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Nico Ramos rises above adversity in seven-year odyssey

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## Ramos retains the passion

Kicker from Miami is alive and kicking in 7th year, on 3rd team

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Nico Ramos lined up for a field goal with snow swirling around in the second round of the playoffs at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

The early December weather was far from the typical scene Ramos was used to in Miami. Now in his seventh year of college, he's had his share of kicks in the cold or elements over the years, so he wasn't too fazed.

The Montana senior sent the ball through the uprights like he has numerous times for the Grizzlies. His make started UM on the right foot during what will be his final playoff run in a career full of unique circumstances and personal triumph.

"That first field goal in the whiteout blizzard (on Dec. 2) was pretty special actually," Montana coach Bobby Hauck said of Ramos' 43-yard make for a 3-0 lead.

Hauck and the Griz are fortunate they have Ramos, who received a waiver to play yet another since he was called upon to take over kicking duties in late October. over the job kicking field goals and extra points. He's 9 of 11 on the hurdle to handle wasn't going to former and 25 of 27 on the latter. defeat him.

Ramos had been beaten out by spending his final year of college play at some point." on the bench.

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season of football. He has stepped Montana kicker Nico Ramos (83) runs off the field after making a point after attempt during the Big Sky Conference football game between Montana up over the past month and a half and Northern Colorado on Oct. 28 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Ramos is 9 of 11 on field goals and 25 of 27 on extra points since taking

"You come in thinking that you freshman kicker Grant Glasgow were going to play, but not everyentering the season despite being thing works out as planned," he a returning starter who made 11 said. "You just have to keep your of 14 field goals last year. He was head up and keep practicing and from the shadow of the sideline suddenly facing the prospect of keep preparing as if I was going to

Ramos kept honing his craft in Ramos had a choice to make: case he got the chance to retake pout or persevere. He has already the field. He credits the friendly been in it for the long haul, an competition between him and odyssey spanning both coasts of Glasgow with making each other the country since 2017, so another better even as he was relegated to

as the backup, attempting just one Saturday in Washington-Grizzly extra point in a blowout victory at Utah Tech in the second game of the year. He has given Montana opportunity," Hauck said. "I sup- for student affairs and compliquite the kick since he emerged on Oct. 28 against Northern Colorado when Glasgow went down.

He made his first nine field goals portunity, you succeed." this year - 16 in a row dating back to 2022 — but did miss two 42-yarders last week, so he has another dose of adversity to tackle this week in the FCS semifinals. The No. 2 Griz are hosting No. 8

He spent the first seven games North Dakota State at 2:30 p.m. quest to the NCAA for an ad-Stadium.

pose he personifies what we believe in our program, which is you prepare yourself, you get ready to ing his college history and why go and when you're given an op-

#### Happy at home

turn to UM this year. He just didn't conditioning at the start of the know if it would be possible.

He had to submit a waiver re-

ditional year of eligibility. He worked with Jean Gee, Montana's "He's done a nice job given the senior associate athletic director ance.

Ramos wrote a letter detailhe deserved an extra year to play. They submitted the application around mid-December and the NCAA granted the waiver in time Ramos knew he wanted to re- for Ramos to return for winter

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### Panfiloff is Swiss Army knife

Transfer O-lineman plays guard, tackle on left, right sides

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Cannon Panfiloff has been having a blast playing all across the offensive line for the Montana Grizzlies during his first season in Missoula.

He has played both the guard and tackle spots and has lined up on both sides of the center while appearing in 12 of 13 games. He started at left tackle last week after he started at left guard the prior two games as UM has needed to replace multiple starters in recent weeks.

Panfiloff joined the Griz this past winter as a redshirt sophomore standing at 6-foot-6 and 285 pounds. He had spent the previous three seasons at Utah Tech (formerly Dixie State), playing in 18 games. He'll have two more seasons of eligibility left after this one concludes.

He's originally from Ogden, Dixie State.

first season in Missoula prior to like that one. No. 2 Montana's FCS semifinal in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. that? This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

#### you have a favorite song or is both have it. The reason my dad it more of a Mount Rushmore gives me is he wanted me to be a of top songs?

I'll definitely be there. I just got that steps, but I'm glad to be where I Spotify Wrapped and they were my No. 1 band most listened to. I got a



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Montana offensive lineman Cannon Panfiloff (69) reacts after a 34-7 Griz victory over Sacramento State on Nov. 4 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. He started at left tackle last week after he started at left guard the prior two games.

go one. "For Whom The Bell Tolls" has got to be one. That's a great Utah, and played at Layton High one. "Harvester of Sorrow." That's School and Roy High School. His one of my favorites too. "Creeping father, Greg, played football at Death." "Creeping Dive" live. That Weber State and baseball at then- one's just so intense, so awesome. And then "Disposable Heroes." Panfiloff sat down with Probably not as popular as some of 406mtsports to talk about his the others, but that's a good one, I

#### Q: Great choices. Also cool be here. game against No. 8 North Da- is the name Cannon. How did

**A:** That's my legal first name. I don't know who exactly came pitcher and have a cannon arm. **A:** I've seen them live twice. If My dad was a really good pitcher. they ever make it out to Missoula, Obviously, didn't follow in those

#### been able to adapt well?

**A:** I'm like 30 minutes north of Salt Lake, so the snow, mountains. I have all that back home. Man. I love Missoula. There's not a better town. The people here, I think Roy High really helped me love portunity. that's one of the biggest takeaways I've had is everyone is so friendly, so welcoming. Just really good to

#### Q: How did you initially end kota State at 2:30 p.m. Saturday your parents end up choosing up at Utah Tech (then-Dixie that I still talk to. Ups and downs. I did play both right tackle and left State) coming out of high school?

**A:** I had a preferred walk-on to **Q: I understand you're a big** up with the name. Mom said she BYU. I had a partial to Idaho State. Metallica fan. Same here. Do did. Dad said he did. I'll let them I was actually committed to BYU for about a week. I was going to go the walk-on route, try and prove myself. Dixie actually came in like three days before the late signing day in February. I had known about Dixie State before. My am. I was a better football player. dad went there, played baseball

where you grew up? Have you area down there is really nice, it'd be fun to live there. At the time, my senior year of high school, I the game a lot more, and so I did want to play.

#### **Utah Tech?**

**A:** I made some great friends went down there the COVID year, so the fall of 2020, and we didn't even play, barely even practiced. Didn't even get a real intro to college because stuff was getting canceled. Then that spring we played. It was good. I started as a true freshman. Actually played here, started here in the fall that year. I remember coming in, seeing this, and I was like, man, that we'd go through plays, they'd have would be fun to play in front of me switch off tackle and guard, so Q: Coming from Utah, has there. It's always a school I kind one day. Last year, ended up redcouple songs because I just can't **Missoula been similar to** of wanted to go to just because the shirting. Things weren't really

going my way down there. It was rough. I wasn't getting as many reps my sophomore year so I asked to redshirt and get an extra year. All I could do was keep grinding, keep working and eventually it's all going to work out.

