

2003 Season Review

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/30	@Maine	W 30-20
9/6	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	L 25-24
9/13	SAM HOUSTON STATE	W 38-14
9/20	OPEN DATE	_____
9/27	IDAHO	W 41-28
10/4	CAL POLY	W 17-14
10/11	WEBER STATE*	W 12-7
10/18	@Idaho State*	L 43-40 (2OT)
10/25	PORTLAND STATE*	W 42-14
11/1	@Northern Arizona*	W 59-21
11/8	@Sacramento State*	W 26-0
11/15	EASTERN WASHINGTON*	W 41-10
11/22	@Montana State*	L 27-20
11/29	WESTERN ILLINOIS ^	L 43-40 (2OT)

**UPPER CASE & BOLD INDICATE HOME GAME
HOME GAMES IN WASHINGTON-GRIZZLY STADIUM
(23,005)**

*Big Sky Conference game

^ First Round NCAA I-AA Playoff game

MONTANA 30
MAINE 20



**GAME 1 - August 30, 2003
at Orono, Maine
Morse Field • 9,345**

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
Montana	7	6	7	10	30
Maine	10	0	3	7	20

ORONO, MAINE—First year head coach **Bobby Hauck** got his first win as head coach of the Grizzlies, as Montana used strong special teams play to post a 30-20 over Maine in the Grizzlies season opener. After the Black Bears got on the board first with a 36-yard field goal, Grizzly kick-returner **Levander Segars** returned the ensuing kick 91 yards for the game's first touchdown, putting Montana up, 7-3. Junior quarterback **Jeff Disney** threw his first touchdown pass at Montana, hooking up with **Jon Talmage** on a 25-yard scoring strike. Disney also scored on an 8-yard scramble. Talmage had three catches for 53 yards and a touchdown. Senior safety **Dave DeCoite** returned a fumble four yards for a touchdown and made six tackles, leading a Grizzly defense that limited Maine to just 283 yards of total offense, including a meager 69 in the second half. Six different Grizzlies combined to sack Maine quarterback Ron Whitcomb five times on the evening.

SCORING SUMMARY

Maine	1st-03:45	M. Mellow 36 field goal, 3-0 Maine
Montana	1st-03:35	Levander Segars 91 kickoff return Chris Snyder kick, 7-3 Montana
Maine	1st-00:53	K. McMahan 40 pass from R. Whitcomb Mellow kick, 10-7 Maine
Montana	2nd-10:34	Jeff Disney 8 run Dane Oliver pass failed, 13-10 Montana
Montana	3rd-09:58	Dave DeCoite 4 fumble recovery Snyder kick, 20-10 Montana
Maine	3rd-04:30	Mellow 37 field goal, 20-13 Montana
Montana	4th-09:02	Snyder 27 field goal, 23-13 Montana
Montana	4th-05:31	Jon Talmage 25 pass from Disney Snyder kick, 30-13 Montana
Maine	4th-00:22	Ryan Waller 9 pass from Whitcomb Mellow kick, 30-20 Montana

TEAM STATS

	MAINE	MONTANA
First Downs	15	12
Rushing Att-Net Yards	42-95	33-49
Passing Net Yards	188	169
Att-Comp-Int	31-18-1	31-15-1
Total Net Yards	283	218
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	3-2
Punts-Avg	7-31.6	7-37.6
Penalties-Yards	6-80	12-104
Time of Possession	32:58	27:02
3rd Down Conversions	6x18	7x16
4th Down Conversions	1x1	0x0
Sacks by Yards	2-26	5-30

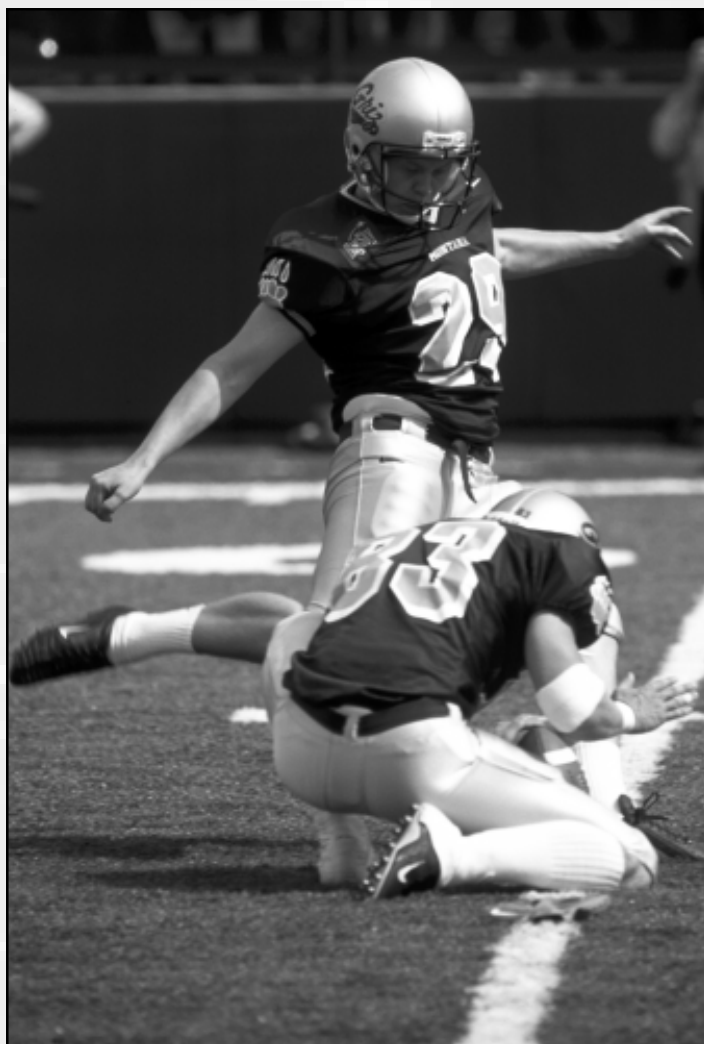
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: Montana-Justin Green: 12-26/0; JR Waller: 11-25/0. **Maine**-M. Williams: 23-70/0; R. Whitcomb: 15-11/0.

