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GRIZZLY (1-0) FOOTBALL TEAM  
TRAVELS TO PORTLAND STATE  
FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 GAME

MISSOULA--

Fresh off an opening-season victory, coach Larry Donovan and his University of Montana football team travel to Portland to meet pass-minded Portland State in Civic Stadium (30,000), Saturday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m. (Montana time).

The game will be broadcast over 15 stations on the Grizzly Football Network. In Missoula the pregame report begins at 7:30 p.m., while the network will start its broadcast at 7:50 p.m.

Montana's opening season win was a big one in every sense of the word. Make that BIG, with an emphasis on the capital B. What the Grizzlies did was score 60 points on the way to a convincing 60-27 hammering of Canada's Simon Fraser University.

Senior tailback Rocky Klever led the way, passing for two touchdowns, and running for two more. Klever, a 6-2½, 215-pounder, was selected as the Big Sky Conference's Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts. With his 82 yards rushing Klever moved to No. 6 on the Grizzlies' all-time ground gaining list with 1,432 yards.

Junior defensive lineman Pat Curry was UM's defensive nominee. The 6-5½, 245-pounder from Billings had six tackles, one fumble recovery, and one blocked kick against SFU.

The Grizzlies' 60 points in last week's win was the most points scored by UM in 56 years, since a lopsided 106-6 margin over Montana Mines in 1926. It was also Montana's first opening season win since 1975. It was the most points scored by UM and an opponent since a 50-49 loss to PSU in 1976.

To call PSU pass-minded is like saying there's good fishing in Montana. Viking QB Neil Lomax (6-3, 215, Sr.) was 299 of 516 (.579) passing last season for 3,950 yards and 26 TDs. He started 1980 where he left off last year, connecting on

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31 of 45 for 396 yards in his teams' 28-14 win over North Dakota two weeks ago. In 45 passes he threw no interceptions.

Klever played a big part in Montana's win over SFU, but so did the defense, which forced three Clansmen fumbles, and blocked one punt which was jumped on in the end zone by linebacker Kent Clausen for a TD.

"I was extremely pleased that we could play 75 players in the game," Donovan said. "I was very excited about the enthusiasm of our players. I thought the first string backfield on offense and the defensive rushing game were very good. I know we have a lot of work to do to put the total defensive package together."

"I want to improve our coverage on the special teams," he continued. "I was very pleased with the kickoffs of freshman Dean Rominger. Also, getting to play seven running backs gives us a chance to see a lot of new talent. The same goes for the secondary. We looked at 11 defensive backs."

PSU is coached by Darryl "Mouse" Davis, who is 35-21 in five-plus seasons. He believes strongly in his passing game, and has told the media he plans to have his team attempt to break every NCAA passing record in the book. He also said he expected a tough game from Montana.

"Montana has a new coach and were a pretty good team last year (PSU beat UM 40-32)," Davis said. "They come in here undefeated, and I'm sure they'll be fired up and ready to play."

PSU has four players in the top 10 in pass receiving in Division I-AA statistics. Montana has two players averaging 12 points a game in Klever and fullback Mike Hagen (6-0, 215, Jr.).

The Grizzlies open the Big Sky Conference season next Saturday, Sept. 27, hosting the University of Idaho. Kickoff in Dornblaser Field is at 1:30 p.m. Ticket information may be obtained by calling the Grizzly ticket office at 243-4051.

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