#### Q: How did the recruiting go in the transfer portal and what sold you on Montana?

A: It was kind of scary. The first couple weeks you're not really getting a whole lot of offers, at least I didn't. I had a couple Division II schools reach out. Eastern Washington reached out to me early. Montana was one of the later ones. I entered in early to mid December and it just took a while. I didn't know if I was going to have a home, but I was willing to take the risk. I was asking friends. My high school coach had some good connections. Twitter is where vou get a lot of recruiting done so I was going around, looking at rosters, following coaches, hoping they'd follow me back. Incarnate Word offered me and then more started rolling in. That's when Montana reached out to me and they brought me out on a visit and offered me. It was pretty much between here and Weber because I wanted to be home, be around was debating even playing. Parts my family. But came on the visit of me didn't want to, parts of me here and I just loved everything. did. Playing my senior year at I was like, I can't pass up this op-

#### Q: Having lined up at both guard and tackle here, did you Q: How did your time go at have experience playing all those positions before?

A: At my previous university I tackle. I played guard a little bit, like in spring ball. I've been fine switching back. It's more just you got to flip the play in your head. Guard, I'd never really played a lot. They recruited me here as a tackle. When I got here in the spring, I played strictly guard. I think that really helped because I was able to learn all that. In summer, when

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#### **AROUND THE BIG SKY**

### Idaho stars enter transfer portal

Vandals lose QB, RB, DB after season ends with quarterfinals loss

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It's been a tough few days for the Idaho football team.

On Saturday night, the Vandals suffered a 30-22 home loss to UAlbany in the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs. On Monday, three of Idaho's best players entered the transfer portal.

Those three players are quarterback Gevani McCoy, running back Anthony Woods and defensive back Marcus Harris. McCov and Woods both have two seasons of college eligibility remaining, while Harris has one.

McCoy was the Big Sky Conference's 2023 first-team QB, one season after he earned a thirdteam selection and the Jerry Rice Award (which goes to the FCS freshman of the year). The redshirt sophomore from the Los Angeles area completed 64.7% of his passes for 2,910 yards (the most of any Big Sky player), 15 touchdowns and eight interceptions this season.

Woods also received a 2023 All-Big Sky first-team honor and was a second-teamer in 2022. The sophomore from Palmdale, California (which is about 60 miles north of LA) led the conference with 1,155 rushing yards and 16 this season.

Harris was also a first-team allconference player in 2023 and a ups. second-teamer in 2022. The Port-He finished this season with 51



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rushing TDs on 5.6 yards per carry Montana linebacker Riley Wilson (42) leaps over Idaho quarterback Gevani McCoy during their game on Oct. 14 at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Idaho. McCoy has entered the transfer portal.

McCoy, Woods and Harris land, Oregon, native redshirted nearly led Idaho to the FCS semiat FBS Oregon State in 2019 and finals. The fourth-seeded Vandals transferred to Idaho a year later. didn't trail Saturday's game until 4 minutes, 38 seconds left in the tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, three fourth quarter, two quarters after unseeded North Dakota State on

fifth-seeded UAlbany.

Idaho finished its season with on Friday. a 9-4 record. One of the teams it lost to, Montana, is the lone Big Other Big Sky players Sky team in the semis. The second-seeded Grizzlies will host

at top-seeded South Dakota State

#### make transfer decisions

Idaho has hardly been the only interceptions and 10 pass break- they built a nine-point lead over Saturday, and UAlbany will play Big Sky team to lose key players.

Seven Montana State players announced their entrances into the portal last week, and one of them has already committed elsewhere (linebacker Jace Fitzgerald to Montana Western).

