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Dan Balko statistics; Final Grizzly statistics 1959-60 Season

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MISSOULA—Montana guard Dan Balko, who capped his career with 1025 points in 70 games as a Grizzly, also led Montana University scorers during the 1959-60 season with 397 points, statistics from 24 games reveal.

Balko, who came on fast at the end of the season, notched 83 points in his final three games to break the 1000 mark and also improve on his scoring average of last season. His 16.6 mark compared to a 16.3 point average in 1958-59.

The Grizzly guard also established a new free throw percentage record during his three-season career at MSU. Dan scored 251 of 319 charity tosses for 78.7 percent. This broke a former record of 76 percent held by guard Ed Argenbright.

Runnerup honors went to forward Terry Screnar for the second straight year. Screnar hooped 326 points this season for a 13.6 average. Last year, as a sophomore, Screnar tallied 266 points.

Junior center Duane Ruegsegger had 293 points in 22 games for a 13.3 average, and the Billings redhead led the regulars in shooting with 41.3 percent from the field.

Next in line for scoring honors were guard Vince Ignatowicz, 179 points for a 7.4 average; forward John Lands, 155 for a 7.0 average; forward Dan Sullivan, 138 for a 5.8 mark; and guard Bob O'Billovich, 71 for a 3.8 point average.

O'Billovich sank 29 of 62 shots during the season to lead the team in field goal accuracy, 46.8 percent. Balko had the best free throw percentage, and Ruegsegger was the best rebounder with 233 takedowns.

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FINAL GRIZZLY STATISTICS 1959-60 SEASON....

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MONTANA TOTALS 24 1661-624 37.6 548-389 70.9 1165 413 1637 68.2

OPPOSITION TOTALS 24 1714-702 40.9 562-374 66.5 1241 393 1778 74.1

Season's Scores: (Won 7, lost 17)

Montana 71, Idaho 67
Montana 60, Washington State 84
Montana 59, Idaho 76
Montana 73, South Dakota 63
Montana 52, Oregon State 67
Montana 58, Oregon State 78
Montana 64, Nebraska 58
Montana 62, Utah 78
Montana 58, Brigham Young 69
Montana 70, Denver 69
Montana 69, New Mexico 77 (OT)
Montana 74, Utah State 83

Montana 72, Montana State 73
Montana 86, Montana State 71
Montana 69, Wyoming 74
Montana 58, Colorado State 78
Montana 70, Washington State 74
Montana 76, Utah 92
Montana 79, New Mexico 80
Montana 70, Denver 79
Montana 63, Utah State 89
Montana 87, Brigham Young 67
Montana 55, Colorado State 71
Montana 82, Wyoming 67

Skyline conference games (won 3, lost 11)

Best Individual Performances:

Total Points: Dan Balko, 32 vs. Wyoming March 5.
Field Goals: Dan Balko, 14 of 25 attempts vs. Wyoming March 5.
Free Throws: Dan Balko, 12 of 13 attempts vs. Colorado State March 3.
Rebounds: Duane Ruegsegger, 22 vs. New Mexico Jan. 16.