Passing: Montana-Jeff Disney: 17-30-1=152/1TD. **Maine**-Whitcomb: 15-31-1=188/2.

Receiving: Montana-Dane Oliver: 5-35/0; Jon Talmage: 3-53/1. **Maine**-C. Pereira: 5-76/0; Ryan Waller: 5-23/1.

Defense: Montana-Joel Robinson: 8TT, PB; Brent Meyers: 6 TT, TFL
Dave DeCoite: 6TT, TFL, FR. **Maine**-F. Lazo: 10TT, TFL, Int; J. Walker: 10TT, FR, 2PB; B. McGowan: 9TT, TFL, FF.



Chris Snyder broke several records last year.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 25
MONTANA 24



SAM HOUSTON STATE 14
MONTANA 38



GAME 2 - September 6, 2003
at Missoula, Montana
Washington Grizzly Stadium • 23,102

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
NORTH DAKOTA STATE	0	2	10	13	25
MONTANA	14	10	0	0	24

MISSOULA, MONTANA – Montana lost for only the 15th time in 119 games at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, as North Dakota State upset them 25-24 before a record crowd of 23,102. The one-point loss was the second straight time that a new head coach lost their Grizzly home debut. In 2000, new head coach Joe Glenn lost 10-9 to Hofstra. Montana raced out to an early 24-2 halftime lead, as **Levander Segars** threw his first touchdown pass as a Grizzly, hitting receiver **Tate Hancock** for a 36-yard touchdown. **Chris Snyder** kicked a 40-yard field goal while quarterback **Jeff Disney** scored on a 4-yard run and also threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to **Dane Oliver** to cap the first half scoring. In the second half though, the tides turned on Montana, as North Dakota State scored 23 straight points to grab a 25-24 lead with 2:04 remaining in the game. The Grizzlies had a chance to win the game, but Snyder's 40-yard field goal sailed wide-right as time expired. **Tyler Thomas** had nine tackles and **Tim Bush** recorded two sacks to lead the Grizzly defense.

SCORING SUMMARY

UM	1st-12:08	Jeff Disney 4 run, Chris Snyder kick, 7-0 UM
UM	1st-01:40	Tate Hancock 36 pass from Levander Segars Snyder kick, 14-0 UM
UM	2nd-11:45	Snyder 40 field goal, 17-0 UM
NDSU	2nd-07:24	D. Summerville safety, 17-2 UM
UM	2nd-00:16	Dane Oliver 11 pass from Disney Snyder kick, 24-2, UM
NDSU	3rd-06:34	Kyle Steffes 2 run Cory Vartanian kick, 24-9, UM
NDSU	3rd-01:17	Vartanian 43 field goal, 24-12 UM
NDSU	4th-07:09	Allen Burell 11 run Vartanian kick, 24-19 UM
NDSU	4th-02:13	Mike Wieser 20 pass from Rod Malone 25-24, North Dakota State

TEAM STATS	NDSU	UM
First Downs	23	18
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	40-158	32-120
Passing Net Yards	185	192
Att-Comp-Int	32-23-0	35-21-2
Total Net Yards	343	312
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Punts-Avg	6-41.7	4-43.5
Penalties-Yards	9-83	6-47
Time of Possession	34:35	25:25
3rd Down Conversions	7x15	5x15
4th Down Conversions	1x1	2x2
Sacks by Yards	2-11	2-14

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: **UM**-Justin Green: 11-35/0; **JR Waller**: 8-24/0; **Lex Hilliard**: 4-23/0. **NDSU**-Kyle Steffes: 21-103/1; **Rod Malone**: 13-63/0.

Passing: **UM**-Jeff Disney: 34-20-1 = 156/1. **NDSU**-Tony Stauss: 31-22-0 = 165/0; **Rod Malone**: 1-1-0 = 20/1.

Receiving: **UM**-Tate Hancock: 10-112/1; **Dane Oliver**: 6-49/1. **NDSU**-Mike Wieser: 4-55/1; **Allen Burell**: 4-37/0.

Defense: **UM**-Tyler Thomas: 9TT, Brent Meyers: 8 TT, PB. **NDSU**-D. Summerville: 8TT, 3 TFL, SK; **Scott Walter**: 5TT, TFL.

GAME 3 - September 13, 2003
at Missoula, Montana
Washington Grizzly Stadium • 23,033

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
SAM HOUSTON STATE	0	14	0	0	14
MONTANA	7	14	10	7	38

MISSOULA, MONTANA – The University of Montana got its first home win of the season, beating Sam Houston State 38-14 before a record crowd of 23,033 at Washington Grizzly Stadium. UM junior quarterback **Jeff Disney** threw touchdown passes of 13 and 38 yards to sophomore receiver **Jon Talmage** in the first half, giving Montana a 21-14 lead at halftime. A one-yard touchdown run by junior running back **Justin Green**, his first as a Grizzly, and another 54-yard scoring scamper by junior **JR Waller** blew the game open in the second half. Waller finished the game with 13 carries for 133 yards. Senior kicker **Chris Snyder** added a 35-yard field goal for the Griz, tying him with **Yohance Humphery** as the all-time leading scorer in Montana history with 290 points. **Joel Robinson** put Montana on the board in the first quarter, as he returned an interception 30 yards for his first touchdown in a Montana uniform, putting Montana up 7-0. Senior linebacker **Brent Meyers** led the Griz defense with six tackles, including two for loses. Sophomore defensive end **Lance Spencer** had two sacks on the afternoon.

