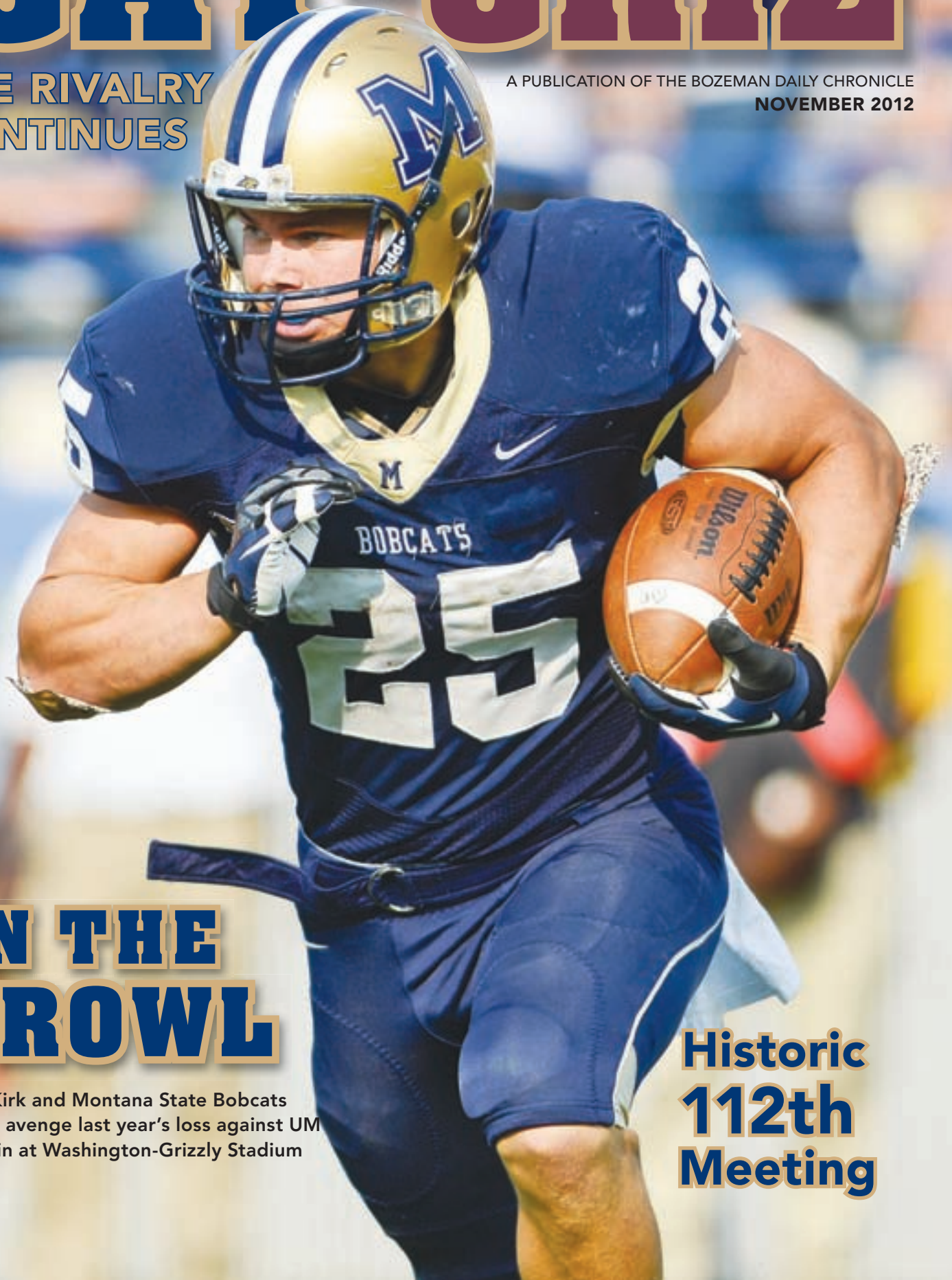


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**I**t wasn't until Nov. 3 — in their 10<sup>th</sup> game of this season — that the Montana Grizzlies won back-to-back games. It also happened to be their fifth win of the season, balancing the number in the win column with the number in the loss column.

That same Saturday, Montana State escaped with a close 20-17 win over upstart Sacramento State, the Bobcats' eighth win of the season that kept them very much in the hunt for the Big Sky Conference title.

When the national polls were released the following Monday, Montana State was second behind only defending national champion North Dakota State. In the same poll, Montana was ... Montana was ... unranked.

#### *Unranked?*

The 2012 edition of the Brawl of the Wild this weekend marks the first time in 20 years that Montana will enter the game unranked. That's fine with the Bobcats. Pending the game against the Grizzlies — and how Northern Arizona finishes their confer-

ence slate — the Bobcats are in line for a top seed and a first-round bye in upcoming FCS playoffs.

For Montana, they're playing to extend a 25-year run of winning records. That's it. The playoffs are out of question.

That "spoiler" role has in recent years belonged to the Bobcats. However, In 2012 Montana State has done everything to shed the guise. Not once have the Bobcats' been ranked lower than ninth, and the expectations of 'Cats fans have yet to waver from serious national championship contention.

Save for an anomaly of a loss to Eastern Washington — the 'Cats allowed 24 second-half points, only seven of which came from the Eagles' offense — Montana State has lived up to its current national ranking.



CHRONICLE FILE PHOTO

Bobcat running back Cody Kirk gets upended by the Grizzly defense during last year's 'Cat-Griz game in Bozeman

With junior quarterback DeNarius McGhee orchestrating the offense, the Bobcats are the conference's highest scoring team. McGhee has passed for 2,247 yards and 22 touchdowns. Tanner Bleskin has been McGhee's favorite target, leading the team with 53 catches for 687 yards and three touchdowns. Jon Ellis, with 41 catches, has been to the end zone more than any other Cat receiver, making four trips there in 2012.

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the win at Sacramento State, the two backs have run for 658 yards and 532 yards, respectively. Kirk missed games against UC Davis and Eastern Washington but has been at his most productive since returning from the hamstring injury, running for 160 yards and three touchdowns against North Dakota and 129

yards and two touchdowns against Sacramento State. Davis added 145 yards and two touchdowns in the 55-10 win over North Dakota State.

The Bobcats also possess what is, statistically, the conference's top defense, allowing 291 yards a game, only 66 of which come on the ground.

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Injuries to defensive leaders Brad Daly and Zach Minter and a suspension for an illegal hit levied against linebacker Caleb Schreiber have tested the Bobcats' defensive depth, but the unit never took a step back. Montana State leads the Big Sky Conference in interceptions, rushing yards allowed, third-down conversion defense and is second in pass defense and, most importantly, scoring defense.

