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TE TITUS ROHRER GOES FROM SMALL TOWN TO BIG TIME

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From Rocky Top to Rocky Mountains

TE Rohrer stays hungry, humble in chasing dream

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SHANNA MADISON, MISSOULIAN

Montana tight end Titus Rohrer (44) blocks a Drake defender during a college football game on Sept. 5 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Rohrer is in his second and final season with the Grizzlies after he began his college career at Tennessee.

Titus Rohrer sees the same message every football game day when he checks the notifications on his phone.

"Stay humble and stay hungry" is the advice his father has texted him before kickoff dating back to high school. That reminder has remained throughout Rohrer's time playing college football at Tennessee and Montana, where he is wrapping up his five-year college career this fall.

Yet, there was a time when college football looked like it had passed Rohrer by. He had been in contact with one college team and was planning to attend its summer camp after the conclusion of his junior year in 2020.

Then the pandemic hit that spring. Camps were canceled. Rohrer's recruiting took a hit. It was already minimal coming out of Bryan, a city of about 8,500 people in rural, extreme northwestern Ohio.

"It was kind of a bummer, but it turned out pretty good," Rohrer said ahead of Montana's game against Idaho State at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Rohrer stayed hungry and humble in a different manner when he graduated from Bryan High School in the spring of 2021. He still had not received any college football offers at the time.

He instead started his own business. He used his entrepreneurial spirit to buy and sell clothes, hats and other merchandise through an online store.

Something inside him told him he wasn't done with football yet in fall 2021.

"I was kind of staying in shape and I didn't know why," he said. "I was training pretty heavily still. Just kind of had a feeling that I should continue to train."

He pulled up to the gym for one of his evening lifting sessions. His phone rang when he was sitting in the parking lot before getting out of his car.

On the other end of the line was Alex Golesh, who was then the Tennessee Volunteers offensive coordinator and is now the Auburn head coach. It was a call that for Rohrer came out of nowhere after they hadn't talked in a while.

Rohrer had been a sophomore in high school when he first touched base with Golesh, who had been the Iowa State tight ends coach at the time. They lost contact when the pandemic dashed Rohrer's hope of attending ISU's camp.

"He kind of looked me up to see where I ended up going, and I didn't go anywhere, so then he reached out," Rohrer said. "Just cold-called me, asked if I still had any hopes of playing D-I college football. I told him yes and the rest is history."

Rohrer was heading to big-time college football in the SEC as a towering presence at 6-foot-7 from small-town Bryan after growing up in larger Athens, Ohio, until second grade. He's the lone college athlete from a family that wasn't all that into sports.

His parents still gave him every opportunity to pursue the sports he wanted. He felt they tried to be involved and pushed him to be his best.

Sports had been his first love from before he can even remember. A story he has heard numerous times from his mother reiterates that point.

"When I was 2, their friends invited them to go to a college basketball game and I could barely talk, but my mom was like, 'Titus, focus on the ball,'" he recalled. "The whole rest of the game, I was just looking at it and saying 'ball.' I couldn't stop saying 'ball.'"

Rohrer became a baller in numerous sports. At one point growing up, he played five different sports. He was running around everywhere from football to basketball to baseball to hockey to soccer with the help of his parents and grandparents driving him to practices.

Basketball overtook his love for football when he thought that might be his college sport. He was sprouting up the growth chart, but he realized with his skill set that being *only* 6-7 as a power forward wasn't going to cut it to be an NCAA Division I basketball player.

Midway through high school, he was back pursuing college football but continued to be a two-sport standout. He earned All-Northwest Ohio Athletic League honors multiple times in both basketball and football, where he played tight end and defensive end for Bryan head coach Grant Redhead.

"He was a good leader," Redhead said. "He led the right way. Not a yeller and screamer.

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SHANNA MADISON, MISSOULIAN

Montana offensive lineman Dyllan Drummond (75) lines up for a play during a college football game against Portland State on Nov. 7 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Drummond has started all 10 games at right guard this season.

DRUMMOND BOOSTING O-LINE

UNLV transfer has started every game at right guard

CARSON CASHION
406 MT Sports

Dyllan Drummond traded the desert for the mountains last offseason.

The 6-foot-4, 315-pound junior spent his first two years of college at the FBS level with the UNLV Rebels, playing under head coach Dan Mullen as his team reached the Mountain West Conference title game.

Originally from Tyler, Texas, Drummond has been a staple in Montana's offensive line this season as its starting right guard. He's helped limit Griz quarterback Keali'i Ah Yat to just nine sacks through 10 games as well as help fuel the Montana rushing attack that's helped running back Eli Gillman set records seemingly every other week.

Drummond sat down with 406 MT Sports ahead of Montana's late-night showdown with Idaho State at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

Q: I'd have to imagine this is the coldest winter you've ever played football in, right?

A: Man, it's bad. Vegas was the complete opposite.

Q: I'm sure this is also way colder than back home in Texas. Does it ever get this cold?

