BOOK OF ATHLETICS

Football
Basketball
Track,
Baseball

" 'DOC' AND HIS GYM"

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FOOTBALL

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SUGRUE

RITTER

DAHLBERG

Montana lost a hard game in the season's curtain-raiser when a little fellow by the name of Meeker kicked his team to a 9 to 0 victory with two out of three placements. Martin booted a third placement. The new stands erected during the summer were rocked by a capacity crowd which witnessed the first contest on new Dornblaser field.

Montana's golden opportunity for a touchdown was lost when Coach Exendine's crew turned its line into a stonewall on the yard-line to greet Grizzly backs who vainly tried to pry open a hole and wrest a touchdown from the invaders. The Cougars, however, were unable to make an inch through the Grizzly forward wall within the 10-yard line. Montana made ten first downs; Washington State college, eight. In yardage, the visitors topped the Grizzlies by the scant margin of twenty yards.

After playing the Huskies off their feet in the opening quarter of the game, the Grizzly defense weakened before smashing on-

MARTINSON

OSTROM

HANSON

slaughts of Wilson and Elmer Tesreau, allowing Washington to win 30 to 10. A pass, Kelly to Ritter, at the end of the game brought home the single Montana touchdown. Wilson accounted for two touchdowns, Tesreau and Patton, one each.

It was a heavy, fast, hard charging set of Washington backs that wore down the Montana line. Time and again it was the secondary defense which stopped the mauling Huskies. Sweet and Guttormsen engaged in as pretty a punting duel as one would hope to see, with the Montana booter emerging on top on the strength of one blocked Washington kick.

A loose but spectacular game against Gonzaga resulted in a 14 to 14 tie at Butte. With less than eight minutes to play, Oscar Dahlberg scooped Bross' fumble and galloped down the field for the score which tied the game. Ostrom, Montana's roving center, played true to his title and was unanimously acclaimed the outstanding star of both teams. Without a doubt, he

RITTER

KELLY

SWEET

held the Bulldogs many times while consistent gains were made over other parts of the line.

Ingram and Bross robbed the famous Grizzly backfield of all its glory. A pass, Kelly to Sweet, for twenty yards over the center of Gonzaga's line brought Montana's first tally. Ingram and Luce scored for the Bulldogs. Much criticism has been given the Grizzlies for what has been termed a "poor showing" at Butte, but it must be remembered that no team can buck up against such elevens as the University of Washington and Washington State college on consecutive weeks, endure long, hard train trips and come out as fresh and strong as under normal circumstances.

It was a one-sided affair—the Mines game. Montana's second string scored a 57-0 victory without trying. The contest was featured by the stubbornness of the line, the crushing charges of Grizzly backs, the general workout afforded second-string men and the week end of rest allowed the Varsity. Aho, Mines left halfback,

ROGNLIEN

RAFFERTY

BRITTENHAM

carried the brunt of the defeat for the visiting team, and was the only outstanding player on his string.

Fumbles cost Montana two touchdowns at Corvallis when the Oregon Aggies beat the Grizzlies 27 to 7. Two Oregon scores were made largely by the use of passes which Montana was unable to cope with. Kelly dropped over the line for Montana's only touchdown, following a crashing and passing march the length of the field. Many Grizzly subs were given a chance in the Oregon fracas. Oregon suffered heavy losses amounting to 135 yards as the result of penalties. Montana made eight first downs, while Oregon garnered but an even dozen.

A canopy of gloom spread over McLean field when Coach Mathews' warriors were beaten out of what looked like a victory. Montana's Grizzlies came to the front on a different vehicle than they had ridden previously during the season and the score ended 20 to 14 in favor of the visiting eleven. The vehicle was one labeled "interference, teamwork"

WHITCOMB

COLEMAN

VIERHUS

and other essentials which make up a good football combination.

Kelly, Montana's super-backfield star, was responsible for two scores, while Pat Sugrue nabbed Bill's pass for 30 yards and a third touchdown. Little Reget, Idaho's sub-quarter, played as nice a game as he has been seen in. He scratched the score card twice in the first half himself. But it was a different team which returned the second half on the short end of a 14 to 0 score to take the game and, incidentally, revenge Idaho for the smashing 41-13 win in the Homecoming game on Dornblaser field two years ago.

Trojans of the University of Southern California found Montana harder to beat than was the concensus of opinion in the stands at the first of the game. Although the final score registered 27 to 7, it must be remembered that the mighty Russ Sweet, Pacific Coast's premier kicker, was entirely out of the game with injured ankles. Had Russ been in the fray, things might have been more evenly di-

DAHLBERG

HANSON

KELLY

vided. As it was, Kelly had the punting to do, and one man can not do it all. Kelly, Illman and Sugrue played the flashy game for Montana, while Kaer showed up good for U. S. C. In the third quarter, Montana uncorked a line smashing drive which baffled Coach Jones' Trojans and led the Grizzlies to the 30-yard line. A pass, Kelly to Sugrue, netted Pat a touchdown.

