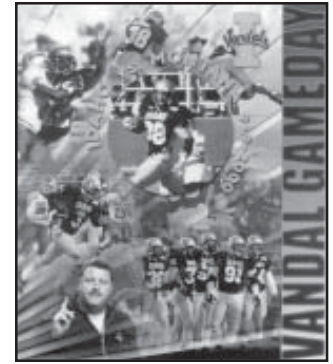


GAME 1 -
at Montana 9,
Hofstra 10
September 2, 2000

Washington Grizzly
Stadium-19,248
Weather: 57 Degrees
Cloudy, Rain

GAME 2 -
Montana 45,
at Idaho 38
September 9, 2000

Martin Stadium
Pullman, Wash.-17,929
Weather: 58 Degrees
Partly Sunny



Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Hofstra	0	7	0	3	10
Montana	3	0	0	6	9

UM-1st-6:22-Chris Snyder, 20 field goal, 3-0 UM
 HU-2nd-13:05-Rocky Butler, 10 run (Chad Johnson kick), 7-3 Hofstra
 UM-4th-9:02-Jimmy Farris, 7 run (Snyder-kick blocked), 9-7, UM
 HU-4th-0:46- Johnson 40 field goal, 10-9 Hofstra

Team Stats	Hofstra	Montana
First Downs	18	16
Rushing Att-Net Yards	42-136	30-42
Passing Yards	195	304
Comp.-Att.-Int.	28-16-1	34-23-0
Plays-Total Net Yards	70-331	64-346
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-2
Runts-Avg.	8-41.4	6-35.7
Penalties-Yards	10-67	4-29
Time of Poss.	29:29	30:31
3 rd Down Cons.	5-15	3-14
Sacks-by-Yards	4-31	2-18

Rushing: UM-Yohance Humphery: 20-67/0. HU-Trevor Dimmie:28-122/0; Butler: 14-14/1.
 Passing: UM-Miller: 23x34-0=304/0. HU-Butler: 16x28-1=195/0.
 Receiving: UM-Farris: 4-69/0; Ebu Molden: 4-40/0; Humphery: 4-31/0; Tanner Hancock:
 3-53/0. HU-Charlie Adams: 9-125/0.
 Defense: UM-Adam Boorer, 10 TT, 3 Tls; Damon Parker, 8 TT, 2 Tls; 1 int., PD; Justin
 Klein, 7 TT, 3 Tls. HU-Sal Alosi, 10 TT, 1 TL, FF; Krary Williams, 2 Tls, 2 sacks.

GAME NOTES: The Griz had just two turnovers in this one, but the final, untirely miscue did them in, much to the chagrin of a Washington Grizzly Stadium record crowd of 19,248.

Montana took an early lead on its second possession of the game on a 7-play, 76-yard march from their own 21, as freshman kicker Chris Snyder booted his first career field goal from 20 yards out. The three points were disappointing for the Griz, however. On that possession, Montana had a second-and-2 from the Hofstra 3-yard line; Drew Miller threw an incomplete pass, and on the next play Yo Humphery was stopped for no gain, and UM had to settle for the field goal.

That Snyder field goal was the only scoring of the opening quarter, but the Pride took a 7-3 lead early in the second period, as elusive quarterback Rocky Butler ran it in from 10 yards out. Butler's scoring run culminated a 16-play, 73-yard Hofstra drive that took 4:40.

Neither team mounted another offensive threat, and Hofstra led 7-3 at intermission. It appeared as though the Grizzlies would regain the lead mid-way through the third, as they advanced the ball to the Pride 2-yard line, but Humphery lost the ball, and Hofstra recovered the fumble.

The Griz stymied a pair of HU scoring threats in the second half. The first big play was an interception by cornerback Damon Parker, and the second came on a fumble recovery by free safety Jason Miller on a hit by senior tackle Tyler Martin, giving Montana possession on its own 46-yard line.

Montana capitalized on Parker's interception, going 64 yards on seven plays, as senior receiver Jimmy Farris used a key block by junior guard Thatcher Szalay, running around the left side for a 7-yard touchdown. Snyder's first PAT attempt was blocked, but there was a penalty on the play, so UM got another shot at it, but that attempt was also blocked.

After Miller's fumble recovery, Miller hit Humphery on a short pass, which he fumbled, and Hofstra took advantage of the turnover, kicking a 40-yard field goal with 46 seconds left for the win.

It was Montana's third straight loss at home - all three of those setbacks coming by last-second field goals. It also spoiled the debut of first-year head coach Joe Glenn.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Montana	10	14	7	14	45
Idaho	7	14	7	10	38

