long, successful 11-year career at Northern Colorado where the Bears won back-to-back NCAA Division II national football championships in 1996 and 1997.

In Joe’s first year as head coach at Montana, he won the Eddie Robinson Award, given annually to the I-AA (FCS) coach of the year. He was also the Big Sky Conference’s coach of the year. That year he took the 13-1 Griz to the Division I-AA national championship game, where the Griz lost to Georgia Southern, 27-25.

Glenn repeated the trip to the title game in 2001, this time winning the championship, beating Furman 13-6. The Griz were once again conference champs for the second year in a row. The Griz were co-conference champs in 2002.

Glenn was hired as Wyoming’s 30th head football coach Dec. 12, 2002 and is now the head coach at South Dakota.

Bobby Hauck 2003-2009

Bobby Hauck became Montana’s 33rd head football coach in Jan. of 2003. He came to UM from the University of Washington where he was assistant coach. Hauck graduated from UM.

Hauck had a successful head coaching career at Montana, taking his teams to the playoffs all seven of his years here, appearing in national championship games in 2004 and 2008, and the semifinals in 2006.

He had 80 wins at UM. Hauck was selected the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year in 2006, 2007 and 2009. He was a finalist for the
Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award in 2009. He had nine players selected to the allconference first team in 2009, and Montana led the conference in rushing offense, scoring offense, total defense and scoring defense that season.

Along with his head coaching duties, Hauck also coached special teams. He was the AFCA Regional Coach of the Year in 2009.

Hauck took over the head coaching position at UNLV in December of 2009.

Robin Pflugrad
2010-11
Robin Pflugrad came to Montana from Oregon.

Pflugrad was a mentor in the prestigious PAC-10 Conference for 13 seasons with stints at Oregon, Washington State and Arizona State. He has coached at the collegiate level for 28 years.

Pflugrad had a two-year overall record of 13-6 as head coach at Montana.

Pflugrad also coached at Montana from 1986-94, working quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs during his first stint at UM.

He was one of 20 finalists for the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the FCS’s top mentor.

Mick Delaney
2012-2014
Mick Delaney was 24-14 in his three seasons as the head coach at UM. His 2014 record was 9-5, and the Griz advanced to the second round of the FCS playoffs.

Mick retired after the 2014 season.

His 24 wins were the seventh most in school history. He was the 35th head coach (since 1897) at Montana.

He completed his seventh season overall at Montana. From 2008-11 he was UM’s associate head coach and oversaw the running backs. He was named a finalist for the Liberty Mutual FCS Coach of the Year in 2013.

Bob Stitt
2015-Present
Bob Stitt enters his second season at the helm of the Montana Grizzlies football program in 2016, after leading the Griz back to the NCAA FCS Playoffs for the 23rd time in school history during his 2015 inaugural season.

Stitt’s Grizzlies went 8-5 in his first season and finished the season tied for 2nd place in the Big Sky Conference with a 6-2 league record. A highlight of his first season as a Grizzly includes an upset of defending National Champion North Dakota State on ESPN.

**Fred Smith (Cornell)**
1897 (1-2-3)
Missoula “Tigers”.............. T ............. 0-0
Missoula “Tigers”.............. T ............. 0-0
Missoula “Tigers”.............. T ............. 0-0
Butte Business College..... L ............. 20-4
Montana State .............. W ............. 18-6
at Butte Business College... L ............. 26-10

**SGT. F.B. Seabright (Stanford)**
1898 (3-2)
Helena High School .......... L ............. 6-5
Anaconda Ath. Club ......... L ............. 18-0
Helena Athletic Club ......... W ............. 5-0
at Montana State .......... W ............. 6-0
Montana State .............. W ............. 16-0

**Guy Cleveland (Montana)**
1899 (1-2)
Anaconda Ath. Club ........ W ............. 12-5
at Montana State .......... L ............. 38-0
Montana State .............. L ............. 5-0

**Frank Bean (Wisconsin)**
1900-1901 (2-4)
1900 (0-1)
Montana State .............. L ............. 12-11
1901 (2-3)
 Ft. Shaw Indians .......... L ............. No Score
Butte High School .......... L ............. 25-11
Fort Missoula .............. W ............. No Score
Fort Missoula .............. W ............. 26-0
at Montana State .......... L ............. 31-0

**Dewitt Peck (Iowa State)**
1902 (0-2)
1902 (0-2)
Montana Tech .............. L ............. 16-0
Montana State .............. L ............. 38-0

**H.B. Conibeare (Illinois)**
1903-1904 (5-7)
1903 (2-5)
Fort Missoula .............. W ............. 32-0
Fort Missoula .............. W ............. 11-0
Montana Tech .............. L ............. 19-0
at Montana Tech .......... L ............. 23-0
at Idaho ............. L ............. 28-0
at Washington State ....... L ............. 32-0
at Montana State .......... L ............. 13-6
1904 (3-2)
Fort Missoula .............. W ............. 10-0
at Utah ............. L ............. 17-0
at Utah State .......... W ............. 5-0
Washington State ........ L ............. 6-5
Montana State .............. W ............. 79-0

**F.W. Schule (Wisconsin)**
1905-1906 (4-7)
1905 (2-3)
Utah ............. L ............. 42-0
at Whitman College .......... L ............. 5-0
at Washington State .......... L ............. 28-6
Utah State .............. W ............. 23-0
Fort Shaw Indians .......... W ............. 88-0
1906 (2-4)
Fort Shaw Indians .......... W ............. 32-6
Washington State .......... L ............. 5-0
Spokane Athletic Club ....... W ............. 11-0
at Utah .................. L ............. 42-0
at Utah State .......... L ............. 16-6
Ex-Collegians .............. L ............. 6-0

**Albion Findlay (Wisconsin)**
1907 (4-1-1)
1907 (4-1-1)
Montana Wesleyan .......... W ............. 62-0
Fort Shaw Indians .......... W ............. 28-0
at Wash. State .......... L ............. 38-0
Montana Tech .......... W ............. 12-0
Spokane Athletic Club ....... W ............. 12-0
at Montana Tech .......... T ............. 0-0

