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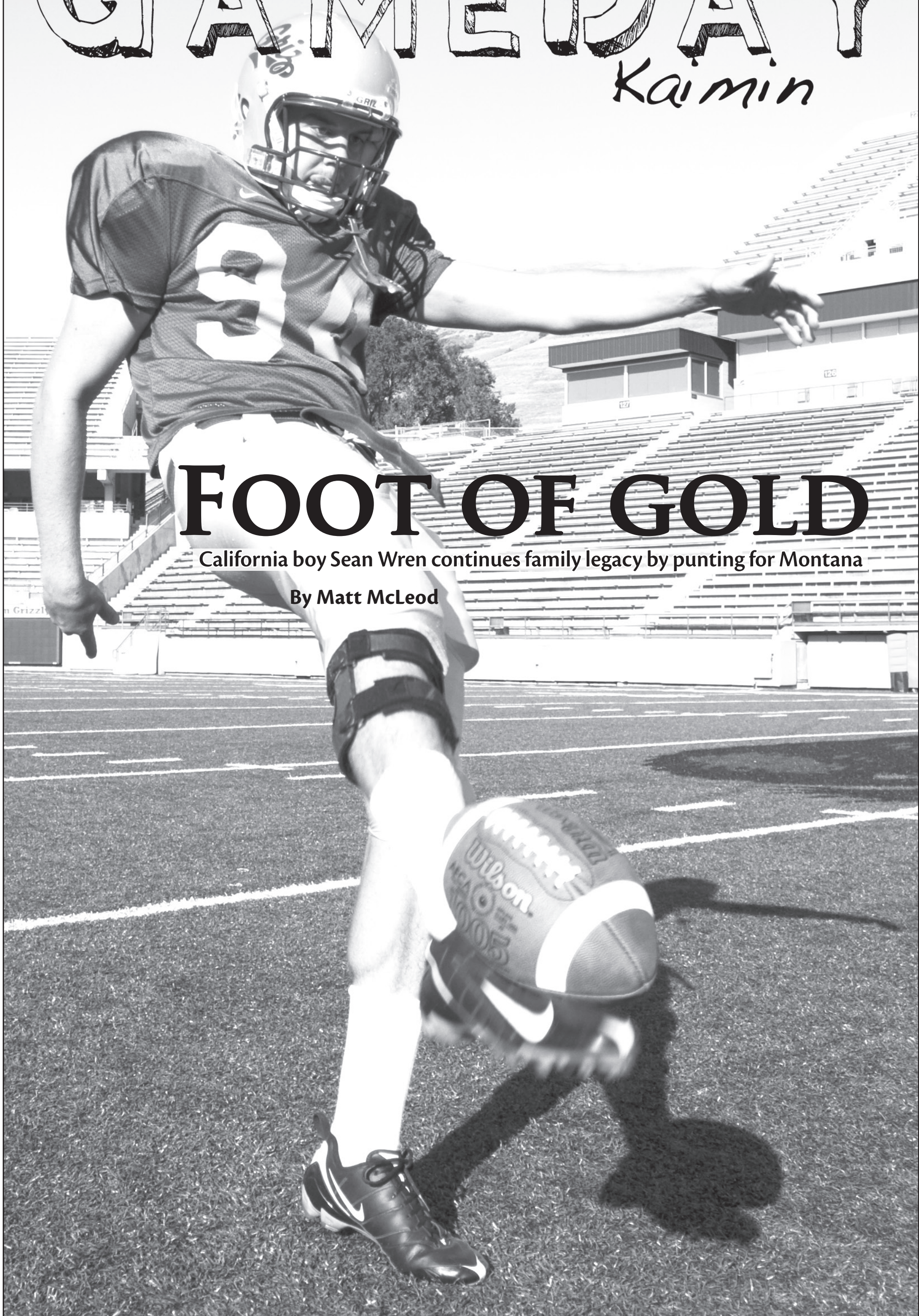
# GAMEDAY

*Kaimin*

## FOOT OF GOLD

California boy Sean Wren continues family legacy by punting for Montana

By Matt McLeod



# Wren makes an impression

**Matt McLeod**  
Montana Kaimin

Sean Wren can't help standing out. It's simply something he's always done.

Whether it's standing out in a crowd, or on the football field and volleyball court (he was all-conference in both sports in high school), the 6-foot-6 Wren has made a habit of making an impression, including in his first season as Montana's punter.

After winning a national championship on his school volleyball team, Wren and a teammate decided to head to Long Beach State in 2007 to play on scholarship together.

Wren spent a semester manning the nets as middle blocker for the 49ers but soon realized the hardwood wasn't where he was wanted to be. He said he'd always enjoyed volleyball, but that he'd left his heart on the field.

"Volleyball was fine but I just kind of realized that I had gotten talked into doing something that I wasn't necessarily in love with," Wren said. "I got a little sidetracked and I was always ready to jump back into football."

For Wren, that meant a stop at Fullerton Community College, near his hometown of Yorba Linda, Calif. There he got the chance to not only punt but also suit up as wide receiver, something he said had been his "passion and focus for a long, long time."

Coming home wasn't about getting back to Orange County – Long Beach State is only 12 miles farther down the road – it was about getting back on the football field, where felt he belonged.