SCORING SUMMARY

UM	1st-05:46	Joel Robinson 30 interception return Chris Snyder kick, 7-0 UM
UM	2nd-12:05	Jon Talmage 13 pass from Jeff Disney Snyder kick, 14-0 UM
UM	2nd-10:31	Talmage 38 pass from Disney Snyder kick, 21-0 UM
SHSU	2nd-05:25	Berna Campbell 20 pass from Travis Tobaben Joey Price kick, 21-7 UM
SHSU	2nd-01:25	Paul Donelson 37 interception Price kick, 21-14 UM
UM	3rd-04:30	Justin Green 1 run; Snyder kick, 28-14 UM
UM	3rd-01:32	Snyder 35 field goal, 31-14 UM
UM	4th-10:00	JR Waller 54 run; Snyder kick, 38-14 UM

TEAM STATS	SHSU	UM
First Downs	18	10
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	35-52	43-155
Passing Net Yards	225	109
Att-Comp-Int	50-28-2	20-8-1
Total Net Yards	277	264
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Punts-Avg	9-36.7	8-46.5
Penalties-Yards	7-60	9-81
Time of Possession	33:41	26:10
3rd Down Conversions	4x19	1x13
4th Down Conversions	1x3	1x3
Sacks by Yards	3-18	3-23

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: **UM**-JR Waller: 13-126/1; **Justin Green**: 9-16/1. **SHSU**-Stevie Smith: 17-44/0; **Robert Sanders**: 9-36/0.

Passing: **UM**-Jeff Disney: 20-8-1 = 109/2. **SHSU**-Travis Tobaben: 37-20-2 = 168/1.

Receiving: **UM**-Jon Talmage: 4-76/2. **SHSU**-Jarrod Fuller: 7-44/0; **Berna Campbell**: 6-79/1.

Defense: **UM**-Brent Meyers: 6TT, 2TFL, PB; **Lance Spencer**: 4TT, 2SK. **SHSU**-Marcus Mikulec: 6TT, PB; **Paul Donelson**: 3TT, 2TFL, INT, PB, SK.

IDAHO 28
MONTANA 41



GAME 4 - September 27, 2003
at Missoula, Montana
Washington Grizzly Stadium • 23,679

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
IDAHO	2	7	6	13	28
MONTANA	7	10	14	10	41

MISSOULA, MONTANA – Two freshmen quarterbacks led the Montana offense to a 41-28 win over rival Idaho in front of yet another record crowd of 23,679 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. **Justin Hartman** and **Kyle Samson**, both freshmen, directed a Griz offense that took to the ground to up-end I-A Idaho. Montana dominated on the ground, rushing for 344 yards and five touchdowns, as junior quarterback **Jeff Disney** missed the game due to injuries. Junior tailback **Justin Green** led the ground attack, crushing over Idaho's defense 21 times for 122 yards and a touchdown. Freshman running back **Lex Hilliard** carried the ball 14 times for 74 yards and a score while junior **JR Waller** had nine carries for 28 yards and a touchdown to round-out the Griz trio of running backs. Junior receiver **Jefferson Heidelberg** even got into the act on the ground, taking a reverse 80 yards for a record-tying touchdown on the first play of the game. Hartman went 7-12 for 95 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions. Junior defensive tackle **Blake Horgan** led the Montana defense with 8 tackles while sophomore **Lance Spencer** recorded a sack for the second straight game.

SCORING SUMMARY

UM	1st-14:44	Jefferson Heidelberg 80 run, Chris Snyder kick, 7-0 UM
UI	1st-07:13	Brian Howard safety, 7-2 UM
UM	2nd-09:51	JR Waller 2 run, Snyder kick, 14-2 UM
UI	2nd-08:51	O. Winston 18 pass from M. Harrington Brian Pope kick, 14-9 UM
UM	2nd-00:02	Snyder 29 field goal, 17-9 UM
UM	3rd-12:23	Justin Hartman 7 run, Snyder kick, 24-9 UM
UM	3rd-08:24	Lex Hilliard 6 run, Snyder kick, 31-9 UM
UI	3rd-03:19	Zach Gerstner 1 run, Brian Lindgren pass failed, 31-15 UM
UI	4th-10:02	Winston 15 pass from Lindgren, Lindgren pass failed, 31-21 UM
UM	4th-03:20	Snyder 20 field goal, 34-21 UM
UM	4th-01:51	Justin Green 6 run, Snyder kick, 41-21 UM
UI	4th-00:35	Jeff Stowe 3 pass from Lindgren, Mike Barrow kick, 41-28 UM

TEAM STATS

	UI	UM
First Downs	20	18
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	26-83	56-344
Passing Net Yards	332	92
Att-Comp-Int	50-23-0	14-7-1
Total Net Yards	415	436
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-2
Punts-Avg	9-43.7	6-40.8
Penalties-Yards	13-96	5-47
Time of Possession	23:59	36:01
3rd Down Conversions	3X16	3X14
4th Down Conversions	3X4	2X2
Sacks by Yards	0-0	2-16

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 21-122/1; Lex Hilliard: 14-74/1; J. Heidelberg: 2-80/1. **UI**-Zach Gerstner: 11-40/1.

Passing: UM-Justin Hartman: 12-7-0=92/0. **UI**-Brian Lindgren: 31-16-0=200/2; M. Harrington: 19-7-0=132/1.

Receiving: UM-Jon Talmage: 1-48/0. **UI**-O. Winston: 9-167/2.

Defense: UM-Blake Horgan: 5TT, TFL, FF, PB. **UI**-Kelly Talavou: 8TT, FF.

CAL POLY 14
MONTANA 17



GAME 5 - October 4, 2003
at Missoula, Montana
Washington Grizzly Stadium • 23,687

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
CAL POLY	0	7	7	0	14
MONTANA	0	10	0	7	17

MISSOULA, MONTANA – For the first time this season, heralded Colorado transfer **Craig Ochs** played, sparking Montana to a 17-14 win over then #20 Cal Poly. Ochs, who missed the first part of the season due to ankle surgery, went 11-20 for 168 yards and a touchdown pass in his first action of the season. Seven different receivers caught balls for Montana, led by junior **Jefferson Heidelberg's** four catches for 38 yards. Tight end **Willie Walden** caught his first touchdown of the season, a five-yard toss from Ochs. **Justin Green** paced the ground game, running 25 times for 99 yards. **Lex Hilliard** carried the ball 14 times, gaining 57 yards and reached the end-zone once. **Dave DeCoite** and **Chris Connors** were all over the field for the Griz defense, recording 10 tackles each. Connors also had a sack, one of three on the day for the Griz defense. **Jason Dellaselva** picked off his first interception as a Grizzly in Montana's win.

