



ATALETICS





Montana Athletics

No other single phase of University life arouses such general interest in the student body at Montana as athletics. Intercollegiate and intra-mural athletics claim the center of the stage of non-scholastic activities almost continually during the school year. The freshman is not long on Montana campus before he learns the meaning of "Up with Montana, Boys," and he never forgets it.

The preoccupation with athletics, characteristic of most American universities, is the target of much not altogether unfounded criticism. We are thankful that Montana athletics have so far escaped, to an exceptional degree, the taint of professionalism among the active participants and of mere vocal athletics on the part of a vast majority of the student body that prevails at some institutions. One thing that has saved us has been our small enrollment.

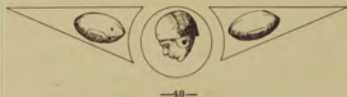
But the thing to which we like to give most credit for the democracy that has existed in our athletics is what we call familiarly "good old Montana spirit." Our college spirit is not merely the will to conquer rivals, as some might hastily suppose. It is a manifestation of the strong spirit of democracy that pervades the University of Montana.

As the University expands in the new era which we now enter there is danger of losing the familiar touch that has had so much to do with the fostering of the real Montana spirit. It is our treasure. Let us guard it.

The Grizzlies in 1920-21

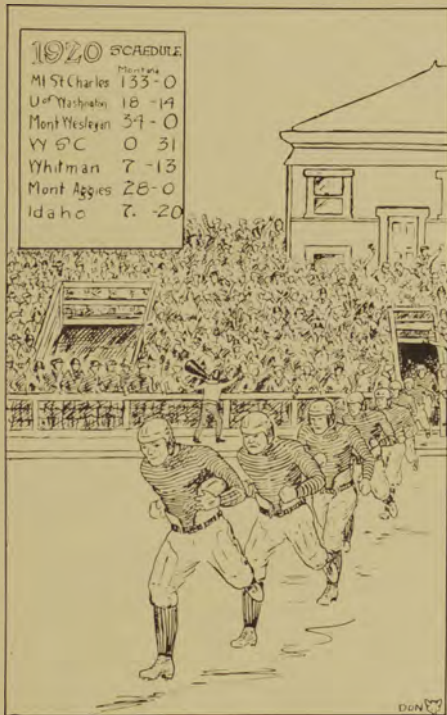
The record of Montana in intercollegiate athletics in 1920-21, while far from spectacular, is one of which we may well be proud. Although a hard luck alibi must be trotted out when we speak of certain happenings in the Northwest Conference, which includes institutions of much greater size than ours, we stand at a very respectable distance from the cellar in all the major sports. The gridiron victory over the University of Washington last fall is ample salve for other reverses; the winning by a good score of the last basketball game of our schedule, from the University of Idaho, which stands second in the conference this year, gives us some grounds for a chuckle, especially when we remember that rabbit foot; and as the Sentinel goes to press Montana holds the Northwest championship in baseball.

And when it comes to our own state, well, we now hold every state championship and our ancient rivals, the Aggies, will probably never again endanger the standing of the copper, silver, and gold.



1920 SCHEDULE

MI St Charles	133-0
U of Washington	18-14
Mont Wesleyan	34-0
WSC	0-31
Whitman	7-13
Mont Aggies	28-0
Idaho	7-20



FOOTBALL



The 1920 Gridiron Season

When it was announced last year that the Grizzlies would play the University of Washington at Seattle early in the coming football season, Montana athletic enthusiasts felt that very worth while recognition had been gained on the Pacific coast and that it was now up to the Grizzlies to make good. A few weeks later the Montana 400 yard relay team won first place in that event at the first annual Relay Carnival held under the auspices of the University of Washington. Then the Grizzly baseball team won the Northwest conference championship. Montana seemed to be wearing a four-leaf clover. All thoughts were bent on the game with Washington to be played in October.

As early as conference rules permitted, football practice was begun on Dornblaser field September 15. Candidates for places on the 1920 Grizzly squad reported to Coach Bernie Bierman and Captain Swede Dahlberg in strength, leaving all personal activities, such as vacations or



Higbee in action on Denny Field.

good positions, to bend all energies to the development of a powerful team. By October 1, the opening of the fall quarter, the squad was rounding into fighting shape. Several Grizzly veterans, Captain Dahlberg, Adams, Sullivan, Daylis, Walterskirchen, Dorsey, Carver, Harris, de Mers, Fitzgerald and Keeley, had returned. Several men who had played on the freshman team last year also reported. Among them were Kershner, Baird, McGowan, Elliott, Parmelee, Ramsey, Finch, Barry, Madsen, Olsen and Morris. The Grizzlies also received a boost when Paul Freeman, formerly of the University of Michigan, enrolled here. Larry Higbee, a member of last year's baseball team, went out for football and made good. About thirty men were out for practice.





This is Hungry Swede Dahlberg from Butte, who captained the 1920 Grizzlies. This was Swede's last year on Dornblaser field. He played left tackle on the Varsity eleven in 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1920. Only once in his football career did Swede have to have a substitute on account of injuries.



Paul Freeman played guard on Michigan Varsity in 1919. But he lives in Great Falls so he decided to give Montana the benefit of his prowess. He was a strong contender for all Northwest center in 1920, and is conceded to be the best center Montana ever had.



Jelly Elliott is the big boy who smears 'em and grins. In his first year on the Varsity he was an all-state guard. He'll be in the line next fall. Missoula is where he hangs his cap.