The Grizzlies on the other hand have been plagued by inconsistent play, largely attributable to a lack of experience of both coaches and players. Montana this season welcomed a new head coach (Mick Delaney), new offensive coordinator (Timm Rosenbach) and new defensive coordinator (Ty Gregorak) and has started a freshman (Trent McKinney) at quarterback for all but two of their games.

Off the field troubles were pinned for the upheaval, which the Grizzlies managed well in the early part of the season. But after a



Zach Minter



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34-14 drubbing over Liberty, the Grizzlies have gone an uncharacteristic 3-4, including a 1-3 stretch in which they were run over by Northern Arizona, let two victories slip away in the closing seconds and, unthinkably, dropped back-to-back home games at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

At no point since the loss to NAU have the Grizzlies factored into the Big Sky title race until now. They have a chance to spoil the Bobcats' title chances, and, despite the record, have a team that has shown itself capable.

Shay Smithwick-Hann took over at quarterback in the first quarter of a loss at North Dakota and the Grizzlies have since won both of his starts. Smithwick-Hann, aided by the strong UM ground game, led the offense to 70 points against Idaho State in his first start.

Montana has the conference's yardage leader and second best running game. Depending on the availability of senior Dan Moore, the Grizzlies have three running backs that have gone over 100 yards in games this season. For the Grizzlies to have a chance against MSU, they'll need a big game from those backs, controlling the game clock and keeping McGhee on the sidelines.

The Grizzlies also have a defense that, despite its at times glaring problems against the pass, is second best against the rush and sack the quarterback with greater consistency than any other team in the conference.



CHRONICLE FILE PHOTO

Bobcat running back Tray Robinson runs the ball against the Grizzly defense last year in Bozeman.

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# THE SERIES



**1897 — Griz 18, 'Cats 6**  
The series begins on Thanksgiving Day as the "Varsity" wins in Missoula.

**1898 — Griz 6, 'Cats 0**  
**Griz 16, 'Cats 0**  
Montana earns season sweep with a pair of shutouts.

**1899 — 'Cats 38, Griz 0**  
**'Cats 6, Griz 0**  
MSC returns favor a year later and begins six-game winning streak.

**1900 — 'Cats 12, Griz 11**  
A missed extra point with five minutes to go is the difference.

**1901 — 'Cats 31, Griz 0**  
MSC takes lead in series for first time.

**1902 — 'Cats 38, Griz 0**  
Will Flaherty scores four TDs.

**1903 — 'Cats 13, Griz 6**  
MSC's win earns a tie with Montana School of Mines for state title.

**1904 — Griz 79, 'Cats 0**  
Emil Adams scores four TDs for Montana in remarkable scoring display before forward passes were allowed. Touchdowns still count for just five points and rules state teams that surrender touchdowns kick off. It's the final game between the schools until 1908; MSC plays four games in '05, but abolishes football before Griz game.

**1908 — 'Cats 0, Griz 0**  
**'Cats 5, Griz 0**  
MSC opens and ends season with games against Montana and rebounds with pair of shutouts after blowout loss.

**1909 — Griz 15, 'Cats 0**  
**Griz 3, 'Cats 0**  
Ed Winstanley kicks a field goal for only points in first game to help Griz earn sweep.

**1910 — Griz 0, 'Cats 0**  
**Griz 10, 'Cats 0**  
MSC's Donald Williams misses two field goal attempts in scoreless draw. Meeting in 1911 is called off after one of MSC's players dies.

**1912 — Griz 7, 'Cats 0**  
**Griz 39, 'Cats 3**  
Merritt Owsley's 190 rushing yards stand as a series high until MSU's Don Hass ran for 209 in '67.

**1913 — Griz 7, 'Cats 0**  
**Griz 20, 'Cats 0**  
Winning continues as school renames itself the State University of Montana.

**1914 — Griz 29, 'Cats 6**  
Bobcats score the only points

surrendered by Griz all season.

**1916 — 'Cats 6, Griz 6**  
Losing ways end as 'Cats score late to earn tie.

**1917 — Griz 9, 'Cats 7**  
MSC debuts in Rocky Mountain Conference, but Griz score late for win.

**1919 — 'Cats 6, Griz 6**  
**Griz 24, 'Cats 13**  
After WWI ends, teams play to a fourth tie.

**1920 — Griz 28, 'Cats 0**  
Bernie Bierman scores four touchdowns in the first game played at Dornblaser Field in front of 3,000 fans.

**1921 — Griz 14, 'Cats 7**  
Grizzlies end MSC's five-year unbeaten streak at Gatton Field.

**1922 — Griz 7, 'Cats 6**  
Montana wins on final play, but not without controversy. According to MSC coach Ott Romney, time had expired before Montana scored a touchdown. Each school had a timekeeper. UM's official timekeeper said five seconds remained; MSC's said the final play started 30 seconds too late. The referee ruled that since the gun had not been fired, the touchdown — and ensuing extra point — would stand. Romney says afterward: "In the eyes of God and in 60 minutes of play, we won that game."

**1923 — Griz 24, 'Cats 13**  
MSC scores in double figures for the first time since 1919 and finish 5-4, but Grizzlies win.

**1925 — Griz 29, 'Cats 7**  
"Wild" Bill Kelly scores four times and runs for 211 yards for the Grizzlies, who recently joined the Pacific Coast Conference.

**1926 — Griz 27, 'Cats 0**  
Kelly reaches end zone three more times; Griz begin run in Butte. Kelly returned a punt for a touchdown and kicked three extra points.

**1927 — Griz 6, 'Cats 0**  
Ott Romney's final game as MSC coach. Clarence Coyle's touchdown reception is the game's only score.

**1928 — 'Cats 0, Griz 0**  
First scoreless tie since 1910 as 8,000 fans attend. 'Cats haven't defeated Griz in 20 years.

**1929 — 'Cats 14, Griz 12**  
Twenty years of losses end when Montana's final drive falls short at the Bobcat 5-yard line. Ivar Twilde and Gus Wylie combine for 71 rushing yards for MSC. Max Worthington scores both of the Bobcats' touchdowns.

**1930 — Griz 13, 'Cats 6**  
Harlem's Waldo Ekegren scores twice during the first half to give Montana win.

**1931 — Griz 37, 'Cats 6**  
Lowell Dailey scores four TDs.

**1932 — 'Cats 19, Griz 7**  
Louis Edwards scores the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter and Ray Buzzetti scores twice.

**1933 — Griz 32, 'Cats 0**  
The Griz score four touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The 'Cats don't score again in the series until 1941.

**1934 — Griz 25, 'Cats 0**  
Quarterback Hank Blastic scores two TDs. Griz also win cross-country race held at halftime.

**1935 — Griz 20, 'Cats 0**  
Blastic reaches the end zone once and passes for another score.

**1936 — Griz 27, 'Cats 0**  
Two touchdowns from Milt Popovich on punt returns hand Griz another win.

**1937 — Griz 19, 'Cats 0**  
Montana stays undefeated on season behind another two TDs from Popovich. Paul Szakash kicks two field goals and intercepts a pass.

