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PECK'S

Griz senior Hunter
Peck inspired to
pursue med school

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Montana defensive end Hunter Peck (56) tackles Sacred Heart quarterback Jack Snyder (14) during the college football game on Oct. 18 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. The Colorado native leads the Grizzlies in sacks this year.

Colorado native stars as DE while motivated to help others as doctor

FRANK GOGOLA | 406 MT Sports

Hunter Peck keeps a picture of his late aunt in his locker.

He'll look at it regularly, whether it's before a football practice or game in his first season playing defensive end for the Montana Grizzlies. He still thinks about her often and how she battled breast cancer over a decade ago.

Seeing a family member he was close with go through those challenges was a big piece of inspiration for him. When he finishes his fifth season playing in college, he'll be pursuing medical school with his aunt in mind.

"It's just a reminder, reminding me of what my why is and how to get through hard times and things like that," he said of the picture ahead of No. 3 Montana's game against Weber State at 1 p.m. Saturday in Ogden, Utah.

"Her legacy lives on and hope lives on."

As Peck was making tackles inside Washington-Grizzly Stadium on Oct. 18, the Grizzlies were helping to tackle cancer. The game served as UM's "Think Pink" game as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Five cancers survivors were recognized on the field in between the first and second quarters. Fans in the stands held up pink signs that read "Griz stand for breast cancer awareness" and were provided by Advanced Imaging.

Peck was focused on his coaches at the time but noted "it was a special day for us" as his mother Teresa Peck and father Bruce Peck had volunteered to help hand out the 11-by-17-inch signs. His late aunt is his mother's sister.

"Seeing her go through something like that, both of them, my mom and my aunt, I think it instilled that drive into me to push through hard times," he said. "Watching them go through that together, I've always said to myself, 'If they can go through that, then I can go through anything in life.' Just that mindset."

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Dever enjoying uptick in production

Sophomore receiver knocking out career firsts this season

CARSON CASHION | 406 MT Sports

Through eight weeks of football, Griz redshirt sophomore Jordan Dever has emerged as a steady presence in Montana's wide receiver room.

A walk-on from Spokane, Dever recorded his first career reception against Central Washington. Then, two weeks later, he recorded his first career touchdown on a 62-yard catch from Griz quarterback Keali'i Ah Yat.

Dever has recorded a catch in six of Montana's eight games this season, ranking fourth in receiving yards. His average gain per reception is 20.56 yards, the highest among wideouts with a minimum of five receptions.

Dever sat down with 406 MT Sports ahead of No. 3 Montana's road contest against Weber State at 1 p.m. Saturday in Ogden, Utah. This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

Q: How has your season been going so far?

A: It's been a pretty good season so far, getting a lot more reps than I did last season. Coaches are trusting me a little bit more.

Q: Do you have a favorite catch of the year?

A: My touchdown, it has to be.

Q: What did you see on that play?

A: Straight green grass. I thought the guy was right behind me. I looked back, no one was there, I knew I got my first one (touchdown).

Q: What was your high school recruitment like?

A: I had little recruiting. I went to a small 2A school, so there's not much that goes on there. I went to a camp, talked to (offensive coordinator Brent) Pease. Not even going to lie, I was begging Pease to basically be here. All throughout, he kept on saying, 'Just wait, just wait, commit to your opportunity that you have, and we're gonna hit you up if we have a spot that ever comes up.' And then at state track, he offered me, I think like three months before I got here for camp.



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Montana wide receiver Jordan Dever (9) celebrates a touchdown during the college football game against Indiana State on Sept. 20 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. It was his first career score in college.

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HOW WE SEE THE BIG SKY

BILL SPELTZ | 406 MT Sports

It seems so long ago now, but there was a time earlier this century when Montana and Weber State battled neck-and-neck for Big Sky Conference bragging rights.

They tied for the top spot at 7-1 in 2008. The Grizzlies lost in Ogden during the regular season and avenged the setback with a home win over Weber State in an FCS playoff quarterfinal.



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What I remember most about those days, other than the fact Bobby Hauck's Grizzlies lost in the FCS championship two years in a row, is that some UM fans were enamored with the idea of their team moving up to the FBS level. The thinking was that if UM was so good it could reach the FCS final seemingly every year, why not go after some of the money and fun that comes with being in bowl games?

It provided tempting fodder, if only for a while. The Missoulian sports staff endeavored to write a series on the positives and negatives of moving up back then. Together with former Missoulian Griz beat writer Fritz Neighbor and photographer Tom Bauer, I visited the home digs of the Idaho Vandals and Boise State Broncos, delving into programs that saw both serious success and serious failure by trying the FBS level.