It was Kelly here, Kelly there and Kelly everywhere the afternoon the Grizzlies tore open the side of the Bobcat and clawed their way to a 28 to 7 victory. Six thousand, five hundred fans watched Bill Kelly push the string of sixteen consecutive victories over the Aggies up one more notch. He was this black-haired Irishman who scratched Montana's most ambitious rival for four touchdowns. And the remaining ten men on the team had their share in the victory

Football fans smiled at the performances of Hanson, Whitcomb and Ostrom on the line and they reveled in interference and line

COLEMAN

AXTELL

LARSEN

bucking by the backfield. It was, to tell the story simply, "As The Backs Go Tearing By."

Six seniors—Captain Illman, Dahlberg, Axtell, Sugrue, Griffin and Plummer — closed their collegiate football careers with this battle and their departure from Dornblaser field could have been made in no better fashion.

The following football men received letters at the end of the season: Illman, Sweet, Kelly, Ritter, Vierhus, Hanson, Ostrom, Coleman, Sugrue, Dahlberg, Fletcher, Cogswell, Whitcomb, Axtell, Martinson, Plummer, Griffin, S. Kain, Burrell, Beeman. Bob Nofsinger was awarded a manager's "M" sweater.

Although endowed at the start of the season with a wealth of material which by many is considered better in some respects than the championship Cub eleven which raked the northwest two years ago, Montana's freshmen team showed the earmarks of poor coaching and little development until the third quarter of the last game of the season against the

AXTELL

SWEET

WHITCOMB

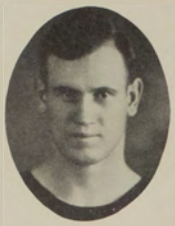
yearlings from the University of Idaho.

The Aggie Bobkittens lashed the Grizzly Cubs for a 21 to 7 victory and Washington State college treated Montana's team to a 33 to 0 dish. In the Idaho game, which the Cubs won 15 to 6 after trailing the first half, it was the grit and determined spirit of the eleven men which brought home victory.

The Cub team should provide much material for Varsity elevens and in this respect is probably more valuable than the only titled frosh team ever turned out by the State University of Montana. The backfield, however, does not measure up to such a high standard, but it is potentially strong and will be welcomed on Dornblaser field when the whistle sounds next September.

As the Sentinel goes to press, the selection of a football coach to fill the vacancy left by "Click" Clark still hangs high in the air. Students may, however, be assured that the best available mentor will be secured for the job.

BASKETBALL



Captain
"Chief" Illman

Captain-Elect
"Fritz" Sterling

Manager
"Strawberry" Stark

CARNEY

KELLY

BANEY

Montana batted .333 percent during the basketball season. Five games were won on the home floor, while 10 played on foreign courts were lost, some by scant margins, others more decisively.

A few games were played on a barnstorming trip which took the Grizzlies to several Montana cities during the Christmas vacation. The original trip, which was planned to include many more contests, was not made because of inability to schedule satisfactory games in northern Montana.

The Grizzlies opened their home season against Mount Saint Charles, defeating the visitors by a 33 to 21 score. The game showed many weaknesses in the local lineup. Starting the annual western trip early in January, Montana found itself unorganized and unable to compete with more experienced coast quints, several of which had been practicing for some time. Six straight games were lost as follows: Montana 18, W. S. C. 28; Montana 18, Idaho 19;

MILLER

BERG

KAIN

Montana 19, Washington 28; Montana 19, Oregon 40; Montana 19, O. A. C. 31; Montana 33, Gonzaga 45.

A few nights after returning from the western invasion, the Grizzlies met the University of Oregon powerful combination on the Missoula court and suffered a 35 to 17 defeat. The Oregon string was as pretty a combination as has been seen on a Missoula court in several years and should rate exceptionally high in conference circles this year.

Such a string of defeats seemed to sting the pride of the Grizzlies. Coach Stewart shifted Illman to forward and substituted Kain at the Chief's position. Sterling and Baney showed renewed spirit of some kind,—anyway, the whole team snapped out of its apparent convalescent period and the Grizzlies started a barrage of basket tossing which found its mark of victory on most of the teams which played on a Missoula court the remainder of the season. Following are scores which resulted from these home games: Mon-

GRAHAM

COYLE

SWEET

tana 23, W. S. C. 13; Montana 35, Idaho 24; Montana 30, Gonzaga 26; Montana 35, M. S. C. 31; Montana 20, Washington 23; Montana 15, O. A. C. 35.

