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GRIZZLIES WIN FOOTBALL OPENER;
AT PORTLAND STATE SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

MISSOULA--

THE GAME:

The University of Montana will travel to Portland to play the Portland State Vikings. Kickoff is at 8 p.m., Montana time. It is in 30,000-seat Civic Stadium.

LAST WEEK:

The Grizzlies and first-year coach Larry Donovan opened the 1980 season in a big way, defeating visiting Simon Fraser University of Canada, 60-27.

NOTES ON THE GAME:

The 60 points scored by the Grizzlies was the most scored in 56 years, since Montana defeated Montana Mines 106-6. It was UM's first opening season win since 1975. It was the most points scored by the Grizzlies and their opponent since 1968.

THE SERIES:

Montana leads the series 9-4. Both teams are members of Division I-AA. PSU is an independent, while UM is a member of the Big Sky Conference.

THIS YEAR:

| | | | | | |
|----|-----------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|
| UM | MONTANA (1-0) | OPP | PSU | PORTLAND STATE (1-0) | OPP |
| 60 | SIMON FRASER U | 27 | 28 | NORTH DAKOTA | 14 |
| | @Portland State | | | MONTANA | |
| | IDAHO* | | | @Idaho State | |

*Big Sky game

LAST YEAR:

PSU won 40-32, with quarterback Neil Lomax connecting on 30 of 48 passes for two TDs. Grizzly QB Bob Boyes also had an outstanding game, completing 22 of 41 for 356 yards and four touchdowns. The game's leading rusher was Rocky Klever (19 for 88). The Vikings' Joel Sigel had 81 yards on 18 rushes, and scored twice. Three of the players are back this season. Boyes is the only player who graduated.

THE COACHES:

Larry Donovan is now 1-0 as a head coach with last Saturday's victory. Darrel "Mouse" Davis is 35-21 since joining the PSU program in 1975.

RADIO COVERAGE:

Bill Schwanke of KYLT-AM Radio will begin his pregame report at 7:30 p.m. (Missoula time.) Bob Lee provides the color commentary. A record 15 radio stations statewide will carry the game. KUFM also will carry the game locally. The Montana Grizzly Football Network will begin its coverage at 7:50 p.m. (Montana time.)

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SCHOOL COMPARISONS:

| | UM | PSU |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Enrollment: | 8,700 est. | 16,500 |
| Nickname: | Grizzlies | Vikings |
| Colors | Copper/silver/gold | Green/white |
| Basic Offense | Pro I | Multiple Pro |
| Off. Yards Rush: | 201.0 | 85.0 |
| Off. Yards Pass: | 170.0 | 396.0 |
| TOTAL OFF. YARDS: | 371.0 | 444.0 |
| Points Per Game: | 60.0 | 28.0 |
| Basic Defense: | 3-4-4 | 3-4/5-2 |
| Def. Yards Rush: | 24.0 | 183.0 |
| Def. Yards Pass: | 282.0 | 123.0 |
| TOTAL DEF. YARDS: | 306.0 | 282.0 |
| Pts. Allowed Per Game: | 27.0 | 14.0 |

PLAYER OF THE WEEK:

Grizzly tailback Rocky Klever (6-2½, 215, Sr.) was named the Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the win over Simon Fraser. He was 4 of 6 passing for 89 yards and two TDs, and also rushed for 82 yards and two scores.

Pat Curry, a defensive lineman (6-5½, 245, Jr.) was UM's nominee for defensive honors. He is from Billings, Mt.

KLEVER MOVES TO NO. 6 IN RUSHING:

With his 82 yards rushing against SFU, Klever is now the number six career rusher in Montana history. He has now rushed for 1,432 yards. He moved ahead of Del Spear, who had 1,429 yards. Klever is also one of the top scorers in Grizzly history, and needs only six more points to tie with Jeff Hoffmann for 10th in that category. Thus far Klever has scored 84 points.

PRESS CONTACTS:

Larry Sellers is the Sports Information Director at Portland State. His office number is (503) 229-4400.

UM TRAVEL:

The Grizzly travel party will leave Missoula on Northwest #701 at 6:27 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, and arrive in Portland at 8:29 p.m. (Montana time.) They will be staying at the Mallory Hotel. They will arrive in Missoula Sunday, Sept. 21 at 10:04 a.m.

NEXT WEEK:

Montana will open its Big Sky Conference season, hosting the University of Idaho Vandals. Kickoff at Dornblaser Field is 1:30 p.m. It is also the conference opener for Idaho.

Next week Portland State is at Idaho State.