A: No, definitely no. But I'm adapting, it's all right. Once you get out here and start moving, it's just all the same.

Q: How has your first season at Montana been going so far?

A: It's been great. I mean, first year starting, so it's been a great experience, and I'm starting to develop more experience and really just understand the offense more and really just fit into my role in this offense.

Q: There's been plenty of talk about the offensive line and the year-over-year improvement it's seen, what do you attribute that to?

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HOW WE SEE THE BIG SKY

BILL SPELTZ | 406 MT SPORTS

A season that started with so much promise has become exceptionally painful for the Idaho State football team.

Painful because the team has so much potential but it's not materializing in the form of big wins in the Big Sky Conference. Last week's triple-overtime home loss to second-ranked Montana State was the latest and most devastating of the Bengals' 2026 heartbreaks.



FRANK GOGOLA

65-17

That doesn't mean 21st-ranked Idaho State is going to roll over when it visits Washington-Grizzly Stadium for a Saturday scuffle with the 12th-ranked Montana Grizzlies. To the contrary, the late-night show should bring plenty of fireworks on both sides and probably some anxiety for UM since veteran quarterbacks have given it trouble and Idaho State has one.



BILL SPELTZ

65-17

Griz fans may remember the name Jordan Cooke from last year. He threw for 421 yards and two touchdowns as the Bengals put an October scare into Montana in Pocatello. The Grizzlies escaped with a 42-38 win but they needed to rally from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to get the job done.

Idaho State looked really good to start this season, racing to a 4-0 start that included a win at FBS Utah State. Then the Bengals fell into a funk with home losses to Northern Arizona and Cal Poly and a road setback against rival Weber State.



CARSON CASHION

61-21

They snapped out of it with consecutive wins over Big Sky doormats Portland State and Utah Tech. But the cold, hard truth is that Idaho State has lost four of its last six. There are no extra-credit points for last Saturday's close call against the Cats.

Idaho State now has its back against the wall. A pair of wins to finish the season may be good enough to get the team a playoff bid since one of its triumphs was over an FBS program. Regardless, the team can remove the bad taste in its mouth from the last week with a rare road victory over Montana.



VICTOR FLORES

59-23

The Bengals have a respectable defense to go along with their dangerous offense. Plus they're 3-1 on the road, so there's a good chance they'll hold up under the extreme noise at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Add it all up and we've got a festive, big-game feel for Saturday's clash under the lights. The weather is going to be decent, which is good for the fans but also helpful for Montana's foe since the adjustments for the dome dwellers won't be so drastic.

We may be in for another shootout, so buckle up. The team that does best taking care of the football will be at a distinct advantage.

No. 21 Idaho State (3-4 Big Sky, 6-4 overall) at No. 12 Montana (5-2, 7-3), 8:30 p.m. TV: ESPN2. The blitzing Bengals defense was impressive against the Cats. Montana State QB Justin Lamson took a lot of hits and looked as if he had been in an MMA bout in his postgame interview, complete with a bloody jersey. Expect Idaho State to do a lot of blitzing again and if it can handle the run the way it did against MSU, the Griz are in for a mighty tough challenge. Idaho State's offense is a bit of an enigma. There were times it looked quite good against Montana State's respectable defense. But late in the fourth quarter and in OT, Idaho State's offense struggled. Montana is coming off an impressive 57-24 home win over Portland State. But really what did the Grizzlies prove since the Vikings have gone from bad to worse on their current four-game skid? The answer is not much. Montana can prove a lot more with a big win over the Bengals. In the process, they'll send a message to the Montana State Bobcats that the Brawl of the Wild on Nov. 21 in Bozeman is going to be a fight to the finish. Look for a close game between UM and ISU, with the Grizzlies prevailing behind a loud crowd and more heroics by Eli Gillman. My hunch is that the Bengals' triple-OT loss last week took a lot out of them and they will fade late. **Bill Speltz:** Grizzlies 35, Bengals 28. **Frank Gogola:** Montana 35, Idaho State 27. **Carson Cashion:** Montana 42, Idaho State 35. **Victor Flores:** Griz 34, Bengals 31.

No. 2 Montana State (6-1, 9-1) at Northern Colorado (2-5, 3-7), noon TV: Scripps Sports/ESPN+. The Bobcats get a break this week after their glorious marathon win at Idaho State. Triple-overtime road games are bound to take something out of a team and MSU is not immune. The Cats will try to jump on the Bears early and then insert some reserves to spell their starters ahead of the Brawl of the Wild on Nov. 21. Northern Colorado has lost four of its last five, but it did show a spark in mid-October with a 28-18 home win over Cal Poly. The Bears are decent defensively but rank near the bottom in the Big Sky offensively, averaging 21.9 points per game. Montana State, on the other hand, leads the Big Sky with an average of 40.5 points per game. Plus the Cats lead the league defensively, allowing just 19.6 points per game in Big Sky action. Look for the Bobcats to take care of business in Greeley, Colorado. They're tied with Northern Arizona for the top spot in the Big Sky and can't afford a slip-up in their quest for league supremacy. **Speltz:** Bobcats 30, Bears 17. **Gogola:** Montana State 34, Northern Colorado 20. **Cashion:** Montana State 28, Northern Colorado 7. **Flores:** Cats 41, Bears 10.