The first game of the season was played against Mount St. Charles College on Dornblaser field, October 9, resulting in a score of 133 to 0 in the Bruins' favor. The score excited the interest of sport fans throughout the Northwest and was the largest run up by any intercollegiate team in the country this season. The Grizzlies, however, still looked forward to the game with the mighty Washington institution with some misgivings, but tightened their belts with determination. A week later they arrived in Seattle with a gang of hobo rooters. The Montana students who remained behind held their breath in waiting for the outcome.



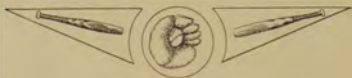
The Washington Victory

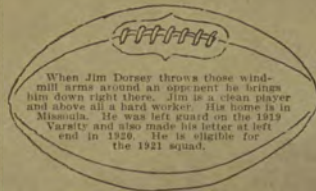
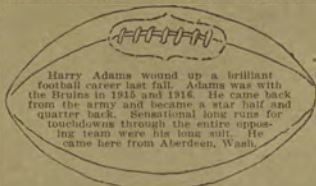
How the Grizzlies brilliantly defeated the Sun Dodgers October 16 by a score of 18 to 14 is history now. A play by play account flashed to the crowd on the Montana bleachers set it wild with joy. The game which was in progress on Dornblaser field between the freshmen and Butte Central high school was forgotten. Faculty, students, everyone present, danced and yelled while hats sailed into the air as the winning game was played out on a blackboard.

"Adams catches punt and runs through entire Washington team 60 yards for a touchdown."

"Barry intercepts forward pass and runs 52 yards for a touchdown."

Such plays as these created pandemonium on the Montana bleachers 1000 miles from Denny field. The total Montana yardage gained from scrimmage was 417 to Washington's total of 150 from scrimmage. Montana made 16 first downs to Washington's six. These figures show, aside from such brilliant plays as are here mentioned, the consistent fight put up by the men on the line.







The lineup and summary of the Washington game follows:

Washington		Montana	
Dailey.....	R E L.....	Carver	
Bryan.....	R T L.....	Dahlberg (C)	
Ingram.....	R G L.....	deMers	
Smith.....	Q.....	Freeman	
Glen.....	L G R.....	Elliott	
Clark.....	L T R.....	McGowan	
Porep.....	L E R.....	Daylis	
Abel.....	Q.....	Adams	
Eckmann.....	L H R.....	Higbee	
Butler.....	R H L.....	Sullivan	
Harper.....	F.....	Kershner	

Score by periods—

Washington	7	0	0	7—14
Montana	0	12	6	0—18

Scoring: Washington—Touchdowns, Dailey, 1; Porep, 1; goals kicked, Smith, 2. Montana—Touchdowns, Adams, 2; Barry, 1.

Substitutions: Washington—Green for Butler, Rogge for Clark, Hobi for Bryan. Montana—Porter for Adams, Barry for Porter, Baird for Barry, Madsen for Carver, Walterskirchen for Madsen.

Officials: Referee—Tracy Strong. Umpire—A. C. Woodward. Head Linesman—Les Turner.

The demonstration given the Grizzlies on their return the next evening was the greatest ever given a football team in Missoula, according to many witnesses.

There was talk of a championship team, so high ran the hopes of Montana students. But the price paid for the Washington victory, the crippling of several of the best men on the team, gradually cast gloom over the campus as it became realized.





When Earl Barry, sub left half, draws back his arm like this his opponents know that the pig skin is due for a long sail. And when he tears into them with the ball under his arm they have something to stop. Well, Barry lives in Missoula and he'll be around two more years.



Bull McGowan played football for the Intermediate Section of the A. E. F. Then he came back to Montana. As a sophomore last fall he was employed steadily at right tackle. Lewistown is his home.



Here is Ted Ramsey ready to down whatever gets in front of him. Ted is a sophomore and hails from Lewistown. He was substitute left guard last fall, but was needed so often that he nailed the coveted M like a regular. And he's out for a regular berth next year.





The Missionaries Come Here

In the game with Montana Wesleyan here a week later, the crippled Grizzlies won by 34 to 0. The coach frowned at what he considered a low score under the circumstances. The team never lost any of its determination, however, in the face of the many streaks of hard luck throughout the season, when men were injured and things seemed to break wrong at every turn.

Tough Battle at Pullman

Adams, Madsen, Daylis, Morris, Higbee, Barry and Kershner were all in a crippled or semi-crippled condition when the game with Washington State College opened at Pullman October 30. Harry Adams, conceded to be one of the fastest and brainiest quarterbacks in the Northwest, limped onto the field, and managed to stay the first quarter on sheer grit, but was unable to run. Larry Higbee played with the ligaments of one knee torn.

The Grizzlies managed to outplay the fresh and heavy Cougar eleven in the first quarter but the battering they received was more than a limping team could overcome. They went down fighting, defeated by a score of 31 to 0.

In the heart-rending battle with the Cougars, Paul Freeman, at center, was acclaimed by many the star of the game. The fight he put up, bearing the brunt of the Cougar attack on the weakened line, will long be remembered in the Northwest.

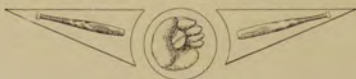
Coach Bierman probably had as great a team of regulars as any coach in the Northwest last season, but a lack of substitutes made it impossible to allow injured men to recuperate. Each game found men limping on the field still suffering from the injuries of a week before.