SCORING SUMMARY

CP	2nd-05:51	Geno Randle 11 run Byungwoo Yoon kick, 7-0 CPSU
UM	2nd-02:58	Chris Snyder 25 field goal, 7-3 CPSU
UM	2nd-00:37	Willie Walden 5 pass from Craig Ochs Snyder kick, 10-7 UM
CP	3rd-05:40	Randle 4 run, Yoon kick, 14-10 CPSU
UM	4th-13:25	Lex Hilliard 3 run, Snyder kick, 17-14 UM

TEAM STATS

	CP	UM
First Downs	14	17
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	45-117	47-167
Passing Net Yards	195	185
Att-Comp-Int	30-14-1	24-13-0
Total Net Yards	312	352
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Punts-Avg	9-38.7	9-40.3
Penalties-Yards	3-29	7-35
Time of Possession	30:08	29:52
3rd Down Conversions	7x20	6x17
4th Down Conversions	2x3	1x1
Sacks by Yards	1-7	3-18

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 25-99/0; Lex Hilliard: 14-57/1. **CP**-Geno Randle: 21-117/2.

Passing: UM-Craig Ochs: 20-11-0=168/1. **CP**-Chris Peterson: 26-13-1=160/0.

Receiving: UM-Jefferson Heidelberg: 4-38/0; Willie Walden: 2-45/1. **CP**-Darrell Jones-6-48/0.

Defense: UM-Dave DeCoite: 10TT; Chris Connors: 10 TT, 2TFL; SK; Brent Meyers: 8TT, 3.5TFL, PB, SK. **CP**-Jordan Beck: 23TT, 1.5TFL, SK; Raj Thompson: 11TT, 2TFL; Mike Hayes: 8TT.

WEBER STATE 7
MONTANA 12



MONTANA 40
IDAHO STATE 43



GAME 6 - October 11, 2003
at Missoula, Montana
Washington Grizzly Stadium • 23,520

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
WEBER STATE	0	0	0	7	7
MONTANA	3	3	0	6	12

MISSOULA, MONTANA – Four field goals by **Chris Snyder** carried the Grizzlies to a hard-fought 12-7 victory over Weber State in the Grizzlies Big Sky Conference opener at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The Grizzlies were playing at home for the fifth straight week, but couldn't get their offense on track, plagued by turnovers. Four times the Grizzlies turned it over – three fumbles by running backs and an interception by quarterback **Craig Ochs**, who was making his first start as a Grizzly. When the Grizzlies did hold onto the ball, they settled for Snyder field goals. Snyder connected on distances of 22, 26, 20 and 40 yards, tying a career-high. With its offense not playing well, Montana's defense rose to the occasion, keeping Weber State out of the end zone until the closing seconds of the game. Montana held Weber State's rushing attack to 78 yards; nearly 100 yards below what the Wildcats were averaging coming into the game. **Joel Robinson**, **Brent Meyers** and **Dave DeCoite** each registered seven tackles to lead the Griz defense. Robinson forced a fumble that **Ciche Pitcher** recovered for Montana. **Tim Bush** also recorded two sacks on the afternoon, which broke the Montana all-time record for career sacks with 39.5. Grizzly great **Andy Petek** held the old record of 39.

SCORING SUMMARY

UM	1st-05:47	Chris Snyder 22 field goal, 3-0 UM
UM	2nd-11:11	Snyder 46 field goal, 6-0 UM
UM	4th-09:05	Snyder 20 field goal, 9-0 UM
UM	4th-02:34	Snyder 40 field goal, 12-0 UM
WSU	4th-00:13	Justin DeFour 2 pass from Kyle Bauer Joe Johnson kick, 12-7 UM

TEAM STATS

	WSU	UM
First Downs	12	21
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	40-78	44-156
Passing Net Yards	187	182
Att-Comp-Int	14-10-0	23-16-1
Total Net Yards	265	338
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-3
Punts-Avg	5-34.8	0-0.0
Penalties-Yards	7-70	4-40
Time of Possession	30:27	29:33
3rd Down Conversions	5x12	7x14
4th Down Conversions	0x0	0x0
Sacks by Yards	2-15	6-37

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 18-106/0; Lex Hilliard: 14-38/0. **WSU**-Nick Chournos: 16-53/0; James Samuel: 12-34/0.

Passing: UM-Craig Ochs: 23-16-1=182/0. **WSU**-Kyle Bauer: 14-10-0=187/1.

Receiving: UM-Tate Hancock: 3-46/0; Dane Oliver: 3-35/0; Levander Segars: 3-33/0. **WSU**-Justin DeFour: 3-53/1; Ryan Nath: 2-64-0; Scott Peery: 2-30/0.

Defense: UM-Joel Robinson: 7TT, 1FF; Brent Meyers: 7TT, 1TFL; Dave DeCoite: 7TT. **WSU**-Matt McFadden: 18TT, 1FR; Colton Swan: 18TT, 1FF; Cody Murphy: 8TT, INT.

GAME 7 - October 18, 2003
at Pocatello, Idaho
Holt Arena • 11,434

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	1ST OT	2ND OT	SCORE
MONTANA	7	10	7	10	3	3	40
IDAHO STATE	10	7	7	10	3	6	43

POCATELLO, IDAHO – In one of the highest-scoring games in the Big Sky, #21 Idaho State Bengals knocked off Montana 43-40 in double-overtime at Holt Arena. Montana did everything they could on offense to avoid the upset. Junior quarterback **Craig Ochs** had one of his finest games as a Grizzly, completing 20 of 38 passes for 329 yards and three touchdowns. **Jon Talmage** also had his best game of the year, catching a season-high six balls for 153 yards and a touchdown. **Willie Walden** and **Tate Hancock** also caught touchdowns for the Grizzlies. Montana running back **Justin Green** had a strong game, rushing for 141 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. **Chris Snyder** made four field goals for the second straight week as well, connecting on kicks from 31, 54, 42 and 37. The 54-yarder sent the game into overtime as time expired. Defensively though, the Grizzlies couldn't get a key stop against Idaho State. **Matt Lebsock** led the Montana defense with 11 tackles, while **Dave DeCoite** and **Joel Robinson** added nine each. The game had eight lead changes and six ties.