UM-1st-11:56-Tanner Hancock, 31 pass from Drew Miller (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM
 UM-1st-9:09-Snyder, 33 field goal, 10-0, UM
 UI-1st-5:36-Jeff Townsley, 16 pass from John Welsh (Ben Davis kick), 10-7 UM
 UI-2nd-13:21-Mike Roberg, 7 pass from Welsh (Davis kick), 14-10 UI
 UM-2nd-9:08-Jimmy Farris, 36 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 17-14 UM
 UI-2:52-Willie Alderson, 21 pass from Welsh (Davis kick), 21-17 UI
 UM-2nd-2:20-Ebu Molden, 69 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 24-21 UM
 UI-3rd-12:41-Roberg, 17 pass from Welsh (Davis kick), 28-24 UI
 UM-3rd-9:34-Yohance Humphery, 8 run (Snyder kick), 31-28 UM
 UI-4th-14:19-Alderson, 3 run (Davis kick), 35-31 UI
 UM-4th-12:00-Hancock, 32 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 38-35 UM
 UI-4th-8:09-Davis, 50 field goal, 38-38
 UM-4th-0:19-Farris, 7 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 45-38 UM

Team Stats	Montana	Idaho
First Downs	26	24
Rushing Att-Net Yards	19-48	39-131
Passing Yards	505	303
Att.-Comp.-Int.	52-33-0	47-31-3
Plays-Total Net Yards	71-553	86-434
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Runts-Avg.	4-35.0	4-36.5
Penalties-Yards	6-32	9-89
Time of Poss.	25:21	34:20
3 rd Down Cons.	7-14	9-17
Sacks-by-Yards	1-10	2-16

Rushing: UM-Humphery: 11-61/1. UI-Alderson:25-86/1.
 Passing: UM-Miller: 33x50-0=505/5. UI-Welsh: 31x47-3=303/4.
 Receiving: UM-Farris: 9-149/2; Molden: 7-156/1; Hancock: 8-127/2. UI-Roberg: 6-71/2.
 Defense: UM-Vince Huntsberger, 16 TT, int., PD; Matt Steinau, 9 TT; Adam Boorer: 8 TT, TL, sack. UI-Jordan Kizer, 7.5 TT, TL, ED.

GAME NOTES: This match-up was a track meet, and it took a circus catch by senior wide receiver Jimmy Farris with 19 seconds remaining for Montana to pull this one out. Oh, what a difference a week makes. Montana's mediocre offensive showing of the previous week melted away, as the Grizzlies exploded for 553 yards and six touchdowns.

This 80th meeting was truly one of the all-time classics in this long-standing rivalry - the second oldest for each school, featured 10 lead changes.

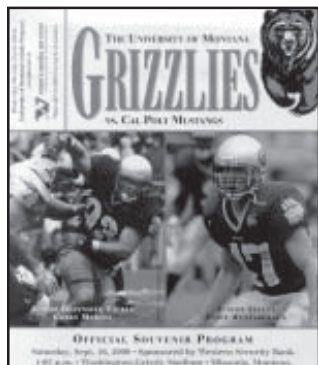
As last year, when the Vandals won on a last-second field goal, it looked like the team that had the ball last would get the victory. That is almost what happened.

With the game tied 38-all, Griz junior strong safety Vince Huntsberger tripped up UI halfback Willie Alderson for a one-yard loss on a 4th-and-1 situation, giving the Grizzlies the ball on the Idaho 49.

On a 3rd-and-18 from its own 43, Montana QB Drew Miller hooked up with Tanner Hancock for a first down to the Idaho 29. UM got to the UI 7-yard line on a Miller to Farris hook-up, and on next play Farris made a dramatic one-handed grab at the edge of the end zone line for the winning points.

Miller had a record day with 505 passing yards and tied his career-high with 5 touchdown throws. Receivers Farris (9-for-149/2 TDs), Hancock (8-127/2), and Ebu Molden (7-156/1) had banner performances.

Huntsberger tied his career-high with 16 tackles and he had one of three Griz picks. Junior linebacker Matt Steinau had 9 tackles, while senior linebacker Adam Boorer, from American Falls, Idaho, had 8 tackles, an interception, and a sack.

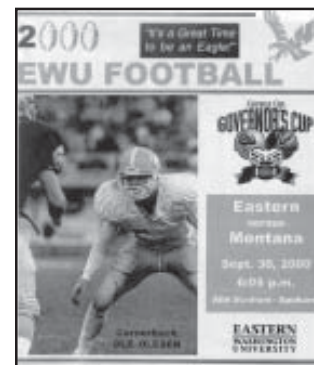


GAME 3 -
at Montana 53,
Cal Poly 3
September 16, 2000

Washington Grizzly
Stadium-19,012
Weather: 71 Degrees
Sunny

GAME 4 -
Montana 41,
at E. Washington 31
September 30, 2000

Joe Albi Stadium
Spokane, Wash.-15,678
Weather: 55 Degrees
Cloudy



Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Cal Poly	3	0	0	0	3
Montana	7	29	10	7	53

UM-1st-13:41-Etu Molden, 17 pass from Drew Miller (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM
 CP-1st-1:07-Seth Lewis, 25 field goal, 7-3 UM
 UM-2nd-13:14-Molden, 13 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 14-3 UM
 UM-2nd-12:10-Team Safety, 16-3 UM
 UM-2nd-10:00-Jimmy Farris, 56 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 22-3 UM
 UM-2nd-7:51-Ben Drinkwalter, 21 run (Snyder kick), 29-3 UM
 UM-2nd-1:55-Yhance Humphery, 3 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 36-3 UM
 UM-3rd-10:39-Snyder, 37 field goal, 39-3 UM
 UM-3rd-4:41-Humphery, 10 run (Snyder kick), 46-3 UM
 UM-4th-14:15-Drinkwalter, 5 run (Snyder kick), 53-3 UM

