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FOUR GRIZZLY GRIDDEES HONORED AT HALFTIME OF IDAHO-MONTANA CAGE CONTEST

MISSOULA--

Four University of Montana football players who helped lead the 1967 squad to a 7-3 record, the best at UM in three decades, were honored during halftime ceremonies at Monday night's Montana-Idaho basketball game.

Fullback Bryan Magnuson of Hopkins, Minn., a senior who ripped off 818 yards during the season to establish a new rushing record for the school since it joined the Big Sky Conference in 1963, was given the Terry Dillon Memorial Award as the outstanding back.

Dillon, also from Hopkins and one of the finest halfbacks in University history, drowned in May, 1964 while working on construction near Superior.

Past recipients of the award were Wayne Harrington, linebacker, 1964; Paul Connelly, halfback, 1965, and Jim Neilson, lineman, 1966. The award previously went to the outstanding player regardless of position.

The first Paul Weskamp Award, initiated by the Ronan Jaycees for the outstanding Grizzly lineman each year, went to defensive end Larry Huggins of Missoula, who stood out for two previous seasons as a defensive back. Ray Loman, editor of the Ronan Pioneer, made the presentation.

Weskamp played tackle for the University in 1953 and 1954. He died of cancer in January, 1967.

Another new award, the Golden Helmet, intended for the best "hitter" on the squad, went to Little All-America linebacker Bob Beers of Beaverton, Ore., who also received his NCAA All-America certificate.

Ed Steiner, quarterback from Missoula, and Huggins were elected honorary co-captains for the 1967 season.

Halftime ceremonies also included dedication of the Harry Adams Field House in honor of the man who coached cross country and track and field at the University from 1933 to 1966. Adams is now a professor emeritus in the health and physical education department of the University.

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