He missed the challenge of practice and the atmosphere of the games, an adrenaline addiction he's been able to feed since he got to Missoula.

"Nothing compares to game days in football, especially up here," Wren said. "You put so much work into it that when it's time to play the game, it's just so much more intense and satisfying than any sport. It's crazy, it's a once in a lifetime feeling stepping out on the field."

Sean's uncle, Jim Wren, who was also a former receiver, punted at USC in 1996 and 1997, after his own pit stop at Fullerton.

Growing up, Sean and his brother, Thomas, who plays offensive tackle for UNLV, would show up at the field and follow Jim around.

The three forged a strong relationship grounded in their mutual love of all-things pigskin, which deepened when Sean and Thomas went out for football at Esperanza High. Sean wanted to be a receiver, but Jim encouraged him to learn punting as a skill set that he could fall back on if he needed to, and Sean eventually made all-conference as receiver and punter.

Jim said the advice was something he'd picked up along the way.

"I was a position guy that had some injury problems myself, and I just told him that punting really kept me in the game," he said. "He was pretty healthy through high school, but he had the build for it and a good strong leg, so it seemed like a good idea."

At Fullerton, Wren grew into his own, booting punts with an average of 42.4 yards – his longest was a 64-yarder – en route to a season that saw him selected as an All-American and unanimous first team all-league selection.

But it wasn't just his success that made the decision to learn a fall-back position turn out to be a particularly good one for Wren.

During a game last year, Wren injured his right knee playing for the Titans. Though the injury was to his kicking leg, it didn't keep him off the field in Fullerton for long.

Still, when Montana came calling, Sean was fresh off the injury and anxious to settle his football future.

Last year's punter at UM, Ken Wood, had decided to head to Texas A&M, and potential transfer Josh Slider had opted to go to West Virginia. Coach Bobby Hauck was in a pinch, needing to fill his spot quickly.

For Sean it was now or never to take the punting plunge, and Jim thought now sounded just fine.

"With the knee situation at that time it felt right," Jim Wren said. "And we talked about how it would accomplish his three goals, which were getting a football scholarship, having a great football experience and having the chance to win. He was like 'Check, check, check. I'm in.'"

Though Wren is reluctant to discuss the specifics of the injury, he will say that it hasn't affected his ability to kick and that he doesn't expect future problems.

"I had a really good surgeon who did a really good job," he said. "I'm feeling good, and I'm ready to do my part to help the team win games."

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**UM punter Sean Wren** kicks during practice in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Wren prefers to kick in the stadium, as opposed to the practice fields. "The grass is way different, and there is no wind in the stadium," he said.

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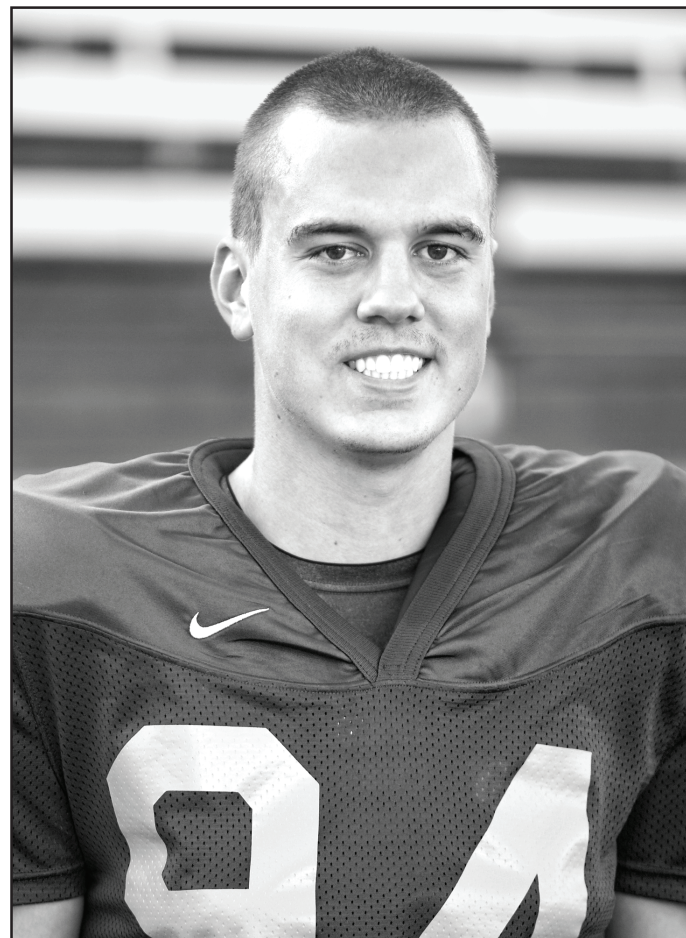
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**Sean Wren (94)** is a sophomore transfer from Fullerton Junior College in California.

# Portland brings mix of youth, experience



Portland state quarterback Drew Hubel fires a pass against Oregon State two weeks ago. The Vikings lost 34-7.

Photo courtesy of Portland State University

**Troy Warzocha**  
Montana Kaimin

Jerry Glanville was having re-occurring visions this week, most notably of his first trip to Missoula as Portland State University's head football coach two years ago. It was in that game that his freshman quarterback Drew Hubel brought back the ghost of Billy Tolliver, the cannon-armed quarterback he coached while with the Atlanta Falcons in the early '90s.