Of course Idaho is back at the FCS level and Boise State continues to thrive as an FBS team. The Grizzlies have always been content to be a big FCS dog, in part because it seems to guarantee the program will have a lot of Treasure State-raised talent. Plus it just seems to fit in a lot of other ways.

Weber State hasn't enjoyed the same level of success as Montana and Montana State over the past 15 years. But



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the Wildcats did do some damage three years ago, finishing 6-3 in league play and reaching the second round of the FCS playoffs.

Mickey Mental was offensive coordinator for Weber that season and took over as head coach the following year. He hasn't done as well driving the bus, with his teams going 13-18 over the past 2 1/2 seasons.

But the Wildcats did win 43-27 at Portland State two weeks ago, so they're capable of putting up some points. The problem for Weber is it ranks next to last in the Big Sky defensively, so there's a good chance the Grizzlies are going to enjoy a field day offensively at Stewart Stadium.

Here's a look at this week's Big Sky Conference games:

No. 3 Montana (4-0, 8-0) at Weber State (1-3, 3-5), 1 p.m. TV: Scripps Sports. Let's face it, the Big Sky is top-heavy. Only four teams have a winning record overall and in league play. That's not a good thing. It's not good for the league, the fans and maybe not good for conference teams that hope to go on and win a national championship in January. The Grizzlies have two wins over Division I opponents currently with winning overall records. Those nonconference victories came at home against North Dakota on Sept. 13 and at home against

Sacred Heart on Oct. 18. In between it's been a lot of games, some of them close, against league teams with losing records. This week brings another conference game against a losing team. In fact, Weber State lost at home last week to Eastern Washington, 23-20. If the Wildcats can't win in Ogden against the Eagles, how do you suppose Saturday against the Grizzlies is going to go? **Speltz:** Grizzlies 49, Wildcats 14. **Cashion:** Montana 38, Weber State 17. **Gogola:** Montana 52, Weber State 6. **Flores:** Griz 45, Weber 21.

No. 4 Montana State (4-0, 6-2) at Northern Colorado (1-3, 3-5), noon. TV: ESPN+. Somewhere along the line the pollsters dropped the Bobcats below the Grizzlies, but to me they're every bit as good. With three weeks left before the Brawl of the Wild, I'd say Montana is looking better on offense and Montana State has the better defense. The Brawl should be a blast in Missoula. For now though, we have another Big Sky dog game at hand for MSU. The Bears have lost two in a row, including a 40-35 setback at Sac State two weeks ago, so it's hard to believe they could give the Cats a run for their money. **Speltz:** Bobcats 30, Bears 12. **Cashion:** Montana State 31, Northern Colorado 10. **Gogola:** Montana State 31, Northern Colorado 17. **Flores:** Cats 35, UNC 13.

Sacramento State (2-2, 4-4) at Eastern Washington (3-1, 4-4), 2 p.m. TV: ESPN+. It's quite possible the Hornets will come out flat Saturday after putting a lot of emotional energy into last week's home loss to Montana. The Eagles have won three in a row, all of which came over struggling Big Sky foes, but they'll take a ton of confidence into their contest with Sacramento State and they'll come away with a fourth-straight win. **Speltz:** Eagles 35, Hornets 28. **Cashion:** Sacramento State 28, Eastern Washington 24. **Gogola:** Sacramento State 42, Eastern Washington 28. **Flores:** EWU 38, Sac 34.

Idaho State (1-3, 2-6) at No. 6 UC Davis (4-0, 6-0), 2 p.m. TV: ESPN+. Despite their ugly record and three-game losing streak, I have respect for the Bengals. A lot of it stems from their performance against the Grizzlies in early October. They had a chance to win at the end but couldn't put the ball in the end zone from the red zone. If Idaho State can crank up the offense, it can give the Aggies a scare. Victory, however, seems unlikely against a Davis team that is riding a five-game win streak. **Speltz:** Aggies 45, Bengals 35. **Cashion:** UC Davis 31, Idaho State 21. **Gogola:** UC Davis 38, Idaho State 27. **Flores:** Davis 42, ISU 24.

Portland State (0-4, 0-8) at Cal Poly (1-3, 3-5), 3 p.m. TV: ESPN+. The Mustangs have lost three in a row and the Vikings eight in a row. The fact the Vikings have allowed 30 or more points in their last four outings does not bode well for Saturday's road game. **Speltz:** Mustangs 30, Vikings 10. **Cashion:** Cal Poly 45, Portland State 21. **Gogola:** Cal Poly 41, Portland State 14. **Flores:** Cal Poly 31, PSU 14.