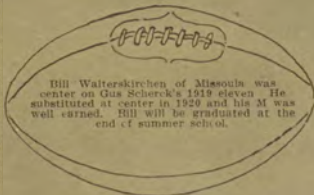
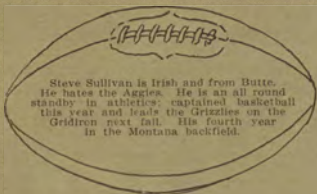
Lose to Whitman

The Grizzlies' last game away from home came when they met Whitman College November 6. This game was one in which the Montana men outplayed their opponents, making eleven first downs to Whitman's six, but with 100 yards of penalties against them, and a break in the luck when the Missionaries succeeded in making two touchdowns on forward passes, the final score was 13 to 7 in Whitman's favor.

We Mop Up the Aggies

If the Grizzlies have to play the entire game on crutches, however, they can conceive of no such thought as defeat at the hands of the Montana State College of Agriculture. Since 1908







the University has held the championship. During that time the Aggies thrice tied the score.

The annual Aggie game is always a battle royal. The Bob Cats don't like the Bruins. It's mutual. Last year the Aggies, with a heavy team, had the chance of their lives for a victory. The struggle, staged in a literal sea of mud in the Round Up stadium at Bozeman, ended in a tie, 6 to 6. We have always felt that the Montana rooting section, about 100 strong, with the old Montana "Fight, Fight" yell, had a big share in that victory. At any rate, the hobo delegation brought home to Missoula a monster Aggie streamer, "WE WANT BEAR MEAT," and it greeted its former owners on Dornblaser field this year, at the head of a Montana snake dance to the tune of "Up With Montana, Boys; down with the Aggs."



Grizzlies on road to a touchdown.

We have no doubt that everyone in the United States knows we beat the Aggies this year by a score of 28 to 0.

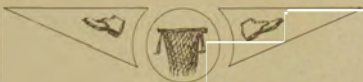
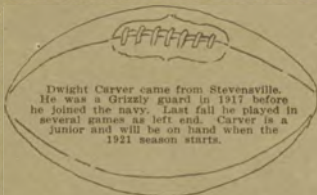
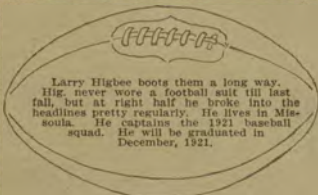
The game was played on Dornblaser field Homecoming day, November 13, and many alumni were thus able to hear with huge satisfaction "the squeal of the pig afloatin' on the air, from the tummy of the Grizzly bear."

When it comes to giving credit to individuals for the Aggie defeat, it can hardly be done. In an Aggie game, it's "The Grizzlies," that's all.

The line that day, with Captain Dahlberg, Freeman, Elliott, McGowan, Daylis, Dorsey and deMers going like the proverbial engine of the sports writer, formed the pile-driver that goes with it, and Coach Graves' boys couldn't stand the gaff. Through the holes smashed by the line, the backfield, showing teamwork surpassed only in their Washington game, piled up the yardage and the score. It was "Adams through guard," "Kershner through center," "Sullivan through tackle," for gain after gain.

Do not gather from this, however, that it was a kindergarten affair. The Aggies always did







have their share of good old Montana serap in their make-up. For big Joe Bush, for instance, it was the last chance, in the Aggie vernacular, "to beat Missoula," and he put all he had in the dying struggle.



"Higbee around left end for 3 yards and knocked out on the play." Early in the game he was forced to the side lines with a badly twisted knee. When Steve Sullivan, war-horse of the Grizzly backfield, had to leave the game for part of a quarter, it meant he was pretty well jarred. But he came back to smash through center for a touchdown in the next period.

Throughout the struggle, the end dashes and field generalship of little Harry Adams, playing with a wrenched ankle, his final game against the Aggies, added a final chapter to an

illustrious record as did Captain Swede Dahlberg, at left tackle, also making his last clean-up on the Bob Cats with huge delight.

Idaho on Dornblaser Field

The University of Idaho invaded Montana November 20. The game was considered by many the finest exhibition of football seen on Dornblaser field this season. There were almost no long runs. Every foot of the way was fought for. Two field goals from the toe of Irving, Idaho's Olympic star, put the score at 6 to 0 at the end of the first half. The end of the third quarter saw both teams still struggling back and forth playing straight football.





Jimmy Harris of Butte is known as the big little man of the squad. He was right half in 1917, right guard in 1919 and sub guard and half in 1920. This is his last year in college. He helped to pull the Grizzlies through many a tight place.



Lloyd Madsen isn't very big but he's from the Powder river and that means he's awfully tough. He made his M as sub right end in 1920 and perhaps he isn't through yet.



Oli Porter is a clean cut youngster from Stevensville. He put on the mole-skins last fall and went out to help the Grizzlies. He substituted at quarterback several times but did not play enough quarters to make a letter. However, he has two more years to make it in.





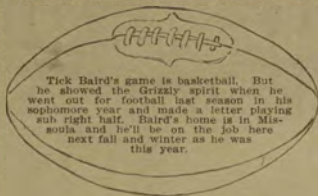
The Vandals opened the last quarter with a rush that soon pushed the tired Bruins back and netted Idaho two touchdowns. The Grizzlies rallied. Barry threw a noticeable scare into the Idaho gang when he opened up with passes that made the ball look like a dirigible bound for parts unknown. Soon Adams went over for Montana's only touchdown and Higbee kicked goal. The game ended with the ball in Idaho territory, and a win for Idaho by 20 to 7.

