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*With professional approach to game,  
David Anderson is helping Carroll's  
defense turn season around*

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Carroll's David Anderson goes for a tackle in a game against Rocky Mountain College.

# Anderson helps bring back defense

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David Anderson insists his life is boring.

He is also modest.

Anderson is a part of a big turnaround for the Saints' defense this season. Early on in the season, the Saints gave up yards and touchdowns like they were hosting an estate sale each Saturday. Big plays came easier than the defense would like, discounting and masking anything the defense had done well. Last weekend, Carroll gave up three points and around 200 yards to an above-average team. The defensive revival led the way.

That, in part, is due to Anderson's approach to the game.

He budgets his day to maximize each minute. A typical Tuesday, for instance, begins with a 7 a.m. wakeup call followed by 50 minutes of lift-ing. Breakfast precedes class, which is followed by lunch. After that, he arrives early for meetings, tutoring younger players before team meetings begin. He'll watch film and then go to football practice for 2 hours and 45 minutes. After that, it's dinner and then time to do homework. His pre-med major requires 2-3 hours of homework most nights. By the time 10 o'clock

rolls around, he tries to unwind for 30 minutes and get ready to repeat the process the next day.

Each day begins with an itinerary and he sticks to it.

Saints coach Mike Van Diest takes notice of that approach, too. Van Diest doesn't like to call players overachievers because, in his eyes, it labels a person as reaching beyond their abilities. Instead, Van Diest sees Anderson as an achiever in the fullest sense of the word, a player that gets the most out of themselves in every endeavor.

"He gets every ounce out of his ability and his

competiveness and toughness," Van Diest said. "He gets every bit out of his day, whether it's studying, watching film or practicing. He's not going to waste a day. That's what I love about him."

Any college athlete can hardly afford to waste time.

A friend of Anderson calculated the number of hours a football player puts in each week, hoping to compare it with peers' full-time jobs. A modest calculation put the number between 32-34 hours of week.

"That didn't include travel or training room time,"

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# Anderson

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Anderson said.

It was his biggest challenge entering Carroll as an under-sized kid from Frenchtown: learning how to balance time and become a college football player. Over the course of his career at Carroll, bulking up from a 160-pound freshman to his current playing weight of 220 pounds, Anderson has taken pride in his approach to the classroom and football – even if that may appear boring to an outsider.

“A lot of people don’t understand how much work and effort, how much all the guys do,” Anderson said.

Now, at 6-foot, and 220 pounds, and as his teammates like to note, a fading hairline, Anderson is in the middle of the defense, sticking his nose in most plays. Van Diest looks at Anderson as one of the toughest linebackers and most passionate football players he’s coached. Anderson stacks up with the Owen Koeppen’s, Joe Horne’s and Brandon Days of yesterday. Van Diest wishes he could recruit players that show that same passion, looking at Anderson as the blueprint for what he’d want in any football player.

“He earned it and it wasn’t by default,” Van Diest of Anderson. “He earned his spot. He went there and earned it.”

Anderson chose Carroll College for a few reasons. It had one of the best pre-med programs and would help him become a doctor. He also felt personal connections to the people he met on his early recruiting trips. People took an interest in him as a recruit and helped him see Helena as a place he could spend five years in school.

Van Diest swears Anderson is tougher from his wrestling



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days in high school, and Anderson notes he was “definitely a football player who wrestled.” After 12 years in the sport, Anderson said the leverage he and fellow linebacker Reece Quade learned from wrestling is on display most plays on the football field.

“We can swim quickly and move our hips where it’s better,” Anderson said. “We’re used to contact and driving our feet. We’re used to making ugly things look prettier. It’s one of those things that doesn’t show up in the box score, but is important each play. You use a 300-pounder’s momentum against him.”

Anderson and the defense entered the season with high

expectations. The defense returned eight starters and many secondary guys who had a ton of snaps last season. The chemistry clicked immediately in the springtime, and allowed the linebackers to focus less on playcalls, assignment and alignment and more on specific opposing players’ tendencies.