**Roy White (Iowa)**
1908-1909 (7-2-2)
1908 (1-2-1)
Montana State .............. T ............. 0-0
Montana Tech .............. W ............. 8-5
at Montana Tech .......... L ............. 5-4
at Montana State .......... L ............. 5-0
1909 (6-0-1)
Missoula High .............. W ............. 33-0
Fort Shaw Indians .......... W ............. 52-0
at Montana Tech .......... T ............. 0-0
at Montana State .......... W ............. 3-0
Fort Missoula .............. W ............. 42-0
Montana Tech .......... W ............. 24-0
Montana State .......... W ............. 15-5

**Robert Cary (Montana)**
1910-11 (5-3-1)
1910 (3-2-1)
Montana Tech .............. W ............. 8-0
at Montana State .......... T ............. 0-0
Utah State .............. L ............. 5-3
at Gonzaga .......... L ............. 17-5
at Montana Tech .......... W ............. 3-0
Montana State .......... W ............. 10-0
1911 (2-1)
at Montana Tech .......... W ............. 12-0
Utah State .............. L ............. 8-0
Polson Independents ....... W ............. 28-6

**Lt. W.C. Philo (West Point)**
1912 (4-2)
1912 (4-2)
Missoula High .............. W ............. 28-0
at Montana State .......... W ............. 7-0
at Utah State .......... L ............. 17-0
at Utah .......... L ............. 10-3
Montana State .......... W ............. 39-3
at Gonzaga .......... W ............. 18-6
A.G. Heilman (Franklin-Marshall) 1913-14 (8-4-1)

1913 (2-4)
at Washington State I .......... 34-9
Utah State ................. I .......... 9-7
at Montana State ............ W .......... 7-0
Montana State .......... W .......... 20-0
at Gonzaga ............... I .......... 16-7
at Whitman College ....... I .......... 35-0

1914 (6-0-1)
Butte Ramblers ............. W .......... 87-0
Washington State ........... W .......... 10-0
at Idaho .................. T .......... 0-0
Utah State ............. W .......... 32-0
Montana State .... W .......... 26-9
North Dakota State .... W .......... 13-0
at Gonzaga .......... W .......... 19-0

Jerry Nissen (Washington State) 1915-1917 (7-7-3)

1915 (2-2-2)
Idaho .................. W .......... 15-3
at South Dakota .......... I .......... 10-7
at North Dakota ......... T .......... 10-10
at Washington State .... I .......... 27-7
Butte Centrivals .......... W .......... 50-0
Syracuse ................. T .......... 6-6

1916 (4-1-1)
at South Dakota .......... W .......... 11-0
at Gonzaga ............... W .......... 20-0
at Washington State ..... I .......... 27-0
Whitman College .......... W .......... 17-0
at Montana State ....... T .......... 6-6
at Idaho .................. W .......... 20-13

1917 (1-4)
Utah State ............... I .......... 21-6
at Whitman College ...... I .......... 14-3
Montana State .......... W .......... 9-7
Washington State ....... I .......... 28-0
Idaho .................. I .......... 14-3

1918
No team was organized to the World War I and also the influenza epidemic.

Bernie Bierman (Minnesota) 1919-1921 (9-9-3)

1919 (2-3-2)
Montana Wesleyan ........ W .......... 26-7
at Utah State .......... I .......... 47-0
Montana Tech ........ W .......... 28-6
Whitman College .......... T .......... 6-6
at Idaho .................. I .......... 7-0
at Montana State ....... T .......... 6-6
Washington State ....... I .......... 42-14
at Pacific College ...... I .......... 6-0

1920 (4-3)
Mt. Saint Charles* ........ W .......... 133-0
at Washington .......... W .......... 18-14
Montana Wesleyan ........ W .......... 34-14
at Whitman College ....... I .......... 13-7
Montana State .......... W .......... 28-0
Idaho .................. I .......... 20-7
at Washington State ..... I .......... 31-0
*Now named Carroll College

1921 (3-3-1)
Idaho Tech College* ........ W .......... 25-0
at Washington .......... I .......... 28-7
Whitman College .......... I .......... 14-6
at Idaho .................. I .......... 35-7
at Montana State ....... W .......... 14-7
North Dakota State .... W .......... 7-6
Gonzaga ................ T .......... 0-0
* Now named Idaho State

J.W. Stewart (Geneva) 1922-1923 (7-8)

1922 (3-4)
at Washington .......... I .......... 26-0
Montana Wesleyan ........ W .......... 37-0
Idaho Tech College ........ W .......... 15-12
at Gonzaga .......... I .......... 37-6
Montana State .......... W .......... 7-6
at Whitman College ....... I .......... 13-0
Idaho .................. I .......... 39-0

1923 (4-4)
Mt. Saint Charles .......... W .......... 27-0
at Idaho .................. I .......... 40-0
Montana Tech .......... W .......... 25-0
Gonzaga ................ I .......... 25-2
at Whitman College ....... W .......... 16-7
at Washington .......... I .......... 26-14
at Montana State ....... W .......... 24-16
at Pacific .......... I .......... 6-0

Early Clark (Montana) 1924-1925 (7-8-1)

1924 (4-4)
Mt. Saint Charles .......... W .......... 40-7
Idaho .................. I .......... 41-13
at Washington .......... I .......... 52-7
at Montana Tech ........ W .......... 106-6
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at Whitman College ....... W .......... 20-0

1925 (3-4-1)
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at Washington .......... I .......... 30-10
Gonzaga* ............... T .......... 14-14
Montana Tech ........ W .......... 57-0
at Oregon State .......... I .......... 27-7
at Idaho .................. W .......... 20-14
at USC .......... I .......... 27-7
Montana State .......... W .......... 29-7
*in Butte

Frank Milburn (West Point) 1926-1930 (18-22-3)

1926 (3-5)
Oregon State .......... I .......... 49-0
Idaho .................. I .......... 27-12
at Washington State ...... I .......... 14-6
Montana State# ........ W .......... 27-0
at Gonzaga .......... I .......... 10-6
Whitman College .......... W .......... 56-7
UC Davis ................ W .......... 21-0
at Southern Cal .......... I .......... 61-0
*in Butte