The Reward of Grizzlies

At the close of the football season the following men were awarded letters: Dahlberg, Adams, Harris, Daylis, deMers, Sullivan, Kershner, Higbee, McGowan, Elliott, Freeman, Dorsey, Carver, Baird, Ramsey, Walterskirchen, Barry and Madsen.

Steve Sullivan was elected captain of the 1921 gridiron army. The loss of several men will be felt, of course, but other Bruin warriors will come into the breach and we look confidently for some great battles next October and November.







1920 Grizzly Squad



Student Manager	Boyd	Harris	Porter	Baird	Finch	Ramsey
Daylis	Madsen	Dorsey	Freeman	Elliott	Walterskirchen	
Adams	Kershner	Sullivan	Higbee	Capt. Dahlberg	deMers	Barry Carver
	McGowan				Coach Bierman	





The Grizzly Cubs



Tellin, Davis, McAuliffe, Neiswanger, Nelson, Egan, Coach Lansing, Lind, Kirkwood, Deeney,
Farrell, Willis, Ennis,
Conroy, Dahlberg, Plummer, Baggs, O'Brien, Egeberg, Benson, Tanner.

Here are the Grizzly Cubs. They beat Butte Central 42 to 0 on Dornblaser field the same day their older brothers cleaned up on Washington. They also traveled to Bozeman later but the Bob Cat Kittens scratched them up for a 6 to 0 score. The Cubs made 20 first downs, however, to the Kittens' three, so we aren't worried.





Yell King, Pat Keeley



Pat Keely, '21, will be surprised to read this and see that we didn't tack on his full name as they usually do, with the alias and all. Pat showed such a superabundance of pep last year that he was elected to lead the shouting for the Grizzlies this season. He is noted for his raucous voice and the endurance of wind that enables him to keep on piping up after all others have choked. Pat is no bench athlete. He was varsity quarterback last year and showed the real stuff.



1921 SCHEDULE

Mt St Charles	41-9
Whitman	33-20
Whitman	30-18
Mont Aggies	18-19
Mont Aggies	20-5
Vy S C	24-28
Whitman	22-27
Whitman	22-27
Gonz ago	23-26
Mont Aggies	36-26
Mont Aggies	
Mont Mines	
Idaho	
Idaho	



BASKETBALL



Basketball

With the opening of the winter quarter of 1921 the student body, awakening from the lull in athletic interest that followed the close of the football season of six weeks before, turned its eager attention to basketball. Practice was hard and constant. A good number of candidates for positions on the team were on hand and the prospects for a strong five seemed favorable.

A game with St. Charles College here January 14 gave the Grizzlies the first chance to show their ability. It was quite evident that in Tick Baird, a new man on the squad, the Grizzlies possessed a brilliant guard. Another new man, Oscar Levin, at center, showed promise. Captain Steve Sullivan was playing a hard game at guard, and the two veteran forwards, Ronney Ahern and Gussie Larkin, while not yet up to their usual form were rounding into shape. The score of this game was 41 to 9 in Montana's favor.

The team from Whitman College, last year's conference champions, was defeated by the Grizzlies, 20 to 33, at Missoula, January 24, and the performance was repeated the following night by an 18 to 30 score. Thus Montana opened the Northwest Conference schedule with a running start that seemed to justify high expectations. Baird and Larkin had hit their stride. The team was big and fast.

On January 9 the Grizzlies met the Bob Cat five at Bozeman and lost a hard fought game by 18 to 19. They rallied strongly, however, the next night, and the Bob Cats bit the dust in big mouthfuls, the final score standing 20 to 5 in the Grizzlies' favor. The bell in the tower of Main Hall tolled long and loudly that night, for the victory meant a chance to wrest from the Aggies the one state championship that is ever much in doubt. None of the brilliant aggregation that won the championship for the blue and gold last year were on the 1921 team, and the dope looked bright for Montana's chances in the return games of a series of four.

The Western Trip

The following week the Grizzlies invaded Northwest Conference territory and immediately were defeated by Washington State College by a score of 24 to 28. The game was fast and the teams well matched, but 4 points gave the game to the foe.

This started a streak of hard luck, in the way of close defeats, that lasted throughout the whole trip. The defeats were by the following scores:

Washington State College, 28 to 24

Whitman College, 27 to 22, and 27 to 23.

University of Idaho, 41 to 13, and 22 to 15.

Gonzaga, 26 to 23.

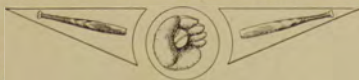




The 1921 Squad



	Elliott	Levin	Ahern	McGowan	Porter	
Adams	Larkin	Capt. Sullivan	Higbee	Baird	Coach Blerman	





The Kaimin summarized the trip as follows:

In the recent western trip, Montana lost one game to W. S. C., two to Idaho, two to Whitman and one to Gonzaga. In spite of the fact that the first five of these were conference games, Montana still ranks above the Oregon Aggies in the Northwest conference.

In every instance except the first game with Idaho, the contests were close throughout and until the final minutes victory was within the grasp of either team. This shows that all games were hard fought and might have ended differently had they been played on the Montana floor.

Second Whitman Game.

The second contest at Whitman was perhaps the most spectacular of the series. It was in this game that six men were ruled off the floor for personal fouls or unnecessary roughness, and

Comrada, the big Whitman guard, sustained a fractured jaw. At the end of the first half the score stood 9-9, with neither side having any advantage, and it was not until the final minutes of the game that Garver, Whitman center, and Rich, Whitman forward, succeeded in ringing two neat baskets from midfloor, that gave the Missionaries the lead.