Team Stats	Cal Poly	Montana
First Downs	10	30
Rushing Att-Net Yards	35-83	42-307
Passing Yards	112	322
Att.-Comp.-Int.	30-14-0	31-21-1
Plays-Total Net Yards	65-195	73-629
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-1
Runs-Avg.	9-37.2	1-37.0
Penalties-Yards	10-66	6-35
Time of Poss.	31:21	28:39
3 rd Down Cons.	6-19	3-8
Sacks-by-Yards	0-0	8-53

Rushing: UM-Drinkwalter: 15-109/2; Humphery: 12-104/1; Derryl Williams: 13-98/0.
 CP-Paj Thompson: 13-58/0.
 Passing: UM-Miller: 20x30-1=311/4. CP-Seth Burford: 8x17-0=55/0; Kevin Cooper: 6x13-0=57/0.

Receiving: UM-Tanner Hancock: 6-74/0; Molden: 4-43/2; Humphery: 4-31/1. CP-Kassim Osgood: 3-42/0; Ryan McCarty: 3-24/0.
 Defense: UM-Tyler Martin: 9 TT, 3 TIs, sack; Matt Steirau: 6 TT, 2 TIs; Justin Brannon: 6 TT, 3 TIs, 2 sacks; Andy Petek: 6 TT, 3 TIs, 2 sacks, FR. CP-Brett Baker: 17 TT, FF.

GAME NOTES: The Grizzlies had two nail-biters to start the season. This one wasn't. Montana dismantled Cal Poly, a Division I-AA Independent, racking up 629 yards, including 307 on the ground. The Griz were just two yards short of three players hitting the 100-yard mark.

Senior Ben Drinkwalter passed the century mark with 109 yards. Junior Yhance Humphery had 104 yards, ran for a score, and caught a TD pass. Number three half-back Derryl Williams rushed 13 times for 98 yards. Drinkwalter's 109 yards was a career-high, and he scored his first career touchdown on a 21-yard run in the second quarter and had a 5-yarder late in the game.

Senior quarterback Drew Miller threw for 311 yards and 4 touchdowns in a little more than two quarters of action.

On their first possession the Grizzlies (2-1) marched 73 yards on five plays, with Miller connecting with Etu Molden on a 17-yard touchdown pass. Cal Poly (0-2) answered on a 25-yard field goal by Seth Lewis, but those points would be the Mustangs only ones of the game.

UM exploded for 29 unanswered points in the second quarter to take a 36-3 half-time lead.

The Grizzlies second-quarter surge started on another Miller to Molden hook-up for 13 yards; followed by a team safety; a 56-yard scoring pass from Miller to Jimmy Farris; a 21-yard run by Drinkwalter; and a 3-yard run by Humphery.

On defense, the Griz were led by senior tackle Tyler Martin, who had three stops for losses, while senior ends Justin Brannon and Andy Petek each added a pair of sacks. UM had 8 sacks in the game.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Montana	7	14	10	10	41
E. Washington	7	10	7	7	31

EWU-1st-7:56-Jovan Griffith, 2 run (Troy Griggs kick), 7-0 EWU
 UM-1st-1:07-Ben Drinkwalter, 2 run (Chris Snyder kick), 7-7
 UM-2nd-5:38-Tanner Hancock, 21 pass from Drew Miller (Snyder kick), 14-7 UM
 EWU-2nd-5:21-Lamont Brightful, 99 kickoff return (Griggs kick), 14-14
 UM-2nd-1:21-Etu Molden, 32 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 21-14 UM
 EWU-2nd-0:00-Griggs, 29 field goal, 21-17 UM
 UM-3rd-Snyder, 42 field goal, 24-17 UM
 UM-3rd-4:03-Miller, 1 run (Snyder kick), 31-17 UM
 EWU-3rd-3:44-Brightful, 100 kickoff return, 31-24 UM
 UM-4th-14:48-Molden, 10 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 38-24 UM
 EWU-4th-9:17-Jesse Chatman, 5 pass from Chris Samms (Griggs kick), 38-31 UM
 UM-4th-1:32-Snyder, 27 field goal, 41-31 UM

Team Stats	Montana	EWU
First Downs	22	15
Rushing Att-Net Yards	36-125	29-25
Passing Yards	286	209
Att.-Comp.-Int.	42-25-1	26-15-1
Plays-Total Net Yards	78-411	55-234
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	6-2
Runs-Avg.	4-35.0	3-40.4
Penalties-Yards	9-89	6-46
Time of Poss.	33:38	26:22
3 rd Down Cons.	7-17	2-12
Sacks-by-Yards	7-40	1-5

Rushing: UM-Derryl Williams: 15-39/0; Jimmy Farris: 2-39/0; Yhance Humphery: 5-28/0. EWU-Jesse Chatman: 14-54/0.

Passing: UM-Miller: 25x42-1=286/3. EWU-Samms: 14x25-1=198/1.

