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The University of Montana Grizzlies, who have returned from their nine-day trip to Hawaii and Portland, made an impressive offensive showing this season despite a disappointing 6-5 record -- the worst since 1968.

The "Texas Y" offense netted the Grizzlies three records this year -- two individual and one team. Senior halfback Steve Caputo broke the season and career rushing records earlier in the year and in the Portland State game over the weekend the Grizzlies broke the season rushing record set by last year's undefeated championship team.

Montana got 299 yards on the ground against Portland State to finish with 3,477 carries. The 1970 record effort was 3,344. This year, however, the Grizzlies played 11 games while the 1970 team played only 10 in the regular season.

Montana carried the ball 686 times for its 3,477 yards this year for an impressive 5.1 yards-per-carry average.

Caputo got 182 yards on 16 carries in the Portland game for an 11.4 yard average. That brought his season total to 1,253 yards on 195 carries for a 6.4 yard average. The previous season rushing record was 972 yards set by Les Kent in 1969.

Caputo, a 6-0, 210 lb. Seattle native, finished his three-year career at UM with 2,058 yards. The previous record was 1,604 by Arnie Blancas, who graduated last year.

Senior halfback Casey Reilly, from Anaconda, was second leading rusher this year. He finished with 712 yards and a 6.4 yards-per-carry average. Fullback Jeff Hoffmann, a junior, was the most persistent of the Grizzly runners this year. He lost only one yard in 98 carries and finished as the third leading rusher with 560 yards and a 5.7 yard average.

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Kicker Bob Turnquist, a ^{sophomore} from Billings, finished the season as the team's leading scorer. He was successful on 29 of 33 extra point attempts and seven of 12 field goal attempts for 50 points. He got three PATs and two of three field goal attempts in the Portland State game.

Caputo was the second leading scorer with seven touchdowns and 42 points.

Top receiver was sophomore split end Jim Olson, who caught 10 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns. Senior cornerback Robin Peters was the leading pass interceptor. He snared seven and returned them 49 yards.

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