The final game, played at Spokane with Gonzaga, ended a tie. In the succeeding five minutes, played to decide the contest, Shepherd, the Gonzaga center, hooked two baskets from the center of the floor. Montana's scoring was limited to a single free throw, and the game ended 26 to 23 in favor of Gonzaga.

The gymnasium at Gonzaga was close and hot, causing the men to slow down the play.

The Grizzlies worked out some of the "bear with a sore head" feeling by mauling St. Charles College at Helena, 54 to 19, February 18, and giving the State School of Mines the same treatment with a score of 24 to 15 at Butte the next night.

The State Championship

The Aggies came over the hill February 25 determined to win at least one of the two return games from the Grizzlies and thus, by a tie, retain the state championship. To strengthen their hopes, Jorgenson, a veteran star, had returned to their line-up, while on the other hand, Captain Steve Sullivan of the Grizzlies was on the bench on account of an injury.

The first game was rather slower than expected, though hard fought throughout, and ended 36 to 26 in Montana's favor. But the Aggies were not through yet. They must have taken a pledge to get bear meat the next night or die trying.

The end of the first half of the second game saw the Aggies in the lead 13 to 10. This was probably the most exciting and fastest contest seen here this year. The crowd lived the game every minute, now tense and breathless, now filling the gymnasium with the hoarse yelling of the men, above which rose the frantic screaming of the co-eds.

Three minutes before the end of the game the score stood 19 to 19. A double foul was called and Jorgenson, who had made seven straight free throws, registered his first miss. Then Larkin, who had missed two shots in succession previously, tossed the ball through the hoop, and the score was 20 to 19. Two more minutes of fierce effort resulted in a successful long shot by Larkin and a closer one by Ahern, which, coming 20 seconds before the gun, left the score 23 to 19 and cinched the state championship for the Grizzlies. After that the frosh nearly wore out the bell in the tower.

The Montana School of Mines team played the University a return game here February 28, being beaten in a slow contest by 36 to 15.



Idaho and the Rabbit Foot

The University of Idaho team which had drubbed the Grizzlies during the western trip, came to Missoula for the last two games of our schedule, March 4 and 5.

The first contest ended with the overwhelming score of 42 to 22 in the Muscovites' favor.

That night Coach Bierman held a council of war with his men. It is also rumored, in the light of subsequent events, that Captain Steve Sullivan went hunting in a grave yard at midnight.

Anyway, the crowd, listlessly hanging over the railing to see another defeat on the following night, awoke to the realization that something was happening on the floor below.

What? No! Yes, by gosh! Well, if the Bruins weren't playing the Vandals right off their feet from the word "Go!" A trained observer would have said that a four man defense was proving a trump for Montana. But the crowd, going wild, was still sane enough to see the reason for the speed-ball exhibition, when, before taking a long shot at the basket, Steve Sullivan hurriedly jerked a rabbit foot from his belt, rubbed it on the ball, then straightened up to send the sphere curving half the length of the hall and neatly through the welcoming hoop. The first half ended in Montana's favor by 24 to 6, to the bewilderment of the Vandals.

The second half saw spectacular playing on both sides and the final score was 38 to 26 for Montana. We had cleaned up the team that won second in the conference and had secured fifth place for ourselves.

All of which proves the difference between a rabbit foot and no rabbit foot. Well, Steve has announced that he will sew the lucky paw to his track pants this spring so we expect nothing but a row of wins on the cinders. By the time you read this you'll know.

The victorious game with Idaho was a fitting wind-up for the collegiate basketball careers of Gus Larkin, Lawrence Higbee and Harry Adams. Larkin had played brilliantly at forward for four years and was captain of the 1920 quint. For Adams and Higbee it was the first and last year as regulars.

Eight men were awarded letters for basketball at the close of the season. They were: William Larkin, Stephen Sullivan, Harry Adams, Lawrence Higbee, Oscar Levin, Ronald Ahern, Harvey Elliott and Harold Baird.

Ronald Ahern will play his fourth year with the Grizzlies as captain of the 1922 squad. In Harold Baird he will no doubt have one of the most brilliant guards in the Northwest, and Stephen Sullivan will probably make a strong run for the other guard position. Otherwise dark horses may be in order.





The Cub Basketball Team

The work of the Cub basketball team was watched with a good deal of interest here this year on account of the group of stars which composed it. In fact the Cubs occasionally took the Grizzlies themselves into camp in practice games.

John McAuliffe, last year's all-state high school center, and easily the star of the Cub team, and George Dahlberg, forward, both of Butte, are a pair of men who have worked together on the floor for four years.

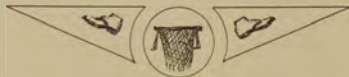
Ronald McDonell, guard, of Big Timber, is another Cub who was picked on the all-state interscholastic team last year and showed this winter that he had deserved the honor.

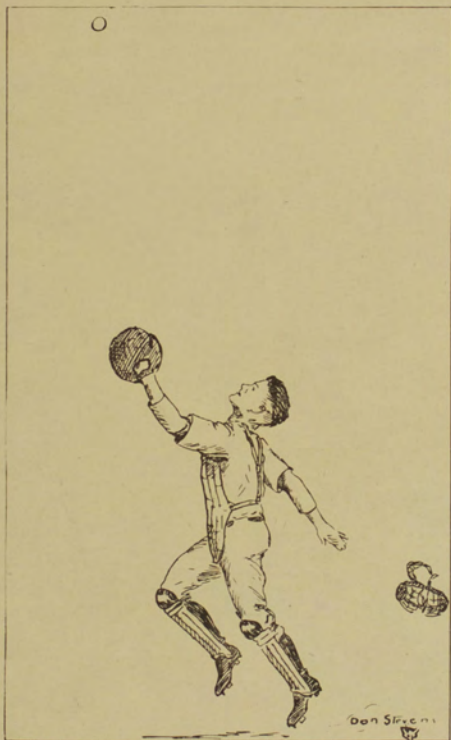


"Lucky."