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#### MONTANA ROSTER

Drew Deck   R-50,	o. Name	Year	Pos.	Hgt.	Wt.	Hometown	41	Brayton Boyer	Fr.	K	5-11	170	Madison, N.J.
Ronald Jackson   R-So.   CB   6-1   195   Detroit, Mich.   44   Ryan Tirrell   R-Jr.   LB   6-12   225   Missoula, Missoula, Mont.   45   Missoula, Mont.   46   Myatt Wegener   R-So.   D.   6-3   228   Algona, J.   Algona, J	Kale Edwards	R-Jr.	DE	6-5	240	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	42	Riley Wilson	R-So.	LB	6-2	210	Prosper, Texas
Traign Cotton   R-5r.   S   6-1   204   Saramento, Calif.   45   Vincent Genatione   R-Fr.   LB   6-1   213   North Pic North North Pic North Pi	Drew Deck	R-So.	WR	5-9	165	Kalispell, Mont.	43	Grayson Pibal	R-So.	LS	6-3	207	Clackamas, Ore.
Nick Williams	Ronald Jackson	R-So.	CB	6-1	195	Detroit, Mich.	44	Ryan Tirrell	R-Jr.	LB	6-2	225	Missoula, Mont.
Nash Fouch	TraJon Cotton	R-Sr.	S	6-1	204	Sacramento, Calif.	45	Vincent Genatone	R-Fr.	LB	6-1	213	North Platte, Neb.
Pyan Simpson   R-Jr.   WR   6-6   215   Bozeman, Mont.   48   Hayden Harris   R-Jr.   DE   6-5   251   Mill Cree   Corbin   Miles   Millings, Mont.   49   Copper Walton   R-Jr.   Lib   6-2   220   Sim Vall   Liby, Mc	Nick Williams	R-So.				Oceanside, Calif.	46	Wyatt Wegener	R-So.	DL	6-3	228	Algona, Iowa
Junior Bergen   Jr.   WR   5-11   184   Billings, Mont.   49   Copper Walton   R-Fr.   LB   6-1   216   Johnstow   Johnston   Lamar Campbell   R-So.   CB   6-1   190   Lacy, Wash.   Lacy, Wash.   So.   CB   6-1   190   Caland, Calif.   Sam yidlak   R-So.   CB   6-1   195   Applegate, Ore.   Sam yardlak   R-So.   CB   6-1   181   Kaneohe, Hawaii   S5   Chris Walker   R-Sr.   CB   6-1   0-1   Corbin Walker   Sr.   CB   6-1   181   Kaneohe, Hawaii   S5   Chris Walker   R-Sr.   CT   6-6   200   Missoula, Mont.   So.   California   R-Fr.   CB   6-1   201   Chris Walker   R-Sr.   CT   6-6   201   Chris Walker   R-Sr.   CT   6-6   202   Chris Walker   R-Sr.   CT   6-6   202   Chris Walker   R-Sr.   CT   C-6   202   Chris Walker   Chris Walker   Chris Walker   R-Sr.   CT   C-6   202   Chris Walker   Chris Walker   R-Sr.   CT   C-6   202   Chris Walker   Chris Walke	Nash Fouch	R-Sr.	S	6-2	205	Woodinville, Wash.	47	Kellen Detrick	R-So.	DL	6-3	245	Havre, Mont.
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Ryder Meyer							66	Brandon Casey	Jr.	OL	6-5	295	Sandpoint, Idaho
Aaron Fontes							69	Noah Kaschmitter	Jr.	DE	6-3	250	Grangeville, Idaho
Robert Whitehead   Sr. CB   6-1   183   El Cajon, Calif.   7/2   Iate lempleton   Fr. OL   6-3   291   Missoula, Mont.   73   Colin Dreis   R-Jr. OL   6-7   275   Tucson, A   Colin Dreis   R-Jr. OL   6-8   Colin Dreis   R-Jr. OL   6-6   Colin Dreis   R-Jr. OL   6-7   Colin Dreis   R-Jr. OL   6-6   Colin Dreis   R-Jr. OL   6-7   Colin Dreis   R-Jr.							69	Cannon Panfiloff	R-So.	OL	6-6	285	Roy, Utah
Tanner Barbour Fr. S 6-2 171 Pullman, Wash. 73 Colin Dreis R-Jr. OL 6-7 2/5 Iucson, A Kaden Huot R-Fr. QB 6-4 208 Helena, Mont. 74 Kukila Lincoln R-So. OL 6-5 286 Kamuela, Kade Boyd Fr. S 6-0 188 Billings, Mont. 75 Declan McCabe R-So. OL 6-4 279 Waco, Te: G-So. QB 6-4 220 Spring, Texas 76 Journey Grimsrud R-So. OL 6-3 280 Huntley, Inches McGurran R-Fr. WR 6-3 193 Park City, Utah 77 Michael Ray R-Fr. OL 6-6 312 Snoqualn R-So. S 6-1 181 Bozeman, Mont. 78 Lucas Freitas Fr. OL 6-6 312 Snoqualn R-So. S 6-1 181 Bozeman, Mont. 79 Liam Brown R-So. OL 6-5 310 Beaverto R-So. Gage Sliter Fr. QB 6-1 187 Kalispell, Mont. 80 Brady Lang R-So. WR 6-1 180 Bozeman R-So. Lamel, Mont. 80 Brady Lang R-So. WR 6-1 180 Bozeman R-So. Lamel, Mont. 81 Joseph Grezmak So. TE 6-5 249 Pilot Mo. Nick Ostmo Sr. RB 6-0 218 Portland, Ore. 83 Nico Ramos R-Sr. P/K 5-11 180 Missoula, Jaxon Lee Jr. S 6-1 200 Missoula, Mont. 83 Drew Klumph R-Fr. WR 6-3 197 Missoula, Mont. 83 Drew Klumph R-Fr. WR 6-1 180 Bozeman R-So. Jr. Te 6-5 270 Connersv Trevin Gradney R-Jr. CB 6-0 180 Billings, Mont. 85 Micah Ashton R-So. TE 6-5 243 San Dieg Travis Benham R-Sr. P 6-3 210 Pacifica, Calif. 86 Joe Weida R-Fr. TE 6-4 228 Missoula, Mont. 81 Jake Olson R-So. TE 6-5 243 San Dieg Greno Leonard R-So. RB 6-1 213 Manhattan, Kan. 87 Jake Olson R-So. TE 6-7 247 Butte, Mc Geno Leonard R-So. RB 5-11 224 Missoula, Mont. 90 Jareb Ramos R-Fr. DL 6-4 228 Centen Tyson Rostad R-Fr. S 6-1 197 Hamilton, Mont. 91 Jareb Ramos R-Fr. DL 6-4 220 Everett, V Braxton Hill Sr. LB 6-0 237 Missoula, Mont. 99 Brendan Murphy Fr. DL 6-4 227 Seattle, V Braxton Hill Sr. LB 6-0 237 Missoula, Mont. 99 Brendan Murphy Fr. DL 6-4 243 Savage, M Braxton Hill Sr. LB 6-0 237 Missoula, Mont. 96 Henry Nuce Jr. DL 6-4 245 Lawrence Jace Marcus Evans R-Fr. LB 6-0 217 Helena, Mont. 97 Grant Glasgow R-Fr. K 6-1 195 Lawrence Jace Murcus Prophers R-Fr. K 6-1 195 Lawrence Jace Marcus Evans R-Fr. LB 6-0 217 Helena, Mont. 99 Matai Matafafa R-So. DL 6-1 220 Lahaina, Jace Klucewich R-So. DL 6-1 220 Lahaina, Jace Klucewich R							72	Tate Templeton	Fr.	OL	6-3	291	Missoula, Mont.
Kaden Huot         R-Fr.         QB         6-4         208         Helena, Mont.         74         Kuklia Lincoln         R-So.         OL         6-5         286         Kamuela, Kamuela, Kade Boyd         Fr.         S         6-0         188         Billings, Mont.         75         Declan McCabe         R-So.         OL         6-4         279         Waco, Ter           Clifton McDowell         Sr.         QB         6-4         220         Spring, Texas         76         Journey Grimsrud         R-So.         OL         6-3         280         Huntley, Indicated           Sam Alford         R-Fr.         WR         6-3         193         Park City, Utah         77         Michael Ray         R-Fr.         OL         6-6         312         Snoqualn           Padraig Lang         R-So.         S         6-1         181         Bozeman, Mont.         78         Liaure Brown         R-So.         OL         6-5         310         Beaverto           Gage Sliter         Fr.         QB         6-1         187         Kalispell, Mont.         81         Joseph Grezmak         So.         TE         6-5         249         Pilot Mont.           Jaxon Lee         Jr.         S         6-1							73	Colin Dreis	R-Jr.	OL	6-7	275	Tucson, Ariz.