Idaho (1-3, 3-5) at No. 19 Northern Arizona (2-2, 5-3), Friday at 7:30 p.m. TV: ESPN2. The Vandals snapped a four-game skid with last week's 45-6 home win over Portland State. Only four of 12 Big Sky teams have winning records overall and one of them is the Jacks. They'll build on last week's win at Idaho State with a convincing victory at 7,000 feet Saturday. **Speltz:** Jacks 31, Vandals 17. **Cashion:** Northern Arizona 21, Idaho 14. **Gogola:** Northern Arizona 35, Idaho 34. **Flores:** NAU 27, Idaho 14.

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MONTANA GRIZZLIES

No.	Name	Year	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown	24	Diezel Wilkinson	So.	S	6-0	193	Spokane, Wash.	62	Everett Johnson	R-Sr.	OL	6-7	290	Turlock, Calif.
0	Monte Gillman	R-Fr.	WR	5-8	162	Dassel, Minn.	25	Brady Beaner	Fr.	S <td>6-0</td> <td>187</td> <td>Anacortes, Wash.</td> <td>63</td> <td>Kaiko'a Kanakaole</td> <td>Fr.</td> <td>OL<td>6-5</td><td>335</td><td>Kapa'a, Hawaii</td></td>	6-0	187	Anacortes, Wash.	63	Kaiko'a Kanakaole	Fr.	OL <td>6-5</td> <td>335</td> <td>Kapa'a, Hawaii</td>	6-5	335	Kapa'a, Hawaii
0	Terahiti Wolfe	So.	S	5-11	173	Kahalu'u, Hawaii	26	Chase Cook	Fr.	RB	5-11	198	Red Lodge, Mont.	64	Matt Hilden	R-Fr.	OL <td>6-6</td> <td>309</td> <td>Santa Rosa, Calif.</td>	6-6	309	Santa Rosa, Calif.
2	Drew Deck	R-Sr.	WR	5-9	165	Kalispell, Mont.	28	Hashim Jones	Fr.	RB	6-0	208	Hartford, Conn.	65	Dylan Jemtegaard	R-Sr.	OL <td>6-4</td> <td>281</td> <td>Yelm, Wash.</td>	6-4	281	Yelm, Wash.
2	Micah Harper	R-Sr.	S	5-10	194	Chandler, Ariz.	29	Tanner Huff	R-Sr.	S	6-0	210	Butte, Mont.	66	Ezra Meyer	Fr.	OL <td>6-5</td> <td>290</td> <td>Missoula, Mont.</td>	6-5	290	Missoula, Mont.
3	Brooks Davis	R-Fr.	WR	6-0	174	Brentwood, Calif.	30	Kade Cutler	R-Jr.	S	6-0	200	Phillipsburg, Mont.	68	Torin Jeske	R-Fr.	OL <td>6-6</td> <td>271</td> <td>Bozeman, Mont.</td>	6-6	271	Bozeman, Mont.
3	Jeilani Davis	R-Fr.	S	6-0	204	Inglewood, Calif.	30	Tommy Running Rabbit	R-Fr.	RB	6-1	195	Browning, Mont.	69	Cannon Panfiloff	R-Sr.	OL <td>6-6</td> <td>294</td> <td>Roy, Utah</td>	6-6	294	Roy, Utah
4	Blake Bohannon	R-Sr.	WR	6-1	195	Woodstock, Ga.	31	Geno Leonard	R-Sr.	LB	5-11	230	Missoula, Mont.	70	Colin Amick	R-Fr.	OL <td>6-6</td> <td>292</td> <td>Sammamish, Wash.</td>	6-6	292	Sammamish, Wash.
4	Dane Parker	R-Fr.	S	6-1	175	Puyallup, Wash.	32	Peyton Wing	Jr.	LB	6-0	229	Sumner, Wash.	71	Quinlan Hyatt	Fr.	OL <td>6-7</td> <td>285</td> <td>Spokane, Wash.</td>	6-7	285	Spokane, Wash.
5	Ian Finch	R-Jr.	WR	6-3	209	Missoula, Mont.	33	Taylor Jones	Fr.	LB	6-1	205	Missoula, Mont.	72	Cade Klimczak	Gr.	OL <td>6-1</td> <td>285</td> <td>Rockford, Mich.</td>	6-1	285	Rockford, Mich.