Kirk Badgley is a forward of a good deal of experience and speed. He has played with the famous Triple B team of Billings, which once held the amateur championship of the United States. Harold Egeberg and Gordon Tanner of Miles City are a team of hard playing guards that are apt to make a name for themselves in intercollegiate athletics.

The Cubs defeated the Stevensville All Stars by 33 to 15 during the past season and, when the Bob Kittens came over for two games, the Cubs easily handed them scores of 37 to 28 and 44 to 20. Thus we draw our own conclusions as to the chances of the Aggies and others with the Varsity next season, after it has recruited the pick of this year's Cub team.





BASEBALL



The Championship Team

When Captain Larry Higbee goes into the fight for the Northwest Conference title in baseball this spring he has behind him a team of championship caliber. It is true that the loss, through the four year rule, of Herb Vitt, last year's captain, and southpaw pitcher, is a very real loss. But all of the championship squad of last year, with the exception of Frank Patterson, star first baseman, who was killed in a hunting accident last summer, are on the diamond every afternoon.

As we size up the prospects for the 1921 team, one thing that strikes us is that the batting average of the whole squad, to say nothing of brilliant individuals was .317 for last season. Nine of those men are going out this year. They are Captain Higbee, Spiller, Daylis, Murphy, Spencer, Larkin, Shepard, Kibble and Kershner.

There is thought to be championship material among the new men also. Vernie Ulrigg pitched wickedly in the Missoula City league throughout the past summer. Earl Barry has a good baseball record in high school and played third base on a city league team last summer, and Bill O'Neill, who played second for Gonzaga University last year, will make a strong fight for a place on the team. George Weideman, who has been a Missoula City league star, is trying hard to land permanently on first base.

Several other men of unknown ability are also on deck and any one of them may successfully do the dark horse act and bat, catch, or peg his way to collegiate fame before the end of the season.

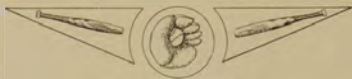
Seventeen games are scheduled for this spring. They include contests with Washington State College, University of Idaho, Whitman College, Gonzaga University, Montana State College, and Mount St. Charles College.

The Northwest Conference Pennant in 1920

Herb Vitt captained, in the spring of 1920, the smoothest baseball machine, by all evidences, that has ever upheld the copper, silver and gold. From the start of the season it was apparent that Montana was developing a team that would give a good account of itself. As the weeks went by this development continued, so that, although nearly every important game was a struggle, the end of their schedule saw the Grizzlies in possession of the Northwest Conference pennant and the state championship.

The first game was a rather slow work out with Mount St. Charles at Helena on May 6. Higbee pitched to Spiller and the final score was Montana's by 8 to 3.

The Grizzlies then traveled up the Missouri and the Gallatin rivers to the home of the Bob Cat nine, and on May 7 they walloped the Aggies all over their home pasture for a count of 19 to 1. Home runs by Murphy, center fielder; Daylis, left fielder, and Spencer, who played





Northwest Conference Champions



Capt. Vili Spencer Higbee Murphy Patterson Kershner Walterskirchen Shepard
 Daylie Spiller Larkin Kibble





first in this game, gave promise of good bat work with which to meet the Northwest Conference teams later on. Vitt pitched his first game and fanned 20 men. The next day the performance was virtually repeated. Spencer went into the box and 10 Aggies swung the air, the score ending 20 to 1.

Cutting three notches on their bat the Grizzlies returned to the home lair and when Idaho invaded Montana a week later during the Interscholastic track meet the high school folks from all over the state were treated to three exhibitions of closely played baseball. In the opening of the series Vitt's wind-ups were the signals for 14 men to swing at emptiness; while Murphy and Spencer connected with Foran's delivery quite consistently. The game went for Montana, 6 to 3.

The next day the Muscovites cinched up their belts and went after bear meat. But the end of a hard contest saw the score standing 5 to 3 against them, due, in part, to the splendid fielding of Cubs Daylis, covering the outer territory behind third.

The third game, however, played the same afternoon, proved a lucky one for the Vandals. Errors by Montana lost the game and the Idaho nine went home with one win by 8 to 4.

Invade Northwest

The Grizzlies again went on the war path the following week and crossed bats with Washington State College at Pullman May 19. Moran, for the Cougars, managed to fan eleven Montanans and a hard game ended in Washington's favor, 9 to 4.

The Grizzlies showed the championship spirit the next day. The game was a deadlocked struggle into the ninth inning. After holding Montana to seven scattered hits, Lewis, pitching for the Cougars, made a wild pitch in the ninth with two men on and two down, allowing Walterskirchen to score and break a 3 to 3 tie. Larkin made the only home run for Montana. The final score was 4 to 3 for the Grizzlies. Ahead of them were three more games with Washington State College to be played a couple of weeks later at Missoula.

The first of a two game series at Moscow gave Montana a decision over Idaho by 10 to 7. The game was slow. However, the Muscovites came back strong next day and Foran gave all he had. Up to the sixth inning he had held the Grizzlies to two-hits, but then he blew up and a batting rally by Montana started her on the road to the final victory score of 5 to 3, and into the lead of the Northwest Conference, neck and neck with Oregon State College.