No. 23 UC Davis (4-3, 6-4) at Idaho (5-2, 5-5), 2 p.m. TV: ESPN+. Riding a four-game win streak, the Vandals have gained respect from the FCS pollsters and are ranked 30th in the latest Stats poll (obviously they only rank 25 officially, but they list others receiving points). Idaho has also earned the respect of the 406 MT Sports prognosticators, who are all picking the Vandals to win at home this week. Interestingly, the Aggies have gone back and forth between winning and losing for nine games in a row. They're very consistent with their inconsistency, you might say. Davis prevailed in a home game against improved Utah Tech last week, 24-17, but the Aggies are 2-3 on the road and Idaho is 3-0 in the Kibbie Dome. **Speltz:** Vandals 35, Aggies 24. **Gogola:** Idaho 31, UC Davis 28. **Cashion:** Idaho 38, UC Davis 24. **Flores:** Vandals 42, Aggies 24.

Weber State (5-2, 6-4) at No. 5 Northern Arizona (6-1, 8-2), 2 p.m. TV: ESPN+. Just my personal opinion, but Montana is closer to being the No. 5 team in the country than Northern Arizona. Yes, I know the Grizzlies lost to the Jacks in Flagstaff back in early October, 49-44. The Griz are playing better defense now and they're riding a two-game win streak. Ask yourself this: If UM played NAU on a neutral field tomorrow, who would you pick? Maybe my head is stuck in the past and I can't look past the fact the Jacks rarely do anything noteworthy in late November or December. The Griz, on the other hand, have a reputation for winning in the playoffs. At any rate, NAU has won a league-high five games in a row and is 3-0 at home this season. Weber State is certainly capable of pulling the upset Saturday, but it's hard to look past the Wildcats' losses to Southern Utah and Portland State this season. **Speltz:** Jacks 33, Wildcats 30. **Gogola:** Northern Arizona 38, Weber State 30. **Cashion:** Northern Arizona 31, Weber State 20. **Flores:** Weber 38, NAU 35.

Eastern Washington (1-6, 2-8) at Utah Tech (1-6, 1-9), 2 p.m. TV: ESPN+. The Trailblazers have just one win this season, three weeks ago at Cal Poly. But they have been competitive the past two weeks, losing one-score games to nationally ranked Idaho State and UC Davis. Eastern Washington has dropped three in a row but has scored 30-plus points the past two weeks. This game is a toss up. I'm going with Utah Tech to pull out its first home win of the season. **Speltz:** Trailblazers 35, Eagles 33. **Gogola:** Eastern Washington 37, Utah Tech 24. **Cashion:** Eastern Washington 35, Utah Tech 13. **Flores:** Utah Tech 35, EWU 31.

Southern Utah (3-4, 4-6) at Portland State (2-5, 2-8), Friday at 8 p.m. TV: ESPN+. Did the Grizzlies really prove anything in pounding on Portland State at Washington-Grizzly Stadium last week? No, not in my mind. Not a darn thing. Montana can, however, prove a lot with a win over Idaho State this Saturday. As for Portland State, it looks as though the team has packed it in for 2026. Southern Utah is a proud program seeking to finish at .500 this season and it'll take a step closer Friday night. **Speltz:** Thunderbirds 37, Vikings 21. **Gogola:** Southern Utah 42, Portland State 21. **Cashion:** Southern Utah 28, Portland State 14. **Flores:** SUU 28, PSU 17.