1927 (3-4-1)
Butte Centrivals .......... W .......... 19-0

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1933 (3-4)
at Oregon State ........................ 20-0
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at Stanford .............................. 33-7
at Gonzaga .............................. 13-7
Utah State ................................ 26-0
#in Butte

1934 (2-5-1)
at Washington State ..................... 27-0
at UCLA ................................ 16-0
Montana Tech ............................. 48-0
Idaho ...................................... 13-6
Montana State# .......................... 25-0
at Oregon ................................ 13-0
at Oregon State ........................... 7-7
at Gonzaga .............................. 6-4
#in Butte

Doug Fessenden (Illinois)
1935-1941 (32-25-4)
1935 (1-5-2)
at USC ..................................... 9-0
Montana State# .......................... 20-0
Washington State ....................... 13-7
at Idaho .................................. 14-7
at Washington State .................... 33-7
Gonzaga# ................................. 7-7
at Stanford .............................. 32-0
Oregon State ............................ 0-0
#in Butte .................................. #in Great Falls

1936 (6-3)
at Washington State .................... 19-0
at UCLA ................................ 30-0
Idaho Southern Branch* .............. 45-13
Gonzaga ................................. 6-0
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at Oregon State ........................... 14-7
Idaho ...................................... 16-0
San Francisco# ........................... 24-7
North Dakota ............................ 13-6
* Idaho State
#in Butte

1937 (7-1)
Whitman College .......................... 25-0
at Texas Tech ............................ 13-6
Oklahoma City# ........................... 36-6
San Francisco^ ........................... 13-7
Montana State^ ........................... 19-0
Gonzaga ................................. 23-0
at Idaho .................................. 6-0
North Dakota ............................ 14-3
#in Great Falls ^in Butte

1938 (5-3-1)
Cheney Normal College .............. 27-0
at San Francisco ......................... T-0-0
DePaul .................................. 7-6
Texas Tech ............................... 19-13
at North Dakota ........................... 7-0
Idaho ...................................... 19-6
at Gonzaga ................................ 9-0
Montana State# .......................... 13-0
at Arizona ............................... 7-0
#in Butte

1939 (3-5)
Portland .................................. W 9-0
San Francisco ............................ L 12-6
Montana State (in Butte) ............. W 6-0
at UCLA ................................ 20-6
at Idaho .................................. 13-0
at Washington State .................... 9-0
Gonzaga .................................. L 23-0
at Texas Tech ............................ L 13-0
at Arizona ............................... L 6-0

1940 (4-4)
Eastern Washington ................. W 9-0
at Washington State .................... L 13-0
Texas Tech ............................... L 32-19
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Idaho ...................................... W 28-18
at San Diego Marines ................. L 38-20
at Portland ............................... T-0-0
#in Butte

1941 (6-3)
at Brigham Young ...................... W 20-7
North Dakota State ................. L 27-0
at UCLA ................................ 14-7
at Gonzaga .............................. L 13-6
Montana State# .......................... W 23-13
at Washington State .................... L 21-0
North Dakota ............................ 13-6
at Idaho .................................. 16-0
at Oregon State ........................... L 27-0
#in Butte

Doug Fessenden
1946-1948 (14-15)
1946 (4-4)
Eastern Washington ................. W 31-7
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Idaho ...................................... W 19-0

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1947 (7-4)
at Eastern Washington ................. W 21-0
Portland .................................. W 21-0
at Arizona ............................... L 40-7
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#in Butte

1948 (3-7)
Eastern Washington# .................. L 12-7
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at Idaho .................................. L 39-0
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College of Pacific ....................... L 32-14
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^in Great Falls #in Butte

Ted Shipkey (Stanford)
1949-1951 (12-16)
1949 (5-4)
South Dakota# ........................... W 33-13
at Washington State .................... L 13-7
at Utah State .............................. W 18-13
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^in Billings #in Butte

1950 (5-5)
at Eastern Washington ................. W 52-0
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#in Butte ^in Hawaii

1951 (2-7)
at Washington ............................ L 58-7
New Mexico ............................. W 25-7
Denver ................................... L 55-0
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Wyoming ................................ 34-7
Colorado State ........................... L 34-6
at Washington State .................... L 47-10
#in Butte
### Ed Chinske (Montana)
**1952-1954 (8-18-1)**

- **1952 (2-7-1)**
  - Utah State ....................................... L ........... 7-0
  - at Wyoming ..................................... L ........... 14-0
  - Brigham Young ................................. L ........... 27-7
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  - at Idaho ......................................... L ........... 27-0
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- **1953 (3-5)**
  - at Brigham Young ............................. L ........... 27-13
  - Wyoming ........................................ L ........... 27-7
  - Idaho ............................................. L ........... 20-12
  - at Denver ....................................... W ........... 22-13
  - Colorado State ................................. W ........... 32-31
  - New Mexico .................................... L ........... 41-13
  - at Utah State .................................. L ........... 33-14
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- **1954 (3-6)**
  - Fort Lewis (Wash.) ............................ W ........... 31-7
  - at Iowa .......................................... L ........... 48-6
  - at Denver ....................................... L ........... 19-13
  - Utah State ...................................... W ........... 20-13
  - at Brigham Young ............................. L ........... 19-7
  - at Colorado State ................................ L ........... 37-34
  - at New Mexico .................................. L ........... 20-14
  - Montana State ................................. W ........... 25-21
  - at Utah ........................................... L ........... 41-20

### Jerry Williams (Washington State)
**1955-1957 (6-23)**

- **1955 (3-7)**
  - at Houston ...................................... L ........... 54-12
  - Wyoming# ....................................... L ........... 35-0
  - Brigham Young .................................. W ........... 27-13
  - Denver .......................................... L ........... 61-13
  - at Utah State .................................. L ........... 32-6
  - New Mexico ..................................... W ........... 19-14
  - at Colorado State ............................. L ........... 12-7
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  - at Idaho ......................................... L ........... 31-0

- **1956 (1-9)**
  - at Arizona ...................................... L ........... 27-12
  - at Utah .......................................... L ........... 26-6
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- **1957 (2-7)**
  - at Utah .......................................... L ........... 32-13
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  - at Brigham Young ................................ L ........... 28-7
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  - at Utah State .................................. W ........... 35-25