Yet, even then, the Saints’ D struggled early. Part of that could have been the emotional loss of Beaug Meyer, who commanded a lot of the opposing offensive line’s attention. Part could have been complex schemes, which Van Diest said the team has dialed back. And the other part simply could have been the time the team

needed to grow together. It’s easy to expect a team, especially one with returning starters, to pick up right where it left off. But each season is unique, and each team begins anew.

New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick said as much earlier this season in a conference call with reporters. Belichick was asked how he balances weekly adjustments and the foundation and system the team installed early on. The notoriously short Belichick expanded in pithy fashion. Belichick, essentially said the team evolves through the practices throughout the season.

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# Anderson

## From 4

Thinking a team could pick up right where it left off after not practicing over summer months was incomprehensible.

Some of that logic can be applied to the Saints.

While Anderson and many others expected returning starters to play at a higher level early on, the Saints still had to put in the time to evolve.

Last week, the fruits of that labor flourished. The Saints held Rocky Mountain to three points and dominated a game from the defensive side of the ball.

"We're that good," Anderson said. "We got in our own way. We made little mistakes here and there and in the earlier games. Now we've been playing like we can and like we should. It's all falling into place. We have been playing with a lot more emotion and we are enjoying ourselves a lot more."

Van Diest has said as much, applauding his players for remaining resilient and sharp in practices. The emotion turn, however, came at Southern Oregon a few weeks ago. The Saints went into the locker room in Ashland trailing 35-0. An embarrassing loss and a season-threatening blow to the morale could come from such losses.

The Saints rallied.

"We were really disappointed in ourselves," Anderson said. "We kind of rallied together. We said this isn't how the game is going to go. We were going to win the second half. And we were going to do it series by series. We shut them out in the second half. We looked at each other and we thought we could do it to anybody."

Missed opportunities against College of Idaho



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Carroll's David Anderson budgets his day to maximize each minute.

derailed some of that momentum, as the Saints fell the next week 21-6. But, the defense tightened and held the Frontier's top offense, and one of the nation's best, to 23 points during a 23-10 loss. A week later, Tech would score 93 points against MSU-Northern.

Then, the Saints finally broke through with a win, 16-3 over Rocky.

Anderson played big roles in those games. Last week against Rocky, Anderson led the Saints with 11 tackles, and added a pass break up and a forced fumble. The week before that against Montana Tech, Anderson registered 10 tackles and a sack.

With Anderson and the defense making plays, Carroll's defense is back.