Receiving: UM-Hancock: 9-108/1; Molden: 5-76/2; Farris: 2-40/0. EWU-Shaylon Reed: 4-70/0; Brightful: 4-55/0.

Defense: UM-Adam Borter: 9 TT, 3 TIs, sack, int., FF; Corey Mertes: 8 TT, 3 TIs. EWU-Brad Parker: 17 TT; Greg Belzer: 14 TT.

GAME NOTES: Montana had one of its best defensive efforts of the season, and the offense had to overcome several injuries to subdue the home-standing Eagles, playing in front of 15,678 fans in Spokane's Joe Albi Stadium - the most ever for an EWU game there.

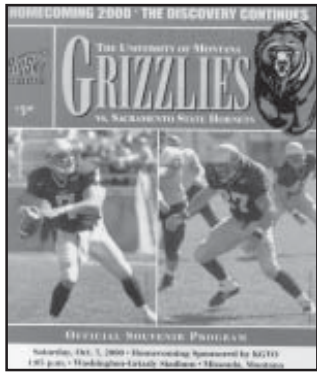
The Grizzlies lost starting offensive tackles Kamakana Kaimuloa (knee) and Brian Felc (concussion) in the first quarter, along with halfbacks Yhance Humphery (hamstring) and Ben Drinkwalter (shoulder). But redshirt freshmen Dylan McFarland and Jon Skinner filled in admirably at the tackle slots, and quarterback Drew Miller provided leadership.

Ninth-ranked Montana out-gained 18th-ranked EWU 411 yards to 234, and limited the Eagles dangerous running attack to 25 net yards on 29 carries.

EWU stayed in the game with explosive special teams play, as senior Lamont Brightful had a 99-yard kickoff return in the second quarter and a 100-yarder late in the third quarter.

Miller threw for 286 yards, and had scoring passes of 32 and 10 yards to Etu Molden, and a 21-yarder to Tanner Hancock. Hancock had a career-high 9 catches for 108 yards and a TD.

On defense, senior linebacker Adam Borter had 9 tackles, 3 stops for losses, a sack, a forced fumble, and an interception that led to a score. Senior tackle Corey Mertes, playing with broken ribs, had 8 tackles, including 3 for losses.

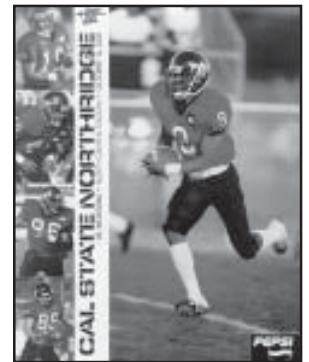


GAME 5 -
at Montana 24,
Sacramento State 20
October 7, 2000

Washington Grizzly
Stadium-19,264
Weather: 46 Degrees
Sunny

GAME 6 -
Montana 34,
at Cal State
Northridge 30
October 14, 2000

North Campus Field-3,072
Weather: 81 Degrees
Clear



Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Sacramento State	7	13	0	0	20
Montana	0	0	14	10	24

SAC-1st- 4:26-Ricky Ray, 44 run (Jimmy Sanchez kick) , 7-0 Sac
SAC- 2nd-14:16-Ray, 1 run (Sanchez kick) , 14-0 Sac
SAC-2nd-5:45-Garrett White, 4 run (Kick failed-Sanchez) , 20-0 Sac
UM-3rd-9:58-Tate Hancock, 1 run (Chris Snyder kick) , 20-7 Sac
UM-3rd- 4:13-Tate Hancock, 9 run (Snyder kick) , 20-14 Sac
UM-4th-5:23- Snyder, 32 field goal, 20-17 Sac
UM-4th-2:23-Damon Parker, 40 fumble return (Snyder kick) , 24-20 UM

Team Stats	Sac	Montana
First Downs	17	22
Rushing Att-Net Yards	41-152	21-8
Passing Yards	191	300
Att.-Comp.-Int.	36-24-1	46-32-1
Plays-Total Net Yards	77-343	67-308
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	3-3
Yards-Avg.	5-40.6	3-47.7
Penalties-Yards	13-86	2-15
Time of Poss.	31:34	28:26
3 rd Down Cons.	8-18	7-13
Sacks-by-Yards	2-14	3-17

Rushing: UM-Hancock: 8-28/2. SAC: Charles Roberts: 20-77/0; Ray: 15-55/2.
Passing: UM-Drew Miller: 32x46-1=300/0. SAC: Ray: 24x36-1=191/0
Receiving: UM- Tanner Hancock: 6-54/0; Etu Molden: 5-65/0; Jimmy Farris: 7-63/0.
SAC: Lamont Webb: 5-62/0; Scott Towne: 4-46/0.
Defense: UM-Vince Huntsberger: 12 TT; Trey Young: 10 TT, TL; Adam Boomer: 10 TT, FR; Corey Mertes: 9 TT, 3 TILs, sack; Parker: 8 TT, 2 FF, FR (TD), int., ED. SAC: Lee Turner: 9 TT, FR.

GAME NOTES: Senior cornerback Damon Parker picked off an errant lateral by Sac State quarterback Ricky Ray and raced 40 yards untouched to paydirt as a homecoming Washington Grizzly Stadium crowd of 19,264 saw their team pull out a miraculous victory.