Kade Boyd   Fr.   S   6-0   188   Billings, Mont.   75   Declan McCabe   R-So.   OL   6-4   279   Waco, Ize   Clifton McDowell   Sr.   QB   6-4   220   Spring, Fexas   76   Journey Grimsrud   R-So.   OL   6-3   280   Huntley, Isam Alford   R-Fr.   WR   6-3   193   Park City, Utah   77   Michael Ray   R-Fr.   OL   6-6   312   Snoqualn   R-So.   So.   So.   So.   181   Bozeman, Mont.   78   Lucas Freitas   Fr.   OL   6-6   312   Snoqualn   Snoqualn   R-So.   OL   6-5   310   Beaverton   R-So.   OL   6-6   312   Snoqualn   R-So.   OL   6-6   312   Snoqualn   R-So.   OL   6-5   310   Beaverton   R-So.   OL   6-5   310   Beaverton   R-So.   OL   6-6   312   Snoqualn   R-So.   OL   6-6   312							74	Kukila Lincoln	R-So.	OL	6-5	286	Kamuela, Hawaii
Clifton McDowell   Sr. QB   6-4   220   Spring, Texas   76   Journey Grimsrud   R-50. OL   6-3   280   Huntley, Chase McGurran   R-Fr. WR   6-3   193   Park City, Utah   77   Michael Ray   R-Fr. OL   6-6   312   Snoqualn   R-Govern   R-Fr.   Soc. OL   6-5   310   Beaverton   R-Gage Sliter   Fr. QB   6-1   181   Bozeman, Mont.   R-Fr. RB   S-9   178   Laurel, Mont.   R-Fr. RB   S-9   178   Laurel, Mont.   R-Fr. RB   S-9   178   Laurel, Mont.   R-Fr. WR   6-1   180   Bozeman   R-Fr. Var. R-							75	Declan McCabe	R-So.	OL	6-4	279	Waco, Texas
Sam Alford         R-Fr.         WR         6-3         193         Park City, Utah         77         Michael Ray         R-Fr.         OL         6-3         281         Yakima, Vakima,							76	Journey Grimsrud	R-So.	OL	6-3	280	Huntley, Mont.
Chase McGurran   R-Fr.   S   6-0   179   Helena, Mont.   78   Lucas Frettas   Fr.   OL   6-6   312   Snoqualn   Stock of the solution of the							77	Michael Ray	R-Fr.	OL	6-3	281	Yakima, Wash.
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Gage Sliter         Fr. QB         6-1         187         Kalispell, Mont. Laurel, Mont.         80         Brady Lang         R-50.         WR         6-1         180         Bozeman Beau Dantic           Cameron Gurnsey         Fr. RB         5-9         178         Laurel, Mont.         81         Joseph Grezmak         So.         TE         6-5         249         Pilot Moc           Jaxon Lee         Jr. S         6-1         200         Missoula, Mont.         82         lan Finch         R-Fr.         WR         6-3         197         Missoula, Missoula, Mont.           Nick Ostmo         Sr. RB         6-0         218         Portland, Ore.         83         Nico Ramos         R-Sr.         P/K         5-11         180         Missoula, Missoula, Missoula, Mont.           Jordan Dever         Fr. WR         6-0         164         Spokane, Wash.         84         Evan Shafer         Jr.         TE         6-5         243         San Diegr           Travis Benham         R-Sr.         P 6-3         210         Pacifica, Calif.         86         Joe Weida         R-Fr.         TE         6-5         243         San Diegr           Tanner Huff         R-So.         CB         6-0         196 <t< td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>79</td><td>Liam Brown</td><td>R-So.</td><td>OL</td><td>6-5</td><td>310</td><td>Beaverton, Ore.</td></t<>							79	Liam Brown	R-So.	OL	6-5	310	Beaverton, Ore.
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Cameron Gurnsey							81	Joseph Grezmak	So.	TE	6-5	249	Pilot Mountain, N.C.
Jaxon Lee   Jr.   S   6-1   200   Missoula, Mont.   83   Drew Klumph   R-Fr.   WR   5-11   180   Missoula, Mick Ostmo   Sr.   RB   6-0   218   Portland, Ore.   83   Nico Ramos   R-Sr.   P/K   5-11   194   Miami, Fl   Jordan Dever   Fr.   WR   6-0   164   Spokane, Wash.   84   Evan Shafer   Jr.   TE   6-5   270   Connersy   Fr.   WR   6-1   180   Billings, Mont.   85   Micah Ashton   R-So.   TE   6-5   243   San Diegram   San Diegr							82	Ian Finch	R-Fr.	WR	6-3	197	Missoula, Mont.
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Jordan Dever							83		R-Sr.	P/K	5-11	194	Miami, Fla.
Trevin Gradney   R-Jr.   CB   6-0   180   Billings, Mont.   85   Micah Ashton   R-So.   TE   6-5   243   San Diego   Travis Benham   R-Sr.   P   6-3   210   Pacifica, Calif.   86   Joe Weida   R-Fr.   TE   6-4   228   Missoula, Mont.   R-So.   CB   6-0   196   Butte, Mont.   88   Erik Barker   Jr.   TE   6-4   250   Keizer, Or   Colter Janacaro   R-So.   RB   5-11   214   Missoula, Mont.   89   Lucas Prendergast   Fr.   WR   6-4   214   Seattle, V   Geno Leonard   R-So.   LB   5-11   224   Missoula, Mont.   90   Jareb Ramos   R-Fr.   DL   6-4   283   Centenni.   Tyson Rostad   R-Fr.   S   6-1   197   Hamilton, Mont.   92   Will Jenkins   Fr.   DL   6-5   220   Everett, V   Carson Rostad   Jr.   LB   6-3   221   Hamilton, Mont.   93   Sloan McPherson   R-So.   DL   6-4   243   Savage, N   Savage, N   Brandan Hurphy   Fr.   DL   6-2   227   Seattle, V   Braxton Hill   Sr.   LB   6-0   237   Missoula, Mont.   95   Dylan Smith   R-So.   DL   6-4   243   Savage, N   Sharcondan Missoula, Mont.   96   Henry Nuce   Jr.   DL   6-4   245   Kalispell, Levi Janacaro   R-So.   CB   5-10   165   Frenchtown, Mont.   98   Matai Mata'afa   R-So.   DL   6-1   220   Lahaina, N   Savage							84	Evan Shafer	Jr.	TE	6-5	270	Connersville, Ind.
Isiah Childs	Trevin Gradney	R-Jr.	CB	6-0	180								San Diego, Cali.
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Geno Leonard R-So. LB 5-11 224 Missoula, Mont.  Tyson Rostad R-Fr. S 6-1 197 Hamilton, Mont.  Asher Croy R-So. LB 6-0 219 Bozeman, Mont.  Braxton Hill Sr. LB 6-2 226 Anaconda, Mont.  Levi Janacaro R-Sr. LB 6-0 237 Missoula, Mont.  Marcus Evans R-Fr. DL 6-4 283 Centennia Fr. DL 6-5 220 Everett, Will Jenkins Fr. DL 6-5 220 Everett, Will Jenkins Fr. DL 6-4 243 Savage, M. Saker Croy R-So. LB 6-0 219 Bozeman, Mont.  Braxton Hill Sr. LB 6-2 226 Anaconda, Mont.  Braxton Hill Sr. LB 6-0 237 Missoula, Mont.  Marcus Evans R-Fr. DL 6-4 230 Whitehall Levi Janacaro R-Sr. LB 6-0 217 Helena, Mont.  Marcus Evans R-Fr. LB 6-0 165 Frenchtown, Mont.  Braxton Hill Sr. LB 6-1 220 Lahaina, Mont.  Marcus Evans R-Fr. LB 6-0 217 Helena, Mont.  Braxton Hill Sr. LB 6-0 217 Helena, Mont.  Marcus Evans R-Fr. LB 6-1 220 Lahaina, Mont.  Marcus Evans R-Fr. LB 6-1 220 Lahaina, Mont.	Tanner Huff	R-So.	CB	6-0	196	Butte, Mont.							Keizer, Ore.
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	Cooper Barnum	Jr.	LB	6-2	216	Vancouver, Wash.	99	Alex Gubner	R-Sr.	DT	6-3	285	West Hills, Calif.