SCORING SUMMARY

ISU	1st-12:52	Emery Beckles 32 run Jeremy Hershey kick, 7-0 UM
UM	1st-08:47	Willie Walden 9 pass from Craig Ochs Chris Snyder kick, 7-7
ISU	1st-01:43	Hershey 40 field goal, 10-7 ISU
UM	2nd-12:50	Snyder 31 field goal, 10-10
UM	2nd-03:11	Jon Talmage 68 pass from Ochs Snyder kick, 17-10 UM
ISU	2nd-00:36	Sale Key 11 pass from M. Hetherington Hershey kick, 17-17
ISU	3rd-07:08	Isaac Mitchell 2 run, Hershey kick, 24-17 ISU
UM	3rd-04:47	Tate Hancock 31 pass from Ochs Snyder kick, 24-24
ISU	4th-12:01	Hershey 53 field goal, 27-24 ISU
UM	4th-09:22	Justin Green 1 run, Snyder kick, 31-27 UM
ISU	4th-07:01	Key 26 pass from Hetherington Hershey kick, 34-31 ISU
UM	4th-00:00	Snyder 54 field goal, 34-34
ISU	1st OT	Hershey 26 field goal, 37-34 ISU
UM	1st OT	Snyder 42 field goal, 37-37
UM	2nd OT	Snyder 37 field goal, 40-37 UM
ISU	2nd OT	Shack Okoeber 13 pass from Hetherington 43-40 ISU

TEAM STATS

	ISU	UM
First Downs	29	30
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	35-135	44-205
Passing Net Yards	398	329
Att-Comp-Int	49-30-0	40-20-2
Total Net Yards	533	534
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Punts-Avg	4-44.8	4-46.5
Penalties-Yards	9-92	9-94
Time of Possession	43:56	31:04
3rd Down Conversions	8x17	8x16
4th Down Conversions	0x0	0x0
Sacks by Yards	4-23	0-0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 21-141/1. **ISU**-Isaac Mitchell: 29-108/1.

Passing: UM-Craig Ochs: 38-20-2=329/3. **ISU**-M. Hetherington: 47-30-0=398/3. **Receiving: UM**-Jon Talmage: 6-153/1. **ISU**-Shack Okoeber: 6-106/1; Sale' Key: 5-84/2.

Defense: UM-Matt Lebsock: 11TT, TFL; Dave DeCoite: 9TT, TFL. **ISU**-Cedrick Dawson: 13TT, FF, PB; Atari Callen: 11TT, FR, PB.

2003 Season Review

PORTLAND STATE 14
MONTANA 42



GAME 8 - October 25, 2003
at Missoula, Montana
Washington Grizzly Stadium • 23,182

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
PORTLAND STATE	0	7	7	0	14
MONTANA	6	14	0	22	42

MISSOULA, MONTANA – Montana bounced back from its second defeat of the season, benefitting from a 22-point fourth quarter to defeat visiting Portland State 42-14. Two field goals from **Chris Snyder** got Montana on the board early, and after Portland State scored a touchdown to grab the lead, Montana quickly took it back on quarterback **Craig Ochs**' first rushing touchdown as a Grizzly. The junior signal caller scored from nine yards out. Then with 1:09 left in the first half, Ochs connected with **Tate Hancock** on a 10-yard scoring pass, making the score 20-7 at the half. Montana broke a tight game open in the fourth quarter, scoring 22 unanswered points to pull away from what was a slight 20-14 advantage. **Willie Walden** caught a touchdown pass and halfbacks **Justin Green** and **Lex Hilliard** each found the end zone. Green, Hilliard and **JR Waller** combined for 37 rushes and 211 yards to go along with the two touchdowns. Griz safety **Dave DeCoite** had a team-high 12 tackles and 1-1/2 sacks to pace the Grizzly defense.

SCORING SUMMARY

UM	1st-11:41	Chris Snyder 24 field goal, 3-0 UM
UM	1st-07:02	Snyder 45 field goal, 6-0 UM
PSU	2nd-09:04	Adam Whitehead 26 pass from Joe Wiser Matt Langford kick, 7-6 PSU
UM	2nd-06:12	Craig Ochs 9 run, Snyder kick, 13-7 UM
UM	2nd-01:06	Tate Hancock 10 pass from Ochs Snyder kick, 20-7 UM
PSU	3rd-08:19	DeOnte Taylor 10 pass from Wiser Langford kick, 20-14 UM
UM	4th-14:15	Willie Walden 2 pass from Ochs Snyder kick, 27-14 UM
UM	4th-12:58	Lex Hilliard 26 run, Snyder rush, 35-14 UM
UM	4th-07:17	Justin Green 2 run, Snyder kick, 42-14 UM

TEAM STATS

	PSU	UM
First Downs	13	24
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	34-105	55-186
Passing Net Yards	183	159
Att-Comp-Int	27-11-2	22-15-0
Total Net Yards	288	345
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Punts-Avg	4-39.5	5-37.6
Penalties-Yards	10-87	4-30
Time of Possession	24:17	35:43
3rd Down Conversions	4x12	8x15
4th Down Conversions	0x1	0x1
Sacks by Yards	5-55	2-9

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 20-88/1; Lex Hilliard: 4-45/1. PSU-Ryan Fuqua: 19-77/0.

Passing: UM-Craig Ochs: 22-15-0=159/2. PSU-Joe Wiser: 27-11-2=183/2.

Receiving: UM-Willie Walden: 4-36/1; Tate Hancock: 3-29/1. PSU-Adam Whitehead: 3-50/1; DeOnte Taylor: 2-25/1.

Defense: UM-Dave DeCoite: 12TT, 1.5TFL, 2FF, PB, 1.5SK; Brent Meyers: 9TT, TFL. PSU-Andrew Dorsey: 11TT, 2TFL, 2SK; Nick Swanegan: 8TT, 1.5TFL; Josh Ratliff: 8TT, 2TFL, SK; Chris Berg: 8TT, 1.5TFL, SK; Steve Shinen: 7tt, 2TFL, SK.