Ninth-ranked Montana could not contain Ray, especially in the first half. The elusive senior broke free for a 44-yard touchdown for the only points of the first period, and then he scored on a 1-yarder early in the second quarter.

The Hornets recovered a fumble by Griz QB Drew Miller midway in the second quarter and then capitalized on the turnover when Garrett White scored on a 4-yard run six plays later. That gave Sac a 20-0 halftime lead. UM had managed 136 total yards (-3 rushing) before intermission, while Sac had 237.

Montana battled back on scoring runs of 1 and 9 yards by true freshman Tate Hancock to cut the Sac lead to 20-14. Hancock was listed fourth on UM's depth earlier in the year, but injuries forced him into action.

With chances for a Griz "W" looking bleak, Roberts gave Montana a break when he fumbled on Sac's 25-yard line. But, two plays later UM receiver Jimmy Farris fumbled on an end-around play and the Hornets got the ball back with a 20-17 lead and 2:32 left in the game.

On 3rd-and-4 from the Sac 40, Ray ran an option play, and as he was tackled by Adam Boomer and Andy Petek, and just before his knee hit the ground, he tried to pitch the ball to Roberts. Parker grabbed the ill-advised Ray pitch, and Farris and the record crowd, breathed a collective sigh of relief, as Parker took it in for the winning points.

The Griz improved to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in conference.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Montana	7	17	3	7	34
Cal State Northridge	14	10	6	0	30

CSN-1st-3:46-Drew Amerson, 5 pass from Marcus Brady (Derek Brown kick) , 7-0 CSN
UM-1st-2:16-Tanner Hancock, 27 pass from Drew Miller (Chris Snyder kick) , 7-7
CSN-1st-2:01-Julien Sells, 95 kickoff return (Brown kick) , 14-7 CSN
UM-2nd-14:02-Snyder, 36 field goal, 14-10 CSN
CSN-2nd-9:08-Brown, 37 field goal, 17-10 CSN
UM-2nd-5:32- Brandon Malcom, 1 run (Snyder kick) , 17-17
CSN-2nd-4:05-Lewis Blanton, 50 fumble return, 24-17 CSN
UM-2nd-00:04-Hancock, 30 pass from John Edwards (Snyder kick) , 24-24
UM-3rd-12:37-Snyder, 29 field goal, 27-24, UM
CSN-3rd-8:56-Travis Campbell, 83 interception return (Brown-kick failed) , 30-27 CSN
UM-4th-1:50-Edwards, 1 run (Snyder kick) , 34-30 UM

Team Stats	Montana	CSN
First Downs	29	11
Rushing Att-Net Yards	31-81	26-30
Passing Yards	436	125
Att.-Comp.-Int.	57-40-1	31-20-0
Plays-Total Net Yards	88-437	57-155
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	1-1
Yards-Avg.	6-38.7	8-46.8
Penalties-Yards	7-41	9-85
Time of Poss.	37:19	22:41
3 rd Down Cons.	8-17	3-13
Sacks-by-Yards	3-13	6-45

Rushing: UM-Edwards: 11-22/1. CSN-Crayton Milton: 3-13/0.
Passing: UM-Miller: 19x27-0=230/1; Edwards: 21x30-1=201/1. CSN-Brady: 20x31-0=125/1.

Receiving: UM- Hancock: 8-110/2; Etu Molden: 9-48/0; Jimmy Farris: 8-146/0; Malcom: 7-48/0. CSN-Amerson: 4-34/1; Jamaal Penzy: 4-25/0.

Defense: UM-Vince Huntsberger: 11 TT, 1 TL; Adam Boomer: 7 TT, 3 TILs; Corey Mertes: 7 TT, 4 1/2 TILs, 1 1/2 sacks. CSN-Campbell: 9 TT, TL, Int., ED; Cbs Abercrombie: 9 TT, 4 TILs, 2 sacks.

GAME NOTES: Montana's defense continued to excel, and the Griz overcame some crucial mistakes and the loss of All-American QB Drew Miller, eking out a 34-30 win.

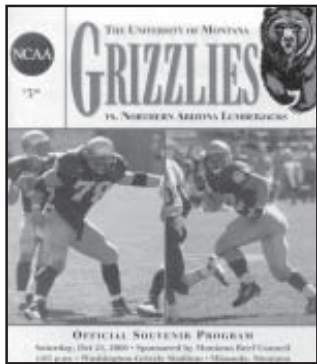
The Grizzlies lost Miller late in the second quarter when he was tackled from his blind side just as he was releasing a pass. Enter sophomore John Edwards, who was 1-of-1 for 11 yards so far on the season. Edwards guided the UM offense with 5:05 remaining, guiding the offense on a 9-play, 59-yard scoring drive, Edwards rushing one yard for the deciding points.

Montana dominated the game statistically, but Northridge capitalized on Griz mistakes. CSN's first TD was set up by a UM fumble on its own 25-yard line. Their second score was on a 95-yard kickoff return. The Matadors also scored on a 50-yard fumble return and an 83-yard interception return.