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MONTANA GRIZZLIES

No.	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
0	Monte Gillman	Jr.	RB	5-8	167	Dassel, Minn.
0	Gabe Stroud	Jr.	CB	5-11	185	Tyler, Texas
2	Hunter Haines	Jr.	S	6-2	212	West Linn, Ore.
2	Landon Ransom-Goelz	Sr.	WR	6-1	188	Trophy Club, Texas
3	Brooks Davis	Jr.	WR	6-0	180	Brentwood, Calif.
3	Jeilani Davis	Jr.	CB	6-0	201	Inglewood, Calif.
4	Luke Flowers	Jr.	QB	6-1	191	Rigby, Idaho
4	Dane Parker	Jr.	S	6-1	180	Puyallup, Wash.
5	Ian Finch	5th	WR	6-3	210	Missoula, Mont.
5	Hudson Schrader	Fr.	S	6-2	194	Los Gatos, Calif.
6	Chris Johnson II	Jr.	CB	6-1	190	Fort Worth, Texas
6	Legend Lyons	So.	WR	6-2	185	Covina, Calif.
7	Weston Adams	5th	WR	5-11	192	Shell, Wyo.
7	Kash Goicoechea	Jr.	S	6-1	199	Kalispell, Mont.
8	Keali'i Ah Yat	Sr.	QB	6-1	210	Kaneohe, Hawaii
8	Adama Fall	Gr.	S	6-3	210	Dakar, Senegal
9	Jordan Dever	Sr.	WR	6-0	175	Spokane, Wash.
9	Kougar Kappel	Fr.	S	6-0	178	Red Lodge, Mont.
10	Eli Gillman	5th	RB	6-0	215	Dassel, Minn.
10	Styles Goodman	So.	LB	6-2	230	Austin, Texas
11	Cameron Gurnsey	Sr.	WR	6-1	195	Butte, Mont.
11	Jayden Nicholas	Fr.	CB	6-0	168	Concord, Calif.
12	Elijah Brady	Sr.	CB	6-1	176	Seattle, Wash.
12	Gage Sliter	Sr.	QB	6-1	199	Kalispell, Mont.
13	Brock Beaner	So.	S	6-0	202	Anacortes, Wash.
13	Lekeldrick Bridges	Jr.	WR	5-11	175	Cedar Hill, Texas
14	DeAnte Gentry	So.	CB	5-11	170	Fort Worth, Texas
14	Korbin Hendrix	Sr.	WR	6-3	190	McKinney, Texas
16	Brady Jay	Fr.	QB	6-1	177	Moses Lake, Wash.
16	Braeden Orlandi	Sr.	S	6-1	200	Valley Springs, Calif.
17	Kade Boyd	Sr.	S	6-0	198	Billings, Mont.
17	Bridger Smith	So.	WR	6-1	178	Kalispell, Mont.
18	Devin Dunn	5th	DB	5-10	190	Chandler, Ariz.
18	Cody Schweikert	Jr.	QB	6-3	217	Columbia Falls, Mont.
19	Drew Price	So.	QB	5-10	179	Jacksonville, Fla.
19	Rodney Weatherspoon	Fr.	CB	6-0	170	Forth Worth, Texas
20	Sage Salopek	So.	CB	6-0	171	Seattle, Wash.
21	Ashton Paine	Sr.	DB	6-1	193	Tumwater, Wash.
21	Courtney Rogers	Fr.	RB	6-2	211	Blytheville, Ark.
23	Dane Kellner	Fr.	S	5-11	170	Honolulu, Hawaii
23	Dylan Paine	Gr.	RB	5-9	198	Tumwater, Wash.
24	Justin Eklund	5th	LB	6-2	235	Rocklin, Calif.
25	Brady Beaner	So.	S	6-0	191	Anacortes, Wash.
26	Chase Cook	So.	RB	5-11	197	Red Lodge, Mont.
27	Nohi Casco	Fr.	CB	5-11	195	Lahaina, Hawaii
28	Hashim Jones	So.	RB	6-0	200	Hartford, Conn.
29	Tanner Huff	Gr.	S	6-0	208	Butte, Mont.
30	Kade Cutler	5th	S	6-0	207	Phillipsburg, Mont.
31	Tanner Williams	Jr.	LB	6-1	218	Orange, Calif.
32	Peyton Wing	5th	LB	6-0	225	Sumner, Wash.
33	Taylor Jones	So.	LB	6-1	210	Missoula, Mont.
34	Parker Link	Fr.	S	5-10	191	Missoula, Mont.
35	Cooper Neer	Fr.	LB	6-3	202	Kennewick, Wash.
36	Garrett Speer	Jr.	DB	6-0	195	Sherwood, Ore.
37	Clay Oven	Sr.	LB	6-2	225	Billings, Mont.
38	Nai Mose	5th	LB	6-0	225	Euless, Texas