MONTANA 59
NORTHERN ARIZONA 21



GAME 9 - October 29, 2003
at Flagstaff, Arizona
Walkup Skydome • 12,821

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
MONTANA	10	14	21	14	59
NORTHERN ARIZONA	0	14	7	0	21

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA – In what was hyped by many as the game of the year in the Big Sky Conference, the Grizzlies dominated from start to finish in handing Northern Arizona a 59-21 loss, NAU's worst defeat in the history of the Walkup Dome. Junior returner **Levander Segars** returned NAU's first punt of the game 60-yards for a touchdown, setting the tone. Segars returned another punt 54 yards for a touchdown, the first time in his UM career that Segars returned two punts for touchdowns. Junior receiver **Jefferson Heidelberg** caught his first career touchdown pass, hauling in a 44-yard toss from Ochs in the fourth quarter. Ochs was very efficient at quarterback, completing 18 passes to eight different receivers for 234 yards and a touchdown. Ochs also scored his third rushing touchdown of the season in the third quarter, scoring on a 26-yard run to make the score 38-14. From there, Montana's defense silenced any talks of a NAU comeback. Montana forced a NAU fumble on the Lumberjacks next possession and then **Tim Bush** sacked NAU quarterback Jason Murrietta on third and fourth downs, forcing NAU to turn the ball over. Another NAU fumble and a **Chris Polhemus** interception, the first of his Grizzly career, sealed the deal for Montana. Bush had a monster game, registering eight tackles, four sacks and a forced fumble. Three of Bush's tackles were for a loss, giving Bush 47 for his career and breaking the Grizzly career record of 44, which was held by **Andy Petek**. Montana kicker **Chris Snyder** set the NCAA I-AA record for consecutive extra points made with his eight in the game, giving him 125 in a row. The old record was 121, set in 1991 by Brian Mitchell of Northern Iowa.

SCORING SUMMARY

UM	1st-13:18	Levander Segars 60 return, Chris Snyder kick, 7-0 UM
UM	1st-06:34	Snyder 29 field goal, 10-0 UM
NAU	2nd-13:32	Clarence Moore 38 pass from J. Murrietta Paul Ernster kick, 10-7 UM
NAU	2nd-11:37	J. Marshall 48 pass from Murrietta, Ernster kick, 14-10 NAU
UM	2nd-06:33	Justin Green 2 run, Snyder kick, 17-14 UM
UM	2nd-00:24	Levander Segars 54 return, Snyder kick, 24-14 UM
UM	3rd-12:35	Brent Meyers 61 interception, Snyder kick, 31-14 UM
UM	3rd-07:33	Craig Ochs 27 run, Snyder kick, 38-14 UM
UM	3rd-06:11	Lex Hilliard 22 run, Snyder kick, 45-14 UM
NAU	3rd-01:28	Marshall 69 return, Ernster kick, 45-21 UM
UM	4th-13:52	Jefferson Heidelberg 54 pass from Ochs Snyder kick, 52-21 UM
UM	4th-12:20	Justin Green 1 run, Snyder kick, 59-21 UM

TEAM STATS

	NAU	UM
First Downs	17	19
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	41-49	39-128
Passing Net Yards	259	234
Att-Comp-Int	29-14-2	27-18-0
Total Net Yards	308	362
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	1-0
Punts-Avg	6-48.3	5-42.6
Penalties-Yards	9-65	4-55
Time of Possession	29:31	30:29
3rd Down Conversions	4x15	7x16
4th Down Conversions	1x3	2x3
Sacks by Yards	3-16	6-30

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 14-39/2; Craig Ochs: 7-31/1; Lex Hilliard: 5-23/1. NAU-Ryan Williams: 12-46/0; J. Birthright: 6-20/0. **Passing:** UM-Ochs: 27-18-0=234/1. NAU-J. Murrietta: 27-13-1=243/2. **Receiving:** UM-Levander Segars: 4-40/0; J. Heidelberg: 3-65/1. NAU- Marshall: 5-134/1; Clarence Moore: 4-75/1. **Defense:** UM-Tim Bush: 8TT, 3TFL, FF, 4SK; Brent Meyers: 6TT, 2TFL, INT. NAU-Bruce Branch: 11TT, 2TFL, SK; Vince Henman: 10TT, 2TFL, SK; Jason Jacobs: 7TT, PB.

M O N T A N A

MONTANA 26
SACRAMENTO STATE 0



EASTERN WASHINGTON 10
MONTANA 41



GAME 10 - November 8, 2003
at Sacramento, California
Hornet Stadium • 2,122

GAME 11 - November 15, 2003
at Missoula, Montana
Washington Grizzly Stadium • 23,329

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
MONTANA	19	7	0	0	26
SACRAMENTO STATE	0	0	0	0	0

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
EASTERN WASHINGTON	10	0	0	0	10
MONTANA	14	3	10	14	41

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA – Despite a downpour that lasted most of the game, Montana recorded its first Big Sky shutout since 1997, as the Grizzlies beat the Hornets 26-0. Montana rolled to 19 first-quarter points, as junior running back **Justin Green** found the end zone twice on the ground. Green scored on runs of 2 and 11 yards and finished the game with 108 yards and two scores on 23 carries. **Dave DeCoite** then returned a fumble 52 yards for Montana's third touchdown of the opening quarter, making the score 19-0. The last score of the game came on a 37-yard pass from **Craig Ochs** to **Dane Oliver**, with 11:36 to go until half time. Ochs finished the rain-soaked game 12 of 26 for 190 yards and one touchdown. DeCoite added five tackles to go along with his fumble return. **Shane McIntyre** had two sacks for the Grizzly defense while **Jonny Varona** and **Tim Bush** each had one. After the Grizzlies' second touchdown of the game, **Chris Snyder** had his PAT attempt blocked, ending Snyder's national-record consecutive PAT streak at 126.