Montana had 437 total yards, compared to Northridge's 155. Although the Griz had just one net yard rushing (CSN had 30), once again they were missing their top two backs, Yohane Humphrey (hamstring) and Ben Drinkwalter (shoulder) to injuries. Fresh Tate Hancock was taken off redshirt status in the Sac State game, but he was also knocked out with a shoulder injury in that contest. True freshman Brandon Malcom, also slated to redshirt, started, and he rushed for 14 yards and a score and caught 7 passes for 48 yards.

But, when you're talking about domination, you have to take a look at the Griz defense in the second half. In the 2nd stanza, CSN had 46 total yards, 4 first downs, and did not score.

On defense, senior tackle Corey Mertes had a great game with 4 1/2 stops for losses and 2-1/2 sacks. Senior linebacker Adam Boomer added 7 tackles (3 for losses), and junior strong safety Vince Huntsberger had a game-high 11 tackles.



GAME 7-
at Montana 17,
Northern Arizona 7
October 21, 2000

Washington Grizzly
Stadium-19,109
Weather: 46
Cloudy

GAME 8:
Montana 33,
at Portland State 21
October 28, 2000

Hillsboro Stadium-9,681
Weather: 50
Cloudy



Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Northern Arizona	0	0	7	0	7
Montana	10	0	7	0	17

UM-1st-14:03-Etu Molden, 24 pass from John Edwards (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM
UM-1st-5:40-Snyder, 20 field goal, 10-0 UM
NAU-3rd-10:48-Clarence Moore, 24 pass from Preston Parsons (Ty Dandelinger kick), 10-7 UM
UM-3rd-3:31-T.J. Oelkers, 9 pass from Edwards (Snyder kick), 17-7 UM

Team Stats	NAU	Montana
First Downs	17	25
Rushing Att-Net Yards	26-60	36-140
Passing Yards	247	229
Att.-Comp.-Int.	48-27-0	44-22-2
Plays-Total Net Yards	74-307	80-369
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Runts-Avg.	6-42.7	5-42.8
Penalties-Yards	19-142	7-53
Time of Poss.	28:21	31:39
3 rd Down Cons.	8-18	8-18
Sacks-by-Yards	1-5	6-35

Rushing: UM-Branden Malcom: 25-77/0; Edwards:11-63/0. NAU-Marcus King: 16-75/0.
Passing: UM-Edwards: 22x44-2-229/2. NAU-Parsons: 27x48-0=247/1.
Receiving: UM-Molden: 8-108/1; Malcom: 6-20/0; Tanner Hancock: 3-45/0.
NAU-Jeremy Cooper:8-82/0; Sidney Smith: 7-53/0; Francis St. Paul: 5-35/0.
Defense: UM-Vince Huntsberger: 9 TT, ED; Calvin Coleman: 8 TT, TL, 2 EDs; Matt Steinau: 7 TT; Andy Petek: 7 TT, 3 Tls, 3 sacks. NAU-Kela Loo: 9 TT, Int., ;D; Valley Coleman: 6 TT, 2 Tls.

GAME NOTES: Montana's defense, NAU penalties, and the scrambling of quarterback John Edwards all added up to a win for the 5th-ranked Griz, who picked up their six straight victory.

The Griz moved into sole possession of first place in the Big Sky Conference at 4-0, thanks to Weber State's 41-9 shellacking of visiting Portland State. Montana improved to 6-1 overall.

The victory also assured Montana of its 15th winning season in a row, dating back to 1986.

Several UM offensive players were sidelined with injuries, and if UM's inexperienced offense had not committed three turnovers inside NAU's 20-yard line, the final score might have been different.

Edwards was making his first career start, as All-American QB Drew Miller sat out with a right shoulder (throwing) injury suffered the week before at Northridge.

Edwards, who led the Griz to a come-from-behind victory the previous week, wasn't perfect, but passed for 229 yards and 2 scores, and scrambled for 63 more. Edwards was 22-of-44-2, and both of his interceptions came in the red zone.

Senior end Andy Petek was outstanding, with three sacks and two forced fumbles. NAU finished with 307 yards of offense and scored just once.

On defense, Montana registered 7 sacks and had 10 stops for losses. NAU halfback Marcus King was limited to 75 yards on 16 carries, and the Lumberjacks had 60 net yards rushing. Junior strong safety Vince Huntsberger had a team-high 9 tackles, while junior cornerback Calvin Coleman had 8 stops, a tackle for a loss, and 2 pass deflections.

NAU tied a Big Sky record with 19 penalties for 142 yards. Idaho was whistled for 19 infractions 30 seasons ago in a game against Weber State.

Freshman halfback Branden Malcom rushed for 77 hard-earned yards on 25 carries.

