Montana home football attendance increases; Silvertip slants

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MISSOULA, MONTANA--Attendance at four Montana home football games this fall was 29,142—an increase of nearly 40 percent—the MSU ticket office has announced. Last season a total of 21,949 fans attended four home games.

Ticket officials attributed the rise in attendance to MSU's improved team this season, as well as the fact that the remodeled west bleachers added greatly to the comfort factor. Biggest crowd of the season was the Montana-Montana State game Nov. 5, which drew nearly 9,000 fans, including students.

Basketball season tickets are now on sale and will remain open until a few days prior to Dec. 9-10 games with Montana State.

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No small factor in Montana's improved grid season was increased support on the part of MSU students this fall. The students sent booster telegrams to the Grizzlies on road trips this season, and even picked up the tab to help air a broadcast of the Utah game.

What about next season? Coach Ray Jenkins says that BYU, New Mexico, and Colorado State probably will be improved, while Utah, Utah State and Wyoming should remain as the league's powers. "We'll have to improve correspondingly to match our 5-5 record," the mentor remarks.

Slender John Schulz, one of the overlooked players on the Grizzly roster this season because of the brilliant efforts of Bob O'Billovich, put on a fine display of passing last week against New Mexico. Schulz hit nine of 17 aerials in the game for 123 yards.

Next fall the Grizzlies open their grid slate with their annual toughie against Wyoming in Billings, scheduled for Sept. 16, 1961.

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