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GRIZZLY FOOTBALL TEAM TRAVELS TO OGDEN, UTAH
FOR BIG SKY CONFERENCE GAME OCT. 11TH

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana football team will try to rebound from a three-game losing streak this Saturday, October 11, when they travel to Ogden, Utah to play the Weber State Wildcats in a Big Sky Conference game. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. (MDT) in 17,000-seat Wildcat Stadium.

"Weber State has proven to be one of the outstanding defensive teams in the league," said Grizzly head coach Larry Donovan. "We think we are back to page one as we prepare to play them. We have to improve on defense to play well in the Big Sky Conference and to win."

Montana (1-3) has dominated Weber (3-1) in the 18-year-old series, winning 14 out of 18 meetings--and 10 out of the last 11 contests. Not only that, but WSC has never defeated the Grizzlies in Wildcat Stadium. Montana won 23-16 in Missoula last season.

The Pete Riehlman-coached Wildcats are coming off a defensive struggle with Montana State, which they won 12-7 in Ogden. After spotting MSU a touchdown in the first quarter WSC shut the Bobcats out the rest of the way.

The Grizzlies, meanwhile, showed signs of improvement, holding Boise State scoreless through the first quarter-and-a-half, BSU took a 14-3 halftime lead, and went on to win 44-10.

WSC is 2½-0 in conference play, the half game coming from a win over Idaho State, a team which it will play again later in the season. Their sole loss was a 31-10 setback at Northern Iowa in their opener.

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Montana opened its season in a big way, overwhelming Simon Fraser University of Canada, 60-27--scoring the most points by a UM team in 56 years. They have since lost to Portland State, Idaho and BSU.

The UM-WSC game could be an interesting matchup. Montana is averaging 238 yards per game offensively, while Weber State is two-and-a-half yards better at 240.5. Defense will be the key, according to Donovan.

"We've got to stop the big play and be consistent on defense," Donovan said. "We showed signs of improvement in the first half against Boise, and must maintain that intensity for the entire game."

UM plays its third Big Sky road game in-a-row next week, traveling to Pocatello, ID to play the pass-minded Idaho State Bengals. Weber State is at Northern Arizona.

Saturday's game can be heard on the Grizzly Football Network starting at 7:20 p.m. (MDT), with Bill Schwanke of KYLT radio in Missoula calling the play-by-play. Bob Lee provides the color commentary.

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