Receiver Etu Molden had 8 catches for a game-high 108 yards and scored UM's first TD, a 24-yarder. Molden's scoring catch was set up on a 72-yard kickoff return by Tanner Hancock. Receiver T.J. Oelkers scored UM's other touchdown on a 9-yard pass from Edwards, for his first career touchdown.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Montana	7	17	3	6	33
Portland State	7	7	7	0	21

UM-1st-11:34 John Edwards, 1 run (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM
PSU-1st-9:25-Chip Dunn, 1 run (Dan Frantz kick), 7-7
UM-2nd-9:07-Snyder, 52 field goal, 10-7 UM
UM-2nd-2:20- Jimmy Farris, 53 pass from Edwards (Snyder kick), 17-7 UM
PSU-2nd-0:52-Rashad Floyd, 84 interception return (Frantz kick), 17-14 UM
UM-2nd-0:39-Farris, 68 pass from Edwards (Snyder kick), 24-14 UM
UM-3rd-11:50-Snyder, 45 field goal, 27-14 UM
PSU-3rd-3:37-Orshward Bryant, 11 pass from Jimmy Blanchard (Frantz kick), 27-21 UM
UM-4th-7:33-Tanner Hancock, 39 pass from Edwards (Snyder kick), 33-21 UM

Team Stats	Montana	PSU
First Downs	24	13
Rushing Att-Net Yards	56-237	28-29
Passing Yards	235	242
Att.-Comp.-Int.	26-14-1	28-16-2
Plays-Total Net Yards	82-472	56-271
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Runts-Avg.	6-43.0	8-42.5
Penalties-Yards	8-84	9-85
Time of Poss.	34:12	25:48
3rd Down Cons.	4-16	2-12
Sacks-by-Yards	5-25	4-25

Rushing: UM-Yohance Humphery: 37-194/0; Edwards:11-22/1. PSU: Dunn: 19-49/1.
Passing: UM-Edwards: 14x26-1=235/2. PSU: Blanchard: 16x28-2=242/1.
Receiving: UM-Farris: 3-118/2; Humphery: 3-14/0; Etu Molden: 2-25/0; Hancock: 3-53/1.
PSU: Bryant: 6-139/1. Defense: UM-Vince Huntsberger: 12 TT; Andy Petek: 9 TT, 3 sacks, 4 Tls. PSU: B. Donnerberg: 10 TT; D. Hunter: 7 TT, 4 Tls, 3 sacks.

GAME NOTES: This showdown between two of the Big Sky's biggies went as planned if you're a Montana fan, as the Grizzlies avenged a 1999 overtime loss with a victory over the Vikings in their temporary facility in Hillsboro, about 12 miles from Portland.

The return of junior halfback Yohance Humphery and the continued great play of the defense made the difference in this one.

Humphery, who had not played since suffering a hamstring injury at Eastern Washington on Sept. 30, returned with a vengeance, rushing for a school-record 37 times and gaining a career-high 194 yards in the process.

The Griz were once again playing without quarterback Drew Miller, who watched from the sidelines because of an injury.

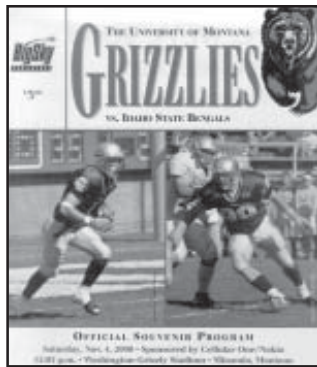
Edwards made one huge mistake, then seconds later redeemed himself, thanks to senior receiver Jimmy Farris. UM moved the ball to the PSU 18-yard line, but Edwards was picked off by Rashad Floyd, who returned it 84 yards for a touchdown. On UM's first play of its next possession, Edwards found Farris on a quick out, and he broke loose down the right sideline for a momentum-changing, 68-yard TD.

Senior end Andy Petek once again came up big for the "D," getting 9 tackles, 4 for losses, and 3 sacks. He was named Big Sky "Defensive Player of the Week" for his efforts.

Montana's defense sacked Jimmy Blanchard five times, and the senior QB had started the game with only seven sacks in PSU's previous seven contests.

The Griz out-gained the Vikings 472 to 271 in net yards. If you take away an 81-yard pass play by PSU, they had 190 yards on their 55 other plays, an average of 3.5 yards per play. UM had 24 first downs while PSU had 11.

PSU had 29 net yards rushing and star halfback Chip Dunn had 19 carries for 49 yards and a TD.

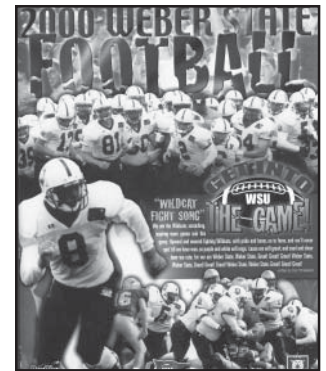


GAME 9 -
at Montana 38,
Idaho State 21
November 4, 2000

Washington Grizzly
Stadium-18,943
Weather: 41 Degrees
Clear & Windy (15-25 mph)

GAME 10 -
Montana 30,
at Weber State 28
November 11, 2000

Stewart Stadium-9,632
Weather: 37 Degrees
Sunny



Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Idaho State	0	7	7	7	21
Montana	13	15	7	3	38