The most outstanding victory of the season as fas as the crowd in the gymnasium was concerned was the beating administered the Aggies by Doctors Illman, Baney, Sterling, Kain, Overturf and Kelly. Trailing the game by a 15 to 9 score at half time, the Grizzlies came back from their rest period, presided over by Jim Stewart, and tied the count before the visitors had time to write home for an antidote. With the lead exchanging as many as ten times during the game, the crowd was shouting and screaming itself hoarse before the final gun stopped the fray in a 29-29 knot.

In the only extra-period game played on the local floor in at least five years, and possibly more, Baney, Grizzly right guard, made a name for himself and his school by tossing in three baskets in a row

BERG

MILLER

LARSON

from the middle of the court, half a dozen points being sufficient to cinch the battle. So long and deafening was the clamour raised by the crowd that the KUOM announcer was unable to make his voice understood, even though he resorted to shouting through the microphone.

It was a gala night for Montana; the bell in Old Main rang loud and long—and it was heard at Bozeman. Even though the Aggies had defeated the Grizzlies a few weeks before on the Bozeman court by a 36 to 23 score, the latter victory was sufficient to heal Montana's wound. The state collegiate title rested at the State College, but only because the Aggies won the championship two years ago and this year's series resulted in a tie.

The Cubs had a successful year under Coach Harry Adams. They beat the Bobkittens, lost to Idaho's yearlings and won several victories over lesser quints. Missoula high met the Cubs twice and Loyola.

TRACK

Captain
"Milt" Ritter

Coach
J. W. Stewart

Manager
"Bob" Warden

E. Blumenthal

Simpson

R. Davis

Montana students have been anxiously looking forward to track season. The center of attraction has been Sweet, Gillette and the relay squads, but they have not failed to appreciate the value of all other men who enter events other than those in which these particular stars excel. Fans will be watching the performances of Coyle, Stark, Thompson, Ritter, Spaulding, Emil Blumenthal, Davis, Al Blumenthal on the shot and discus, Cal Pearce and Otto Bessey on the javelin and other weights and field men.

In the coast relays last year, Montana tied with the Huskies in number of events won by taking firsts in the century, half-mile relay and medley relay. Russ Sweet won a loving cup for running the hundred in 9.9 seconds. The 880-yard relay team, composed of Sweet, Ritter, Coyle and Stark, established a new Seattle relay record with 1:30.3 minutes. The medley team, made up of Sweet in the 220; Ritter in the 440; Lowary in the half-mile, and Gillette on the

SWEET

RITTER

STARK

finish, scored the third record with a time of 6:30.4 minutes.

In dual meets, Montana defeated Idaho, 79 to 52; Washington State college, 73 to 58, and Montana State college 97 to 34.

At Chicago, Sweet copped second in both the century and the 220-yard dashes, being barely nosed out at the tape in the longer race by Gray of Butler, and losing the hundred by inches to Hubbard, University of Michigan speed demon and world champion broad jumper. Gillette, realizing neither his strength nor his ability, pulled up from sixteenth to third place in the last three hundred yards of the mile race, run in 4:18 minutes.

Montana placed third in the Pacific Coast conference meet at Seattle, taking 15 points.

With the 1926 track season at his back, Coach Stewart may look forward to another banner year next spring. New material will supplement the many lettermen who will return for their last year.

BASEBALL

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Because of publishing the Sentinel in May this year it is necessary to eliminate 1926 baseball and resort to a resume of last year's record.

The season was a mediocre one, starting rather dull but gaining momentum for a brilliant finish. Montana won four out of nine games, but not all of the five defeats were serious losses. The Grizzlies ran into a lot of hard luck when the University of Washington Huskies nosed them out of a game early in the season by a 1 to 0 score. Montana garnered eight safeties to Washington's three in this tilt.

Captain
"Cammy" Meagher

Jimmy O'Connor was the winning pitcher in all of the four wins and he lost but two other games during the season, the first with Gonzaga and the early contest with Washington.

Batting and fielding averages of the team for the season were .231 and .918, respectively. Anderson led the club at batting with .333, Kelly was second with .303 and Shoebotham ranked third with .268. Anderson made the only Grizzly circuit clout in a conference game. Illman made two three-baggers, Kelly, one, and Hanson, one. Eleven doubles were scored. Meagher socked three, Anderson, two; Tarbox, two; Stowe, Illman, Shoebotham and Hanson, one each. Anderson hit for thirteen singles. Kelly and Meagher each hit for ten.

Angus "Cammy" Meagher was elected captain for the 1926 baseball season.

The season's record was:

May 1—Gonzaga, 6; Montana, 0.

May 13—Washington, 1; Montana, 0.

May 14—Washington State, 2; Montana, 1.

May 15—Idaho, 1; Montana 3.

May 16—Gonzaga, 9; Montana 6.

May 18—Whitman, 4; Montana, 9.

May 19—Washington, 7; Montana 0.

May 28—W. S. C., 3; Montana, 4.

May 30—Whitman, 1; Montana, 4.

Manager
Malcolm Morrow