#### Montana defensive tackle Alex Gubner (99) and Montana linebacker Tyler Flink (54) sack Furman quarterback Tyler Huff (6) during the FCS quarterfinal playoff game between Montana and Furman on Friday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. **BEN ALLAN SMITH. MISSOULIAN**

#### **GRIZZLY GAME DAY MATCHUPS**



#### **MONTANA BACKUPS ON OFFENSE**

QB	8	Keali'i Ah Yat
WR	4	Ryan Simpson
W/D	0	Sawyor Dacapoll

9 Sawyer Racanelli WR 2 **Drew Deck** TE 88 Erik Barker

**NORTH DAKOTA** 

**STATE STARTING** 

**OFFENSE** 

LT 69 Cannon Panfiloff 75 Declan McCabe

RG 74 Kukila Lincoln RT 73 Colin Dreis

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BACKUPS ON DEFENSE DE 56 **Loshiaka Roques** DT 50 **Kody Huisman** 

NG 64 Jaxon Duttenhefer DE 55 Kole Menz **WLB 26 Marcus Gulley** 

MLB 47 Luke Weerts

SLB 11 Oscar Benson CB 24 **Jenaro Ocama** CB 10 Marcus Sheppard SS 27 Rvan Jones

FS 32 Ty Satter

#### **MONTANA** Corbin Walker **STARTING** LB 35 Braxton **DEFENSE** Hill Hayden Harris R. Tirrell FS 4 -OR- 25 Nash Fouch -OR--OR- T. Flink Jaxon Lee L. Janacaro -OR R. Wilson TraJon Cotton K. Edwards -OR-G. Hustedt SS 13 Ryder Meyer CB 27 Travis Benham Trevin

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9	Cole Payton	WR	19	Jake Lippe						
28	TK Marshall	TE	88	Carson Willi						
49	Hunter Brozio	RT	78	Jake Rock						
6	Tyler Terhark	RG	65	Brvce Friday						

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NT 47 **Kellen Detrick** LB 33 Carson Rostad