**1938 — Griz 13, 'Cats 0**  
Two Anaconda natives, Bill Lazetich and Fred Jenkin, score for the Griz.

**1939 — Griz 6, 'Cats 0**  
A record 8,500 show up at Butte High to see Montana hold the 'Cats to 47 total yards. Evan Roberts scores lone TD. Roger Lundberg intercepts a pass and recovers a fumble.

**1940 — Griz 6, 'Cats 0**  
Griz enter game being shut out in five of previous seven games during season, but blank Bobcats again. Jack Swarthout is ejected for throwing a punch. Don Bryan notches lone touchdown.



**DeNarius McGhee**  
Montana State  
quarterback



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**1941 — Griz 23, 'Cats 13**

Bobcats break through with first points since '32 and lead 13-0 at one point. 'Cats break long scoring drought vs. Griz when quarterback Jinx Anderson laterals to Bill Zupan, who passes to Anderson for a 40-yard touchdown. Jim Peterson later snatches the ball from Montana QB Eso Naranche's hand and runs 60 yards for a touchdown. Naranche scores two times for Griz. Six weeks later, Japan attacks Pearl Harbor and the teams don't play again until '46.

**1946 — Griz 20, 'Cats 7**

After a war which took the lives over several players on both sides, Montana wins 10th straight in the series as 10,000 fans watch at Butte High. Bill Reynolds scores twice for Griz and 'Cats are picked off four times. Future MSU athletic director Gene Bourdet throws a 33-yard touchdown pass for 'Cats' only score. Bobcats play later that season in Harbour Bowl.

**1947 — 'Cats 13, Griz 12**

Former Grizzly halfback Barney Berger kicks decisive extra point and the 'Cats end another long losing streak in the series' 50th anniversary. Buck Preuninger misses his first two PATs of the season for Montana. Harry Perrigo and John Heine reach end zone for Montana State.

**1948 — Griz 14, 'Cats 0**

Another streak begins for the Grizzlies; John Holding runs and throws for touchdowns in front of 10,000 at Butte High.

**1949 — Griz 34, 'Cats 12**

The teams play at new Naranche Field in Butte, but the result is the same. 'Cats pile up 180 rushing yards, but Ray Bauer catches two touchdown passes for Griz. Adam Marshall scores twice for Montana State.

**1950 — Griz 33, 'Cats 0**

The Butte years mercifully come to an end for 'Cats, who lose 18 of the 22 games played in the Mining City. Griz score 27 first-half points on Halloween behind Tom Kingsford's 265 passing yards.

**1951 — Griz 38, 'Cats 0**

First game in Bozeman in 28 years goes to the Griz as rain pummels Gatton Field. Griz score three first-quarter touchdowns as 'Cats finish season winless.

**1952 — Griz 35, 'Cats 12**

Montana intercepts five passes and rushes for 378 yards. Montana State quarterback Jack Moore throws two touchdowns passes.

**1953 — Griz 32, 'Cats 13**

Montana State leads 13-0 but Griz storm back by running an NCAA record 112 plays. 'Cats rush for 203 yards. Future MSU coach and athletic director Tom Parac scores on of two touchdowns for Bobcats.

**1954 — Griz 25, 'Cats 21**

'Cats enter game unbeaten and hold Griz under 30 points for the first time since '48, but Montana scores on its first play from scrimmage when Mundo Campbell reaches the end zone on a 61-yard run. Bobcats lead 14-6 on Frank Landon's TD reception before Griz quickly score twice before halftime.

**1955 — Griz 19, 'Cats 0**

Bobcats complete just two passes in the mud in Bozeman and Griz quarterback Norman Kampschror tosses a pair of touchdowns.

**1956 — 'Cats 33, Griz 14**

The tide begins to turn in Montana State's favor. After winning just five times over the previous 52 years against the Griz, Bobcats begin string in which they'll take 22 of the next 30 meetings. Don Edwards runs in scores of 7 and 1 yards in Missoula and Ron Warzeka recovers a late fumble for MSU, which goes on to win national title in Sonny Holland's first season as a player.

**1957 — 'Cats 22, Griz 13**

Bobcats win successive meetings for the first time since 1902-03 behind TDs from Bob Rudio and Rocco Perciavalle.

**1958 — 'Cats 20, Griz 6**

Griz finish season 0-10 as Perciavalle piles up 130 yards and picks off a pass for Bobcats. Jim McLeod also reaches end zone for MSU. Bobcat fans tear down goal posts at Dornblaser Field and fights break out after game.

**1959 — 'Cats 40, Griz 6**

Bobcats total 313 yards on the ground and Griz manage just 15 rushing yards. Perciavalle and McLeod score again for MSU. McLeod returns an interception 86 yards for a 14-0 lead at the half. It was the Bobcats' longest such pick return in history until McLeod's son, Mike, breaks it two decades later.

**1960 — Griz 10, 'Cats 6**

Montana snaps a four-game skein to Montana State with two first-half scores. Griz throw just five passes and use a 99-yard scoring drive that was started when Bob

O'Billovich intercepts pass on 1-yard line. 'Cat QB Harry Lopsonzski passes to Bert Emery for team's only points.

**1961 — 'Cats 10, Griz 9**

Griz lead 9-0 in fourth quarter before 'Cats come back. Phil Schneider's field goal starts rally for Montana State. Bill Mulcahy recovers a fumble and later passes to Bill Cords for the tying score with 4:50 to play.

**1962 — Griz 36, 'Cats 19**

Terry Dillon, whose No. 22 is the first to be retired by UM, scores three touchdowns to wipe out a 13-0 deficit. Bucky May hits the end zone twice for Bobcats, the second on an interception return for a 19-14 halftime lead.

**1963 — 'Cats 18, Griz 3**

It's the first Big Sky Conference meeting between the two teams. Dan Sundling rushes for 144 yards on 20 carries to hand Griz eighth consecutive loss of season. Ken Christison scores twice for 'Cats.

**1964 — 'Cats 30, Griz 6**

QB Foy McClung scores a touchdown, kicks a field goal and adds three extra points in relief effort of starter Ray Foley. Bobcats go on to win Camelia Bowl over Sacramento State.

**1965 — 'Cats 24, Griz 7**

MSU kicker Jan Stenerud of Norway kicks a 59-yard field goal to open the scoring and later just misses from 67. Don Hass rushes for 129 yards and Jim Tuss returns a punt 80 yards for a touchdown.

**1966 — 'Cats 38, Griz 0**

Grizzlies shut out for first time since '28 and MSU earns first shutout win over UM since '08. The Bobcats are ranked third in the nation and are headed to the Camelia Bowl once again. Six different players score as QB Dennis Erickson pilots the victory. Hass runs for 141 yards and Gary Popiel takes a punt back 74 yards for a TD.

