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SILVERTIP SLANTS.....

One oddity of the 1960 Grid season is that Montana's opponents have scored 14 points each in four contests. An indication of overall improvement this season is the fact that the Grizzlies have scored 51 points this year, and apponents have tallied 56. The same four teams outscored Montana 122-25 in 1959.

Grizzly punter Paul Gustafson, who ranked ninth in the nation last season, is performing at a slightly-below-par pace this season. "Gus" has averaged just under 41 yards per boot this season, compared to his 43.5 average of 1959. One of Gustafson's finest kicks of the season came last Saturday, but it was his shortest. He booted the ball dead on the Idaho 13 late in the contest to keep the Vandals at bay, yet it was only a 29-yard punt. Gustafson's best punt of the season was a 71-yarder against Wyoming.

One of the most interested spectators at the Montana-Idaho Homecoming battle last Saturday was Harry Maclay of Missoula, who captained the 1910 Grizzly aggregation.

Grizzly halfback Pat Dodson has rushed for 213 yards this season, nearly equal to Montana's top rusher of 1959, Jerry Dotson. Dotson had a total of 246 yards in nine contests last season. Pat Dodson has tallied 20 points this season, and this already ranks him ahead of the 1959 leader, Dotson, who tallied 16 markers.

Montana hasn't beaten Denver in a Skyline grid contest since the glory days of Dick Imer in 1953. Imer led the Silvertips with three touchdowns in beating the Pioneers, 22-13, that season.

MSU grid coach Ray Jenkins, alumni secretary Bob Higham and Silvertip Quarterback club president Gene Miles will be in Kalispell Wednesday night for an organizational meeting of Flathead boosters. Last week, the trio spoke before an audience of 60 MSU fans in Helena.

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