CB 39 Jace Klucewich CB 2 Ronald Jackson SS 5 Garrett Graves Nickel 10 TJ Rausch



#### NORTH DAKOTA STATE ROSTER

Name	Year	Pos.	Hgt.	Wt.	Hometown	45	Brit Senftner	R-Fr.	LB	6-2	205	Bismarck, N.D.
Zach Mathis	Sr.	WR	6-7	203	Tampa, Fla.	45	Brady Wavrunek	Fr.	RB	5-11	205	Sioux City, Iowa
Braylon Henderson	Sr. R-Fr.	WR WR	5-9 6-2	177 205	Wylie, Texas	46	Oliver Lucht	Fr.	LB	6-1	215 246	Fargo, N.D.
Kellen Entz RaJa Nelson	Sr.	WR	5-9	186	West Fargo, N.D. Lakeville. Minn.	46 47	Truman Werremeyer Dylan Klancher	So. Fr.	FB FB	6-2 6-4	246	Fargo, N.D. Deerwood, Minn.
Jaylin Crumby	Fr.	S	5-11	194	Tampa, Fla.	47	Luke Weerts	Sr.	LB	6-1	222	Batavia, III.
Owen Johnson	So.	RB	5-10	213	Mankato, Minn.	48	Caleb Bowers	R-Fr.	LS	6-1	217	Whitefish Bay, Wis.
Bryce Lance	So.	WR	6-3	205	Marshall, Minn.	49	Hunter Brozio	Sr.	FB	6-1	233	Lakeland, Fla.
Tyler Terhark	Jr.	WR	6-2	208	Horace, N.D.	50	Kody Huisman	So.	DT	6-4	284	Pella, Iowa
Cam Miller	Sr.	QB	6-1	213	Solon, Iowa	51	Austin Altepeter	R-Fr.	LB	6-2	220	Fargo, N.D.
Barika Kpeenu	So.	RB	5-10	208	Fargo, N.D.	52	Nathaniel Staehling	R-Fr.	LB	6-2	231	Baxter, Minn.
Cole Payton	So.	QB	6-3	230	Omaha, Neb.	53	Eli Mostaert	Sr.	DT	6-3	287	Lakeville, Minn.
Trey Drake	Fr.	QB	6-3	196	Jamestown, N.Y.	54	AJ Heins	Fr.	OG	6-2	308	New Salem, N.D.
Marcus Sheppard	Sr.	CB	5-10	190	Novi, Mich.	54	Jake Kava	Sr.	DE	6-1	247	Moorhead, Minn.
Oscar Benson	Jr.	LB	6-1	218	Hillsboro, N.D.	55	Kole Menz	So.	DE	6-2	234	Horace, N.D.
Nathan Hayes	R-Fr.	QB	6-3	208	West Chicago, III.	56	Loshiaka Roques	Jr.	DE	6-3	232	Maple Grove, Minn.
Eli Green	So.	WR	5-11	185	Farmington, Minn.	57	Cade Powers	Sr.	LB	6-1	218	Oriska, N.D.
Najee Nelson	Fr.	CB	5-11	175	Lakeville, Minn.	58	Javier Derritt	Sr.	DT	6-2	280	Warrensburg, Mo.
Enock Sibomana	So.	LB	5-11	207	Fargo, N.D.	59	Hayden Johnston	Jr.	C	6-2	280	Albert Lea, Minn.
Mekhi Collins	R-Fr.	WR	6-4	214	North Mankato, Minn.	60	Isaac Zatechka	So.	OG	6-4	290	Elkhorn, Neb.
Isaac Hyland	R-Fr.	LB	5-10	192	Fond du Lac, Wis.	61	Austin Schultz	Fr.	OG	6-4	284	Moorhead, Minn.
Carson Hegerle	R-Fr.	WR	6-2	191	West Fargo, N.D.	62	Griffin Empey	Fr.	OG	6-3	283	Stoughton, Wis.
Jaquise Alexander	R-Fr.	CB	5-10	171	Ruskin, Fla.	63	Jake Kubas	Sr.	OG	6-4	308	Dickinson, N.D.
Jake Lippe	Sr.	WR	6-2	201	Port Washington, Wis.	63	Brennan Palmer	Fr.	DT	6-5	272	Fargo, N.D.
Reese Sheldon	Fr.	S	6-2	187	Cloquet, Minn.	64	Jaxon Duttenhefer	So.	DT	6-2	282	Mandan, N.D.
Julian Wlodarczyk	Sr.	LB	6-3	211	Naperville, III.	65	Bryce Friday	Jr.	OG	6-3	294	Markesan, Wis.
Reggie King TaMerik Williams	So. Sr.	CB RB	6-2 6-1	186 227	Grandview, Mo. Angleton, Texas	66 67	Jack Liwienski Kaden Chadwick	Fr. R-Fr.	C OG	6-3 6-6	277 283	Chanhassen, Minn. Granville, N.D.
Jayden Price	Sr.	CB	6-0	184	Derby, Kan.	68	Nate Schneckloth	Fr.	OT	6-5	272	Eldridge, Iowa
Jenaro Ocama	Sr.	CB	6-1	185	Woodbury, Minn.	69	Devin Lockerby	R-Fr.	OG	6-5	300	Faribault, Minn.
CharMar Brown	Fr.	RB	5-11	207	Omaha, Neb.	70	Beau Johnson	Fr.	OT	6-6	274	Spring Lake Park, Minn.
Jailen Duffie	Fr.	CB	5-11	163	Waukegan, III.	71	Keenan Wilson	Fr.	DT	6-1	289	Eagan, Minn.
Marcus Gulley	Jr.	LB	6-2	227	West Fargo, N.D.	72	Victor Isele	Fr.	DE.	6-2	237	Grand Island, Neb.
Ryan Jones	So.	S	6-3	203	Frisco, Texas	72	Jalen Sundell	Sr.	OT	6-5	300	Maryville, Mo.
TK Marshall	Sr.	RB	6-0	209	Minneapolis, Minn.	73	Mason Miller	Sr.	ОТ	6-7	300	Ada, Minn.
Noah Taylor	Fr.	S	6-0	208	Lemont, III.	74	Grey Zabel	Sr.	OG	6-6	296	Pierre, S.D.
Darius Givance	R-Fr.	S	6-3	207	Champlin, Minn.	75	Trevor Fiecko	So.	OG	6-4	298	Manitowoc, Wis.
Josiah Azure	Fr.	FB	6-2	230	Green Bay, Wis.	76	Hunter Poncius	Sr.	OT	6-8	315	Buffalo, Minn.
Chase Nixon	Jr.	CB	5-10	179	Compton, Calif.	77	Brandon Westberg	Sr.	C	6-4	295	Cambridge, Minn.
Kelly Watson	Fr.	RB	5-11	187	Elmhurst, Ill.	78	Jake Rock	Sr.	OT	6-7	306	Delafield, Wis.
Cole Wisniewski	Sr.	S	6-4	217	Sparta, Wis.	80	John Gores	R-Fr.	WR	5-5	164	Fargo, N.D.
Ty Satter	Jr.	S	6-2	203	Fargo, N.D.	81	Carter Kriewaldt	Fr.	WR	6-1	193	Seymour, Wis.
Logan Hofstedt	Sr.	FB	6-1	235	Cannon Falls, Minn.	81	Eli Ozick	Fr.	K	5-11	178	Liberty, Mo.
Termaine Turner	Fr.	CB	5-9	182	Lakeland, Fla.	82	Joe Stoffel	Sr.	TE	6-4	242	River Falls, Wis.
Jonathan Harvey	R-Fr.	RB	5-9 5-11	182 180	Mahtomedi, Minn.	83	Giancarlo Volpentesta		WR	6-0	214 203	Highland Park, III.
Kegan Huber Sam Jung	R-Fr. Sr.	CB S	5-11 5-11	192	Lake Geneva, Wis. Neenah, Wis.	84 85	Chris Harris Jacob Streit	So. Sr.	WR TE	6-3 6-4	203	El Paso, Texas
Nick Kubitz	Sr.	LB	6-3	226	Dubuque, Iowa	86	Cedric Wall	R-Fr.	WR	6-1	191	Watkins, Minn. Rosemount, Minn.
Drew Klein	R-Fr.	K	5-9	175	Hortonville, Wis.	87	Nate Forystek	R-Fr.	TE	6-5	250	Green Bay, Wis.
Leighton Keilen	Fr.	P	6-7	175	Lakeville, Minn.	88	Carson Williams	So.	TE	6-4	242	Marshalltown, Iowa
Alex Oechsner	So.	CB	5-9	184	Muskego, Wis.	89	Finn Diggins	So.	TE	6-4	247	Perham. Minn.
Dylan Taves	Sr.	LB	6-2	225	Glyndon, Minn.	90	Matt Weerts	So.	DE	6-1	239	Batavia, III.
Griffin Crosa	Sr.	K	6-1	177	Dublin, Ohio	91	Will Mostaert	Sr.	DT	6-2	270	Lakeville, Minn.
Kaden Zenzen	R-Fr.	TE	6-4	234	Barnesville, Minn.	92	Kelton McCaslin	R-Fr.	DE.	6-5	235	St. Charles, III.
Josh Hendricks	Fr.	LB	6-0	213	Grimes, Iowa	93	Toby Anene	R-Fr.	DE	6-3	253	Cottage Grove, Minn.
Kaedin Steindorf	Jr.	Р	6-1	201	Sherwood, Ore.	94	Logan Larson	R-Fr.	DT	6-3	272	Woodbury, Minn.
Hudson Artz	R-Fr.	S	6-0	195	Fairmont, Minn.	95	Dylan Hendricks	Sr.	DE	6-3	245	Pulaski, Wis.
Jaiden Pickett	Fr.	LB	6-1	194	Milwaukee, Wis.	96	Abraham Myers	Fr.	DE	6-2	230	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Collin Knorr	Fr.	TE	6-4	220	Coleharbor, N.D.	97	Gannon Williams	R-Fr.	DE	6-3	234	Marshalltown, Iowa
Logan Kopp	So.	LB	6-1	222	St. Louis, Mo.	98	Josh Magin	R-Fr.	DT	6-5	272	Shakopee, Minn.
Luke Kokat	R-Fr.	TE	6-3	237	Sturtevant, Wis.	99	Hunter Zenzen	Jr.	DE	6-2	244	Barnesville, Minn.

#### **HOW WE SEE THE BIG SKY**

#### **BILL SPELTZ**

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ongtime Montana football fans will probably never forget North Dakota State's last visit to Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

It marked Bob Stitt's debut as head coach of the Grizzlies. The date was August 29, 2015, and it turned out to be Stitt's biggest win in three seasons at the helm.



BILL SPELTZ

**70-16** 



FRANK GOGOLA

67-19

The sky had a distinctive red-brown hue that day. Area forest fires raged and the thick, stinky smoke made it tough to see the iconic M from inside the stadium.