5	Kyon Loud	So.	CB	6-2	175	San Mateo, Calif.	34	Talen Reynolds	R-Fr.	RB	5-11	170	Missoula, Mont.	73	Trevor Steinbach	R-Fr.	OL <td>6-5</td> <td>300</td> <td>Sammamish, Wash.</td>	6-5	300	Sammamish, Wash.
6	Prince Ford	R-Sr.	CB	5-11	170	Concord, N.C.	35	Grady Walker	R-Fr.	LB	6-4	224	Missoula, Mont.	74	Tate Templeton	R-So.	OL <td>6-3</td> <td>290</td> <td>Missoula, Mont.</td>	6-3	290	Missoula, Mont.
6	Michael Wortham	R-Sr.	WR	5-9	190	North Highlands, Calif.	36	Ty Morrison	Sr.	KP	6-3	220	Valencia, Calif.	75	Jose Balver-Mendoza	R-Fr.	OL <td>6-5</td> <td>287</td> <td>Athens, Ga.</td>	6-5	287	Athens, Ga.
7	Malae Fonoti	R-Fr.	RB	5-11	207	Laie, Hawaii	36	Garrett Speer	R-Fr.	DB	6-0	191	Sherwood, Ore.	76	Patrick Matan	Gr.	OL <td>6-4</td> <td>295</td> <td>Chevy Chase, Md.</td>	6-4	295	Chevy Chase, Md.
7	Kash Goicoechea	R-Fr.	S	6-1	197	Kalispell, Mont.	37	Clay Owen	R-So.	LB	6-2	216	Billings, Mont.	77	Carter Bowen	Jr.	OL <td>6-7</td> <td>318</td> <td>Dawson, Minn.</td>	6-7	318	Dawson, Minn.
8	Keali'i Ah Yat	R-So.	QB	6-1	200	Kaneohe, Hawaii	38	Caleb Moran	So.	LB	6-1	210	Milton, Ga.	78	Lucas Freitas	R-So.	OL <td>6-6</td> <td>318</td> <td>Snoqualmie, Wash.</td>	6-6	318	Snoqualmie, Wash.
8	Kenzel Lawler	R-Sr.	CB	6-0	190	Corona, Calif.	39	Fynn Ridgeway	R-So	S	6-1	204	Whitefish, Mont.	79	Liam Brown	R-Sr.	OL <td>6-5</td> <td>316</td> <td>Beaverton, Ore.</td>	6-5	316	Beaverton, Ore.
9	Justus Breston	Sr.	CB	5-11	178	Atlanta, Ga.	40	Colton Lentz	Fr.	LB	6-3	213	Nooksack, Wash.	80	Jammel Ward	Fr.	WR <td>6-4</td> <td>170</td> <td>Nacogdoches, Texas</td>	6-4	170	Nacogdoches, Texas
9	Jordan Dever	R-So.	WR	6-0	174	Spokane, Wash.	42	Giovanni Pifferini	Jr.	DL	6-4	230	Placerville, Calif.	81	Josh Gale	R-Sr.	TE <td>6-4</td> <td>243</td> <td>Gilbert, Ariz.</td>	6-4	243	Gilbert, Ariz.
10	Eli Gillman	R-Jr.	RB	6-0	213	Dassel, Minn.	43	Grayson Pibal	R-Sr.	LS	6-3	214	Clackamas, Ore.	84	Evan Shafer	Gr.	TE <td>6-5</td> <td>270</td> <td>Connersville, Ind.</td>	6-5	270	Connersville, Ind.
10	TJ Rausch	R-Sr.	S	6-3	208	Missoula, Mont.	44	Titus Rohrer	R-Jr.	TE	6-7	240	Bryan, Ohio	85	Bridger Smith	Fr.	WR <td>5-11</td> <td>170</td> <td>Kalispell, Mont.</td>	5-11	170	Kalispell, Mont.
11	Cameron Gurnsey	R-So.	WR	6-1	197	Butte, Mont.	45	Caleb Otlewski	R-So.	LB	6-4	241	Melissa, Texas	86	Weston Adams	R-Jr.	WR <td>5-11</td> <td>192</td> <td>Shell, Wyo.</td>	5-11	192	Shell, Wyo.
11	Elijahwah Tolbert	R-Sr.	LB	6-1	232	Chicago, Ill.	46	Jo Silver	R-Jr.	KP	6-0	213	Fremont, Ohio	87	Jake Olson	R-Sr.	TE <td>6-7</td> <td>260</td> <td>Butte, Mont.</td>	6-7	260	Butte, Mont.