### Ray Jenkins (Colorado)
**1958-1963 (14-43)**

- **1958 (0-10)**
  - at Utah ........................................... L ........... 20-6
  - Wyoming# ....................................... L ........... 21-14
  - at New Mexico .................................. L ........... 44-16
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  - Brigham Young .................................. L ........... 41-12
  - at Colorado State ............................. L ........... 57-7
  - Idaho ............................................. L ........... 14-6
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- **1959 (1-8)**
  - North Dakota .................................... L ........... 27-19
  - Wyoming# ....................................... L ........... 58-0
  - at Brigham Young ................................ W ........... 12-0
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- **1960 (5-5)**
  - at North Dakota ................................ W ........... 21-14
  - Wyoming# ....................................... L ........... 14-0
  - Utah State ...................................... L ........... 14-12
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- **1961 (2-6)**
  - Wyoming# ....................................... L ........... 29-0
  - at Utah State .................................. L ........... 54-6
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  - Colorodo State ................................. W ........... 22-19
  - at Montana State ................................ L ........... 10-9
  - Idaho^ ........................................... L ........... 16-14

- **1962 (5-5)**
  - Wyoming# ....................................... L ........... 13-0
  - at North Dakota ................................ L ........... 14-8
  - at Utah State .................................. L ........... 43-20
  - Idaho ............................................. W ........... 22-16
  - at Weber State .................................. W ........... 25-6
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  - at Idaho State .................................. W ........... 22-15
  - Montana State ................................. W ........... 36-19
  - at New Mexico .................................. L ........... 41-12
  - at Colorado State ............................. W ........... 16-15

### Hugh Davidson (Colorado)
**1964-1966 (8-20)**

- **1964 (3-6)**
  - at Utah .......................................... L ........... 28-13
  - South Dakota# .................................. L ........... 15-14
  - Idaho State ...................................... W ........... 16-0
  - at Weber State .................................. W ........... 15-14
  - at Utah State .................................. L ........... 54-21
  - Idaho ............................................. L ........... 35-7
  - Pacific .......................................... W ........... 13-7
  - at Montana State ................................ L ........... 24-7
  - at Western Michigan ........................... L ........... 17-14
  - at Portland State ................................ W ........... 33-7

### Jack Swarthout (Montana)
**1967-1975 (51-41-1)**

- **1967 (7-3)**
  - at North Dakota ................................ W ........... 19-14
  - South Dakota# .................................. W ........... 7-3
  - at Weber State .................................. W ........... 13-12
  - at Pacific ....................................... W ........... 21-7
  - Idaho ............................................. L ........... 19-14
  - Idaho State ...................................... W ........... 20-0
  - Northern Arizona ................................ W ........... 10-7
  - at Montana State ................................ L ........... 14-8
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**Joe Glenn (South Dakota)**

- **2000-2002 (39-6)**

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**FCS Playoff game**

**2001 (15-1)**

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**FCS National Championship game**
2009 (14-1)
Western State ................. W ............ 38-0
at UC Davis ................. W ............ 17-10
Portland State ............ W ............ 49-17
at Northern Arizona .... W ............ 41-34
Cal Poly .................. W ............ 35-23
Eastern Washington .... W ............ 41-34
at Sacramento State .... W ............ 45-30
Webster State .......... W ............ 31-10
at Idaho State .......... W ............ 12-10
Northern Colorado ... W ............ 38-19
at Montana State ....... W ............ 33-19
South Dakota State* W ............ 61-48
Stephen F. Austin* .... W ............ 51-0
Appalachian State* W ............ 24-17
Villanova** ........... W ............ 23-21
*FCS Playoff game
**FCS National Championship game

Robin Pflugrad (Portland State)
2010-11 (13-6)
2010 (7-4)
Western State (Colorado)... W ............ 73-2
at Cal Poly ................. L ............ 35-33
at Eastern Washington ... W ............ 28-25
Sacramento State ....... W ............ 30-7
Idaho State ............... W ............ 47-28
at Portland State ....... W ............ 23-21
Northern Arizona ...... W ............ 24-21
at Weber State ........ L ............ 30-21
North Dakota .......... W ............ 27-17
Montana State .......... L ............ 21-16

2011 (6-2)
at Tennessee ............. L ............ 16-42
Cal Poly ................ W ............ 37-23
Eastern Washington .... W ............ 17-14
at Sacramento State ... L ............ 28-42
Northern Colorado ... W ............ 55-28
at Idaho State .......... W ............ 33-0
Portland State .......... W ............ 30-24
at Northern Arizona .... W ............ 28-24
Weber State!* .......... W ............ 45-10
Western Oregon! ....... W ............ 32-7
Montana State!* ....... W ............ 36-10
Central Arkansas** W ............ 41-14
Northern Iowa** ....... W ............ 48-10
Sam Houston State* L ............ 28-31
Win vacated via NCAA Infraction case
Participation and wins in NCAA FCS Championship Vacated (See below.)

Mick Delaney (UM-Western)
2012-2014 (24-14)
2012 (5-6)
South Dakota .......... W ............ 35-24
at Appalachian State ... W ............ 35-27
Liberty .................. W ............ 34-14
Northern Arizona .... L ............ 41-31
at Eastern Washington ... L ............ 32-26
at Northern Colorado .... W ............ 40-17
Southern Utah ........ L ............ 30-20
at North Dakota ....... L ............ 40-30
Idaho State ............ W ............ 70-24
at Weber State ........ W ............ 24-21
Montana State .......... L ............ 16-7

2013 (10-3)
Appalachian State ........ W ............ 30-6
at North Dakota ........ W ............ 55-17
Oklahoma Panhandle State ... W ............ 47-14
at Northern Arizona ... L ............ 34-16
Portland State ....... W ............ 55-27
at UC Davis ........... W ............ 42-7
Cal Poly .............. W ............ 21-14 (OT)
Eastern Washington ...... L ............ 42-37
at Sacramento State .... W ............ 51-48 (OT)
at South Dakota ....... W ............ 31-27
Weber State .......... W ............ 42-6
at Montana State ...... W ............ 28-14
Coastal Carolina* L ............ 42-35
*FCS Playoff game