Carson Wentz, a familiar name to NFL fans, played quarterback for the Bison. Chris Klieman, who currently coaches Kanas State, was skipper for North Dakota State.

Wentz had just led the Bison to a then-unprecedented fourth straight FCS championship. They went on to win the title again to cap their 2015 campaign.

But for one late-summer day in 2015, the Grizzlies captivated a national television audience and a then-record crowd.

Montana had a new quarterback in 6-foot-7 junior Brady Gustafson, who took over for graduated Jordan Johnson. The Pride of Billings outplayed Wentz — at least in the passing department — with 434 yards to 198 for Wentz.

The biggest moment belonged to Montana running back Joey Counts, who sat out the previous season and most of fall camp in 2015 with a foot injury. He scored from inches away on fourth-and-goal with 2 seconds left and soon after his team celebrated a shocking 38-35 win.

"I can't believe it," Counts told the Missoulian. "There's a lot of heart and perseverance on this team and it was calm; everybody knew what they had to do. We all figured they were gonna pinch down pretty hard. I just saw some light and I took it."

The high-rolling Stitt went for it six times on fourth down that Saturday, converting four.

"We were going to be aggressive and when we failed on fourth down, our de-



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In this 2015 file photo, former Montana running back Joey Counts celebrates after scoring the winning touchdown on fourth-and-goal with seconds remaining against North Dakota State. Montana won 38-35.

fense came up big and didn't give any big plays up," Stitt said. "Everybody's got to stay calm and the defense has to go out and bail us out once in a while."

Klieman saluted Montana's receiver corps — which included Missoula Sentinel grad and converted NCAA Division I baseball player Ben Roberts — and electrifying Ellis Henderson, who had 133 receiving yards on seven catches.

"I know this," Klieman said. "That's as good a set of wide receivers that we're probably gonna face this year. ... Those kids made plays."

One of the unsung heroes for Montana was defensive coordinator Ty Gregorak, who went on to hold the same position for Montana State and currently serves as a TV commentator for Bobcat games. Unlike Stitt, Gregorak had a dozen years of experience coaching on the NCAA Division I level under his belt and his unit came up big in the second half, holding the Bison to seven points.

This Saturday's game between Montana and visiting North Dakota State promises to be another instant classic. Since beating the Bison on that summer

day in 2015, Montana has lost two in a row to NDSU in the playoffs.

The Grizzlies have the homefield advantage this time and it's a big one. The Bison have an intangible edge since they've owned Montana and Montana State in recent years.

It may go down to the wire, just like that epic game in August of 2015. It is, without a doubt, the biggest game at Washington-Grizzly Stadium since 2009, which marked the last time the Grizzlies played for a spot in the FCS finals at home.

Hold on to your hats, sports fans.

#### **SATURDAY SEMIFINAL**

#### No. 8 North Dakota State (11-3) at No. 2 Montana (12-1) (2:30 p.m., ESPN2):

The Bison have won five in a row, including a memorable overtime game at Montana State two weeks ago. Yes, that's the same Montana State team that Montana demolished last month, 37-7. North Dakota State has proven it can win playoff games on the road and deal with a hostile environment. But Montana's crowd and the noise it creates are unique. Picking a

winner in this game is tough and it may just come down to mistakes, including false start penalties caused by fan noise. Montana's homefield advantage gives it the edge. **Speltz:** Montana 27, North Dakota State 24. **Gogola:** Griz 31, Bison 28.

#### **FRIDAY SEMIFINAL**

No. 9 Albany (11-3) at No. 1 South Dakota **State (13-0) (5 p.m., ESPN2):** This will be fun to watch. The Great Danes are riding a seven-game win streak and if they can get off to a good start, they just might be able to pull an upset. On the other hand, how do you pick against a Jackrabbits team that has won 27 games in a row dating back to early September of last season? And lest we not forget, that loss in early September of last season came at Big Ten power Iowa. South Dakota State didn't exactly blow Villanova out of the stadium last week in winning 23-12, but picking against them this week does not seem wise. Speltz: Jackrabbits 31, Albany 21. Gogola: SDSU 34, Albany 17.

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#### **Panfiloff**

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I think that helped me learn. Now it's not as hard just because I feel like I'm able to do the techniques from both sides. Spring was tough still learning the just flip those in my head.

### left and right side?

**A:** It's tougher moving from guard to tackle because they're both different positions. With tackle, it's just switching sides, you just got to switch up the switching from tackle to left or right I would say. I feel like with guard, you tend to have heavy, bigger guvs in the middle, like defensive tackles compared to defensive ends. So, that can be one aspect that's hard is trying to move those guys rather than a D-end that might be a little lighter.

#### Q: You had been rotating in all year, but what did it mean to you to get your first start against Montana State?

A: I won't lie, I was probably the most nervous I've been, definitely. That's the first game I switched positions too, so that was my first time playing guard since summer. When we went into fall camp, I was strictly tackle, rotating left and right. Hadn't played guard since summer and actually hit someone at the position since spring ball. I was switching to guard, it was for the Big Sky title and one of the biggest rivalries in college football. The whole week, I was just try-

I can because I know their play. But not just that. The two interior guys are pretty coaches, the team, I feel so strong. I was really nervous, close with everyone on the I won't lie. I tried to hide it team, man. We really are all a little bit. I was confident brothers, especially within but definitely nervous just the O-line pod, the DOLA because of the stakes of the pod, the locker pods, we're game. I was definitely ex- so close, we're all best cited. I was like, eventually friends. But I feel like evplaybook. Now I feel like I my time will come to start eryone on the team, we're got the plays down, I can and they're going to call all friends, we're playon me and they're going to ing for one another. The Q: What are the big- need me and I'm like, here coaches, they're tough on gest differences between it is, I got to do my best and us sometimes, but that's playing guard and tackle, it was really fun. That game what it takes. I appreciwas really special.

#### been here a while, have I wouldn't change anyyou felt like you made thing in the world. This is the right choice coming the place that I think I was to Montana?

footwork a little bit. They It's been so fun playing to stay here and be here for both have different aspects here. The crowd, the noise, the rest of my career. that are hard. But it's harder the fans, they're the best. It's fun playing in front of Frank Gogola is the Senior guard, guard to tackle than this crowd. I remember Sports Reporter at the playing here my freshman Missoulian, Follow him on year at my old school and Twitter/X @FrankGogola was just wowed by the at- or email him at frank. mosphere. I was like, that's gogola@406mtsports.com.

ing to watch as much film as somewhere you want to ate all of them. It's meant Q: Now that you've everything to play here. meant to play and this is the A: It's meant everything. place that I definitely want



**BEN ALLAN SMITH, MISSOULIAN** 

Montana offensive lineman Cannon Panfiloff (69) runs off the field during the FCS quarterfinal playoff game between Montana and Furman on Friday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. He has played both the guard and tackle spots and has lined up on both

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#### Ramos

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semester in January.