12	Elijah Brady	R-So.	CB	6-1	172	Seattle, Wash.	47	Kellen Detrick	R-Sr.	DE	6-3	240	Havre, Mont.	88	Malaki Davis	Fr.	TE <td>6-5</td> <td>230</td> <td>Tacoma, Wash.</td>	6-5	230	Tacoma, Wash.
12	Gage Sliter	R-So.	QB	6-1	193	Kalispell, Mont.	48	Styles Goodman	Fr.	LB	6-2	234	Austin, Texas	89	Danny Sirmon	R-Fr.	TE <td>6-6</td> <td>255</td> <td>Missoula, Mont.</td>	6-6	255	Missoula, Mont.
13	Brock Beaner	Fr.	S	6-0	193	Anacortes, Wash.	49	Isaac Keim	R-Fr.	DL	6-4	265	Kalispell, Mont.	90	Jareb Ramos	R-Jr.	DL <td>6-4</td> <td>287</td> <td>Centennial, Colo.</td>	6-4	287	Centennial, Colo.
13	Lekeldrick Bridges	R-Fr.	WR	5-11	170	Cedar Hill, Texas	50	Sam Merriman	Fr.	LB	6-0	225	Seattle, Wash.	91	Cooper Buffington	Fr.	DL <td>6-4</td> <td>252</td> <td>Winfield, Iowa</td>	6-4	252	Winfield, Iowa
14	DeAnte Gentry	Fr.	DB	5-11	169	Fort Worth, Texas	51	Spencer Tripp	Fr.	DL	5-11	264	Missoula, Mont.	92	Zekiel Seumalo	Jr.	DL <td>6-0</td> <td>265</td> <td>Kent, Wash.</td>	6-0	265	Kent, Wash.
14	Korbin Hendrix	R-So.	WR	6-3	192	McKinney, Texas	52	Cy Stevenson	R-So.	LB	6-2	220	Libby, Mont.	93	Cole Muilenburg	R-Fr.	DL <td>6-5</td> <td>246</td> <td>Gig Harbor, Wash.</td>	6-5	246	Gig Harbor, Wash.
16	Jake Jensen	R-Sr.	QB	6-1	215	Pleasant Grove, Utah	54	Bridger Salvevold	Fr.	LB	6-2	207	Culbertson, Mont.	94	Cole Harpole	Fr.	DL <td>6-3</td> <td>221</td> <td>Gunter, Texas</td>	6-3	221	Gunter, Texas
17	Kade Boyd	R-So.	S	6-0	197	Billings, Mont.	55	Austin Buehler	R-So.	OL	6-5	285	Helena, Mont.	95	Derek Moreland	Sr.	DL <td>6-1</td> <td>262</td> <td>Fresno, Calif.</td>	6-1	262	Fresno, Calif.
17	Luke Flowers	R-Fr.	QB	6-1	188	Rigby, Idaho	56	Hunter Peck	R-Sr.	DE	6-2	252	Windsor, Colo.	96	Logan Knaevelsrud	Fr.	DL <td>6-4</td> <td>235</td> <td>Snoqualmie, Wash.</td>	6-4	235	Snoqualmie, Wash.
18	Cody Schweikert	R-Fr.	QB	6-3	212	Columbia Falls, Mont.	57	Jake Mason	R-So.	DL	6-2	250	Ferndale, Wash.	97	Hayden Schwartz	R-Jr.	DL <td>6-4</td> <td>248</td> <td>Jacksonville, Fla.</td>	6-4	248	Jacksonville, Fla.
19	Drew Price	Fr.	QB	5-10	171	Jacksonville, Fla.	58	Solomon Tuliaupupu	Gr.	LB	6-3	242	Pomona, Calif.	98	Matai Mata'a'afa	R-Sr.	DL <td>6-1</td> <td>236</td> <td>Lahaina, Hawaii</td>	6-1	236	Lahaina, Hawaii
20	Sage Salopek	Fr.	CB	6-0	168	Seattle, Wash.	59	Hayden Opitz	R-So.	LB	6-2	230	Helena, Mont.	99	Braydon Bailey	R-Jr.	DL <td>6-2</td> <td>280</td> <td>Kona, Hawaii</td>	6-2	280	Kona, Hawaii
21	Stevie Rocker Jr.	R-Sr.	RB	6-0	210	Tucson, Ariz.	60	Dillon Botner	Gr.	OL	6-6	280	Whitefish, Mont.							
23	Rashid Mansour	Jr.	CB	6-0	163	Fresno, Calif.	61	Lincoln Hoefer	Fr.	OL	6-6	279	Everson, Wash.							