2014 (9-5)
at Wyoming ............ L ............ 17-12
Central Washington .... W ............ 48-14
South Dakota .......... W ............ 28-20
at North Dakota ....... W ............ 22-10
Northern Colorado ... W ............ 38-13
at North Dakota ....... W ............ 18-15
UC Davis .............. W ............ 42-28
at Cal Poly ............. L ............ 41-21
Sacramento State ...... W ............ 31-13
at Eastern Washington ... L ............ 36-26
at Southern Utah ....... W ............ 35-17
Montana State ........ W ............ 34-7
San Diego* .............. W ............ 52-14
at Eastern Washington* L ............ 37-20
*FCS Playoff game

Bob Stitt (Doane College)
2015-Present (8-5)
2015 (8-5)
North Dakota State ...... W ............ 38-35
Cal Poly .............. L ............ 20-19
at Liberty .............. L ............ 31-21
Northern Arizona .... W ............ 23-14
at UC Davis .......... W ............ 27-13
Weber State ........... L ............ 24-21 (OT)
North Dakota .......... W ............ 42-16
at Portland State ....... L ............ 35-16
at Idaho State ........ L ............ 33-27 (OT)
Eastern Washington ...... W ............ 57-16
at Montana State ....... W ............ 54-35
South Dakota State* .... W ............ 24-17
at North Dakota State* L ............ 37-6
*FCS Playoff game

Head Coach Don Read
Senior Defensive Tackle Zach Peevey

POST-SEASON PLAY
2015: STITT LEADS GRIZ TO PLAYOFFS IN INAUGURAL SEASON

In their first year under head coach Bob Stitt, the Grizzlies made yet another appearance in the NCAA FCS/DI-AA playoffs, extending the school's record number of postseason appearances to 23, and advanced to the second round of the FCS playoffs.

The Griz finished the 2015 season at 8-5 (6-2 BSC) in Fargo, North Dakota, after falling to eventual National Champions North Dakota State 37-6 in the season's rubber match between the two FCS powers. Montana defeated NDSU 38-35 to open the season on ESPN in Missoula.

Before earning a trip to Fargo, the Grizzlies defeated South Dakota State 24-17 in the opening round of the playoffs at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Montana finished the regular season on a three-game win streak, and with the return of starting quarterback Brady Gustafson from injury, dismantled two of the team's biggest rivals in the last two weeks of the season, defeating Eastern Washington 57-16 in Missoula, then traveling to Bozeman and defeating Montana State 54-35.

The winning streak was good enough for the Griz to claim a share of second place in the Big Sky Conference, and earn an at-large bid to the playoffs, where the NCAA selection committee awarded UM a home game against South Dakota State on November 28.

FIRST ROUND: Montana 24-South Dakota State 17

The No. 16 ranked Grizzlies scored all 24 of their points in the first half and held off a late rally by the No. 10 Jackrabbits to claim their third first-round win in three years.

The Griz racked up 293 yards of total offense in the first half alone, and finished with 434 yards, 295 of which came in the air for Brady Gustafson who went 24-39 and passed for a pair of touchdowns.

The Grizzly defense proved the difference maker, with Tyrone Holmes taking three sacks and Jeremiah Kose recovering a fumble to thwart the Jackrabbits' comeback.

SECOND ROUND: Montana 6- NDSU 37

On the flip side of the coin, the Bison returned two interceptions for touchdowns and delivered the final blow to the Grizzlies with a 100-yard kick return by Bruce Anderson immediately following the only touchdown of the day for the Griz.

NDSU would carry on to win the program's fifth-straight FCS National Championship.

2014: GRIZ ADVANCE TO SECOND ROUND PLAYOFF GAMES

Montana extended its record number of appearances in the division I-AA/FCS playoffs to 22.

Montana dominated on both sides of the football, and the result was a 52-14 victory over the visiting Toreros in a first round NCAA FCS playoff game.

The Grizzlies scored on six of their first eight possessions in the first half and held the Toreros (9-3) of the Pioneer Football League scoreless, to jump to an insurmountable 38-0 halftime lead. The Grizzlies then scored on all four of their possessions in the second quarter.

Sophomore running back John Nguyen started UM's second quarter scoring onslaught by scoring on a 60-yard punt return, which was
his first TD return and the longest punt return of his career, and gave the Griz a 21-0 lead.

UM tallied two more unanswered TDs on scoring throws of 18 and 12 yards by senior QB Shay Smithwick-Hann to redshirt freshman receiver Josh Janssen (with 7:37 to go in the third quarter) and senior wide-out Kevin Berland.

USD finally scored with 6:05 left to play on a scoring pass from halfback Dallas Kessman to freshman wide receiver Justin Priest from 27 yards out. Priest scored again on an 11-yard touchdown throw from junior QB Trey Wheeler.

The Grizzlies out-gained the Toreros 315 to 17 in total yards, and had 18 first downs compared to USD’s one. Most of Montana’s starters played in just the first half.

The second time was not the charm for the unseeded 12th-ranked Grizzlies, as comeback-minded Montana lost for the second time in 2014 to the 4th-ranked Eastern Washington Eagles in a second round NCAA Division I FCS playoff game at EWU’s Roos Field.

It was the final game for third-year head coach Mick Delaney, as he had announced recently that he would step down at the conclusion of the 2014 season. Montana ended its season with a 9-5 record and went 6-2 (tie, second) in the Big Sky Conference.

The Eagles (11-2) were led by junior quarterback Vernon Adams Jr. who passed for two touchdowns and ran for another, while senior halfback Quincy Forte rushed for 128 yards and a TD. Host EWU had defeated UM 36-26 earlier this season in a Big Sky Conference game on Nov. 8.

The Grizzlies had kept their comeback chance possible with 6:29 remaining, when QB Jordan Johnson connected with senior wide receiver/possible Jeff Johnson with a 9-5 record and went 6-2 (tie, second) in the 21st in school history. The host Griz lost 42-37 to 11th-ranked Coastal Carolina in the second round.