**1967 — 'Cats 14, Griz 8**

A goal-line stand at the 1-yard line helps the Bobcats to their fifth consecutive win in the series. Hass goes for 209 rushing yards and a touchdown. Bob Beers is in on 27 tackles for the Grizzlies.

**1968 — 'Cats 29, Griz 24**

Bobcats score 20 points in the

final nine minutes and win when Paul Schafer scores with 12 seconds left. Schafer carries the ball 58 times, including the last six plays of the winning 67-yard drive. Brothers Doug (Griz) and Ron ('Cats) Bain catch touchdown passes in the fourth quarter. Schafer piles up 234 rushing yards to help MSU back from a 24-9 fourth-quarter hole.

**1969 — Griz 7, 'Cats 6**

Grizzlies win Big Sky when MSU's Frank Kalfoss misses a 42-yard field goal attempt with 25 seconds left. 'Cats have chance to go ahead early in the fourth quarter, but Gary Hughes fumbles at the 2-yard line and the ball goes out of the end zone, handing the ball back to the Griz.

**1970 — Griz 35, 'Cats 0**

Montana leads just 7-0 at the half but pile it on thereafter to win its 19th consecutive regular season game. Griz go 10-0 for regular season, then lose in Camelia Bowl. MSU gains just four first downs.

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**1971 — Griz 30, 'Cats 0**

In the final 'Cat-Griz game at Gatton Field, UM totals 420 rushing yards. Steve Caputo becomes Montana's first 1,000-yard rusher with 108 yards. It could have been more lopsided if not for Monte Boston's interception in the end zone for the Bobcats. Sonny Holland falls to UM in his first year as coach, but doesn't lose to them again.

**1972 — 'Cats 21, Griz 3**

Sam McCullum, a future NFL player, catches a pair of touchdown passes from Zoonie McLean. Bill Kollar keys the defense, which allows just Bob Turnquist's 42-yard field goal in the second quarter.

**1973 — 'Cats 33, Griz 7**

The Bobcats play Griz at Sales Stadium for the first time as more than 12,000 attend and see the home team score 20 points in the final quarter. Reserve QB Mike Holder replaces injured Mike Dunbar and runs for 144 yards. The 'Cats score on their first play of the game when Dunbar throws 76-yard pass to Don Bagley. Pat Bolton breaks Jan Stenerud's record for points in a season.

**1974 — 'Cats 43, Griz 29**

Steve Kracher runs for 163 yards as Bobcats set a record for points in the series. MSU has 387 rushing yards. Greg Anderson of the Griz returns a punt 72 yards and the second-half kickoff 95 yards, both for touchdowns.

**1975 — 'Cats 20, Griz 3**

Kracher runs for 165 yards in the 75th meeting. Holder throws two second-half touchdowns in front of 14,223 fans in Bozeman, the largest crowd to attend a sporting event in Montana.

**1976 — 'Cats 21, Griz 12**

Paul Dennehy, who sat out most of the first half, throws a touchdown pass in the third quarter to give the Bobcats a 7-6 lead. Dennehy also rushes in for two scores as the 'Cats are on their way to the Division II national championship.

**1977 — 'Cats 24, Griz 19**

Sonny Holland finishes 6-1 against the Griz as a coach after going 4-0 as a player. MSU leads 17-0 on a Delmar Jones touchdown early in the fourth quarter. The Griz go ahead with three touchdowns before Ron Muri's interception sets up Dennehy's winning score. Jones gains 187 yards on the ground.

**1978 — Griz 24, 'Cats 8**

Montana wins its first home game of season, defeating a Bobcat team that is ranked No. 4 in the country. In Sonny Lubick's first appearance in the series, MSU scores only on Scott Hoard's TD in the third quarter.

**1979 — 'Cats 38, Griz 21**

Missoula's Mike Doerfler runs for 167 yards and three touchdowns for 'Cats, who win Big Sky title. Stu Dodds recovers a fumble to set up a TD and later intercepts a pass that leads to MSU's final score.

**1980 — 'Cats 24, Griz 7**

Tony Boddie runs for 134 yards and two touchdowns for a 17-0 lead. Britt Freeman also reaches end zone on long pass from Barry Sullivan.

**1981 — Griz 27, 'Cats 17**

Boddie's touchdown hands Bobcats the lead early in the first Halloween meeting since '13. Mike Hagen, however, scores three TDs later in first half to put Montana ahead for good.

**1982 — Griz 45, 'Cats 14**

Marty Mornhinweg tosses four touchdown passes for UM, which piles up 527 yards. Si Timberman and Dale Halgren score for MSU.

**1983 — 'Cats 28, Griz 8**

MSU's only win of season comes against the Griz. Tyler Winter recovers a blocked punt in end zone for Bobcats, who enter game with an 0-8 record. More than 15,000 watch at Sales Stadium as 'Cat coach Dave Arnold lights victory cigar, the first he's smoked since he daughter was born eight years ago.

"I got sick then," he says. "I'll probably get sick this time too. But I really don't care."

**1984 — 'Cats 34, Griz 24**

En route to a national championship, which comes five weeks later, Bobcats trail 24-12 at halftime in Missoula. David Pandt, however, rushes for 118 of his 140 yards in the second half and a Mark Fellows-led defense blanks the Griz after the intermission. Fellows has three sacks and an interception and Joe Bignell makes school-record 13 receptions.

**1985 — 'Cats 41, Griz 18**

MSU enters on five-game losing streak, including a 50-9 loss at Idaho State the prior week, but Jesse Jones runs for 136 yards. Bobcats finish 2-9. "The Streak" begins the following year.

**1986 — Griz 59, 'Cats 28**

With new coach Don Read, Griz open Washington-Grizzly Stadium and roll to 31-0 halftime lead. Shaun Shahan replaces Kelly Bradley at quarterback and throws touchdowns passes to Pat Bergman and Kelly Davis in final quarter. 'Cats don't beat Griz again until 2002.

**1987 — Griz 55, 'Cats 7**

UM blocks four punts, a Division I-AA record, key Griz victory in front of record crowd of 17,027 at Sales Stadium. Bobcats cross midfield just once in first half. John Tetreault's 41-yard run is MSU's only score.

**1988 — Griz 17, 'Cats 3**

Tim Hauck blocks his fourth punt of the season and Dwayne Hans picks it up and runs for a touchdown. 'Cats manage just 81 yards. Anders Larsson's field goal represents only points for MSU.

**1989 — Griz 17, 'Cats 2**

On a day that includes thunder, lightning, wind and hail, Bobcats lead 2-0 heading into final quarter. UM quarterback Grady Bennett, a former Bobcat, scores the go-ahead touchdown.

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### 1990 — Griz 35, 'Cats 18

Bobcats score first touchdowns since '87 as Si Ryan ties game late in first half. Kevin Morris' interception return for a touchdown highlights second half for Griz.