WEBER STATE WILDCATS

No.	Name	Year	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown	31	Tamal Johnson	So.	S	6-0	180	Compton, Calif.	65	Cole Casto	Sr.	OL	6-3	280	Salt Lake City, Utah
0	Mayson Hitchens	Jr.	LB	6-1	220	Orange, Calif.	32	Daniel Asisi	R-Fr.	LB	6-2	235	Provo, Utah	67	Branden Meza	Fr.	OL	6-3	265	Long Beach, Calif.
1	Keahnist Thompson	Jr.	DE	6-3	255	Lakeland, Fla.	33	Aizik Mahuka	So.	LB	6-3	225	Mililani, Hawaii	69	Sloan Calder	Sr.	K	6-4	180	Morgan, Utah
2	Jackson Gilkey	So.	QB	6-2	215	Ennis, Texas	34	Colter May	Sr.	RB	6-0	210	Heyburn, Idaho	70	Will Way	So.	OL	6-3	290	Tucson, Ariz.
3	BJ Carey	Jr.	S	6-1	190	Downey, Calif.	35	Robert Young	Fr.	WR	5-8	165	Roy, Utah	71	Gavin Ortega	Sr.	OL	6-5	300	Bellingham, Wash.
4	Jayleen Record	Sr.	WR	5-8	175	Dallas, Texas	35	Rishi Daniels	Sr.	S	5-11	185	Bellevue, Wash.	73	Ty Hunter	Fr.	OL	6-4	285	Syracuse, Utah
5	Chauncey Sylvester	R-Fr.	RB	5-10	195	Long Beach, Calif.	36	Donovan Aidoo	R-Fr.	S	6-1	190	Gilbert, Ariz.	74	Vae Soifua	Jr.	OL	6-4	295	Orem, Utah
6	Cash McCollum	R-Fr.	QB	6-4	200	China Spring, Texas	37	Aidan O'Callaghan	So.	LB	6-4	220	Huntington Beach, Calif.	75	Alijah Bray	Fr.	OL	6-7	275	Irvine, Calif.
7	Tre Parks-Vinson	Jr.	CB	5-9	175	Fort Worth, Texas	38	Spencer Ferguson	R-Fr.	RB	6-0	200	Kaysville, Utah	76	Zoom Esplin	So.	OL	6-8	280	Escintas, Calif.
8	Jaden Thrower	Jr.	WR	5-11	175	Las Vegas, Nev.	39	Khalil Stolden	R-Fr.	S	6-0	190	Arlington, Texas	77	Kasen Lea	R-Fr.	OL	6-4	280	Norman, Okla.
9	Trevian Tribble	Jr.	S	5-11	165	Fontana, Calif.	40	Raimoana Tinirauarii	Jr.	LB	6-2	225	Paea, Tahiti	78	Luke Sampson	So.	OL	6-4	285	Draper, Utah
10	Dijon Jennings	Jr.	QB	5-11	195	Reynoldsburg, Ohio	41	Oscar Dominguez	Fr.	K	5-11	200	Kamas, Utah	79	Cole Millward	So.	OL	6-6	275	West Haven, Utah
11	AJ Jayroe	So.	WR	6-4	200	Frisco, Texas	42	Chipper Harding	So.	S	5-10	190	Roosevelt, Utah	80	Mason York	R-Fr.	WR	6-3	195	Huntington Beach, Calif.
12	Kao Hansen	Jr.	S	6-3	210	Alpine, Utah	43	Kevin Enriquez	Jr.	LB	6-2	215	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.	81	Kelton Wafer	Fr.	WR	6-0	180	McKinney, Texas
13	Sione Hala	Jr.	LB	6-1	225	Los Angeles, Calif.	44	Kevin Johnson	R-Fr.	DT	6-5	270	Downey, Calif.	82	Maurice Savage	Jr.	WR	6-3	190	Richmond, Calif.
14	Kingston Tisdell	Fr.	QB	6-1	195	Los Angeles, Calif.	46	Kolton Sparrow	Fr.	TE	6-5	210	Pleasant View, Utah	83	Majer Sullivan	Jr.	TE	6-8	250	Sacramento, Calif.
15	Bird Butler	Sr.	RB	5-8	170	Salt Lake City, Utah	47	Henry Way	So.	P	6-1	195	Eltham, Australia	84	Noah Bennee	Sr.	TE	6-4	240	Holladay, Utah
16	Toddrick Dixon	Sr.	CB	6-0	165	Arlington, Texas	48	Jon Class	R-Fr.	DE	6-3	220	San Marcos, Calif.	85	Ammon Munyer	So.	TE	6-5	240	Rathdrum, Idaho
17	Josh Hardy	Jr.	DE	6-4	250	Bowie, Md.	49	Thien Hoang	Jr.	K	5-7	170	Portland, Ore.	86	Kash Gates	R-Fr.	WR	6-0	200	Kaysville, Utah
18	Marvin Session	Jr.	WR	6-1	205	Missouri City, Texas	50	Ethen Erickson	Sr.	OL	6-3	285	Fontana, Calif.	87	Marcus Chretien	Jr.	WR	6-2	175	Houston, Texas
19	Devin Ford	Sr.	WR	6-0	175	Gardena, Calif.	51	Ashden Oberg	Jr.	DE	6-5	245	Montrose, Colo.	88	Dahlyn Jones	So.	TE	6-2	215	DeSoto, Texas
20	Montae Pate	Jr.	CB	6-3	170	Tacoma, Wash.	52	Jaeden Bland	R-Fr.	LB	6-1	215	Sacramento, Calif.	89	Noah Kjar	So.	WR	6-0	195	Draper, Utah
21	Pierre Hunter	Jr.	S	6-0	195	Dallas, Texas	53	David Brinton	Fr.	LB	6-2	235	Draper, Utah	90	Chevy Robinson	Fr.	DE	6-2	240	Wai'anae, Hawaii
22	Ishaan Daniels	So.	CB	5-10	175	Bellevue, Wash.	54	Porter Small	Fr.	DE	6-4	260	Springville, Utah	91	Breken Bowen	Jr.	DE	6-4	250	Heber City, Utah
23	Tajon Evans	Jr.	CB	6-0	185	San Diego, Calif.	55	Jason White	Sr.	OL	6-3	295	Lakewood, Calif.	92	Boyd Sorensen	Fr.	DE	6-4	235	Rexburg, Idaho
24	Angel King	Sr.	S	6-1	200	Los Angeles, Calif.	56	Christian Blanch	Fr.	LB	6-1	225	Ogden, Utah	93	Ben Beecher	Sr.	DT	6-1	275	Parker, Colo.
25	Davion Godley	So.	RB	5-8	200	Fulshear, Texas	58	Caden Kellow	Jr.	LS	6-1	210	Brentwood, Tenn.	94	Oscar Serrano	Jr.	DT	6-6	290	Whittier, Calif.
26	Peyton Beck	Sr.	WR	6-0	190	Bountiful, Utah	59	Justin Lutz	So.	LS	6-0	225	Lawrence, Kan.	95	Kaydon Williams	Fr.	DT	6-2	285	Draper, Utah
27	Zach Hrbacek	Sr.	RB	5-9	190	Troy, Texas	60	Riley Whicker	Fr.	P	6-0	225	South Jordan, Utah	96	Grady Milholen	Fr.	TE	6-5	225	Camas, Wash.
28	Logan Mackey	So.	CB	5-10	185	Houston, Texas	62	Jacob Edmonds	So.	OL	6-2	300	Vacaville, Calif.	97	Matt Herron	Jr.	DT	6-3	280	Holladay, Utah
29	Davonta Morgan-Collins	Fr.	CB	6-0	175	Dallas, Texas	63	Trevor Beck	So.	OL	6-5	305	Boise, Idaho	98	Zion Finau	Fr.	DT	6-2	285	Salt Lake City, Utah
30	Major Givens	So.	RB	5-10	175	Spring Valley, Calif.	64	Nelson Arapa	Jr.	OL	6-4	285	Bora Bora	99	Easton Payne	Sr.	DT	6-3	285	Tremonton, Utah

