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BOBCATS FAVORED OVER GRIZZLIES IN RENEWAL OF ANCIENT RIVALRY

MISSOULA, Mont., Nov._____ The Montana Grizzlies, who have won only three games in two years, this week tangle with their cross-state rivals, the Montana State College Bobcats, who have lost but one game in the same period of time.

The Silvertips haven't been favored to win a game all year, and, considering the Cats' fine 1957 record and the fact that the game will be played at Bozeman, likely will find themselves again cast in the familiar role of underdog.

This will be the 57th meeting of the two schools in a rivalry dating back to 1897.

While the Bobcats admittedly do not have the same team that trounced the Grizzlies 33-14 on Dornblaser Field last year, Coach Jerry Williams in no way is underestimating the Montana State team.

Williams pointed out that the state college always seems to play its best against Montana while, on the other hand, the Grizzlies generally take the Bobcats a bit too lightly.

Such a situation is not likely to occur this year. Most of the squad members on this year's Silvertip team vividly remember the taunts that came after the debacle on Dornblaser Field last fall. That was the Bobcats' first victory over the University since 1947 and the Grizzlies haven't been allowed to forget it.

So revenge may be the big factor in getting the Grizzlies "up" for the Saturday game.

The status of senior end Pete Rhinehart still is doubtful. Rhinehart injured his shoulder in the New Mexico game two weeks ago and it is not properly responding to treatment. The absence of Rhinehart and senior end Lou Pangle was one of the key factors in Montana's loss to Idaho last week.

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Pangle, who injured his ankle in the Denver game four weeks ago, has resumed workouts and likely will be ready to go. Others on the injured list that are expected to be in shape for the Bobcat tilt include senior guard Bill Hand, junior tackle Gary Kennedy and junior tackle Dale Sparber. The latter two were slightly injured in the Idaho game.

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MONTANA SHOWS OFFENSIVE PUNCH IN LOSING CAUSE

"This is the best Montana team I've seen". Those were the words of Vandal mentor Skip Stahley following the Grizzlies' 31-13 loss to the powerful Idaho team. Members of the Idaho team seconded Stahley's remarks and added that Montana displayed the best offense they had seen all season.

Despite the lopsided score, the Silvertips did a man-sized job against the rugged Vandals. They moved the ball 180 yards on the ground---20 yards less than Idaho---and 153 yards through the air---four yards more than Idaho.

Grizzly quarterback Earl Keeley displayed his class when he riddled the Vandal secondary for 15 completions in 24 attempts. He connected with Silvertip receivers eight straight times before a Vandal defense man deflected one of his shots.

Coach Jerry Williams declared Monday that "it certainly is no disgrace to lose to a club that beat Utah and was barely edged by a team (Oregon) that seems likely to go to the Rose Bowl."

Keeley's efforts at Moscow gave him a season's total of 48 completions in 94 attempts for 617 yards and five touchdowns---good for third in the conference.

WENATCHEE'S BLACK KNIGHT NEXT FOR GRIZZLY CUBS

The Silvertip yearlings, who Saturday scored an easy 35-25 win over Columbia Basin College at Pasco, Wash., this week face a sterner test when they travel to Wenatchee for a Saturday night game with Wenatchee Junior College.

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The Knights, paced by a Polson, Mont. quarterback, Darry L. Dupuis, have bowled over the majority of their opponents this season.

The Cubs,led by a Kennewick, Wash. product, quarterback Jim Monasmith, have shown tremendous offensive punch in their first three games---but, by the same token, have been a little too generous on defense. In their first outing the yearlings dropped a 20-7 decision to an exceptionally strong Montana State College frosh team. They bounced back for a 37-7 win over the Butte School of Mines and followed last Saturday with the 35-25 win over CBC.

Monasmith, displaying his passing wares to the home folks, put on a tremendous offensive show. He completed 14 of 23 passes for 276 yards and four touchdowns. He now has completed 28 passes for 497 yards and seven touchdowns.

Billings' Jim Neal paced the yearlings' gravel agitators against CBC with 100 yards in 16 carries---more than half the total ground out by the Cubs' rushing backs.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Considerable speculation is going on in the northern end of the Rockies as to how Utah State's Bob Winters will fare against the rugged Vandals this week. Utah, led by passing wizard Lee Grosscup, could complete only nine of 16 passes while going down to a 21-6 defeat. The Grizzlies, paced by Keeley, hit 16 of 26 while losing 31-13. Now it is Utah State's turn against the tough Idahonians.

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Although no ballot on outstanding lineman or back was taken at Moscow last Saturday, press box observers indicated that Stan Renning and Earl Keeley would have given Idaho's Jerry Kramer and Howard Willis a tough battle for the honors. Renning still, however, holds the distinction of being the only lineman in the Skyline Conference to be chosen outstanding lineman in six consecutive games.

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