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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown / High school
1	Connor Fohn	WR	6-1	200	Jr	Salem, Ore. / South Salem
2	Ryan Beaulieu	DB	5-11	185	Jr	Las Vegas, Nev. / Palo Verde
3	TJ Abraham	WR	5-8	178	Fr	Powell, Wyo. / Powell
3	Major Ali	RB	5-7	200	Soph	Gig Harbor, Wash. / Peninsula
4	Isazah King	CB	6-1	190	Soph	Hidden Valley, Calif. / Lower Lake
5	Joe Farris	WR	6-1	190	Soph	Meridian, Idaho / Mountain View
6	Chandler Arbizzani	DB	6-1	190	Sr	Billings / Skyview
6	Brayden Frohlich	QB	6-7	240	Fr	Missoula / Hellgate
7	Brian FauntLeRoy	DB	6-1	195	RS-Fr	Whitefish / Whitefish
8	Conner Poulson	RB	6-1	240	Jr	Boise, Idaho / Capital
9	Colin Sassano	DB	6-0	180	Fr	Helena / Capital
10	Kolby Killoy	QB	6-1	190	RS-Fr	Pasco, Wash. / Pasco
11	Tony Madsen	DB	6-2	202	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
12	Tanner Gustavsen	QB	6-1	195	Sr	Boise, Idaho / Boise
12	Anthony Olmes	WR	5-11	175	Fr	Vallejo, Calif. / St. Patrick/St. Vincent
13	Cameron Hardt	DB	6-1	185	Fr	Cheney, Wash. / Cheney
13	Dylan Torgerson	P/K	6-2	200	Sr	Kalispell / Flathead
14	Troy Arntson	WR	5-8	170	Jr	Helena / Helena
15	Matt McHugh	QB	6-2	205	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
16	Ryan Arntson	RB	5-7	180	Fr	Helena / Helena
17	Reese Hiibel	QB/DB	6-1	175	RS-Fr	Afton, Wyo. / Star Valley
18	McBride Galt	DB	6-2	205	Jr	Helena / Helena
19	Xavier Pace	DB	5-9	175	Fr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
19	Paul Wilson	WR	5-11	175	Soph	Bonner / Hellgate
20	Griphen Le	RB	5-11	210	RS-Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Coeur D'Alene
21	Parker Bernhardt	LB	6-1	202	Soph	Billings / West
22	Henry Hill	RB	5-9	190	Jr	Glenwood Springs, Colo. / Glenwood Springs
23	Drew Melton	DB	6-0	190	Soph	Lewiston, Idaho / Lewiston
24	Thomas Trefney	RB	6-0	215	RS-Fr	Kalispell / Glacier
25	Matt Kvech	DB	6-1	190	Soph	Renton, Wash. / Eastside Catholic
26	Wesley Harshbarger	RB	6-1	205	Fr	Twin Bridges / Twin Bridges
26	Ryan Walsh	RB	6-1	195	Sr	Wilsonville, Ore. / Wilsonville
27	Parker Stenersen	DB	5-11	160	Soph	Idaho Falls, Idaho / Skyline
28	Kyle Kazmierski	DL	6-0	190	Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Lake City
28	Jack McIntyre	RB	5-8	182	RS-Fr	Buffalo, Wyo. / Buffalo
29	Cole Adams	DB	5-10	175	Jr	Glenwood Springs, Colo. / Glenwood Springs
30	Colbey Bruney	DB	6-1	180	Soph	Sheridan, Wyo. / Sheridan
30	Kyle Harrington	RB	6-0	215	RS-Fr	Butte / Butte Central
31	Chase Bowen	LB	6-2	225	Soph	Emmett, Idaho / New Plymouth
32	Beaugh Meyer	DT	6-2	275	Sr	Boise, Idaho / Capital
33	Tyler Matteucci	OLB	6-2	216	RS-Fr	East Helena / Helena
34	Tucker Johnson	DB	6-1	200	Sr	Billings / Junipero Serra
35	Erik Haun	LB	6-3	225	Fr	Boise, Idaho / Mountain View
36	Cole Greff	DE	6-4	260	Soph	Golden, Colo. / Golden
37	Derek David	RB	5-11	210	Soph	Idaho Falls, Idaho / Hillcrest
38	Stephen Lindsey	RB	5-9	195	RS-Fr	Columbia Falls / Columbia Falls
39	Craig Kein	LB	6-1	225	Soph	Burlington, Ill. / Burlington Central
40	Payton Sexe	LB	6-1	245	Soph	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
41	Zachary Hanser	DB	6-4	205	RS-Fr	Billings / Billings Central
42	Dylan Kresge	LB	6-1	225	Soph	Helena / Helena
43	Thomas Robitaille	LB	6-2	205	Fr	Casper, Wyo. / Natrona County
44	Reece Quade	LB	6-3	232	Jr	Billings / Skyview
45	Nate McGree	LB	6-2	205	Fr	Butte / Butte Central
46	Luke Gleasman	TE	6-4	250	RS-Fr	Chelan, Wash. / Chelan
47	Josh Kraft	K	5-11	170	Fr	Billings / Billings Central
48	Eric Dawson	TE	6-1	235	Jr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
49	David Anderson	LB	6-0	220	Sr	Frenchtown / Frenchtown
49	Ken Roth	OLB	6-0	195	Fr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
50	Archie Petritz	LB	6-1	200	Fr	Butte / Butte Central
51	Dylan Piva	LB	6-2	215	Soph	Rathdrum, Idaho / Lakeland