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As a youngster at that time, Peck's dreams revolved more around wanting to play in the NFL than becoming a doctor. The former is still a goal for him as he went from playing at the NAIA level last season to NCAA Division I this year.

Medical school is quite a good backup plan. He might still end up around athletes as he has been interested in orthopedic surgery and sports medicine. He could also see working as a family practice doctor or a primary care doctor.

He's even thought about being a military physician in the Navy. His father and brother, Zach Peck, have both served in the Navy after football. With so many options to choose from, his heart and mind are open heading to med school.

"As I've grown throughout my years in college, I've really grown love and appreciation for helping those who are underserved and helping communities that really need it," he said. "The main goal for me is to touch as many people as I can, touch their lives as passionately and compassionately as I can and love as many people and spread love and help as many people as I can and try to make sure that the people who really need help the most get that help."

Serving others in his community is one of his passions and motivators for pursuing a career in medicine. While at Carroll College last year, he was chosen as the Montana Athletes in Service Award recipient for 2024.

In 2023, he got clinical experience working at Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena. He would've tried to get more clinical work this fall while taking a gap year if it weren't for a waiver that gave him an extra year of football eligibility.

He also got hands-on research experience at Carroll. Last year, he worked with Dr. Calvin Goemann studying harmful algal blooms in local waterways, he said. The experiences all reinforced that he had chosen the right path.