"Billy could throw a ball through a car wash and not get it wet," Glanville said.

That's who Hubel, now a junior, reminds him of. Almost two years have passed since that game, a 34-31 loss to Montana, and the Vikings are still a work-in-progress. But they are no longer the joke of the Big Sky and will bring with them a mix of youth and experience.

Portland State brings back 16 starters in 2009, including Hubel, senior wide receiver Aaron Woods and three senior offensive linemen. The Vikings also have 15 redshirt freshmen and three preseason All-Big Sky conference players.

The Grizzlies gave up 362 passing yards to UC-Davis last Saturday and Portland State will be no downgrade. Through two games, Hubel is averaging 311 yards per game, completing 56.7 percent of his passes and only throwing two interceptions.

The Vikings are coming off a home-opening victory over Southern Oregon. Portland State dominated the NAIA school, winning 34-10. Even more impressive was that in their first two possessions of the game, Hubel had two touch-

down passes of 90-plus yards. The first was a 96-yard screen pass to Woods, the second a 91-yard deep ball to senior Levonte Kirven.

"Both series, we're in trouble. We're fortunate to come out with a big play there," Glanville said.

Even though the two strikes were the longest passes Hubel has ever thrown, he was quick to give credit to his receivers.

"We got some pretty special receivers here. It helps," Hubel said. "Once it gets in their hands, they make the big plays."

In 2008, the Vikings led the football championship subdivision in passing for the second year in a row, averaging 372.2 yards per game. But last November in Portland, the Grizzlies held the Vikings to 195 passing yards and had three interceptions. The total was Portland State's lowest in 2008.

"I think last year we did not execute. We got to control what we can do," Hubel said. "We got to control our end of the deal."

Hubel was recruited by Portland State before Glanville was hired and when Glanville saw him for the first time, he "went into shock because he [Hubel] was so small and thin." Glanville estimated that Hubel weighed about 160 pounds in his freshman year.

"With that frail look, he is still a tough guy," Glanville said.

Hubel threw for 2,912 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2008 and admits that while he may not have bulked up all that much, playing for Glanville has increased his knowledge of the game and his faith in his teammates.

"He [Glanville] always talks to us about team unity and a team that trusts each other. It's a big

deal to him," Hubel said. "Whether you got a great teammate or not, you got to trust in him and believe in him."

Hubel, an Oregon native, led his high school team to an Oregon 5A State Championship in 2006. Winning the championship is one of Hubel's greatest football achievements. Another was winning his first collegiate game against Northern Colorado in 2007.

A little over two years into his college career, Hubel is already one of Portland State's most accomplished quarterbacks. He now holds Viking records for comple-

tions (44), yards (623), and touchdowns (9) in a game.

In his young career, Hubel ranks in the top 10 all-time in touchdown passes, yards, and completions for Portland State.

In order for the Vikings to win in Missoula, Hubel is going to need to bring his game against the Grizzlies this Saturday. Based on last year's game, Hubel knows a tall task lies ahead.

"Every time we play Montana, we meet a team that's ready to play. It's not going to be an easy game at all," Hubel said. "A chance to play the Grizzlies is a chance to play the best."