39	Fynn Ridgeway	Sr.	RB	6-1	208	Whitefish, Mont.
40	Colton Lentz	So.	LB	6-3	223	Nooksack, Wash.
41	Ryder Barinowski	Jr.	K	6-0	203	Whitefish, Mont.
42	Giovanni Pifferini	Sr.	DL	6-4	230	Placerville, Calif.
43	Cooper Cyphers	Fr.	DL	6-2	253	Fort Worth, Texas
44	Titus Rohrer	5th	TE	6-7	235	Bryan, Ohio
45	Wyatt Redding	5th	KP	6-1	212	Sumner, Wash.
46	Jo Silver	5th	KP	6-0	221	Fremont, Ohio
47	Jace Eastlick	Jr.	LS	6-3	222	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
48	Isaac Keim	Jr.	DL	6-4	280	Kalispell, Mont.
49	Elijah Rincon	Fr.	DE	6-3	226	Hacienda Heights, Calif.
50	Sam Merriman	So.	LB	6-0	230	Seattle, Wash.
51	Spencer Tripp	So.	DL	5-11	268	Missoula, Mont.
53	Mac Olsen	Fr.	DL	6-4	253	Manti, Utah
54	Evan Pyron	Fr.	DE	6-3	244	Missoula, Mont.
55	Austin Buehler	Sr.	OL	6-5	295	Helena, Mont.
55	Zaiden Wallace	Jr.	DL	6-4	300	Ewa Beach, Hawaii
57	Jake Mason	Sr.	DL	6-2	265	Ferndale, Wash.
58	Solomon Tuliaupupu	Gr.	LB	6-3	260	Pomona, Calif.
59	Nui Tovey	So.	DE	6-3	250	Lake Oswego, Ore.
60	Wyatt Sandford	5th	OL	6-4	298	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
61	Lincoln Hoefer	So.	OL	6-6	306	Everson, Wash.
62	Lincoln Senter	Fr.	OL	6-5	240	Great Falls, Mont.
63	Kaikoa Kanakaole	So.	OL	6-5	295	Kapa'a, Hawaii
64	Matt Hilden	Jr.	OL	6-6	304	Santa Rosa, Calif.
65	Dylan Jemtegaard	Gr.	OL	6-4	296	Yelm, Wash.
66	Ezra Meyer	So.	OL	6-5	292	Missoula, Mont.
68	Torin Jeske	Jr.	OL	6-6	295	Bozeman, Mont.
69	Trevor Steinbach	Jr.	OL	6-5	300	Sammamish, Wash.
70	Josiah West	Fr.	OL	6-6	317	Prosser, Wash.
71	Quinlan Hyatt	So.	OL	6-7	295	Spokane, Wash.
72	Jack D'Ambra	Gr.	OL	6-3	303	Wildomar, Calif.
74	Owen Liechti	Fr.	OL	6-7	250	Ankeny, Iowa
75	Dyllan Drummond	Jr.	OL	6-4	315	Tyler, Texas
76	Campbell Vandiver	Sr.	OT	6-8	285	Nashville, Tenn.
77	Carter Bowen	Sr.	OL	6-7	305	Dawson, Minn.
78	Lucas Freitas	Sr.	OL	6-6	310	Snoqualmie, Wash.
80	Malaki Davis	Fr.	TE	6-5	230	Tacoma, Wash.
81	Mariano Birdno	Jr.	TE	6-5	255	Flagstaff, Ariz.
82	Merek Fisher	Fr.	TE	6-6	238	Billings, Mont.
83	Dawson Hammond	Fr.	WR	6-0	176	Malta, Mont.
84	Grady Walker	Jr.	TE	6-4	235	Missoula, Mont.
85	Wesley Ehret	Fr.	WR	6-2	190	Belgrade, Mont.
86	William Snell	Fr.	WR	6-4	189	Billings, Mont.
87	Everett O'Donnell	Jr.	P	6-2	199	Melbourne, Aus.
88	Reese Brooks	So.	TE	6-4	230	Round Rock, Texas
89	Danny Sirmon	Jr.	TE	6-6	265	Missoula, Mont.
90	Tyler King	Sr.	DL	6-5	252	Happy Valley, Ore.
91	Cooper Buffington	So.	DL	6-4	275	Winfield, Iowa
92	Zekiel Seumalo	Sr.	DL	6-0	265	Kent, Wash.
94	Cole Harpole	So.	DL	6-3	240	Gunter, Texas
95	Manase Tupou	Jr.	DL	6-1	315	Kihei, Hawaii
96	Logan Knaevelsrud	So.	DL	6-4	252	Snoqualmie, Wash.
97	Hayden Schwartz	5th	DL	6-4	245	Jacksonville, Fla.
98	Derek Opitz	Fr.	DT	6-3	244	Helena, Mont.
99	Braydon Bailey	5th	DT	6-2	302	Kona, Hawaii