### 1991 — Griz 16, 'Cats 9

Bobcats have chance to tie game late in first half, but an extra-point attempt is blocked by Chuck Mason. 'Cats drive to UM 6 in third quarterback, but throw an interception.

### 1992 — Griz 29, 'Cats 17

Griz lead 22-0 in first quarter behind Brad Lebo, who connects on 13 of his first 14 passes. Bozeman's Chad Mayer, a freshman, leads MSU on two scoring drives in final quarter. Lebo finishes with 410 passing yards.

### 1993 — Griz 42, 'Cats 30

Dave Dickenson throws three TD passes and runs for a fourth. UM leads 28-3 in second quarter, but an 88-yard kickoff return by Sean Hill helps make it 35-24 in third.

### 1994 — Griz 55, 'Cats 20

Dickenson has ankle injury so Grizzlies turn to Bert Wilberger, who throws for 386 yards and three scores. Wilberger also rushes for two touchdowns on a day UM totals 613 yards. Eric Hopkins has 149 receiving yards and a TD for 'Cats.

### 1995 — Griz 42, 'Cats 33

Grizzlies later win first national title, but trail 25-20 in fourth quarter. Dickenson throws three late touchdown passes, including one to Mike Erhardt for a 42-25 lead. Rob Compson responds with a TD pass, but is intercepted with 3:19 left.

### 1996 — Griz 35, 'Cats 14

UM reaches 11-0 for the first time behind Joe Douglass, who has 205 receiving yards. Griz record nine sacks.

### 1997 — Griz 27, 'Cats 25

The streak hits 12 in stunning fashion. Eric Kinnaman scores go-ahead touchdown for Bobcats with 22 seconds to go, but comes up short on 2-point conversion try. The ensuing kickoff goes out of bounds, setting up the Griz at their own 35. Brian Ah Yat hooks up with Justin Olsen at the Bobcat 19. After three timeouts with four seconds left, Kris Heppner takes the field and kicks a 37-yard field goal as time expires to break MSU's heart in Bozeman.

### 1998 — Griz 28, 'Cats 21

Ah Yat throws to Dallas Neil for winning score. Ah Yat throws four scoring passes.



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The Bobcats celebrate their 21-16 over Montana by parading The Great Divide Trophy around the Washington-Grizzly Stadium in 2010.

### 1999 — Griz 49, 'Cats 3

Drew Miller throws for 305 yards and four touchdowns. It's the last game for head coaches Cliff Hysell (Bobcats) and Mick Dennehy (Griz) and one of the series' most lopsided. Yohance Humphery sets UM season record for rushing and Jeremy Watkins goes over 1,000-yard mark for receiving.

### 2000 — Griz 28, 'Cats 3

In the 100th edition, John Edwards hits Jimmy Farris for a 91-yard touchdown, the longest in the series. Nate Cook's field goal is only scoring for 'Cats, who finish winless in Mike Kramer's first season as head coach.

### 2001 — Griz 38, 'Cats 27

Ryan Johnson gives MSU early leads of 7-0 and 14-7 with touchdown runs of 3 and 6 yards. Nate Cook ties it at 17 with a field goal, but Humphery throws a pair of scoring passes in the third quarter for a 31-17 advantage. 'Cats get within a touchdown when Tyler Thomas hits Aaron Ware for a TD on fourth and goal. It's 31-27 after another Cook field goal, but Griz QB John Edwards seals UM with on a bootleg.

### 2002 — 'Cats 10, Griz 7

Travis Lulay, who was 2 years old the last time the 'Cats beat the Griz, helps Bobcats finally snap "The Streak" at 16 games. The true freshman's 53-yard scoring pass to Junior Adams lifts MSU to 10-0 lead in third quarter on cold, windy day in Missoula. UM cuts lead to three points in fourth but can't get past midfield the rest of the game. Bob-

cat safety Kane Ioane is more than relieved: "Just being able to go home now and not have to listen to everybody saying, 'when are you going to beat the Griz?' It's a huge monkey off our backs."

### 2003 — 'Cats 27, Griz 20

Corey Smith returns opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown as Bobcats win again, this time in Bozeman. Kenneth Qualls picks off Griz QB Craig Ochs and returns it 54 yards for a 13-10 lead at the half. MSU clinches win when Adam Cordeiro and Clive Lowe sack Ochs on fourth down with 2:09 left.

### 2004 — Griz 38, 'Cats 22

Lulay throws touchdown pass, while in punt formation, to Rick Gatewood to make it 7-7, but Jefferson Heidelberger's 131 receiving yards and two touchdowns lead Griz. Gatewood sets series record with 235 receiving yards.

### 2005 — 'Cats 16, Griz 6

Lulay cements legacy with his third win over Grizzlies in four years and Evin Groves runs for 143 yards. Jeff Hastings kicks three field goals as MSU reaches red zone four times in first half, but only manages 16 points. At final whistle, fans storm muddy Bobcat Stadium field and tear down goal posts, the last time that tradition is carried out; school installs collapsible uprights the following year.

### 2006 — Griz 13, 'Cats 7

In one of the most physical games in series

history, MSU receiver Michael Jefferson has his helmet knocked off after hit in middle of the field. 'Cats nearly pull off comeback when Andre Fuller picks off Josh Swogger at UM 40 with four minutes to go, but drive ends on downs at 25. Bobcats surprisingly make playoffs with 7-4 record and host first postseason game in 22 years, where they defeat Furman 31-13.

### 2007 — Griz 41, 'Cats 20

In MSU coach Rob Ash's first game vs. Grizzlies, UM finishes 11-0 season behind Lex Hilliard's 181 yards and three touchdowns. Demetrius Crawford rushes for 115 yards and two scores and Jack Rolovich amasses 240 yards through the air.

### 2008 — Griz 35, 'Cats 3

UM ignites crowd by taking field with yellow helmets for the first time since 1995 and use five MSU turnovers. Crawford breaks off 84-yard run on second play of game, but 'Cats are held on downs. Griz take lead for good when Marc Mariani returns punt 75 yards for a score.

### 2009 — Griz 33, 'Cats 19

Each team scores a safety and Griz finish 11-0 again. UM leads 9-5 at halftime, then scores quickly to make it 26-5. Joe Schreiber scores first collegiate touchdown for Bobcats.

### 2010 — 'Cats 21, Griz 16

Orenzo Davis runs for 140 yards and the Grizzlies fumble twice inside MSU's 5-yard line in the second half as the Bobcats win at Washington-Grizzly Stadium for just the second time. Just two points are scored in the second half as wind and snow pound the field. The Bobcats wanted to wear gold jerseys, but UM said no. After Michael Rider's game-clinching interception, the uniforms came out as MSU celebrated winning the Big Sky title. "Gold is for champions," head coach Rob Ash says.