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3	Andrew Swink	JR	CB	5'9"	175 lbs	Rowland Heights, Calif.
4	Erik Stoll	SO	S	6'2"	200 lbs	Sand Point, Idaho
5	Donny Lisowski	FR	CB	5'11"	190 lbs	Seattle, Wash.
6	Aaron Roberts	FR	WR	5'11"	170 lbs	Spokane, Wash.
7	Jeff Larson	SO	WR	6'4"	215 lbs	Cut Bank, Mont.
8	Sam Gratton	FR	WR	6'0"	183 lbs	Billings, Mont.
9	Mike McCord	FR	CB	5'11"	185 lbs	Phoenix, Ariz.
10	Shawn Lebsock	JR	LB	6'0"	225 lbs	Billings, Mont.
11	Brandon Dodson	JR	CB	5'8"	170 lbs	Tulare, Calif.
12	Andrew Selle	SO	QB	6'2"	207 lbs	Billings, Mont.
13	Josh Pelczar	FR	WR	6'0"	180 lbs	Colstrip, Mont.
14	Steven Rominger	FR	S	5'10"	185 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
16	Jabin Sambrano	SO	WR	5'11"	170 lbs	Temecula, Calif.
17	Gerald Kemp	FR	QB	6'2"	205 lbs	San Diego, Calif.
18	Justin Roper	JR	QB	6'6"	215 lbs	Buford, Ga.
19	Sean Murray	SR	CB	6'1"	190 lbs	Corona, Calif.
20	Nick Haynes	SO	CB	5'11"	180 lbs	Butte, Mont.
21	Keith Thompson	JR	CB	5'8"	175 lbs	Porterville, Calif.
23	Levi Buckles	FR	WR	6'3"	225 lbs	Post Falls, Idaho
24	Thomas Brooks-Fletcher	JR	RB	5'10"	210 lbs	Bellevue, Wash.
25	Brandon Fisher	JR	LB	5'10"	205 lbs	Franklin, Tenn.
26	Russell Schey	FR	K	6'2"	185 lbs	Billings, Mont.
27	Tel Reynolds	FR	RB	6'0"	190 lbs	Drummond, Mont.
28	Peter Nguyen	SR	RB	5'8"	175 lbs	Bellevue, Wash.
29	Bryce Carver	RS	WR	6'1"	170 lbs	Dillon, Mont.
30	Mike Cummings	SO	SS	6'1"	200 lbs	Scottsdale, Ariz.
31	Tim Anderson	SR	LB	6'0"	205 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
32	Alex Shaw	SO	LB	6'2"	231 lbs	Spokane, Wash.
33	Cole Lockwood	SO	LB	6'1"	215 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
34	Chase Reynolds	JR	RB	6'0"	195 lbs	Drummond, Mont.
35	Dan Moore	SO	RB	5'11"	225 lbs	Tucson, Ariz.
36	Houston Stockton	JR	S	5'10"	165 lbs	Spokane, Wash.
37	Carson Bender	JR	DT	6'4"	280 lbs	Deer Lodge, Mont.
38	Ryan Nelson	SR	S	5'11"	200 lbs	Wright, Wyo.
39	Shann Schillinger	SR	S	6'1"	199 lbs	Baker, Mont.
40	Caleb McSurdy	SO	LB	6'1"	245 lbs	Boise, Idaho
41	Kirk Stoll	SO	RB	5'11"	190 lbs	Sandpoint, Idaho
42	Jace Palmer	SR	DE	6'3"	240 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
44	Jordan Tripp	FR	LB	6'2"	240 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
45	Beau Donaldson	SO	RB	6'1"	223 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
46	Clay Pierson	FR	LB	6'3"	212 lbs	Twin Bridges, Mont.
47	Severin Campbell	JR	DE	6'4"	210 lbs	Golden, Colo.
49	Kevin Klaboe	SR	H-Back	6'2"	225 lbs	Billings, Mont.
50	Brian Waldhauser	SO	DT	6'4"	242 lbs	Worden, Mont.
51	Chris Bradford	FR	DT	6'2"	255 lbs	San Bernardino, Calif.
52	Ty Timmer	FR	LB	6'2"	205 lbs	Great Falls, Mont.
53	Josh Stuberg	FR	LB	6'2"	216 lbs	Helena, Mont.
54	Austin Mullins	SR	DT	6'2"	273 lbs	Great Falls, Mont.
55	Ethan Tweet	FR	OG	6'2"	270 lbs	Fort Benton, Mont.
56	Brock Coyle	FR	LB	6'2"	215 lbs	Bozeman, Mont.
57	Charles Burton	SO	OL	6'5"	315 lbs	Long Beach, Calif.
58	Andrew Glueckert	FR	DE	6'3"	225 lbs	Helena, Mont.
60	Blake Lebeau	FR	OL	6'5"	285 lbs	Union City, Calif.
61	Jake Raynock	FR	OL	6'2"	225 lbs	Billings, Mont.
63	Brett Brauer	FR	OG	6'2"	260 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
65	Ty Rogers	FR	OL	6'2"	240 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
66	Russell Piette	JR	OL	6'4"	310 lbs	Vancouver, Wash.
70	David Arndt	SO	OT	6'5"	280 lbs	Highlands Ranch, Colo.
71	Alex Verlanic	JR	OC	6'2"	282 lbs	Drummond, Mont.
72	Levi Horn	SR	OT	6'7"	315 lbs	Spokane, Wash.
73	Bob DeBruckyer	FR	OL	6'5"	235 lbs	Choteau, Mont.
74	Jon Opperud	SO	OL	6'7"	305 lbs	Milwaukie, Ore.
75	Chris Dyk	SR	OT	6'8"	297 lbs	Dillon, Mont.
77	Terran Hillesland	SR	OG	6'7"	323 lbs	Sidney, Mont.
78	Kyle Kmet	FR	OC	6'5"	271 lbs	Bonita, Calif.
79	Kyle Hofmann	FR	OL	6'4"	280 lbs	Orcas Island, Mont.
80	Marc Mariani	SR	WR	6'0"	185 lbs	Havre, Mont.
81	Tyler Palmer	SR	WR	6'3"	210 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
82	Jacob Haas	FR	TE	6'5"	225 lbs	Portland, Ore.
83	Brody McKnight	SO	K/P	6'0"	194 lbs	Vancouver, British Columbia
84	Bobby Hirsch	FR	TE	6'4"	210 lbs	Belgrade, Mont.
85	Connor Smith	FR	WR	6'3"	198 lbs	Missoula, Mont.
86	Greg Hardy	FR	TE	6'5"	245 lbs	Fairview, Mont.
87	Dan Beaudin	SR	TE	6'5"	252 lbs	Trout Creek, Mont.
88	Steve Pfahler	SR	TE	6'5"	246 lbs	Frenchtown, Mont.
89	Rob Overton	JR	TE	6'6"	240 lbs	San Leandro, Calif.
90	Ryan Fetherston	SO	DE	6'4"	218 lbs	East Helena, Mont.
91	Bobby Alt	SO	DE	6'3"	260 lbs	Ontario, Calif.
92	George Mercer	SR	DE	6'3"	241 lbs	Libby, Mont.
93	Braydon Schilling	SO	DT	6'2"	270 lbs	Gillette, Wyo.
94	Sean Wren	SO	P	6'6"	210 lbs	Yorba Linda, Calif.
95	Ray DeBruycker	FR	DE	6'3"	210 lbs	Choteau, Mont.
96	Josh Harris	FR	DE	6'5"	231 lbs	Kalispell, Mont.
97	Mike Sylvestre	FR	DT	6'2"	275 lbs	Chandler, Ariz.
98	Brett Hutter	SO	DT	6'3"	260 lbs	Ontario, Calif.
99	Tyler Hobbs	SO	DT	6'4"	280 lbs	Spokane, Wash.