IDAHO STATE BENGALS

No.	Name	Year	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown
0	Robert Freeman IV	5th	RB	5-7	169	Richmond, Calif.
0	Sani Tuala	Jr.	DL	6-4	266	Sydney, Australia
1	Jordan Cooke	5th	QB	6-4	228	Santa Rosa, Calif.
1	Gabe Tahir	Jr.	CB	6-1	190	Kennewick, Wash.
2	TreShawn Shorty	So.	CB	5-10	180	Gilbert, Ariz.
2	Brett Spencer	So.	RB	6-0	212	Weiser, Idaho
3	Dekker Hagler	Jr.	S	6-0	202	Middleton, Idaho
4	Eli Aragon-Cruz	Sr.	WR	6-0	187	Oxnard, Calif.
4	Jackson Daniels	Jr.	CB	6-1	162	San Diego, Calif.
5	Titan Saxton	Jr.	DB	6-0	197	Logan, Utah
5	Isaiah Su'esu'e	Fr.	QB	6-2	220	Salt Lake City, Utah
6	Carson Sudbury	So.	RB	5-11	201	South Jordan, Utah
6	Troy Wilkey	Sr.	S	5-9	171	Meridian, Idaho
7	Zedekiah Anahu-Ambrosio	So.	WR	5-9	168	Kawaihae, Hawaii
7	Nathan Reynolds	Sr.	LB	6-3	242	Meridian, Idaho
8	Chedon James	5th	WR	5-9	177	Carson, Calif.
9	Simeon Brown	So.	WR	6-3	204	Carmel, Calif.
9	Devin Rodriguez	So.	LB	6-1	227	Pocatello, Idaho
10	Jimmy Trilla	So.	WR	5-11	156	Chicago, Ill.
11	Junior Damuni	5th	LB	6-0	231	Providence, Utah
11	Kepa Niumeitolu	Fr.	QB	6-0	208	Sandy, Utah
12	Nate Abbott	So.	DL	6-1	214	Bakersfield, Calif.
12	Domonick Ruiz	So.	WR	5-9	191	Tempe, Ariz.
13	Parker Graham	So.	S	5-10	196	Rigby, Idaho
13	Tommy Poe	So.	WR	6-4	203	Penryn, Calif.
14	Trehsyn Fesili	Fr.	DL	6-2	217	Honolulu, Hawaii
14	Anthony Flores	5th	WR	6-0	193	Casa Grande, Ariz.
15	Noa Calaycay	Sr.	CB	6-1	176	Vienna, Austria
15	Wyatt Horton	So.	QB	5-11	187	Scottsdale, Ariz.
16	Davis Harsin	Jr.	QB	6-1	194	Eagle, Idaho
16	Justyn Jordan	Fr.	LB	6-1	202	Fountain, Colo.
17	Luke Berry	Sr.	DE	6-2	240	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.
18	Elijah Beamon	So.	WR	5-11	188	Queen Creek, Ariz.
18	Jackson Irwin	Sr.	LB	6-3	241	Huntington Beach, Calif.
20	Tytan Mason	So.	RB	5-9	215	St. George, Utah
21	Jacob Martin	So.	WR	6-1	193	Huntington Beach, Calif.
21	Viliata Tua'one	So.	DB	5-11	186	Salt Lake City, Utah
22	Jaxin Patterson	Jr.	DB	5-10	201	St. Louis, Mo.
22	Jahi Wood	Jr.	RB	5-8	185	Lansing, Mich.
23	Zack Homan	So.	RB	6-0	211	Santa Rosa, Calif.
23	Tiwan Jones	Fr.	CB	5-9	169	Paramount, Calif.
24	Isaiah Cook	So.	S	5-10	186	Chula Vista, Calif.
24	Jeffrey Kavanagh	So.	P	6-1	184	Palmdale, Calif.
25	Dason Brooks	5th	RB	5-11	237	Chandler, Ariz.
25	Jackson Riddle	So.	RB	5-11	199	Pocatello, Idaho
26	Kai Callen	So.	DB	5-9	170	Pocatello, Idaho
26	Mason Lindberg	So.	K	6-1	181	Mesa, Ariz.
27	Jaylin Wilson	So.	CB	5-11	188	Lancaster, Calif.
28	Teddy Johnson	Fr.	CB	5-8	156	Las Vegas, Nev.
29	Preston Carrasco	So.	LS	6-0	212	Vista, Calif.
29	Tyran Hicks	Fr.	CB	5-10	185	San Francisco, Calif.
30	Ryder Smith	Fr.	RB	6-0	223	Winchester, Calif.
31	Bryce McCray	So.	CB	6-3	190	Lakewood, Wash.
32	Ty Beadle	So.	LB	6-2	232	Eastvale, Calif.
34	Porter Lee	So.	LB	6-5	226	Basalt, Colo.
35	Jordan Rucker	So.	P	6-0	180	Sunnyvale, Calif.
36	Ben Luxton	Fr.	P	6-3	192	Taunton, United Kingdom
37	Jaden Rodgers	Fr.	CB	6-2	184	Tucson, Ariz.
38	Junior Kaufusi	Jr.	DL	6-3	245	Glendale, Utah
40	Kai Wheeler	So.	LB	6-2	231	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
42	Easton Cook	Sr.	DL	6-2	245	Salem, Utah
43	Tyler Lewis	So.	DB	5-9	192	Bakersfield, Calif.
44	Jacob Perez	Sr.	LB	6-3	231	Idaho Falls, Idaho
46	Ryder Holt	So.	LB	6-3	221	Lehi, Utah
47	Maverick Harrington	Jr.	LS	6-4	233	Phoenix, Ariz.
48	Sam Buck	Fr.	P	6-5	215	Melbourne, Australia
49	Steel Kurtz	Fr.	S	6-1	191	Anaheim, Calif.
51	Stryker Rashid	5th	OL	6-5	299	Weber, Utah
52	Ryan Karby	Jr.	OL	6-0	275	Mission Viejo, Calif.
53	Trevor Hammond	Sr.	OL	6-4	289	Pocatello, Idaho
54	Jaxsen Tuia	Jr.	OL	6-3	267	Pocatello, Idaho
55	Gunnar Clark	Sr.	OL	6-2	298	Mountain Home, Idaho
57	Frank Kissick	So.	DL	6-2	252	Fall City, Wash.
58	Jaedon Garcia	5th	OL	6-3	324	Waianae, Hawaii
59	Anthony Perez	So.	OL	6-1	266	Torrance, Calif.
60	Charlie Kruger	Jr.	OL	6-2	291	Walnut Creek, Calif.
62	Will Davis	Sr.	OL	6-3	318	Portland, Ore.
63	Logan Shearing	So.	OL	6-2	261	Meridian, Idaho
64	Shane Petersdorf	So.	OL	6-4	293	Idaho Falls, Idaho
65	Misiolo Maluia	Sr.	OL	6-1	278	Las Vegas, Nev.
66	Justin Frost	So.	OL	6-5	295	Summerville, Ore.
67	Broox McGiven	Jr.	OL	6-5	333	Morgan, Utah
68	Luke Olson	Fr.	OL	6-4	256	Morgan, Utah
70	Cade Alisa	Jr.	OL	6-5	374	San Tan Valley, Ariz.
71	Messiah Johnson	So.	OL	6-3	317	Salinas, Calif.
72	David Green	So.	OL	6-2	332	Victorville, Calif.
73	Luke Kingman	Fr.	OL	6-5	316	Murrieta, Calif.
74	Josh May	So.	OL	6-4	302	Casper, Wyo.
76	Zoom Esplin	Jr.	OL	6-10	305	Encinitas, Calif.
77	Osiel Moreno	Sr.	OL	6-3	300	Cathedral City, Calif.
78	Brennan Mesa	Fr.	OL	6-4	287	Albany, Ore.
79	Rex Salas	So.	OL	6-4	305	Rexburg, Idaho
80	Julian Mason	5th	WR	5-10	185	Tacoma, Wash.
81	Braden Albrecht	Jr.	WR	6-1	200	Kahului, Hawaii
82	Owen Tomich	Jr.	WR	6-1	179	Long Beach, Calif.
83	Mikey Welsh	Sr.	WR	5-9	165	Servite, Calif.
85	Matt Henry	Fr.	WR	6-2	197	Riverside, Calif.
86	Anthony Harrington	Fr.	WR	5-10	168	Livermore, Calif.
88	Ty Plinski	Fr.	WR	6-3	187	Corona, Calif.
89	Adam Watts	Sr.	WR	5-9	182	Vancouver, Wash.
90	Beau Jaques	Sr.	DL	6-2	269	Meridian, Idaho
91	Sitili Palmer	Fr.	DL	6-1	305	Smithfield, Utah
92	Zion To'oto'o	5th	DL	6-2	274	Kapolei, Hawaii
93	Jagger Childs	Sr.	DL	6-4	290	Kennewick, Wash.
95	McKay Dougal	Fr.	DL	6-3	273	Ammon, Idaho
96	Bronson Childs	Sr.	DL	6-4	274	Kennewick, Wash.
97	Collin Lewis	Sr.	DL	6-1	319	Price, Utah
98	Jake East	Jr.	DL	6-4	288	Ogden, Utah
99	Grant Hessler	Sr.	DL	6-2	291	Temecula, Calif.