The 10-3 Grizzlies were led by three senior linebackers, who all ended their careers ranked among UM’s all-time leaders in career tackles. That dynamic trio consisted of Jordan Tripp (fourth, 335 total tackles), Brock Coyle (12th, 293 TT), and J.P. Kanongata’a (17th, 269 TT).

Junior end Zack Wagenmann had a team-high 16.5 tackles for loss and was a first team All-Big Sky Conference pick for the second season in a row.

UM also had stellar seasons on offense by running back Jordan Canada, wide receiver/returner Ellis Henderson, and quarterback Jordan Johnson. Canada rushed for 1,062 yards and 16 touchdowns; Henderson racked up 1,008 receiving yards and 145 TDs; and Johnson passed for 3,387 yards and 32 touchdowns.

2012: GRIZ MISS PLAYOFFS FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THE PAST 20 SEASONS

For the just the second time in the past 20 seasons the Grizzlies did not advance to the FCS playoffs. Montana finished 5-6 overall and had its first losing season in 27 years (since going 3-8 in 1985). It was also the first time in 20 seasons that the Griz have not finished first or second in the Big Sky Conference.


2011: MONTANA ADVANCES TO FCS SEMIS FOR THE 20TH TIME

The Grizzlies returned to the playoffs after a one year hiatus, advancing to the FCS semifinal, and suffered a 31-28 loss to host, top-ranked, and undefeated (14-0) Sam Houston State. It was Montana’s 18th playoff berth in the past 19 seasons and 20th overall. UM has won (or shared) 13 of the past 15 Big Sky Conference championships.

Montana out-scored the Kats 14-3 in the second half and advanced the ball to the SHSU 49-yard line on its final drive, but was forced to punt, and Flanders rushed eight times for 63 yards, including a 22-yarder on a fourth down, to ice the victory.

The Griz defense held SHSU to two total first downs in the second half prior to the Bearkats’ final drive. Hallback Tim Flanders led SHSU, rushing for 287 yards on 26 carries, and led a potent ground attack that amassed 383 yards.

Senior linebacker Caleb McCurdy led a defense that featured nine senior starters, and he was named the Big Sky Conference’s MVP on defense.

Record-setting senior kicker/punter Brody McKnight booted a league-record 210 PATs. Jabin Sambrano, also a senior, became just the second player in school history (the other one was “Will Bill” Kelly in 1926) to score a touchdown rushing, receiving, and via punt and kickoff returns in a season.

Second-year head coach Robin Pflugrad was named the Big Sky’s “Coach of the Year,” as the Griz went 11-3 overall and placed first in the league with a 7-1 mark. NOTE: Montana would later vacate five wins, Big Sky title, and its participation in FCS playoff games due to NCAA violations, finishing with an “official record” of 6-2.

2010: PLAYOFF RUN HALTED/REYNOLDS ENDS HIS BRILLIANT CAREER

It had to end some time, and unfortunately the first time in 18 seasons that Montana did not advance to the playoff was the final season of the illustrious career of halfback Chase Reynolds. Reynolds ended his record-breaking career by setting school records for total touchdowns (59) and rushing touchdowns (52), and was ended up only four years short of the record for career rushing yards with 4,067, and he set all of those standards in just three seasons.

The Griz suffered a huge setback early in the year, when senior quarterback Andrew Selle suffered a career-ending injury in the fourth game of the season against Sacramento State.
2009: ANOTHER TRIP TO THE FCS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Montana played in the FCS championship game for the second year in a row and seventh time in the last 15 seasons, but second-ranked Villanova rushed 51 times for 351 yards in a 23-21 Griz loss. It was the top-ranked Grizzlies’ only loss (14-1) of the season.

UM’s road to the title game was a difficult one. The Griz trailed 11th-ranked South Dakota State by 27 points (48-21) with 5:40 left in the third quarter, but out-scored SDSU 40-0 on their way to a 61-48 victory. A week later UM forced 10 turnovers and crushed 12th-ranked, visiting Stephen F. Austin 51-0 in a quarterfinal contest.

Montana’s semifinal against fifth-ranked Appalachian State and quarterback Armani Edwards was a classic. The game was played in front of a national audience on ESPN and came down to the last play. Selle floated a 25-yard TD pass to Sambrano with 1:31 left to give the Griz a 24-17 lead. However, Edwards drove ASU to Montana’s 3-yard line, but his last-second TD pass was broken up, and the Grizzlies earned their seventh trip to the title game.

Mariani broke numerous receiving and return records, and Reynolds tied his own single-season record by rushing for 22 TDs. Selle passed for 28 TDs. Linebacker Shawn Lebsock and safety Shann Schillinger ended their careers as two of the leading tacklers in school history. Head coach Bobby Hauck, who left UM for UNLV following the 2009 season, advanced to the FCS playoffs all seven of his seasons as the head man, and won or shared seven league championships.

2008: MONTANA PLAYS FOR ITS SIXTH NATIONAL TITLE

Despite losing 14 starters, Montana made it to the FCS title game for the sixth time, losing 24-7 to Richmond in Chattanooga. In the first round Montana handled Texas State 31-13. In the quarterfinals the Grizzlies avenged an early-season loss (45-28) at Weber State, defeating the 10th-ranked Wildcats 24-13. In the semi-final game Montana had its biggest playoff road win ever, beating top-ranked James Madison 35-27.

Senior quarterback Cole Bergquist passed for 3,156 yards and 28 touchdowns, and wide-out Mike Ferriter finished his career ranked ninth in school history with 2,089 receiving yards. Reynolds rushed for a (then) school-record 22 touchdowns. The defense was led by strong safety Colt Anderson, a Buck Buchanan Award finalist, who was Montana’s leading tackler with 129 stops.

2007: 15TH FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCE IN A ROW

The Griz made their 15th playoff appearance and their 18th overall, which moved them past Eastern Kentucky for the most in division history. Montana suffered a rare home loss in the playoffs, though, a 23-22 setback to Wolford.

Senior defensive end Kroy Biermann became Montana’s first ever Buck Buchanan Award winner. Senior halfback Lex Hilliard set a record with 50 career rushing touchdowns, which Reynolds would break three seasons later. Kicker Dan Carpenter set FCS career records with 75 field goals and points scored by a kicker with 413. Senior linebackers Tyler Joyce and Kyle Ryan finished second and sixth in UM history with 352 and 304 career tackles, respectively.