52	Alex Reid	DL	6-1	255	RS-Fr	Spokane, Wash. / Mead
53	Billy Lewis	DL	5-11	230	Fr	Larkspur, Calif. / Redwood
54	Michael Monaco	DL	6-2	250	Soph	Anaconda / Anaconda
56	David Barnett	OT	6-3	280	Sr	Hermiston, Ore. / Hermiston
57	David Petersen	DL	6-1	245	RS-Fr	Helena / Capital
58	Brandon Ahlgren	OL	6-4	265	Fr	Canby, Ore. / West Linn
59	Dustin McLean	OL	6-3	250	Fr	Lewiston, Idaho / Lewiston
61	Joel Kramer	C	6-0	280	Sr	Missoula / Hellgate
64	J.D Lyle	OL	6-3	270	Soph	Middleton, Idaho / Middleton
65	Tim Pays	OL	6-4	295	Sr	Sandpoint, Idaho / Sandpoint
67	Todd Pays	OL	6-4	290	Sr	Sandpoint, Idaho / Sandpoint
68	Willy Clements	OL	6-3	295	Jr	Nederland, Colo. / Holy Family
70	Tanner Steele	OL	6-4	255	Fr	Lynden, Wash. / Lynden
71	John Boynton	OL	6-4	275	Jr	Richland, Wash. / Richland
74	Anthony Donofrio	OL	6-4	250	Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Lake City
75	Tyson Frayley	OL	6-2	240	Fr	San Carlos, Calif. / Sequoia
76	Chris Emtter	OL	6-4	302	Sr	Livingston / Park
77	Anthony Reisch	OL	6-2	280	Fr	Pasco, Wash. / Chiawana
79	Jacob Clark	OL	6-4	250	Fr	Bonney Lake, Wash. / Sumner
80	Sam Stratton	TE	6-6	240	Soph	Spokane, Wash. / Shadle Park
81	Shane Sipes	WR	6-2	190	RS-Fr	Newbury Park, Calif. / Newbury Park
82	Addison Vergara	WR	6-2	210	Jr	Greeley, Colo. / Greeley West
83	William Noce-Sheldon	WR	6-0	190	Soph	Camas, Wash. / Seton Catholic
84	Walker Ray	OLB	6-4	245	Sr	Nampa, Idaho / Skyview
85	Connor McGree	TE	6-3	245	Jr	Butte / Butte Central
86	Kyle Pierce	WR	6-3	190	Fr	Nampa, Idaho / Skyview
87	Paul Hart	WR	6-3	190	Soph	Helena / Helena
88	Chase Fossum	WR	6-5	206	R-So.	Glasgow / Glasgow
89	Patrick Kosena	WR	6-3	190	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
90	Alex Hoffman	TE	6-4	245	RS-Fr	Draper, Utah / Juan Diego
91	Alec Basterrechea	DE	6-2	250	Sr	Gooding, Idaho / Gooding
92	Alex Thomas	LB	6-1	230	Jr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
93	Alex Hurlbut	DE	6-2	260	Soph	Ventura, Calif. / Ventura
94	Garrett Kocab	DL	6-3	265	Fr	Phelan, Calif. / Serrano
96	Jackson Griffin	OLB	6-3	200	RS-Fr	Powell, Wyo. / Powell
97	Hunter Mycke	LB	6-2	215	Fr	Conrad / Conrad
99	Seamus Tully	DL	6-2	280	RS-Fr	Bellows Falls, Vt. / New Hampton School
	Brigham Baker	K	6-0	180	Fr	Lakeside, Ore. / North Bend
	Decker Bicoy	DB	5-9	160	Fr	Kaunakakai, Hawaii / Molokai
	Joseph Brangwin	DE	6-2	220	RS-Fr	Tum Tum, Wash. / Mary Walker
	Connor James	WR	5-10	175	Fr	Glendive / Dawson County
	Ryan James	DB	5-11	195	Fr	Yakima, Wash. / La Salle
	Zach Leahy	QB	6-1	175	Fr	Milton-Freewater, Ore. / DeSales
	Jordan Martin	WR	6-0	175	Fr	Yakima, Wash. / La Salle
	Jesus Parra-Gutierrez	RB	5-11	195	Fr	San Rafael, Calif. / San Rafael
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1	Donovan Garner	WR	5-8	180	Sr	Miami / College of the Siskiyous
2	Jett Robertson	RB	6-0	200	Jr	Glendale, Ariz. / Ironwood HS
3	Corey Lee	DB	5-10	190	Sr	Moorpark, Calif. / College of the Canyons