### 2011 — Griz 36, 'Cats 10

Both teams entered the game ranked in the national polls — the 'Cats No. 1, and the Griz No. 7 — but the University of Montana running game dominated. Peter Nguyen rushed for 123 yards and a touchdown and Dan Moore added 116 yards and another score. Averaging more than 36 points a game, the 'Cats sported the country's top-rated offense entering the game, but manged just a season-low 250 total yards. Both teams qualified for the national playoffs, with the Grizzlies reaching the semi-finals and the 'Cats getting as far as the quarterfinal round.



Montana State Bobcats, from left, Kruiz Siewing, Rick Haluszka, Heath Howard, Chase Young and Kazz Siewing pose for a portrait at Bobcat Stadium in Bozeman on Oct. 25.

ADRIAN SANCHEZ-GONZALEZ/CHRONICLE

STORY BY CHRONICLE STAFF

# BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY

## Small-town Montana stars make it as Bobcats

**I**magine changing the alliance of an entire community.

It may seem like a fairytale, but in rural Montana where college football borders on a way of life for some, Montana State seniors Kazz and Kruiz Siewing turned the tables.

Five years ago, the identical twins came from their family's ranch 13 miles outside the tiny northeastern

Montana town of Saco and walked on the MSU football team. With one singular action, the twins shifted the community of roughly 225 people from Griz Nation fanatics to loyal patrons of the blue and gold.

"Honestly, Northeast Montana was almost all Griz, but Kruiz and I have really changed our community," Kazz said. "Saco went from a Griz town to a Bobcat town. That's something we are proud of."

Saco High School was so sparsely populated that the Siewings had to drive 26 miles each fall afternoon as teenagers to play Class B football in Malta. When the twins arrived in Bozeman as walk-ons — Kazz plays cornerback, KruiZ plays wide receiver — for a moment they were blinded by what seemed like the lights of a big city.

“Most of the guys on this team think Bozeman is a downgrade coming from bigger cities, but when I first got here, Bozeman was like New York City to me,” Kazz said. “We were used to knowing everyone in your town.”

“Coming from a small town like Saco — I graduated with eight people in my class — coming here to Bozeman, it is a big city feel even if for most people it’s a small town feel,” KruiZ added. “I think Bozeman is perfect size wise.”

Coming from a one-horse town to a football program that is averaging 18,833 fans per game this season may seem like a unique story. Yet on a football team at a

school with a strong agriculture program like Montana State located in one of America’s most rural regions, the transition has been a reality for a handful of MSU seniors.

Of the Bobcats’ 17 seniors, five hail from suburbs of metropolitan areas like Dallas, Denver and Phoenix. Five others, including the Siewings, were walk-ons from small Treasure State communities with less than 2,000 residents.

Saco is the smallest native town of any Bobcat senior, but not by much. Wide receiver Chase Young came to MSU by way of Montana State-Northern in Havre. But

he grew up in the west-central farming community of Augusta (pop. 284). Tight end/place holder Rick Haluszka walked on to the ‘Cats after a standout prep career in the highline town of Harlem (pop. 848). Safety Heath Howard is from the comparatively booming northeastern town of Plenytwood (pop. 1,734).

“It was a big adjustment in a lot of ways. You go from

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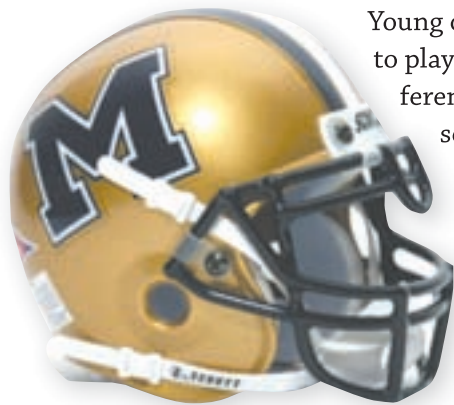
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Class B in a small town to this,” Howard said as he stood and gazed upon Bobcat Stadium in late October. “It took some getting used to. I miss the atmosphere of a small town sometimes.”

“Going from a town of 300 people to a town of 9,000 people (Havre) to coming to Bozeman, one of my first kind of culture shocks, on the first day of spring, there’s a bunch of girls on the front lawn outside a building playing with hula hoops, wearing skirts,” Young said. “I was thinking ‘man, I’ve never seen this stuff before.’”

Howard, Haluszka and the Siewings all played in the Class B ranks, meaning they played 11-man football. Young had to start from scratch when it came to playing by traditional football rules. Augusta plays 6-man Class C football.



Young originally committed to play in the Frontier Conference at Northern. After seeing playing time as a true freshman wide receiver for the Lights, Young decided to give Big Sky Conference competition a shot. Four and a half years later, he is teammates with his brother, Rhett,

a third-year sophomore linebacker, and a contributor on the No. 3 FCS team in the country.

Young starts on various MSU special teams and in MSU’s late October 55-10 drubbing of North Dakota, Young hauled in his first career reception.

“I had a goal to play and to be able to contribute to this,” Young said. “I walked on, I could have gotten cut, so I feel extremely blessed that things have worked out and I’ve gotten to play as much as I have. Being a Christian, I held it up with an open hand and trusted the Lord. Football, I could have been cut easily so it was a step of faith. It’s been an incredible experience.”

“I said to (wide receivers) Coach (Brian) Von Bergen the other day that Chase was really looking good and he really deserved a chance,” MSU head coach Rob Ash said following the UND win. “He never says a word, he’s a senior, he plays hard. It was cool to get a couple of passes out his way and to see him get that catch was fun. He deserves it.”

As a high school senior, Haluszka was one of the top prep quarterbacks in the state. The first-team All-State pick was named to the Great Falls Tribune Super State team and was the MVP of the Montana East-West

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Shrine Bowl before coming to Bozeman.

“You go from being on the field every single play to redshirting and trying to figure things out,” Haluszka said. “Going to playing every down to playing one specific position was a big change.”

Haluszka’s family owns a plumbing and heating business — “It’s mostly the heat you need up in Harlem,” Haluszka joked — and Howard’s family also runs a few small businesses while his dad is the county attorney.

Young and the Siewings grew up learning how to live off the land. For the past four generations, Young’s family has had a cow-calf operation and a farm that yields alfalfa and barley. The agricultural business major is minoring in animal science in hopes of returning to his ranching roots some day.

“Being a small town, a close-knit community, looking back was awesome,” Young said. “Augusta, where it is, I love it because I love hunting

and I love fishing. And growing up on a ranch, working from a young age, I don’t know anything different, but I won’t have it any other way.”

The Siewings have a few cattle, but their cash crop is spring wheat and has been since their grandfather started the operation decades ago.