Washington Series Here

When Washington State College came to Missoula for a return series of three games, the chances for either team seemed a toss up and it was safe to say that Cougar and Grizzly fur was due to decorate the atmosphere.

On May 27 the two teams took each other's measure and the Grizzlies threw a surprise into their opponents by clouting Moran for 16 hits. Higbee and Vitt were swinging mightily. Larkin





hit five safe out of five times at bat. When the Cougars took the stick they were seldom able to connect and when they did the brilliant fielding of the Grizzlies held them down so that they were forced to accept a defeat by 5 to 15.



LARRY HIGBEE
Captain 1921

The hardest battle of the series, a thriller from the first pitch to the last, came the next day. Errors in the first inning gave Washington a lead of three runs. Patterson was substituted for Walterskirchen and in the next inning, with a triple, started a rally that put three men across for the Grizzlies. From then to the sixth inning, however, Busher Lewis was unhittable, while Higbee, on the other hand, was hit freely and had poor support. In the sixth the Grizzlies were four runs in the dust. But in the seventh they began a comeback which tied the score. In the eighth they were two ahead. The Cougars tried hard in the last half of the ninth to tie the score, but with two fouls on him Moran stood with his bat over his shoulder while Higbee shot one straight over the plate and the game was over with a victory for Montana, 9 to 8.

Sensational fielding by Daylis, who, for instance, made a spectacular, long, running catch of a foul from left field, in a pile of rocks, was a feature of the game. Murphy, in center field, also grabbed a share of hard ones. Higbee, Larkin and Patterson did good work and the score of 6 to 3 for Montana won, by half a game, the Northwest Conference pennant. Montana had a record of eight won and two lost as against Oregon State's list of 9 won and three lost. The two teams had not met during the season.

Cinching the State Title

Mount St. Charles came to Missoula June 1 for one game. The Grizzlies took them into camp as a matter of course, piling up six runs to their one. It was a good game and Higbee had need of the good pitching which he produced.

In the Aggie game here June 4 the state pennant was made sure by an 8 to 4 victory for the Grizzlies. Spencer and Spiller, batteries, were not in the game and Higbee was pitching to Murphy. Kershner and Shepard in the outfield grabbed several flies in a neat manner. The Aggies made all their runs in the fifth inning.

The game with the Aggies the next day, the last game on the Grizzly schedule, was one of the real thrillers of the season. The Grizzlies were loosening up, apparently, and five errors gave the Bob Cats four runs. Up to the last half of the seventh it was a tie game. In the last half

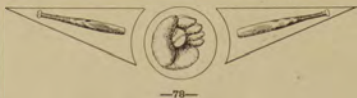




of the eighth Vitt lined one out and three Montana men had crossed the plate at the end of the inning. In the last half of the ninth the Aggies were leading, 6 to 5. Larkin hit safely and stole. Shepard was safe on an error. Higbee singled to short. The two men ahead of him crossed the plate, and the season ended in victory.

After the game that afternoon the players met and elected Larry Higbee, '21, of Missoula, captain of the 1921 baseball team. Higbee played with the Grizzlies in 1915 and 1916 before enlisting with the marines. During the 1920 season he was the star short stop of the squad and also held down the box quite regularly. He did not pitch a losing game all spring.

Twelve men were awarded letters in baseball in 1920. They were: Captain Vitt, pitcher and second; Higbee, pitcher and short; Spencer, pitcher and first; Patterson, first; Larkin, second; Kibble, third; Spiller, catcher; Murphy, center field and catcher; Daylis, left field; Kershner, outfield; Walterskirchen, outfield; Shepard, right field.





DON STEVENS

TRACK



The Grizzly on The Cinders



Sterling in Lead at Pullman.

As we go to press before the 1921 track season there can be no account here of our fortunes on the cinders this spring.

The Second Annual Relay Carnival of the University of Washington to be held May 23 at Seattle will see a team of track men from Montana. It is likely that they will enter the mile relay, the half mile relay, and the hundred yard dash. The 400 yard relay, which was won by Sullivan, Adams, Sterling and Romney in 40 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds for Montana last year, will not be included in the events this spring.

Aside from minor interclass and interfraternity track contests, the first important meet will be the Idaho dual meet here on May 14. The meet with Idaho last year was cancelled because of rain. It is looked forward to with increased interest this spring and a close contest is expected.

The Grizzly track team will go to Bozeman for a dual meet with the Aggies May 21. The Aggies were beaten, 83 to 29, last year in the dual meet held in Missoula, when five state records were broken.





The Northwest Conference meet at Pullman, Washington, will be held June 4. Montana will enter men in as many events as possible.

Now, early in April, Captain Sterling, Adams, Sullivan, Duffy, Hobart, Egeberg and Balf are out for the sprints every afternoon. Sterling, Carver, Balf and Osness are trying for the



Baker, Sullivan, Sterling, Dahlberg, Romney, Jacobson.

hurdles. Brady, Jacobson, Baker, Lewis and Eagan are long distance men, running from the half to the two mile. Dorsey, McGowan and Carver will do the hurling of weights for Montana and Baker and Porter are expected to be the chief contenders for honors with the vaulting pole. High jumpers seem scarce. Spogen is out for the broad jump. Just what sort of team will develop from this squad is hard to say. It is probable that Montana will find her chief point winners in the sprints and hurdles and perhaps the longer runs and discus, javelin and shot put.