4	Trey Blanchard	RB	5-10	200	Jr	Bloomington, Minn. / Central Lakes College
5	Bryce Missey	QB	6-0	200	Fr	Spanaway, Wash. / Bethel HS
6	Jarrold Lucas	DB	5-9	175	Jr	Hayward, Calif. / Foothill JC
7	BJ Peters	RB	5-10	195	Soph	Rio Vista, Calif. / Rio Vista HS
8	Morgan McCrary	DB	5-10	190	Soph	Las Vegas / Arizona Western College
9	Sam Mix	WR	6-1	190	Jr	Sammamish, Wash. / Skyline HS
10	Dylan Cook	QB	6-6	290	Fr	Butte / Butte HS
11	Jess Krahn	TE	6-4	230	Sr	Hockinson, Wash. / Hockinson HS
12	Garet Fowler	LB	5-10	225	Sr	Belgrade / Belgrade HS
13	Caymus Thomas	WR	5-10	165	Fr	Spokane / Lakeside HS
14	Bryce Bumgardner	WR	6-1	185	Soph	Saint Helens, Ore. / Saint Helens HS
15	Kagen Khameneh	TE	6-3	240	Sr	Missoula / Sentinel
17	Andrew Morgan	LB	6-1	235	Jr	Waianae, Hawaii / Long Beach CC
18	Jase McCammond	DB	5-10	170	Fr	Spokane Valley, Wash. / Central Valley HS
19	Marvin Williams	WR	5-10	170	Fr	Puyallup, Wash. / Emerald Ridge HS
20	Christian Williams	DB	6-3	190	Fr	Spokane Valley, Wash. / Central Valley HS
21	Dequincy Bergen	DB	5-11	200	Soph	Houston / Billings West HS
22	Tommy Wilson	QB	6-1	205	Jr	Fresno, Calif. / College of Sequoias
23	Steven Fernandez	LB	6-0	210	Sr	Apopka, Fla. / Graceland University
24	Basie DeStefanis	DB	6-1	195	Soph	Fresno, Calif. / Cabrillo College
25	Dylan Kelley	DB	5-10	175	Fr	Mesa, Ariz. / Red Mountain HS
26	Wylie Novak	DB	6-0	175	Fr	Cut Bank / Cut Bank HS
27	Tommy Langley	K	5-11	190	Sr	Tracy, Calif. / Modesto JC
28	Connor Crawford	RB	6-0	190	Fr	Missoula / Sentinel HS
29	Sam Tapia	P	6-0	180	Jr	Carlsbad, Calif. / Palomar CC
30	Bob Schenk	LB	6-2	225	Fr	Missoula / Hellgate
31	Jake Norby	LB	6-2	200	Fr	Chinook / Chinook HS
32	Sam Edwards	LB	6-0	210	Jr	Duarte, Calif. / Cirtus College
33	Brooks Dunn	LB	5-10	190	Sr	Chandler, Ariz. / Hamilton HS
34	Devariej Crissl	DB	5-9	175	Fr	Tacoma, Wash. / Stadium HS
35	Dakota Schelling	LB	6-0	185	Sr	Fallon, Nev. / Churchill County HS
36	Jase Koester	RB	5-7	180	Fr	Queen Creek, Ariz. / Queen Creek HS
37	Cody Lucke	LB	5-11	205	Fr	East Glacier / Browning HS
38	Colt Pederson	LB	6-0	195	Fr	Shelby / Shelby HS
40	Adrian Leos	LB	6-1	195	Fr	Casa Grande, Ariz. / Vista Grande HS
41	Kenneth Pruttis	TE	6-1	210	Fr	Chinook / Chinook HS
42	Peter Hamilton	LB	6-0	225	Fr	Cut Bank / Cut Bank HS
43	Kingsten Sua	TE	5-11	210	Fr	Federal Way, Wash. / Todd Beamer HS
44	Wyatt McKinlay	TE	5-10	205	Soph	Geraldine / Geraldine HS
45	Michael McKeen	LB	5-11	225	Jr	Oakley, Calif. / Freedom HS
46	Jake French	LB	6-1	215	Fr	Choteau / Choteau
47	Jaren Maki	LB	6-1	215	Fr	Belt / Belt HS
50	Ian Sparrow	DL	6-0	235	Fr	Mesa, Ariz. / Chandler HS
51	Elijah Cox	OL	6-5	280	Jr	Glendale, Ariz. / Glendale CC
52	Alec Wagner	LB	5-11	225	Jr	Laurel / Laurel HS
53	Brandon Moes	OL	6-0	240	Fr	Great Falls / Great Falls HS
54	Aaron Dolfay	LB	6-0	240	Fr	Portland, Ore. / Rex Putnam HS
55	Mitchell Harmon	DL	6-1	245	Sr	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. / Citrus College