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2	Nick Green	SO	QB	6'2"	200	Ridgefield, Wash.
3	Michael Almond	JR	S	6'2"	195	Milpitas, Calif.
4	Todd Zach	FR	WR	6'0"	190	Eugene, Ore.
5	Ray Fry	SR	WR	5'8"	200	Everett, Wash.
6	Jake Webber	JR	K	6'4"	190	Eugene, Ore.
7	Tracy Ford	SR	CB	5'8"	180	Seattle, Wash.
8	Donte Almond	JR	S	6'2"	195	Milpitas, Calif.
9	Lavonte Kirven	SR	WR	5'8"	175	Oakland, Calif.
10	Connor Kavanaugh	SO	QB	6'0"	180	Portland, Ore.
12	Kalua Noa	FR	WR	6'1"	190	Kuliou'ou, Hawaii.
13	Drew Hubel	JR	QB	6'6"	205	Corvallis, Ore.
16	Justin Lilley	FR	CB	5'11"	205	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
17	Robert Truax	SO	DB	5'7"	175	West Linn, Ore.
18	Ricky Cookman	SO	WR	5'11"	195	Clackamas, Ore.
19	Zach Brown	FR	WR	6'1"	190	Keizer, Ore.
20	Wade Penner	JR	K	5'10"	165	Corvallis, Ore.
21	Kevin Watts	SR	CB	5'9"	190	Sacramento, Calif.
22	Nathan Snow	FR	SS	5'11"	190	Houston, Texas.
23	Andrew Godinet	FR	CB	5'8"	170	Waipahu, Hawaii
24	DeShawn Shead	SR	CB	6'2"	195	Palmdale, Calif.
25	Michael Williams	FR	CB	5'9"	165	Houston, Texas.
26	Mitchell Mshaka	SR	RB	5'10"	180	San Diego, Calif.
27	Matt Ford	JR	S	5'11"	185	Oregon City, Ore.
28	Okatcha Evans	FR	FB	5'10"	210	Dallas, Texas.
29	Denzel Davis	FR	DB	5'9"	170	Garland, Texas.
30	Thomas Duyndum	FR	P	6'4"	215	Melbourne, Australia
31	Jordan Brown	SR	WR	6'1"	195	Tigard, Ore.
32	Cody Worthen	SO	FS	5'11"	195	Seabrook, Texas
33	Dallas Smith	JR	TE	6'3"	240	Redding, Calif.
34	Nick Kalpin	SO	FB	6'0"	205	Los Gatos, Calif.
35	Kevin Takeno	JR	OLB	5'11"	210	Salt Lake City, Utah
36	Cameron Hein	FR	S	5'11"	180	Corvallis, Ore.
37	Bobby McClintock	SR	FB	5'11"	240	Coos Bay, Ore.
38	Josh Nakamoto	SO	FB	6'0"	215	Norco, Calif.
39	Ben Bowen	FR	FB	5'10"	200	Visalia, Calif.
40	Quinn Stewart	SO	ILB	6'2"	220	Gardena, Calif.
41	DJ Macarthy	SR	OLB	6'0"	220	Merriville, Indiana
42	Joel Sisler	JR	OLB	6'2"	210	Escondido, Calif.
43	Kevin Konrath	SO	ILB	6'3"	230	Chicago, Ill.
44	Matt Haas	FR	OLB	6'2"	215	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
46	Daniel Kinney	FR	DB	5'10"	195	Medford, Ore.
47	Dominic David	FR	DB	6'0"	190	Salem, Ore.
48	Braedyn Eagle	SO	S	6'2"	240	Carlsbad, Calif.
49	Matt Orthmann	FR	FB	5'9"	200	Yakima, Wash.
50	David Pedersen	SR	ILB	6'1"	225	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
51	Erik Pedersen	SR	ILB	6'1"	215	Rancho Palos, Calif.
52	Ryan Reardon	FR	ILB	6'1"	220	Scottsdale, Ariz.
53	Ryan Pedersen	FR	DL	6'1"	280	Loveland, Colo.
54	Jaycob Shoemaker	SR	ILB	6'0"	220	Sacramento, Calif.
55	Tyler Staley	SR	C	6'3"	275	Augura Hills, Calif.
56	Ryan Rau	SO	ILB	6'1"	215	Folsom, Calif.
57	Colton Russi	FR	ILB	6'3"	225	Meadow Vista, Calif.
58	Anthony Davis	SO	ILB	5'11"	220	Billings, Mont.
59	Brian Walters	JR	OLB	6'0"	215	Melbourne, Fla.
60	David Gertson	FR	DT	6'0"	285	Beaverton, Ore.
61	Adam Kleffner	SO	OL	6'3"	310	Portland, Ore.
62	Antonio Danek	SO	OL	6'4"	295	Milwaukie, Ore.
63	Zach Dias	JR	OL	6'5"	290	Napa, Calif.
64	Mitchell Van Dyk	FR	OL	6'9"	260	Paso Robles, Calif.
65	Thomas Robertson	FR	OL	6'4"	275	Houston, Texas.
66	Mitch Gaulke	FR	OL	6'2"	265	West Linn, Ore.
67	Manuel Rojas	FR	OL	6'2"	290	Fullerton, Calif.
68	Alex Cosenza	FR	OL	6'3"	275	Chandler, Ariz.
69	Kyle Ritt	FR	OL	6'2"	290	Aloha, Ore.
70	Dereck Jester	FR	DE	6'4"	240	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
71	Cole Giandomenico	FR	OL	6'2"	280	Canby, Ore.
72	Jesso Dalton	FR	WR	6'2"	280	Lakewood, Calif.
73	Seth Giandomenico	SO	OL	6'4"	275	Canby, Ore.
74	Moses Punzal	SR	OL	6'3"	305	Kapa'a, Hawaii.
75	Jermaine Jacobs	SR	DT	6'2"	285	Sacramento, Calif.
76	Dallas Jackson	FR	C	6'3"	305	Los Gatos, Calif.
77	Elliot Olson	SO	OL	6'3"	305	Lake Oswego, Ore.
78	Matt Luenen	SO	OL	6'7"	280	Redmond, Ore.
79	Dustin Waldron	SO	OL	6'6"	270	Pleasant Hill, Ore.
80	Josh Garlington	FR	DL	6'0"	185	Hillsboro, Ore.
81	Daniel Wolverton	SR	WR	5'11"	195	Moorpark, Calif.
82	Semaj Harris	SO	WR	5'9"	165	Los Angeles, Calif.
83	Nick Hutter	JR	WR	5'11"	180	Mission Viejo, Calif.
85	Nevin Lewis	FR	WR	6'2"	195	Culver, Ore.
86	Dexter Morrison	FR	DL	6'2"	260	Portland, Ore.
87	Keitrell Anderson	FR	WR	5'9"	170	Houston, Texas.
88	Steve Adams	FR	DL	6'4"	255	Medford, Ore.
89	Aaron Woods	SR	WR	5'6"	180	Portland, Ore.
90	Shea Prince	FR	DL	6'6"	225	Escondido, Calif.
91	Rory Richards	JR	DL	6'3"	225	Salem, Ore.
92	Travis Beckley	JR	DE	6'4"	285	Eugene, Ore.
93	Carl Sommer	SO	DE	6'4"	260	Wilsonville, Ore.
94	Kyle Van Arden	FR	DE	6'5"	240	Pheonix, Ariz.
95	Nick Gale	FR	DE	6'4"	265	East Wenatchee, Wash.
96	Siasau Matagiese	FR	DL	6'2"	260	Portland, Ore.
97	Keitrell Anderson	FR	DL	6'2"	265	Waimea, Hawaii
99	Joe Ma'aseia	SR	DE	6'5"	280	Leone, Somoa.

