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Grizzly quarterback Roy Bray out for the rest of the season

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MISSOULA, Mont., Oct. Roy Bray, senior Grizzly quarterback from Missoula, played his last collegiate football game a little more than a week ago. He didn’t know it at the time—as a matter of fact, few people realized at the time that his injury was as serious as it really was.

Roy suffered a severe shoulder injury in the Brigham Young game at Provo. It occurred in the first half and, ironically, was done by a teammate.

Bray had tackled a Cougar back and a Grizzly lineman, already committed in flight, smashed into Bray as he lay unprotected on the ground. It was an accident, pure and simple, but one of those heartbreakers that takes a lad from a game he loves.

That Bray loved football, no one can dispute. All through high school and into college, Roy was an exciting ball player. Strong, courageous, he made daring stops that left spectators breathless.

His defensive ability needs be touted no more than by the words of his coach, Jerry Williams, when he learned that his quarterback was out for the season.

"I've just lost my best defensive back," was Williams' simple statement.

But a quarterback also plays on offense, at least under the present rules, and Bray did pretty well for himself, and the Grizzlies, in that department.

His three-year career mark—he played behind passing wizard Norm Kampschror in his sophomore year and had only two complete games under his belt in his senior year—is quite respectable.

He completed 49 passes in 127 attempts for 629 yards and three touchdows. Ten of his tosses went astray and were intercepted. Roy ended
his career with a minus rushing yardage—71 yards to be exact—but this largely was due to the fact that on many pass attempts he was smothered and had to "eat" the ball.

On the majority of the plays in which the quarterback actually is a rushing back, Roy made yardage. He carried the ball 63 times for 115 yards. He lost 186 yards, the majority on the passing plays.

But cold statistics scarcely tell the measure of a ball player. They fail to bring out the intangibles. The man who makes the biggest share of the tackles in the secondary. The "Holler" guy, the team leader, the gutty, inspirational player.

All these things, and more, Bray was. He will be sorely missed in the Grizzly camp.