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DONOVAN PLEASED WITH FIRST WEEK
OF GRIZZLY FOOTBALL PRACTICE

MISSOULA--

"Things are really starting to come together," was the way University of Montana football coach Larry Donovan described the first week of fall drills for the Grizzlies.

"Bart Andrus (quarterback) is looking just like he did in spring ball," Donovan said. "He really looks good running the offense. At fullback Mike Hagen is blocking and running the ball well. He's really coming on."

Donovan also praised the play of tailback Rocky Klever. "Rocky has picked up where he left off in the spring. He's doing everything and doing it well."

Quarterback, a position the Grizzly staff was concerned about prior to fall drills, is one that has really come a long way.

"We have really got some quality kids at quarterback, and we've moved a couple of them to other spots to use those skills," Donovan said.

Signal callers Jeff Loftus and Curt McGinness have been moved to other positions in the offensive backfield. Loftus, a 6-1½, 195-pounder, has been switched to fullback, while McGinness (6-2, 180) is now at tailback. Kelly Richardson (6-0, 175) will play wide receiver and also remain at QB.

That leaves Andrus, Marty Mornhinweg, Alan Powell, Tom Hayes and Richardson at quarterback. Andrus is a senior, Hayes a sophomore and the three remaining players are freshmen. "Marty is really getting some things done," Donovan said.

The wide receiver core of David Glenn, Bill Lane, Mike Alex, Mark Murray and Brad Dantic "are all doing an excellent job," Donovan said. "The quarterbacks and receivers are really starting to jell together."

DONOVAN PLEASED--add one

At tight end sophomore letterman John Hinson (6-2½, 214) has earned the No. 1 spot, although first-year player Brian Salonen (6-2, 200) is also playing well.

"Defensively, the secondary seems to be an area we recruited very well in," Donovan said. "There is a lot of competition for positions, and that's the way it should be."

"As expected, Arnie Rigoni (noseguard) is playing very well, and along with Scott Ellig (free safety) we feel like we are pretty strong up the middle defensively," Donovan said.

The Grizzlies will conclude a two-a-day practice schedule Thursday. The team is currently working out from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the practice field behind Adams Field House.

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