"It was just a little bit of uncertainty not knowing if I had played my last game or not," he said of the waiting process. "It was kind of a weird time. We were on break but I didn't know if I would be coming back to Montana or if that would be it. Obviously, I was excited to come back."

The NCAA gives athletes five years to complete four seasons of their sport. It's become more common for players to now stay six years because of the COVID waiver given to those on rosters during the 2020-21 school year when seasons were impacted by the pandemic.

A seventh-year senior like Ramos is even more rare. He's not your super senior like those in their sixth year. Maybe super-duper senior? Senior citizen? Well, his current freshman teammates were in seventh grade when he entered college in 2017.

That year, the transfer portal was not yet created. Playing a single snap could burn a player's redshirt. Name, Image and Likeness deals were not a reality. National Signing Day was still viewed as the first week of February instead of the third week of December. All that has changed.

Ramos is one of two Griz to be playing a seventh year this season. The other is left tackle Chris Walker, who also received a medical waiver like Ramos. Last year, transfer quarterback Lucas Johnson was in his seventh season.

"I did approach last year almost like it was my last season," Ramos said of 2022. "You never really know, so I had tried to take advantage of every practice, every game and just enjoy it."

Ramos is back because he refused to give up the thing he loved. That thing - kicking footballs hasn't gotten old to him.

He also returned because the season. coaching staff welcomed him back. He asked if he could come back and injuries and I feel like I just had A long road if there would be a roster spot for more in me," he said of wanting to him.

He's still alive and kicking, pur-



**BEN ALLAN SMITH**, MISSOULIAN

Montana kicker Nico Ramos (83) kicks a point after attempt during the Griz spring football game on April 7 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Ramos is in his second season at UM, which is his third team in a seven-year college career.

"Early in my career, I had a few return. "I had a couple seasons lost just because of injury. I feel like if Golden Bears in 2021. suing his dreams. He's been doing I had the chance to do it, which I

while at Montana for a second of that. That's why I'm here right ington 7. The Grizzlies went to Se-

Ramos was tracking the Pac-12 when he joined the California

The first week, something

attle and knocked off the Huskies, just the sixth FCS team to ever beat a ranked FBS foe.

Ramos didn't earn the starting his best to make up for lost time wanted to, I would take advantage caught his eye: Montana 13, Wash- to the Griz. He got the fresh start, to be here."

the new beginning he was looking for after seeing the field for one season through five years in col-

"This place is definitely special," he said. "There's no other atmosphere in college football like this. It's just exciting. To play in big games in like the game against the Cats and the playoffs, it's special."

Ramos had started college at Princeton, redshirting in 2017 as a true freshman. He also didn't play in 2019 because he had his season cut short by injury before it even began.

In between, he set the school record with 56 extra points in 2018 during the Tigers' first perfect season since 1964. That time at Princeton in New Jersey gave him some experience performing in the cold for when he got to Montana.

The 2020 season was canceled by the pandemic, keeping him sidelined. He then transferred to Cal after graduating from Princeton, an Ivy League school that doesn't allow graduate students to compete in athletics.

"I would have never guessed it would have gone the way it did," he said of his time in college. "Never. But I am happy with how it all turned out for sure."

Ramos has found those opportunities to both play and get an education. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in public policy from Princeton. Then he got a certificate in business administration at Cal.

At UM, he's working on finishing his Master of Business Administration. He earned Academic All-Big Sky honors in 2022.

He's not sure what he'll do after football finally ends, but he's thinking he'll end up back in Miami. That's where he grew up playing soccer before starting to kick footballs in seventh grade, which took him on a journey that has shown his resiliency.

"Don't give up on yourself," he said of his advice to younger players. "Things don't always go as planned and you just got to keep going, keep your head up and don't auit.

"I've just really tried to enjoy job at Cal and didn't play at all that it and taken it day by day. This is year. When he entered the transfer where I want to be, this is what I portal, he used Twitter to reach out want to be doing. I'm just happy

#### **GRIZZLY GAME DAY**



**BEN ALLAN SMITH. MISSOULIAN** 

Idaho running back Anthony Woods (5) stiff-arms Montana safety TraJon Cotton on Oct. 14 at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Idaho. Woods has entered the transfer portal.

#### **Big Sky**

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portal as well.

players to enter the portal are All-Big Sky first-team DB Marlon Jones Jr. and All-Big Sky second-team tight end Blake Gobel.

teamers also entered the portal: Northern Donovan Saunders.

Former UC Davis all-conference secondto nearby Cal, while ex-Weber State all- LB Riley Wilson. conference honorable mention punter Jack Burgess is transferring to Texas Tech.

#### Many Big Sky players make All-**American team**

Team was unveiled Monday, and several Big Sky players earned selections.

The FCS Football Central freshman of ternational. the year is Montana RB Eli Gillman, who also got the Jerry Rice Award.

The Big Sky players on the Football Central first team are Montana State ofentered the transfer portal last week), Lan Larison, Weber State LB Winston Reid teams coordinator).

and MSU OL Marcus Wehr.

The Big Sky second-teamers are Jack Burgess, Marcus Harris, Weber State DB Maxwell Anderson, UM all-purpose Montana RB Iverson Young entered the player Junior Bergen, UM LB Braxton Hill. Idaho State WR Chedon James (who's in Among several Eastern Washington the portal), MSU OL Justus Perkins and MSU OL Rush Reimer (who's in the por-

On the third team from the Big Sky are A couple other all-conference second Anthony Woods, Weber OL Noah Atagi, Eastern Washington WR Efton Chism III, Arizona wide receiver Coleman Owen and UM DB Trevin Gradney, MSU DL Brody Cal Poly all-conference second-team DB Grebe, Idaho punt returner Jermaine Jackson, Cal Poly DL Elijah Ponder, Sacramento State OL Jackson Slater, Weber kick team LB Teddye Buchanan has committed returner Abraham Williams and Montana

#### **EWU moves on from DC**

Jeff Copp will not return as Eastern Washington's defensive coordinator next season, EWU announced Friday.

Copp spent the previous two seasons as The FCS Football Central All-American the Eagles' DC. He joined EWU's staff as a defensive line coach in 2020 after four seasons in an assistant role at Florida In-

Copp, who played D-end at Boise State, began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Arizona State in 2001. He coached at three other Big Sky schools befensive lineman Omar Aighedion (who fore EWU hired him: Idaho State in 2004 (D-ends coach), UC Davis from 2009-15 Montana defensive lineman Alex Gubner, (DBs, special teams and linebackers coach) Idaho WR Hayden Hatten, UC Davis RB and Northern Arizona in 2016 (special





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