“Ranch life, it’s rather challenging,” Kazz said. “You learn a lot of responsibly growing up and you have to put a hand in work at a young age. Driving a truck when you’re a kid. But you grow up fast and you learn a lot of life lessons quick.”

Haluszka is a key cog on MSU’s kick teams, spending the previous three seasons working with record-setting kicker Jason Cunningham and this season helping Rory Perez work into the fold. Howard is a crucial contributor on special teams and a backup at safety, as is Kazz Siewing at cornerback. Young and Kruiz are both a major part of the rotation at wide receiver.

“As the recruiting coordina-

tor, it’s fun to see guys where I kind of think ‘where did that guy come from?’” said MSU recruiting coordinator Bo Beck. “These small-town guys, they are tough kids, tough ranch kids that we’ve pulled off of ranches in Montana. They have a work ethic where they are willing to sit down and learn, then work to make it happen on the field.”

All five small-town Montana State seniors said they had reservations when they first arrived in Bozeman, but all five say now that the journey has been one filled with reward.

“I remember my first day of practice as a freshman. I was a tackling dummy for (All-America linebacker) Bobby Daly,” Kazz laughed. “I had a bruise for a couple of weeks on my shoulder. It was an awakening moment right there. Welcome to Big Sky football, kid. I’m happy with it; I’m just happy to be on the team. Not very many people get to say they get to be a Bobcat.”



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91 yards John Edwards to Jimmy Farris · UM 2000  
 86 yards Shaun Shahan to Pet Bergman · MSU 1986  
 76 yards Mike Dunbar to Don Bagley · MSU 1973  
 75 yards Rock Svenngesen to Del Spear · UM 1974  
 72 yards Brock Spencer to Eric Hopkins · MSU 1994

### Longest fumble return for touchdown

61 yards Jim Peterson MSU 1941  
 45 yards Ed Corbin UM 1903  
 23 yards Dwayne Hans UM 1988  
 16 yards Jules Benton MSU 1923  
 12 yards Jacob Yoro UM 1999

### Longest punt return for touchdown

80 yards Jim Tuss MSU 1965  
 75 yards Marc Mariani UM 2008  
 74 yards Gary Popiel MSU 1966  
 72 yards Greg Anderson UM 1974  
 60 yards Milt Popovich UM 1936

### Longest kickoff return for touchdown

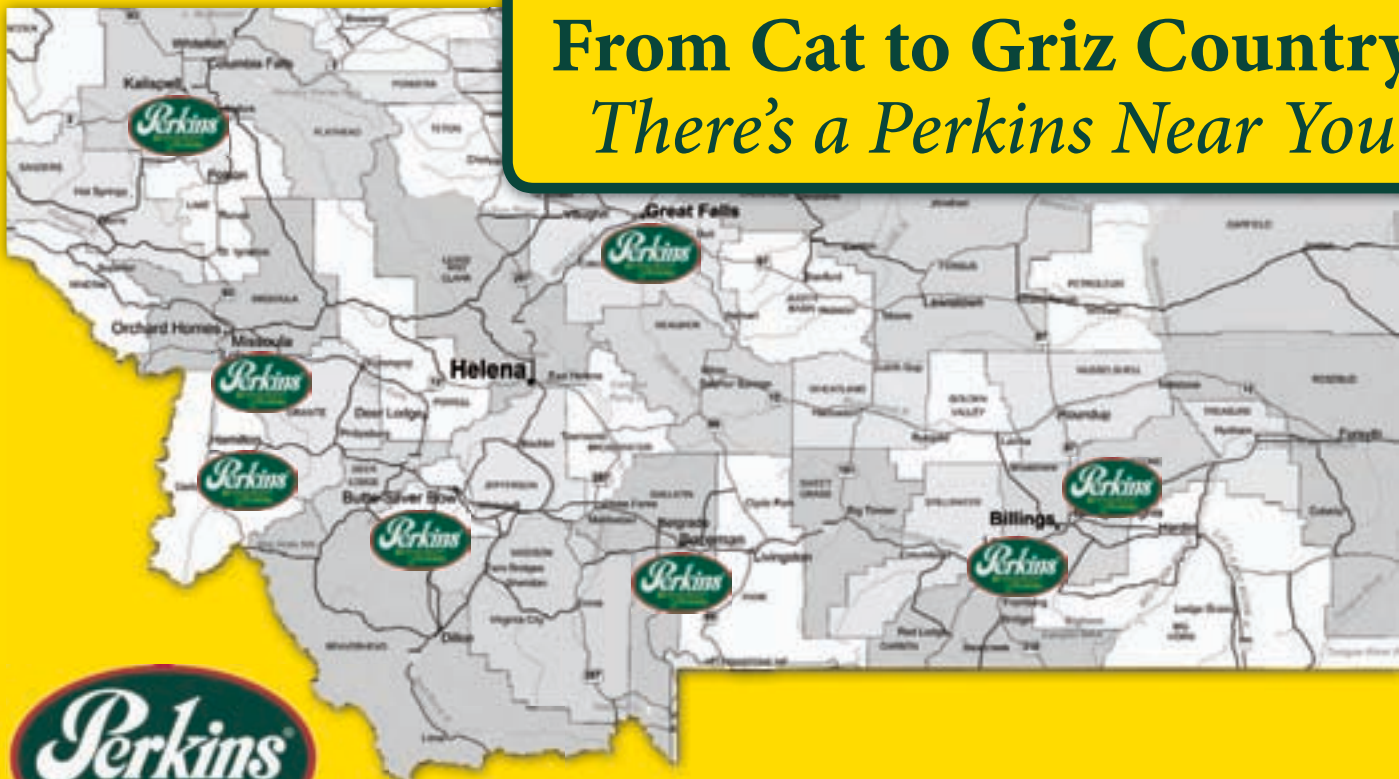
94 yards Greg Anderson UM 1974  
 90 yards Russ Dodge MSU 1966  
 90 yards Corey Smith MSU 2003  
 88 yards Sean Hill MSU 1993  
 80 yards Robie Holmes UM 1904  
 49 yards Alex Hunter UM 1986

### RUSHING

#### Attempts, game

58 Paul Schafer MSU 1968  
 42 Don Hass MSU 1967  
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 35 Evin Groves MSU 2005  
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**Attempts, career**

96	Ron Hass MSU 1965-67
89	Lex Hilliard UM 2003-07
79	Yohance Humphery 1999-01
65	Milt Popovich UM 1935-37
63	Ryan Johnson MSU 2001-02

**Yards, career**

609	Don Hass MSU 1965-67
471	Lex Hilliard UM 2003-07
333	Yohance Humphery UM 1999-01
328	Steve Kracher MSU 1974-75
288	Milt Popovich UM 1935-37

**PASSING****Touchdowns, game**

4	Marty Mornhinweg UM 1982
4	Scott Werbelow UM 1987
4	Dave Dickenson UM 1995
4	Brian Ah Yat UM 1998
4	Drew Miller UM 1999