MISSOULA, MONTANA – Junior tailback **Justin Green** had one of the finest days ever for a Grizzly running back, as he rushed for 175 yards and four touchdowns as Montana beat Eastern Washington 41-10 on "senior day." Green's four touchdowns tied the Montana single-game record – matching **Yohance Humphery** and **Arnie Blancas**. Green's great game paced a Grizzly rushing attack that generated 365 yards and five touchdowns. **Lex Hilliard** gained 81 yards on 13 carries and freshman quarterback **Kyle Sampson** carried the ball seven times for 48 yards and a touchdown. **Craig Ochs** had a difficult day at quarterback, going 7-16 for 106 yards and two interceptions with no touchdowns. **Willie Walden** led the Grizzlies with 3 catches for 91 yards. **Brent Meyers** led the Grizzlies with eight tackles and **Dave DeCoite** had six tackles and three sacks. **Kevin Edwards** and **Tyler Thomas** each intercepted a pass for Montana.

SCORING SUMMARY

UM 1st-10:17	Justin Green 2 run, Chris Snyder kick, 7-0 UM
UM 1st-04:46	Green 11 run, Snyder rush failed, 13-0 UM
UM 1st-01:57	Dave DeCoite 52 fumble recovery Snyder kick blocked, 19-0 UM
UM 2nd-11:36	Dane Oliver 37 pass from Craig Ochs Snyder kick, 26-0 UM

SCORING SUMMARY

UM 1st-12:27	Justin Green 1 run, Chris Snyder kick, 7-0 UM
EWU 1st-10:45	Rich Heintz 44 field goal, 7-3 UM
UM 1st-05:50	Green 6 run, Snyder kick, 14-3 UM
EWU 1st-02:34	Isaiah Trufant 41 interception Heintz kick, 14-10 UM
UM 2nd-14:57	Snyder 30 field goal, 17-10 UM
UM 3rd-08:58	Snyder 37 field goal, 20-10 UM
UM 3rd-00:07	Green 1 run, Snyder kick, 27-10 UM
UM 4th-09:13	Green 37 run, Snyder kick, 34-10 UM
UM 4th-03:32	Kyle Sampson 6 run, Snyder kick, 41-10 UM

TEAM STATS

	SAC	UM
First Downs	9	21
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	34-35	54-183
Passing Net Yards	100	190
Att-Comp-Int	21-10-1	26-12-1
Total Net Yards	135	373
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	7-1
Punts-Avg	7-34.7	2-37.5
Penalties-Yards	3-35	6-55
Time of Possession	22:45	37:15
3rd Down Conversions	3x13	6x18
4th Down Conversions	0x3	5x8
Sacks by Yards	0-0	4-28

TEAM STATS

	EWU	UM
First Downs	10	27
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	27-41	65-356
Passing Net Yards	127	135
Att-Comp-Int	27-14-2	18-8-2
Total Net Yards	168	491
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts-Avg	6-48.7	3-33.0
Penalties-Yards	5-55	8-64
Time of Possession	23:14	36:46
3rd Down Conversions	2x12	11x18
4th Down Conversions	1x2	1x1
Sacks by Yards	3-10	4-26

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 23-108/2. **SAC**-Josh Farrell: 15-25/0.
Passing: UM-Craig Ochs: 26-12-1=190/1; **SAC**-Kenan Smith: 11-5-1-46/0.
Receiving: UM-Lex Hilliard: 4-42/0; Dane Oliver: 2-58/1; Willie Walden: 2-47/0. **SAC**: Jason Girley: 3-39/0; Mel Cuckovich: 3-26/0.
Defense: UM-Blake Horgan: 6TT, TFL; Brent Meyers: 6TT, TFL; Dave DeCoite: 5TT, TFL, FR. **SAC**-Ryan Kroeker: 14TT; Camron Mbewa: 9TT, TFL; Chris Bessinger, 9TT, TFL.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 32-175/4. **EWU**-Eric Kimble: 5-17/0.
Passing: UM-Craig Ochs: 16-7-2=103/0. **EWU**-Erik Meyer: 16-6-1=61/0.
Receiving: UM-Willie Walden: 3-91/0; Jefferson Heidelberger: 2-23/0. **EWU**-Kyler Randall: 9-75/0; Joe Pierce: 3-39/0.
Defense: UM-Brent Meyers: 8TT, 1.5TFL; Dave DeCoite: 6TT, 3TFL, 3SK. **EWU**-Doug Vincent, 11TT, TFL; Brandon Myers: 11TT; Joey Cwik: 9TT, TFL, 1 SK.

2003 Season Review

MONTANA 20
MONTANA STATE 27


GAME 12 - November 22, 2003
at Bozeman, Montana
Bobcat Stadium • 15,087

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	SCORE
MONTANA	0	10	0	10	20
MONTANA STATE	6	7	7	7	27

BOZEMAN, MONTANA – The Bobcats beat the Grizzlies for the second year in a row, and en route won the Big Sky Conference's automatic berth into the I-AA playoffs. The Griz dominated the first half with 193 total yards and 12 first downs, compared to the Cats' 43 total yards and one first down, but MSU led 13-10 at the break on Corey Smith's 90-yard kickoff return for a score and Kenneth Qualls' 54-yard interception return for a TD. UM's first-half scores came on a 1-yard run by **Justin Green** and a 38-yard field goal by **Chris Snyder**. MSU took a 27-10 lead with back-to-back 1-yard runs by Bruce Molock and Travis Lulay, Lulay's rushing touchdown coming with 12:29 to go. A 32-yard field goal by Snyder and a 6-yard TD pass from **Craig Ochs** to **Dane Oliver** narrowed the MSU lead to 27-20 with 4:26 left, but MSU prevailed. The Griz out-gained the Cats 369 to 195 in total yards and 23 to 10 in first downs. MSU, Montana, and Northern Arizona all finished league play with 5-2 league records, but, for the second straight year, the Bobcats won the league's tie-breaker, based on head-to-head competition, to earn the Big Sky's automatic berth. Last season MSU, UM and Idaho State tied with 5-2 Big Sky records.

