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Cubs drop final 1967 contest; Coach appraises season

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The 1967 Montana Cubs frosh football team completed their three-game season with a 2-1 record after dropping a close 17-13 battle to Idaho State's yearlings last Saturday in Pocatello, Idaho.

Dan Peters, a graduate assistant who headed a five-man coaching staff that worked beside varsity coaches in working with the Cubs, had some comments about the final game and the entire season.

"We actually played pretty well against Idaho State," Peters said. "They were easily the best team we faced this season."

Peters explained that an early lapse by the Cubs allowed the ISU frosh to jump to a 17-0 lead midway through the second quarter. The ISU squad scored on runs of 45 and 16 yards and on a 37-yard field goal.

Montana's Dan Worrell of Great Falls kicked his sixth and seventh field goals of the season in the second quarter, the last coming from 20 yards with five seconds remaining in the half. His first one, with a little more than five minutes left in the second period, was a 43-yarder.

"Once we got going we held our own against them" Peters said.

Montana's only touchdown came on a five-yard run early in the third quarter, and that ended the scoring by either team for the rest of the game.

Peters credited frosh quarterback John Cloherty with an outstanding performance against Idaho State. Cloherty completed 13 of 30 passes for 161 yards without giving up an interception.
"John Waxham did another pretty good job of running," Peters said. "His average wasn't quite as good as in the previous two games, but he did get away on a 50-yard run during the game."

Peters expressed pleasure with the overall play of his squad during the entire season. "The kids worked hard, were eager to learn, and improved steadily," he said.

As a team, the Cubs lead their opponents in every department, with a big 76-35 edge in scoring. Before the Idaho State clash, the Montana first-year men had beaten Idaho's frosh 29-12, and Montana State's frosh, 34-6.

Waxham finished the year as the Cubs leading rusher with 269 yards on 53 carries for a 5.1 average. Cloherty completed 22 of 47 passes for a .468 percentage with 315 yards. He also led in total offense with 327 yards.

Pat Schruth of Billings was the leading receiver with 11 grabs for 106 yards. Tony Bertuca was second in receptions with 8 for 184 yards and two touchdowns, and also led in interceptions with three. The Cubs intercepted 10 passes during the year.

Worrell was the leading scorer with 28 points on seven place kicks after touchdowns and seven field goals. Bertuca, Spokane's Steve Ogilvie, and Schruth had 12 points each on two touchdowns apiece.

Ogilvie was the team leader in both kickoff and punt returns, returning seven punts for 88 yards and five kickoffs for 89 yards.