**Yards, game**

410	Brad Lebo UM 1992
398	Grady Bennett UM 1990
395	Dave Dickenson UM 1993
386	Travis Lulay MSU 2004
386	Bert Wilberger UM 1994

**Yards, career**

999	Brian Ah Yat UM 1996-98
779	Dave Dickenson UM 1992-95
739	Rob Compson MSU 1995-98
721	Travis Lulay MSU 2003-05
661	Kelly Bradley MSU 1984-86

**Attempts, game**

56	Brad Lebo UM 1992
56	Travis Lulay MSU 2004
50	Brad Lebo UM 1991
50	Brian Ah Yat UM 1996
49	Brian Ah Yat UM 1998

**Completions, game**

36	Brian Ah Yat UM 1996
35	Brad Lebo UM 35
32	Dave Dickenson UM 1995
29	Kelly Bradley MSU 1984
29	Brian Ah Yat UM 1997

**Completions, career**

91	Brian Ah Yat UM 1996-98
63	Rob Compson MSU 1995-98
63	Travis Lulay MSU 2002-05
60	Brad Lebo UM 1991-92
58	Marty Mornhinweg UM 1980-84



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**Touchdowns, career**

9	Brian Ah Yat UM 1996-98
8	Dave Dickenson UM 1992-95
6	Marty Mornhinweg UM 1980-1984

**RECEIVING****Yards, game**

235	Rick Gatewood MSU 2004
205	Joe Douglass UM 1996
200	Joe Douglass UM 1995
194	Scott Gurnsey UM 1994
179	Joe Bignell MSU 1984

**Yards, career**

426	Scott Gurnsey UM 1991-94
405	Joe Douglass UM 1995-96
359	Brian Salonen UM 1980-83
277	Joe Bignell MSU 1981-84

**Receptions, game**

14	Joe Douglass UM 1996
13	Joe Bignell MSU 1984
13	Rick Gatewood MSU 2004
13	Joe Douglass UM 1995
12	Ron Bain MSU 1968

**Receptions, career**

27	Joe Douglass UM 1995-96
26	Brian Salonen UM 1980-83
24	Joe Bignell MSU 1981-84
20	Travis Walker UM 1996-99

**Touchdowns, career**

4	Scott Gurnsey UM 1991-94
3	Joe Douglass UM 1995-96
3	Jimmy Farris UM 1998 - 2000
3	Eric Allen UM 2006-07

**Total yards, game**

476	Grady Bennett UM 1990
453	Dave Dickenson UM 1993
419	Bert Wilberger UM 1994
412	Brad Lebo UM 1992
396	Dave Dickenson UM 1995

**Total yards, career**

925	Brian Ah Yat UM 1996-98
853	Dave Dickenson UM 1992-95
826	Travis Lulay MSU 2002-05
763	Rob Compson MSU 1995-98
758	Marty Mornhinweg UM 1980-1984

**SCORING****Touchdowns, game**

5	Will Flaherty MSU 1902
5	Merritt Owsley UM 1912
4	Emil Adams UM 1904
4	Bill Kelly UM 1925
4	Lowell Dailey UM 1931

**Touchdowns, career**

7	Merritt Owsley UM 1912-13
6	Bill Kelly UM 1925-26
5	Will Flaherty MSU 1902
5	Lex Hilliard UM 2003-07

**Longest field goal**

59 yards	Jan Stenerud MSU 1965
51 yards	Dan Carpenter UM 2007
49 yards	Ted McElhenney UM 1963
45 yards	Pat Bolton MSU 1973
44 yards	Bob Turnquist UM 1972
44 yards	Eby Dobson UM 1984

**Field goals, game**

4	Mark Carter MSU 1983
3	Pat Bolton MSU 1974
3	Jeff Hastings MSU 2005

**Field goals, career**

5	Pat Bolton MSU 1973-75
5	Kirk Duce UM 1989-91

**Team points, game**

79	UM 1904
59	UM 1986
55	UM 1987
49	UM 1999

**Touchdowns, game**

14	UM 1904
8	UM 1986
8	UM 1987

**Rushing yards, game**

561	UM 1904
458	UM 1941
425	UM 1920

**Passing yards, game**

481	UM 1986
410	UM 1992
398	UM 1990

**Total yards, game**

613	UM 1994
581	MSU 1984
577	UM 1990



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Then see if you can fight off the urge to dent that guy's temple when he tells you not to take it personally.

During the three years I covered 'Cat-Griz for the Chronicle, a lot of people told me the rivalry was so special because it's one of the oldest in college football. Others told me it's unique because in Montana, everybody knows everybody.

I even tried to trump up the rivalry in my resume by calling the Bobcats and Grizzlies the Alabama Crimson Tide and Auburn Tigers of the upper northwest.

That's all nice, but here's the truth: It's the pure hatred that sets this rivalry apart.

God love ya Bobcat fans. You sat by from 1986 to 2001 and watched your team get humiliated, losing 16 games



in a row to the Grizzlies.

You lost your coach and had your program probed by the NCAA because some former players got involved in one bad drug deal. This, of course, preceded the crime spree in Missoula so severe that it eventually ousted a university administration and resulted in an FBI investigation of an entire city.

And to top it off, your coaches bought some snazzy new jerseys to wear in Missoula in 2010, and the Grizzly powers that be told your team to shove them back into a bunch of duffle bags.

Hours after UM issued that petty demand, their Grizzlies were beaten by your Bobcats on their home field for the first time in 25 years.

Poetic justice, I thought. But I didn't have time to write it.

I was too busy running from the press box to the field, so I could get an up-close look at your Bobcats littering Washington-Grizzly Stadium with the jerseys UM wouldn't allow them to wear.

Journalistic integrity be damned, I wanted to grab one of those gold gar-

ments out of one of those oppressive duffle bags and throw it in a Grizzly's face.

And that's coming from a guy whose entire family is from Missoula.

Before my three years in Bozeman, I worked in Seattle. Over the past year and a half since I left your Treasured State, I made a stop in Los Angeles before ending up back in my hometown of Denver.

I was at Washington State for the Cougars' second win over Washington in 10 years. I covered USC-UCLA in the Coliseum and the Rose Bowl. I was part of a broadcast crew that followed three Air Force seniors for a week leading up to their historic battle against Navy.

It was all great, except for the lack of hate.

As a society, we're always striving to end hate. In the athletic realm, we should be clamoring for more of it.

There's an emotional ebb and flow that drives the games that are really worth watching. Without hate, there's no ebb to that flow.

What's the flow? That's been watching the end zone seating at Bobcat Stadium and the MSU's national rankings rise out of the hate of this great rivalry.

So Bobcat fans, the next time someone tells you, "Settle down. It's just a game." Tell them this: It's a hell of a lot more than that. It's 'Cat-Griz.

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