Rohrer

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SHANNA MADISON, MISSOULIAN

Montana tight end Titus Rohrer (44) lines up for a play during a college football game against Portland State on Nov. 7 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Rohrer played his first three seasons at Tennessee after he grew up in Bryan, Ohio.

More of a motivator. Very grounded kid. All coaches say good kids are clean cut but he was especially. His dad was a pastor and he was very grounded in his faith. Never had any issues with him."

Redhead first met Rohrer in his seventh grade world history class. He had moved to Bryan, Ohio, in 2015 to be closer to family. He was familiar with the state having grown up in northeast Ohio and played D-III college football in the state at Baldwin-Wallace University as an offensive lineman.

He had previously been the head coach at South High School in South Fort Myers, Florida, where he mentored future NFL players Sammy Watkins and Jayron Kearse. At Bryan, he took over a program where football players going on to an NCAA Division I team are few and far between.

He saw how Rohrer's raw ability combined with his drive could equate into high potential. He ran the school's weight room and was impressed with how often Rohrer was in there whether it was inside or outside of football season. Rohrer combined that strength with his height, speed and good hands.

"He was a specimen," Redhead said.

Bryan played in Division IV, which was right in the middle of Ohio's seven enrollment-based classifications for high school football. Combine that with its rural location and recruiters coming through Bryan was rare, Redhead said.

He dipped into the connections he built sending numerous players to D-I in Florida, but the pandemic complicated recruiting for many players. After a gap year, Rohrer signed with Tennessee as a preferred walk-on in January 2022.

He enrolled early that spring semester, just over a year since he had last put on the football pads. He was projected to be a depth piece at tight end with the potential to also play defensive end because of his 6-7, 250-pound build.