Interscholastic Track Meet



Pythian of Billings leads low hurdles.

The annual Interscholastic track meet of the University of Montana is, according to George M. Varnell, sports writer for the Spokane Chronicle, one of the greatest preparatory school track meets held in the United States, ranking second only to Stagg's meet at Chicago in regard to athletic prowess represented and second to none when it comes to a big schedule of events smoothly and thrillingly run off.

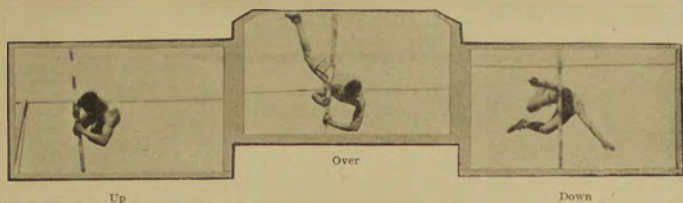
The 17th Annual Interscholastic track meet of May 12 to 15, 1920, was the greatest so far held at the University. With more than 300 athletes representing 51 accredited high schools of the state, as well as large delegations of rooters, Missoula was filled with high school enthusiasm.

All preparations had been superintended by Prof. J. P. Rowe, chairman of the meet. One athlete, one debater and one declaimer from each accredited high school of the state had their expenses paid by the University. This arrangement was changed in many cases to allow two athletes and one debater to take advantage of the offer. Of course many high schools sent additional contestants at their own expense.

A debate held Tuesday morning, May 12, was won by John K. Sullivan of Whitefish, and Helen Johnson of Hysham took second. The declamatory tryouts were also held that morning, 39 girls and 19 boys taking part.

All the facilities for entertainment at the University and the various fraternity houses as well





as downtown were used during the week to give the hundreds of visitors a good time to be remembered. Specially frequent street car service to and from the University was instituted.

On the afternoon of May 13 the track meet proper began. A crowd of more than 4,000 people filled the bleachers and a ring of automobiles stretched around the quarter mile track. On Mount Sentinel groups of brightly clad children and grownups found seats for a bird's eye view of the thousands of excited rooters whose gay-colored pennants and caps flashed in the sunshine and from whose throats yell after yell rose boastfully in honor of their various schools or athletes. High in the seething, color-filled bleachers rattled a battery of typewriters representing the Kaimin and two afternoon papers. Inside the track on Dornblaser field swarmed race officials and numbered contestants. Excited talking filled the lulls between cheers.

At 2 o'clock the meet opened, with George Varnell, pistol in hand, starting line after line of



Mattison of Butte wins 220 yard dash.

scantly clad athletes in the elimination heats for various races. In the short dashes they raced into the tape in front of the grandstand amid the wild cheering of hundreds of schoolmates, brought to their feet at every race, or, with free strides that spoke of long training, the milers and two milers strung out along the track in the final test of endurance. Out on Dornblaser field in front of the grandstand Prosser of Helena was breaking the pole vault record, soaring





up 11 feet 3.6 inches before throwing the bamboo back and falling lightly into the pit full of shavings.

Farther out, Davis of Great Falls leaped ahead of the rest to first place in the broad jump, while Axtell of Gallatin hurled the discus and put the shot to victory over all his opponents. Within a few feet of the tense spectators Mattison of Butte dashed 50 yards for first place in the short sprint. Gouser of Great Falls narrowly won the first 440 yard dash. Bunney of Park made a very pretty race when he took first in the 880 yard race. The low hurdle preliminaries were also run.

An extra edition of the Kaimin which appeared on the field, while the crowd watched the Grizzlies win a close game of baseball from the University of Idaho, showed Great Falls leading the meet with 17 points. Butte was close with 15, and Billings and Gallatin had 10 points each. Next were Helena and Missoula.

In the declamatory contest held that evening Asa Duncan, Jr., of Missoula took first and Hazel Hurd of Glasgow won second, before a crowd that filled the auditorium.

The remaining finals took place the next afternoon. A crowd estimated at 5,200 was on hand for the real battle for first in the meet. Butte and Great Falls rooters were on edge.

Tillman of Florence-Carlton gave his little gang of rooters a chance to yell when he broke the state javelin record with a throw of 155 feet. In the final 100-yard dash Wester of Dawson beat Gouser of Great Falls for first. Mattison of Butte earned more points for his school by taking first in the 220-yard dash just ahead of Balf of Missoula. In the second 880 yard run of the meet, DeVeber of Florence-Carlton took first, and in the second 440 yard dash, Menke of Dawson barely forged ahead of Bunney for victory.

It was in the mile run that Bunney aroused the admiration of everyone present by passing five boys in the last lap and taking first place.

Hop, scamper, hop, scamper—here came the low hurdlers covering the 220 yards almost between breaths of the excited onlookers, and Davis of Great Falls had added to the list of points for his school. (Great Falls led the meet till the last few minutes.)

Then run, leap—run, leap—came the 120 yard high hurdlers. Husky Pythian of Billings narrowly won from McAuliffe of Butte. Out in the field Prosser of Helena discarded his winning bamboo of the day before and now cleared the bar in the high jump for first place.

Butte had forged into first place at the close of the meet with 37 points to Great Falls' 30. Billings and Missoula were runners up. Young Pythian of Billings tied for individual honors with Bunney of Park county.

The 17th Inter-scholastic Track meet of the University of Montana was over, and thoughts of the high school athletes already were turning ahead to this year's meet, which, according to Prof. J. P. Rowe, chairman of the meet, will be the biggest yet held.