# Montana has hands full with Portland State offense

Roman Stubbs  
Montana Kaimin

Jerry Glanville is the celebrity darling of the Big Sky Conference – a charismatic and engaging former NFL coach who has brought national exposure to the league. He's a man to whom Montana head coach Bobby Hauck calls himself a little brother figure.

But make no mistake: Glanville is a thirsty competitor who is still looking for his first winning season in Portland. And he has Hauck's attention.

"He wants to win in the worst way. He'll cut your throat to beat you," Hauck said.

Glanville and company will be looking for their first win in three seasons against a Montana opponent when they visit Washington Grizzly Stadium Saturday. And they'll have to do it without Mouse Davis, the former offensive coordinator and architect of the Vikings run and shoot attack that retired after last season. Glanville is still gun slinging with his offense, however, with junior quarterback Drew Hubel at the helm. Glanville is also committing to the run more this season than in the two prior. Hubel has thrown 67 times in two games in a split with Oregon State and Southern Oregon, but Glanville has elected to rush 54 times, using a three-headed attack with backs Evan Okatcha, Ben Bowen and the premier fullback in the league, Bobby McClintock.

"Portland State found that, the



Junior running back Dan Moore celebrates a touchdown run against Western State two weeks ago.

Taka Osuga/Montana Kaimin

last couple years not being able to run the ball successfully has got them a lot of yards but not many wins," Hauck said. "They're trying to commit to running the ball a bit more. But the offense is still the of-

fense. It's still the run and shoot."

Hubel threw for nearly 3,000 yards on 394 attempts in 2008, in which the Vikings went 4-7. He has weapons in the perimeter – a pair of 5'8" seniors in Ray Fry and Lavonte

Kirven, who have combined for 392 yards in two games, and 5'6" receiver Aaron Owens, who is averaging 16.1 yards per catch alongside Kirven's 33 yard per catch average. Both caught 90-yard touchdown passes last weekend from Hubel against Southern Oregon.