He didn't play in any games his first season, saw just three snaps in Year 2 and appeared in two games in his third year. He didn't tally a single stat in his three years at UT but still found positives while working to live his dream.

"Earlier on in my career, just feeling overlooked, feeling like I don't get the opportunities," he said. "But that's a good learning lesson in life that if you keep your head down and keep grinding, if you show up and you're consistent, somebody somewhere's going to see your potential and it's going to pay off."

That somewhere was Montana and that somebody was tight ends coach Rob Phenicie. He didn't know Rohrer at all but UM became one of three FCS teams to offer Rohrer, who had entered the transfer portal after the 2024 season.

Phenicie, who played tight end at Memphis, has liked the bigger, powerful tight ends who are built like basketball players. Rohrer's athleticism and the way he moved jumped off the film. Meeting Rohrer in person sold Phenicie on him.

Rohrer, who has been on scholarship the past two years, is having his most productive college season in his second and final year with the Grizzlies. He has caught 10 passes for 99 yards in 10 games and eight starts this season.

"What we ask the tight ends to do is very difficult," Phenicie said. "You're a wide receiver, you're a fullback, you're a tight end, you're a slot. He's done a good job understanding our whole offense, playing well in terms of scheme, and he's developed more physical technique, does a good job blocking."

Rohrer had just one catch for 16 yards in 14 games off the bench last season. It was hard to crack into significant playing time that year because the Griz had three tight ends ahead of him who were more proven players.

After learning behind them, Rohrer took over the veteran presence this year as the only upperclassman in the position group. Phenicie has been impressed with the leadership role taken on by Rohrer, who he has heard the other tight ends call "Cap," short for captain, as he gets them lined up and organized.

Playing not only with but for his teammates has helped keep Rohrer motivated through the ups and downs of college football the past five years.

"When you've got a group of brothers like we have here at the University of Montana, it's bigger than you," he said. "If I was coming out here playing football just for me every day, yeah, I'd get burnt out on it and I wouldn't have a will to want to do that."

The family atmosphere of football is what had spoke to him in the first place as a kid. He found that again during the recruiting process when he picked the Griz out of the portal. He also saw the opportunity to play more at UM.

Rohrer has been proudest of his day-to-day consistency over the years. He credits not only his teammates and the coaches who have held him to a high standard but also the support group of his family and his wife.

He has earned a bachelor's degree in communications and has a goal to one day be an entrepreneur owning his own business. Staying hungry and humble, like his father texts him every game day, will serve him well in that venture.

"As long as you stay mission-focused and keep your mind on it, that's the biggest lesson I've learned and the biggest takeaway for me," he said. "If you've got a goal and you've got action steps to actually act out to be able to achieve that goal, then there's really nothing you can't do."

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Above: Montana offensive lineman Dyllan Drummond (75) blocks a defender during a college football game against Portland State on Nov. 7 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Drummond is from Tyler, Texas.

SHANNA MADISON PHOTOS, MISSOULIAN

Left: Montana offensive lineman Dyllan Drummond (75) celebrates with teammates during a college football game against Portland State on Nov. 7 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula. Drummond is in his first season with the Grizzlies after he played at UNLV.

Drummond

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A: It's been amazing. I mean, five new guys all playing together for the first time. I mean, as the season goes on, we've been really gelling and playing well, been playing better together.

Q: Where do you feel Brent Meyers has made the largest impact on you?

A: He's been awesome. He's been teaching me new things I didn't really know before here, and just like you can tell from his experience and the guys he's worked with before, he knows what he's talking about. So I just trust what he's saying and implement what he says into my techniques and what I do.

Q: How was living in Las Vegas for a couple years?

A: It was awesome. I mean, it was a little bit weird, to be honest with you, because it wasn't really a college town, but there was always somewhere to go eat with the guys, I don't know. I enjoyed it. It was pretty cool.

Q: Do you enjoy that aspect of Missoula, being a college-centric town?

A: Yeah, that's everything you want in a college town.

Q: How important do you think getting here in time for the spring semester was for your development?

A: It was great. I mean, like I said, first time playing with the guys, I think it was important to really gel with them early.

Q: What's surprised you the most about FCS football?

A: Honestly, I think these guys are just as good as anywhere else. I mean, the level is not that much different, just the way the guys compete. I think it's equal to, if not better than, the Mountain West.

Q: What are some of your favorite parts of Montana since you've gotten here?

A: The atmosphere is insane. I mean, UNLV was good, but this place, all the fans are bought in, just yelling and creating the rowdy atmosphere. I love it. Everyone's into it. Everyone's yelling, everyone knows what to do. I mean, this is a football school.

Q: Have you been to Drummond, Montana yet?

A: No, but I've learned there's a Dillon, Montana, too.

Q: What's your favorite restaurant around Missoula?

A: There was a steakhouse — 1889, that was awesome. I love that place, they had a good steak.

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