2006: A TRIP TO THE SEMIS

Montana just missed playing for its sixth national title in the past 12 years. Host Montana defeated 22nd-ranked McNeese State 31-6 in an FCS first-round game, then knocked off visiting and No. 10-ranked Southern Illinois 20-3 in the quarterfinals, but were edged (19-17) out to third-ranked and visiting UMass in the semifinal game which was televised nationally on ESPN2. Hauck became the first Griz mentor in history to win four Big Sky titles.

After losing at 16th-ranked Iowa in its opener, Montana won 11 straight games and finished 12-2 overall and 8-0 in the Big Sky. Hilliard, a 2006 Walter Payton Award candidate, was lost for the season due to an injury in fall camp. Senior quarterback Josh Swogger threw 17 TD passes, while senior receivers Eric Allen, Ryan Bagley, and Craig Chambers combined for 147 catches and 17 scores. Halfbacks Reggie Bradshaw, Brady Green, and Thomas Brooks-Flechter combined for 19 rushing touchdowns. UM’s young defense was ranked ninth in the FCS in total defense, allowing 226.4 yards a game.

2005: GRIZ LOSE IN FIRST ROUND

Montana was 8-4 overall and received an at-large bid into the playoffs. UM was led by Hilliard who rushed for 1,322 yards – the second highest total (at the time) in single-season history. The ninth-ranked Griz hosted a first-round home playoff game, losing 35-21 to 10th-ranked Cal Poly. Montana had defeated Cal Poly 36-27 in Missoula earlier in the season.

2004: FIFTH TRIP TO THE FCS TITLE GAME IN THE LAST 10 SEASONS

Montana was 12-3 and advanced to the FCS championship game for the fifth time in the last 11 years. Senior quarterback Craig Ochs passed for 3,807 yards and 33 touchdowns and set a league record by completing 68.7% of his passes. Hilliard tied the school record for touchdown runs with 17, while senior wide receiver Jefferson Heidelberger had the second most receiving yards in single-season history with 1,240.

In the playoffs the host Griz handled their first three opponents at home relatively easy, beating Northwestern State (56-7), New Hampshire (47-17), and Sam Houston State (34-13). The title game was a 31-21 loss to James Madison. Sadly, the championship game was played on a field that was a quagmire, as the grass playing surface had recently been re-sodded.

2003: BREAK PLAYOFF RECORD WITH 11TH IN A ROW

Montana broke the FCS record by making its 11th consecutive playoff appearance, eclipsing the mark of 10 that it had shared with Eastern Kentucky (10, from 1986-1995). The Griz re-
ceived an at-large bid into the playoffs, losing a 43-40 double-overtime thriller to visiting Western Illinois in the first round.

Senior kicker Chris Snyder set four NCAA career FCS records, scoring 394 points and converting 182 PATs. He also set a single-season school marks by scoring 123 points and connecting on 126 consecutive PATs. Senior defensive end Tim Bush finished his career as Montana's all-time career leader in sacks (32.5) and tackles for loss (48.5).

2002: TIE FCS MARK FOR CONSECUTIVE WINS

The Griz started the season with 10 wins in a row, and, combined with 14 straight wins the year before, tied the FCS mark for consecutive wins with 24. The streak began on September 22 of 2001, with a 30-0 home win over Western Washington, and was halted on Nov. 16 of 2002, with a 30-21 setback at Eastern Washington in a game played in Spokane's Joe Albi Stadium.

Montana tied Pennsylvania, which had 24 wins in a row from 1992-95, for the longest winning skein in the division. The Griz also set the record for most consecutive Big Sky wins (25) and most league victories on the road with 13 in a row.

Senior quarterback John Edwards was named the Big Sky's co-MVP on offense and senior safety Trey Young was tabbed as the league's defensive player of the year.

Montana defeated Northwestern State 45-14 at home in a first-round playoff game, but lost 24-20 at McNeese State in a quarterfinal contest.

2001: SECOND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Montana won its second national championship by defeating Furman 13-6 en route to a 15-1 record. Edwards engineered a 16-play, 99-yard scoring drive for UM's only touchdown in the game. Halfback Yohance Humphrey, Montana's all-time career rushing leader, gained 142 yards on 30 carries in the game and UM's only touchdown on a 2-yard run, which culminated its 99-yard scoring drive. The Griz defense limited the Paladin to 121 yards rushing and forced three turnovers. Furman's only score came on a Hail Mary pass as time expired. Humphrey wrapped up his illustrious career with 4,070 career rushing yards.

The Grizzlies' 15 victories set a school record (which still stands as of 2013) for the most wins in a season.

2000: THIRD TRIP TO THE TITLE GAME

The Griz earned a trip to the championship game for the third time in six seasons, losing a heart-breaker, 27-25 to Georgia Southern in Chattanooga. Starting senior Griz quarterback Drew Miller was injured late in the first quarter, and Edwards, a sophomore, was called into action.

The Griz trailed 20-3 at halftime in rain-soaked Finley Stadium, but took a 23-20 lead early in the fourth quarter on a scoring run by Humphrey. The lead was short-lived though, as Eagle halfback and 2000 Walter Payton Award winner Adrian Peterson broke loose for a 57-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter for the game-winning touchdown.

1999-97: GRIZ LOSE THREE STRAIGHT FIRST-Round GAMES

Montana dropped three first-round playoff games during this time, but in the 1999 season it set the Big Sky record with its seventh straight FCS playoff appearance, breaking the old standard of six that had been set by former Big Sky member Idaho from 1985-90.


1996: MOSS TOO MUCH IN QUEST FOR SECOND TITLE IN A ROW

Montana reeled off 14 straight wins to advance to the title game, and for the second year in a row they played at Marshall. Future NFL standout Randy Moss led Marshall with four touchdown catches in a 49-29 win.

It was the first time ever that two undefeated (14-0) teams had squared off for the title. In the championship game, Griz sophomore quarterback Brian Ah Yat set (then) playoff records for pass completions with 36 and total plays (67). Senior wide receiver Joe Douglass set a playoff record with 13 receptions, and he also set Montana single-season standards with 82 catches for 18 touchdowns (both still school records), and had 1,469 receiving yards, in UM's 11 regular-season games.