56	Trenton Woodward	OL	6-5	275	Soph	Three Forks / Three Forks HS
57	Gerald Branscome	OL	6-2	280	Fr	Eureka / Lincoln County HS
58	Joe Fehr	DL	6-3	225	Fr	Eureka / Lincoln County HS
59	Josh Wright	DL	6-2	240	Soph	Sammamish, Wash. / Skyline HS
65	Dale Cummings	OL	6-2	300	Soph	Cremona, Alberta / Cochran HS
70	Robert Johnson	OL	6-1	250	Jr	Stevensville / Stevensville HS
71	Roger Guillory	OL	5-10	270	Fr	Kalispell / Glacier HS
72	James JP Sullivan	DL	6-2	290	Fr	Burlington, Wash. / Burlington-Edison HS
73	Ryan Handley	OL	6-3	265	Soph	Clinton / Hellgate HS
74	Dylan Schmidt	DL	6-4	275	Soph	Nine Mile Falls / Lakeside HS (Wash.)
75	Clint Willis	OL	6-7	300	Jr	Gardiner / Gardiner HS
76	Skylor Africa Barnes	OL	6-1	300	Fr	Banks, Ore. / College of Siskiyous
79	Duntrael Moss Jr.	OL	6-5	305	Fr	Kalispell / Flathead HS
80	Jake Horner	WR	5-9	160	Fr	Great Falls / C.M. Russel HS
81	Darius Hatcher	WR	5-9	165	Fr	Parkland, Wash. / Washington HS
83	Beau Wilhelm	WR	6-0	200	Sr	White Lake, Mich. / Central Lakes College
84	Fotios Jordanoglou	WR	5-10	180	Jr	Ripon, Calif. / Modesto JC
85	Kitrell Willingham	TE	6-1	225	Soph	Parkland, Wash. / Washington HS
88	Seth Roemmele	WR	6-0	190	Jr	Claresholm, Alberta / Willow Creek HS
89	Jordan Pugh	TE	6-5	230	Soph	Tacoma, Wash. / Wilson HS
90	Conner Coyne	DL	6-0	235	Fr	Virginia City, Nev. / Virginia City HS
91	Connor Koker	LB	6-0	215	Fr	Spokane / West Valley HS
92	Tyler Pallas	LB	6-1	210	Fr	Chehalis, Wash. / W.F. West HS
95	Elijah Dennison	DL	6-2	225	Soph	Enumclaw, Wash. / Enumclaw HS
98	Ronnie Chavez	DL	6-2	245	Fr	Missoula / Hellgate HS
	Xavier Alefaio	WR	6-2	200	RS-FR	Parkland, Wash. / Washington HS
	Chase Alexander	DL	6-2	265	RS-FR	Seattle / Jackson HS
	Colton Bonny	DL	6-1	265	RS-FR	Columbia Falls / Columbia Falls HS
	Kody Bowman	OL	6-1	250	RS-FR	Chandler, Ariz. / Basha HS
	Chase Garcia	RB	5-10	185	RS-FR	Valencia, Calif. / Hart HS
	Chase Gilbert	LB	6-1	200	RS-FR	Green Acres, Wash. / Central Valley HS
	RJ Henry	WR	6-0	180	RS-FR	Fairbanks, Alaska / Lathrop HS
	Joehnis Joyce	WR	6-3	190	RS-FR	Tacoma, Wash. / Bethel HS
	Justin King	OL	6-6	290	RS-FR	Fromberg / Joliet HS
	Chasen Kipp	WR	5-10	180	RS-FR	Heart Butte / Heart Butte HS
	Koby McCallum	DB	5-11	180	RS-FR	Salem, Ore. / Salem Academy HS
	Colton Michaels	OL	6-3	220	RS-FR	Prosser, Wash. / Richland HS
	Lucas Olson	DL	6-2	220	RS-FR	Eatonville, Wash. / Bethel HS
	Justin Pfeifer	DL	6-0	275	RS-FR	Cut Bank / Cut Bank HS
	Chase Storey	LB	5-11	190	RS-FR	Roy, Utah / Roy HS
	Ostin Welch	DB	6-2	175	RS-FR	Malta / Malta HS

