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MISSOULA, MONTANA---Montana halfback Jerry Dotson, a complete unknown when the season started, has captured the 1959 MSU rushing crown with a net of 246 yards on 62 carries, according to final statistics. Dotson averaged an even four yards per carry during the season.

The junior halfback from Bremerton, Wash., won a starting job in midseason and racked up more than half his yardage in the final three games. Dotson also was a passing threat from his tailback post and helping with punting chores. The 185-pounder also led the team in scoring.

Best rushing average for the season went to sophomore speedster Jim Grasky of Miles City, who averaged 5.2 yards per carry during the season.

Four other Grizzlies ranked high in final Skyline statistics. Quarterback John Schulz hit 41 of 77 passes to rack up 591 yards. His mate, Bob O'Billovich, led the Skyline in this category for most of the season, but missed two games late in the season because of a knee injury.

Punter Paul Gustafson set a modern MSU booting record, averaging 43.5 yards per punt for the season. This beat a record set last season by All-Skyline John Lands, who averaged 41.1 yards per punt.

Lands, generally considered the best Grizzly wingman in the past 10 seasons, captured the Skyline pass reception crown with 26 snags good for 349 yards.

Veteran halfback Henry Greminger, who missed the last two games of the season with a knee injury, led the squad in kickoff and punt returns. O'Billovich grabbed off three enemy aerials to lead the team in interceptions.

As a team, the Grizzlies led the nation in pass defense, allowing an average of only 46.5 yards per game through the air. The Silvertips also were one of the least penalized teams in the nation, being assessed only 212 yards in nine contests.

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