"I've had no question about it," he said. "It's always been pretty solidified in my mind. When I got to college, I set out on a track to really just try to discover because it's a really rigorous commitment to want to go to medical school and become a doctor."

"So I set my mind on finding out really who I wanted to be and really what I wanted to do. And it worked out to be still wanting to be a doctor."

The amount of time required to become a doctor is by no means small. So it helps



SHANNA MADISON, MISSOULIAN

Montana defensive ends Hunter Peck (56) and Kellen Detrick (47) celebrate on the field during a college football game against Idaho on Sept. 27 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Peck is working toward medical school after his football playing days.

that Peck has long been "super interested" in science. By middle school, he first had thoughts of one day possibly becoming a doctor.

By the time he was in high school, he became more interested in biology. Being an athlete, he was intrigued by how the human body worked and how he could enhance it in order for him to perform at top operating level.

He's been able to take some of those lessons and apply them to football. Last year, he was an NAIA All-American and the Frontier Conference defensive player of the year. This year, he's a D-I starter who leads Montana in sacks.

"One of the main things is just how important sleep is," he said. "We learned about how you have to have a well-rested and healthy mind to perform at your best.

That's a big thing for me is sleep. That's a big priority for me now. I wish I would have realized that a little bit earlier."

Peck studied on a pre-med track at Carroll College as he majored in biology and minored in chemistry. His favorite class was cell and molecular neuroscience. The most challenging for him was comparative anatomy.

He took the Medical College Admission Test in the spring while finishing classes at Carroll and training to make the D-I jump. "It was a beast" of a spring semester, he said, but his upbringing prepared him to handle the load.

He's working on an entrepreneurship certificate at UM while going through the medical school application process. He's waiting to hear back about interviews with schools. Wherever he lands, he'll find a

new spot for his aunt's photo.

"We grew up in a military family, my dad would go on deployment and my mom's at home with three kids alone, so my mom's meant the world to me," he said. "As I've grown up, I've really come to appreciate that so much more than I could ever imagine."

"And just her showing strength with losing a sister, something that I can never imagine. She's always showed me how to persevere and that attitude is your choice and we're just blessed every single morning to wake up breathing and on this side of the soil."

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Q: In your first two years here, where do you feel like you've grown the most as a player?

A: Just trusting my coaches and what they're saying. Coming in, you come from a high school standpoint where you're the top player. And then you get here, and you still know a lot of stuff, but they teach you a lot more. So growing with them as a player was probably where I learned the most.

Q: Who did you rely on the most for that sort of advice and training?

A: The older guys my first two seasons here — Keelan (White), Sawyer (Racanelli), and Aaron Fontes — and now the coach is helpful, especially with our new coach, coach BK (wide receivers coach Bobby Kennedy).

Q: Have you managed to get on scholarship since you began as a walk-on?

A: Not yet. Hopefully after this season, but not yet.

Q: Has your approach to the game changed at all entering this year with a more clear path to live snaps?

A: Oh yeah. I lock way, way more in. I take every rep as seriously as I possibly can, because you never know if I'm going to get it (the ball), so I'm always prepared for it.

Q: What makes Montana's wide receiver room so lethal?

A: We're all so close, we push each other so hard. Every single rep, if it's not me going hard, it's the next guy going hard right behind me, trying to beat me.

Q: What are you up to in your free time?

A: Video games, and then just hanging out with my buddies all the time. We just find some small task to go do and just hang out.

Q: What video games are you running?

A: Battlefield. I'm waiting for the new Call of Duty to come out. But other than that, those are the ones I could play right now. I got messed up on Fortnite, I can't play that game anymore.

Q: Are you good at the games?

A: I used to be, not anymore. Not anymore, those 12 year olds are whooping my butt now.

Q: What are your favorite spots around Missoula?

A: Breakfast Club. Desperados is my biggest sleeper, that's my favorite place.

Q: What flavor wings are you get-



BEN ALLAN SMITH, MISSOULIAN

Montana wide receiver Jordan Dever (9) makes a break downfield during the college football game against Indiana State on Sept. 20 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. He scored his first career touchdown in the win.

ting at Desporado?

A: The Maui-Wowie, for sure.

Q: Coming from Spokane, did you ever play Diezel Wilkinson in high school?

A: Yep, ask him about the record. Ask him about that record. We are 2-1 against them. I'm 2-1 because I transferred schools. At my new school, I beat him both times. At my old school, he beat me one time.

Q: Does being from Spokane make you a Seahawks fan?

A: No, I'm originally from Florida so my NFL team is the Miami Dolphins. And for college, you're gonna be shocked, I was an Ohio State fan. I lived in Ohio for like four years.

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