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Carroll's Ryan Walsh breaks through the MSU-Northern line for a big gain in the Saints' 34-3 win in September.

# Saints know the Lights have something to prove

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Carroll can't forget what happened the last time it visited Havre.

Even with a resounding win over Montana State-Northern earlier this season, and perhaps the most complete game (and a win) the Saints have had coming last weekend, Carroll is under no illusion: The Lights are a dangerous team.

"They're like a wounded animal," Saints coach Mike Van Diest said. "They have their pride too. They got guys that are very good."

Over a year ago, Carroll visited MSU-N, and for the first time in a decade, Northern defeated Carroll, marking a low for Van Diest's program. While the Saints appear to be back on track now, and ready to string wins together for the first time this season, the Saints also know the Lights

will have something to prove on Saturday. It will require the Saints to have an equally sharp focus as they have in recent weeks.

"I really like how this team responded to practice," Van Diest said. "They didn't hang their heads on 1-4 or 1-3. They play football because they love to play football. They're practicing hard. It's not drudgery. These guys understand they have a few games left. They're listening

to coaching. We have guys that have really taken some ownership in doing it. It wasn't that long ago that we went up to Havre and lost a game. Guys remember that. They're taking it to heart."

Carroll's defense played its best game of the season last weekend, defeating Rocky Mountain College 16-3 in Billings. The Saints held rocky to 54 yards rushing and 138 yards passing. Carroll sacked Rocky four times and



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Carroll's Ryan Beaulieu returns a punt during a win over MSU-Northern at Nelson Stadium in September.

secured a fumble. The Saints' offense used a 9 of 20 day from Reece Hiibel to score twice and pick up 93 yards, and Major Ali added 117 yards on the ground on 25 carries.

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tackles per game, racking up 10.8 each contest. Van Diest also credited quarterback Tommy Willson (54 percent completion rate, seven touchdowns, 13 interceptions, and tight end Kitrell Willingham (nine receptions for 61 yards) as players the Saints will have a close eye on.

Carroll's defense flipped the switch in the second half of their game against Southern Oregon. Carroll entered the half down 35-0, and since then has given up a total of 47 points in the last three games, or an average of 16 points per game. Carroll has held stop scoring offenses in check, generated turnovers and pressured quarterbacks, all things that were missing from the Saints' defense early in the season.

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Tanner Trosin and Southern Oregon started the season with a win against rival Eastern Oregon.

# A look at this weekend's Frontier Conference action

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In addition to Carroll's visit to Havre this weekend, here's a look at the rest of the games happening in the Frontier Conference this weekend.

## Rocky Mountain College at No. 11 Montana Tech

Recent games: Rocky enters the game coming off its worst loss of the season, being completely contained in a 16-3 loss to Carroll

College. The Battlin' Bears had entered that contest with a 4-2 conference record with the two losses coming by a combined seven points. It looked like Rocky may be on an improbable run through the Frontier under first year head coach Jason Petrino. RMC had dominated Carroll 40-14 in Helena back in September, too, but after last weekend the Battlin' Bears had some cause for concern — especially considering what No. 11 Montana Tech did

last weekend. The Orediggers drubbed Montana State-Northern for 93 points, winning 93-19. The win and stats were so lopsided, ESPN even made note of the humongous win. It was a strong statement after Montana Tech had a stiff challenge during a 23-10 win over Carroll College in the previous week.

Last meeting: Montana Tech went into Billings and came away with a 34-28 win. The Battlin' Bears put up 21 fourth-quarter points to

challenge the Orediggers, but it wasn't enough. Tech has not lost at home this season, its only loss coming in Dillon on Oct 7.

## Montana Western at No. 7 Southern Oregon

Recent games: Western may be the most puzzling team in the Frontier Conference this season. After entering the season with a Top 25 ranking, the Bulldogs took some early season lumps to Eastern Oregon. A few



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