SCORING SUMMARY

MSU 1st-14:48	Corey Smith 90 kickoff return Nate Cook kick failed, 6-0 MSU
UM 2nd-12:09	Chris Snyder 38 field goal, 6-3 MSU
UM 2nd-09:55	Justin Green 1 run, Snyder kick, 10-6 UM
MSU 2nd-03:30	Kenneth Qualls 54 interception Cook kick, 13-10 MSU
MSU 3rd-06:11	Bruce Molock 1 run, Cook kick, 20-10 MSU
MSU 4th-12:29	Travis Lulay 1 run, Cook kick, 27-10 MSU
UM 4th-07:27	Snyder 32 field goal, 27-13, MSU
UM 4th-04:26	Dane Oliver 6 pass from Craig Ochs Snyder kick, 27-20 MSU

TEAM STATS

	MSU	UM
First Downs	10	23
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	34-131	57-218
Passing Net Yards	64	151
Att-Comp-Int	13-7-0	24-14-2
Total Net Yards	195	369
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Punts-Avg	6-37.0	2-44.0
Penalties-Yards	7-58	6-94
Time of Possession	24:15	35:45
3rd Down Conversions	4x11	10x20
4th Down Conversions	1x1	1x2
Sacks by Yards	4-24	0-0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Lex Hilliard: 13-95/0; Justin Green: 24-87/1. **MSU**-Bruce Molock: 25-106/1; Travis Lulay: 5-29/1.

Passing: UM-Craig Ochs: 23-14-2=151/1. **MSU**-Travis Lulay: 13-7-0=64/0.

Receiving: UM-Jefferson Heidelberg: 6-92/0; Dane Oliver: 3-20/1. **MSU**-D. Williams: 2-24/0; Ryan Elliott: 1-17/0.

Defense: UM-Dave DeCoite: 7TT; Tim Bush: 5TT, TFL; Brent Meyers: 5TT. **MSU**-Kane Ioane: 14TT; Roger Cooper: 12TT, PD; Beau Clark: 9TT, 3TFL, 2SK; Mac Mollohan: 9 TT.

WESTERN ILLINOIS 43
MONTANA 40


GAME 13 - November 29, 2003 (NCAA I-AA first-round game)
at Missoula, Montana
Washington Grizzly Stadium • 16,222

QUARTER	1	2	3	4	1ST OT	2ND OT	SCORE
WESTERN ILLINOIS	3	13	7	10	7	3	43
MONTANA	7	13	7	6	7	0	40

MISSOULA, MONTANA – For the first time this millennium the Griz did not play football in December, as they ended their season on a blocked 33-yard field goal attempt by **Chris Snyder** in the second overtime. It was UM's third loss in 20 playoff games at Washington Grizzly Stadium. It was the Leathernecks' first road playoff win. Montana set a Division I-AA record by making its 11th straight playoff appearance. The contest was a classic, as there were 18 scoring drives, six lead changes, and four ties. Eight different players scored touchdowns. The teams combined for nine field goals, 45 first downs, and 897 yards of offense. Necks' Walter Payton Award candidate Russ Michna passed for 375 yards and two scores. Griz QB **Craig Ochs** completed 8-of-9 passes and rushed for a score, but he missed most of the fourth quarter and both overtimes due to injury. Snyder ended the game with a UM and Big Sky Conference records of 394 points and 182 PATs.

SCORING SUMMARY

WIU 1st-10:04	Justin Langan 31 field goal, 3-0 WIU
UM 1st-03:55	Craig Ochs 13 run, Chris Snyder kick, 7-3 UM
WIU 2nd-14:56	Langan 26 field goal, 7-6 UM
UM 2nd-12:17	Snyder 43 field goal, 10-6 UM
UM 2nd-10:02	Snyder 48 field goal, 13-6 UM
WIU 2nd-04:06	Travis Glasford 1 run, Langan kick, 13-13
UM 2nd-00:29	Lex Hilliard 2 run, Snyder kick, 20-13 UM
WIU 2nd-00:00	Langan 46 field goal, 20-16 UM
WIU 3rd-11:50	Russ Michna 4 pass from Glasford Langan kick, 23-20 UM
UM 3rd-05:12	Justin Green 3 run, Snyder kick, 27-23 UM
WIU 4th-14:02	Randall Moore 3 pass from Michna Langan kick, 30-27 WIU
UM 4th-10:22	Snyder 22 field goal, 30-30
UM 4th-04:29	Snyder 39 field goal, 33-30 UM
WIU 4th-01:03	Langan 25 field goal, 33-33
UM 4th-15:00	Jon Talmage 16 pass from Jeff Disney Snyder kick, 40-33 UM
WIU 4th-15:00	Jermaine High 25 pass from Michna Langan kick, 40-40
WIU 4th-15:00	Langan 23 field goal, 43-40 WIU

TEAM STATS

	WIU	UM
First Downs	25	20
Rushing Atts-Net Yards	45-138	52-192
Passing Net Yards	379	188
Att-Comp-Int	33-23-1	22-15-1
Total Net Yards	517	380
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Punts-Avg	2-32.0	1-50.0
Penalties-Yards	11-65	9-93
Time of Possession	31:58	28:02
3rd Down Conversions	8x16	6x14
4th Down Conversions	0x0	0x1
Sacks by Yards	0-0	1-10

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UM-Justin Green: 22-104/1; Lex Hilliard: 16-57/1; Craig Ochs: 7-39/1. **WIU**-Travis Glasford: 24-83/1; Matt Yellin: 8-30/0.

Passing: UM-Jeff Disney: 12-7-0=92/1; Craig Ochs: 9-8-0=96/0. **WIU**-Russ Michna: 31-22-1=375/2; Glasford: 1-1-0=4/1.

Receiving: UM-Jefferson Heidelberg: 6-78/0; Jon Talmage: 3-39/1. **WIU**-Reggie Gray: 6-107/0; Randall Moore: 3-24/1; Jermaine High: 1-25/1.

Defense: UM-Joel Robinson: 10TT, TFL; Mike Murphy: 8TT, 1.5TFL, FF; Kevin Edwards: 8TT, 1.5TFL, FR, PB. **WIU**-Lee Russell: 12 TT; Drew Kocsis: 11TT; Shanno Fitzhugh: 9TT; Phil Archer: 9TT, BLK.