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The Montana Grizzlies face a big Boise State team in Boise, Idaho, Saturday.

The Big Sky leading Broncos' offensive line averages 244 pounds and has three members weighing over 250 pounds. The offensive tackles, Glenn Sparks and Charlie Russell, go 251 and 261 pounds, respectively. Guard Dan Dixon is no midget at 6-1 and 252 pounds.

Defensively, giant Ton Franklin, who is 6-9 and at least 260 pounds, anchors a front four that averages 6-2½ and 233 pounds. Franklin is paired with Blessing Bird, a 237-pounder, at defensive tackle. The two have played a key role on a Boise team that leads the league in total defense with an average yield of 244.8 yards.

The Broncos also lead the league in total offense. They have rolled up 444.5 yards per game and will give Montana's defensive unit its stiffest test of the season.

The veteran UM defense has limited seven opponents to an average of 283.6 yards in total offense and has limited opposing passers to a league-best 34.5 per cent completion figure.

Boise's two quarterbacks, Jim McMillan and Ron Autele, have completed 58.4 per cent of their passes for 1289 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Something will have to give Saturday night when UM's completion stingy defense butts heads with Boise's phenomenally accurate passers.

Game time is 7:30 MDT.

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