1995: FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Grizzlies won their first national championship with a last-second, 22-20 come-from-behind victory over host Marshall in front of an FCS playoff-record crowd of 32,106 (which still stands) in Huntington, West Virginia.

Walter Payton Award-winning quarterback Dave Dickinson passed for 1,219 yards and 11 touchdowns in Montana's first three playoff games, when UM out-scored its opponents 163-14. In their first three playoff victories, the host Grizzlies beat Eastern Kentucky (48-0), Georgia Southern (45-0), and Stephen F. Austin (70-14).

In the title game, Dickinson orchestrated a 12-play, 72-yard scoring drive, culminating with a 25-yard field goal by Andy Larson with 39 seconds left for the game-winner. The big play in the winning drive took place on a fourth-and-three from the 50-yard line, as Dickinson connected with senior wide receiver Mike Erhardt for a 20-yard gain and a crucial first down. Senior wide receiver Matt Wells scored both of Montana's touchdowns (24, 1). Montana set playoff records (at the time) with 125 first downs, 137 pass completions, 197 pass attempts, and 1,703 passing yards.

1993-1994: A PROGRAM ON THE RISE

The host Griz squeaked by Northern Iowa 23-20 in a 1994 first-round contest, and then edged visiting McNeese State 30-28 in a snow storm on a 37-yard field goal by Larson with eight seconds left to play. Unfortunately, Dickinson was re-injured early in the McNeese win, and he was not able to play in the semifinal — a 28-9 loss to host (and eventual national champion) Youngstown State, which was also coached by Tressel.

In 1993, Montana rolled to a 10-1 regular-season record, with its only blemish a 35-30 loss at Oregon. After the loss to the Ducks, the Griz reeled off nine straight wins and won their first league title since 1982. The season ended in a 49-48 first-round shoot-out loss to visiting Delaware, as the Blue Hens scored with 55 seconds left to play. The Grizzlies' 93 victories in the 1990's were the second most in I-AA (Youngstown State won 103).
1989: GRIZ HOST PLAYOFF GAMES FOR FIRST TIME
Montana hosted and won its first playoff game in school history, beating Jackson State 48-7 in the first round. The Grizzlies defeated visiting Eastern Illinois 25-15 in the quarterfinals, and then lost 45-15 to eventual national champion Georgia Southern in Statesboro in the semis.

FIRST TWO PLAYOFF BERTHS: 1988 & 1989
After a six-year hiatus, in 1988, the Griz earned their first at-large bid into the playoffs, losing on the road 38-19 to fellow Big Sky member Idaho. Montana's initial trip to the playoffs was in 1982, when it won its first Big Sky title since the 1970 season. Despite winning the league championship the Grizzlies had to travel to Moscow, Idaho, losing 21-7 to the Vandals.

1969-1970: MONTANA PLAYS FOR A PAIR OF COLLEGE DIVISION TITLES
Montana played for the College Division national championship in 1969 and 1970. The Griz went undefeated and untied for the first time in school history at 10-0 and won their first-ever Big Sky title in 1969. Both years Montana advanced to the Camellia Bowl in Sacramento, Calif.; but, missing many starters because of NCAA's rules on junior college transfers, the under-manned Griz lost 30-3 to top-ranked North Dakota State in 1969 and 31-16 to the same team a year later.

#Games/Appearance vacated due to NCAA infractions
Senior Offensive Lineman Devon Dietrich

FACILITIES / STAFF

MONTANA FOOTBALL

2015
Construction for the Champions Center will begin in the summer of 2016. A state-of-the-art all-sport weight room facility along with a football locker room are scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2017.

Adams Center/Grizzly Student-Athlete Academic Center

Washington-Grizzly Stadium accommodates 25,217 fans.

Dahlberg Arena has a seating capacity of 7,321.
West Auxiliary Gym (WAG)

The West Auxiliary Gym (WAG) has seating for 1,000 volleyball fans and practice facility for men's and women's basketball.

Robert O. Lindsay Tennis Center

Lindsay Tennis Center, home of Griz Tennis.

South Campus Soccer Stadium

South Campus Soccer Stadium has seating for 1,000 soccer fans.

Athletic Strength Center

(Artist rendering)

Grizzly Softball Complex

Dornblaser Track & Field

Dornblaser Stadium is home to track and field.
UM offers 15 intercollegiate programs in men's and women's basketball, cross country, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, football, women's golf, soccer, softball and volleyball. Women's softball began its inaugural season in the spring of 2015.

The Grizzlies/Lady Griz compete at the NCAA Division I level and are eligible for postseason competition, except for football, which competes in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly called Division I-AA), that employs a playoff system.

Montana is a charter (1963) member of the Big Sky Conference, which celebrated its 50th anniversary recently and is headquartered in Ogden, Utah. There are now 12 schools in the Big Sky Conference plus two football only schools, Cal Poly and UC Davis. The 12 schools are: Eastern Washington, Idaho, Idaho State, Montana, Montana State, Northern Arizona, Portland State, Sacramento State, Weber State, Northern Colorado, North Dakota and Southern Utah; the last two entered the conference in the 2011-12 season. Men's golf was added in 2014; however, Montana does not participate.

- Steve Ascher
  Women's Tennis

- Kent Haslam
  Men's Tennis

- Bob Stitt
  Football

- Mark Plakorus
  Soccer

- Brian Schweyen
  Track and Field

- Robin Selvig
  Women's Basketball

- Jamie Pinkerton
  Softball

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- Travis DeCuire
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Football

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Football

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Football Strength & Cond.

Travis Niekamp
Football

David Paul
Track & Field

Vicky Pounds
Cross Country

Sonya Rogers
Women's Basketball

Shann Schillenger
Football

Shannon Schweyen
Women's Basketball

Andrew Selle
Football

Jason Semore
Football

Marlon Stewart
Men's Basketball

Nolan Swett
Football

Giedre Tarnauskaite
Volleyball

Rachi Wortham
Men's Basketball