"We're going to need to be on top of our coverage Saturday," said senior safety Erik Stoll. "They definitely have some explosive, dynamic receivers."

The Portland State trio's size shouldn't negate their dangerous ability, said Hauck, whose defense had their hands full last weekend with UC Davis quarterback Greg Denham and stocky receiver Chris Carter. Denham had 43 completions and Carter had 18 catches – both school records – but Denham's interceptions to Montana cornerback Trumaine Johnson on the first and last drive, both in the end zone, came back to haunt the Aggies.

The jury is still out on Portland State's defense, who allowed 433 yards in a 34-7 whipping to BCS-member Oregon State two weeks ago, but followed up with a dominating 34-10 win over NAIA's Southern Oregon. They face a deeply talented Montana offensive unit that has yet to put together a complete game. Hauck said this week that the plan

is to continue rotating quarterback Andrew Selle and Justin Roper, both of whom started games in consecutive weeks respectively.

"Plans change," Hauck said, regarding a future starter.

This week's starter will be determined by a coin flip, the seven-year head coach added. Roper led two scoring drives last week, going 9-19 with 143 yards and a touchdown, while Selle completed 7 of 10 balls for 83 yards.

"We're still doing the rotation thing, and that's important," said Roper, who said he and Selle have a strong bond. "I think we have a very healthy relationship. It's very positive."

They will face a pressure-based 3-4 defense from the Vikings, whose all-conference defensive back Deshawn Shead will provide coverage on Montana wide receiver Marc Mariani, in one of the game's more intriguing individual match-ups.

Mariani, who had six touchdown catches in the first three games last season, has caught just six balls this season. Shead has six tackles in two games. Freshman Michael Williams, who played four positions in 2008, will man the other corner slot for the Vikings, who are 3-13 all-time in games at Washington Grizzly Stadium.

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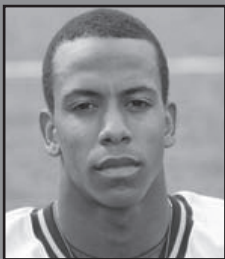


Images from opening weekend against Western State by Taka Osuga



# Who's Who On The Field

## GRIZZLIES



**Trumaine Johnson, sophomore cornerback**

Johnson made his season debut against UC Davis and surely didn't disappoint. He picked off two passes in the end zone – including a game-saving interception with 51 seconds left, sealing a 17-10 win for Montana. Johnson was named conference and national player of the week, and garnered his fifth and sixth interceptions of his career.

**Marc Mariani, senior wide receiver**

Mariani started last season on fire, scoring six touchdowns in his first three games, including a memorable four-touchdown performance against Southern Utah. But he has only caught six passes so far in 2009 and has been quiet in the return game. His breakout game could come against Portland State, which surrendered 513 passing yards in its first two games against Oregon State and Southern Oregon.



**Justin Roper, junior quarterback**

Andrew Selle started on opening weekend against Western State, but it was Roper who took the starting honors at UC Davis. Although the Oregon transfer started slow, he ended up completing 9 of 19 passes, including a critical 17-yard strike to freshman receiver Sam Gratton that got Montana back in the game. Montana head coach Bobby Hauck said he will flip a coin to determine this week's starter.

## PORTLAND

**Lavonte Kirven, senior wide receiver**

Kirven, a senior out of Oakland, Calif., has caught just five of Hubel's passes this season, but has turned in a 33 yard average with those catches. Kirven had 36 catches and three touchdowns as a junior in 2008.



**Drew Hubel, junior quarterback**

Hubel has been impressive in the first two weeks, as throwing for over 600 yards on just 34 completions. Last week against Southern Oregon, Hubel completed 90 plus yard touchdown passes to highlight a 34-10 win, just a week after Oregon State stomped the Vikings 34-7.



**Ryan Pedersen, senior linebacker**

Pedersen is the Viking's most experienced player on defense, playing in 24 games and starting in 21 of those contests. The outside linebacker is the glue to the Vikings 3-4 defense, and has earned all Big Sky honors in 2007 and 2008. His line in two seasons is 119 tackles, which include 18 for loss and 8 sacks.



## Griz-turned Viking talks Montana jokes, NFL camp and Favre

# Q+A

**Matt McLeod**  
Montana Kaimin

Nobody asked Colt Anderson to play for the Grizzlies, but after walking on as redshirt in 2004, the Butte Bomber terrorized opposing offenses for four years, nabbing three All-Big Sky selections and coming a game away from winning a national championship. But when draft day rolled around this April, Anderson sat at home, waiting for a call that never came. Like he had five years earlier, Anderson decided to walk on – this time with the Minnesota Vikings, where he made the eight-man practice squad.

**Making the cut in Minnesota is an infinitely tougher challenge than it was here in 2004, but do you find any comfort in the fact that you've seen this scenario before?**

Like you said, it's two very different situations but I think there is something to be said about that. I've always been pretty confident in my abilities and now I just want to do what I can as best I can. If I continue to put in the work, hopefully I can make things work out.

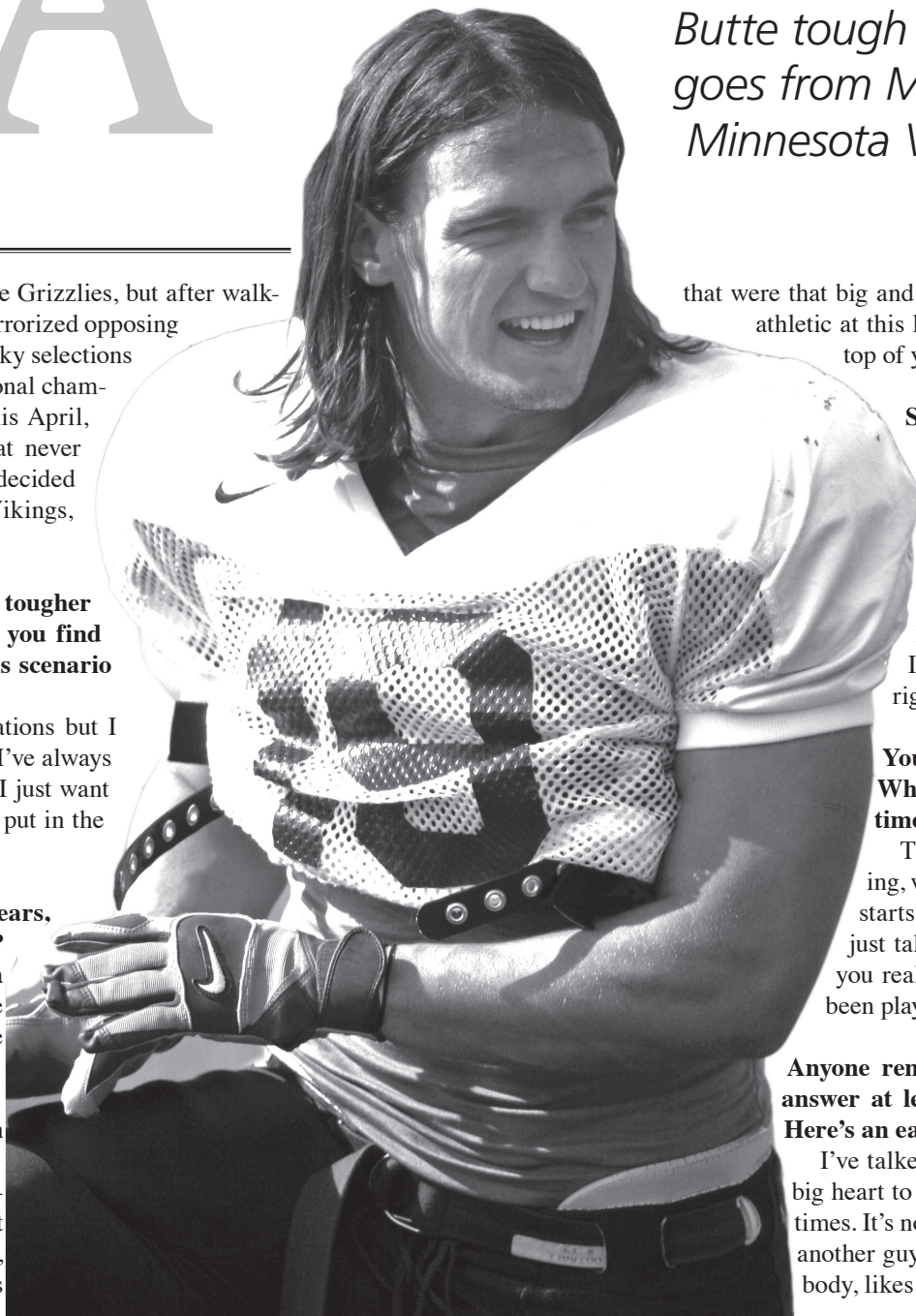
**You had to hear the Butte jokes for five years. Any Montana jokes in the locker room now?**

Haven't really heard too many Montana jokes out here so far, but I'm sure I will at some point. Everybody everywhere seems to be able to come up with some Montana jokes.

**What's been the biggest challenge life in an NFL camp has posed?**

I think the biggest challenge has been getting used to the physical, big, fast game. It's just such a different pace, so different from college, where it seems like you only had a few guys

*Butte tough guy Colt Anderson goes from Montana walk-on to Minnesota Vikings practice squad*



that were that big and fast and stood out. Everybody on the field is so athletic at this level, so you're always making sure you're at the top of your game.

**Some scouts have said you're undersized and lack the speed to make it in the league. What do you say to them?**

That's always a tough question, but I'd say I've just got good football instincts and I think I've shown that throughout my career. I love to play the game and I think it helps me work harder. But I think as far as natural abilities go, I have a knack for being in the right place at the right time.

**You saw some action in three preseason games. What was it like to step onto the field for the first time?**

The first time getting in there was pretty intimidating, with all the fans and so much going on. Your heart starts racing a little bit for the first couple minutes. It just takes a couple of plays for you to settle down and you realize that it's just football. This is a game you've been playing your whole life.

**Anyone remotely involved with the Vikings has had to answer at least one Brett Favre question this offseason. Here's an easy one for you: any contact with him so far?**

I've talked to him a little bit. I didn't sit down and have a big heart to heart with him or anything, just said hi a couple times. It's not like the impression that you get on TV, he's just another guy on the team. He's a nice guy, he talks to everybody, likes to crack a lot of jokes and keep it pretty light.