UM-1st-3:51 Yo Humphery, 1 run (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM
UM-1st-2:16-Humphery, 5 run (Snyder kick), 14-0 UM
UM-2nd-14:03-Humphery, 3 run (Snyder kick), 21-0 UM
ISU-2nd-5:30-DeRon Finley, 73 punt return (Javier Garcia kick), 21-7 UM
UM-2nd-5:12-Etu Molden, 88 kickoff return (Snyder kick), 27-7 UM
ISU-3rd-7:32-J. Wilkerson, 41 pass from Kevin McCarthy (Garcia kick), 28-14 UM
UM-3rd-0:26-Jimmy Farris, 66 pass from John Edwards (Snyder kick), 35-14 UM
UM-4th-5:50-Snyder, 42 field goal, 38-14 UM
ISU-4th-5:03-Mike Jones, 31 run (Garcia kick), 38-21 UM

Team Stats	ISU	Montana
First Downs	16	13
Rushing Att-Net Yards	31-88	40-165
Passing Yards	229	257
Att.-Comp.-Int.	44-20-1	23-12-2
Plays-Total Net Yards	75-317	63-422
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Runs-Avg.	11-40.5	8-40.1
Penalties-Yards	10-60	7-98
Time of Poss.	29:56	30:04
3rd Down Cons.	5-20	3-12
Sacks by-Yards	4-32	5-32

Rushing: UM-Humphery: 23-145/3; Brandon Malcom: 12-52/0. ISU-Nick Whitworth: 16-63/0; Jones: 2-31/1.

Passing: UM-Drew Miller: 8x12-2=169/0; Edwards: 4x11-0=88/1. ISU-Shane Griggs: 19x43-1=188/0; McCarthy: 1x1-0=41/1.

Receiving: UM-Farris: 4-124/1; Humphery: 2-40/0; Etu Molden: 3-18/0; T.J. Oelkers: 1-62/0. ISU-Eugene Mirador: 5-14/0.

Defense: UM-Adam Boomer: 10 TT, sacks, int., FD; Calvin Coleman: 7 TT, sack, blocked FG; Andy Petek, 2 TIs, sack. ISU-Mike Clancy: 12 TT; Jason Meador: 9 TT, 2 TIs.

GAME NOTES: It wasn't pretty, but Yohance Humphery, the defense, receiver Jimmy Farris, returner Etu Molden, and kicker Chris Snyder all pitched in to keep the Grizzlies unbeaten in the Big Sky and win their 8th contest in a row in 2000.

Humphery had his second 100-yard rushing game in a row, racking up 145 yards on 23 carries. Freshman Brandon Malcom helped the UM rush cause by picking up 52 yards on 12 totes.

Senior QB Drew Miller returned to action, but did not play in the second half. Miller, who did not look as sharp as usual, was 8-of-12 and picked off twice. He injured his left shoulder while making a tackle after he'd thrown an interception. He could have returned to action, but watched from the sidelines.

ISU got on the board on a 73-yard kickoff return, but Molden returned the favor on the ensuing kickoff, breaking loose for an 88-yard TD.

John Edwards was 4-of-11 for 88 yards, but had one big completion to Farris, who broke a tackle and raced to pay dirt from 66 yards out with 26 second left in the third quarter. In UM's last two games, Farris has had three scoring grabs of more than 50 yards.

It was a historic game for senior end Andy Petek, who had four tackles and a sack, that sack giving him a single-season sacks record of 15, breaking the mark of 14 set by Corey Falls in 1996.

Senior linebacker Adam Boomer had 10 tackles, a sack, and an interception (his fourth of the season), and he was named the league's "Defensive Player of the Week" for the first time in his career. Junior cornerback Calvin Coleman had 7 tackles, a sack, and blocked a field goal (UM's first block of the season).

The Griz defense had five sacks, giving them 38 on the season.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Montana	14	3	6	7	30
Weber State	0	7	14	7	28

UM-1st-10:17-Jimmy Farris, 26 pass from Drew Miller (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM
UM-1st-1:44-Yohance Humphery, 1 run (Snyder kick), 14-0 UM
WSU-2nd-13:16-Scott Dillard, 12 pass from Cole Cooper (Mike Mimoch kick), 14-7 UM
UM-2nd-8:27-Snyder, 23 field goal, 17-7 UM
WSU-3rd-7:32-Johnnie Gray, 2 run (Mimoch kick), 17-14 UM
WSU-3rd-4:40-Herb Craft, 84 punt return (Mimoch kick), 21-17 WSU
UM-3rd-2:35-Humphery, 1 run (Kick failed-Snyder), 23-21 UM
UM-4th-8:18-Humphery, 3 run (Snyder kick), 30-21 UM
WSU-4th-8:00-Craft, 94 kickoff return (Mimoch kick), 30-28 UM

Team Stats	Montana	WSU
First Downs	27	7
Rushing Att-Net Yards	46-212	24-72
Passing Yards	344	167
Att.-Comp.-Int.	46-31-1	23-10-1
Plays-Total Net Yards	92-556	47-239
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Runs-Avg.	6-43.8	9-40.7
Penalties-Yards	6-40	9-80
Time of Poss.	40:18	19:42
3rd Down Cons.	8-18	2-12
Sacks by-Yards	3-15	2-16

Rushing: UM-Humphery: 37-197/3. WSU-George Patterson: 12-65/0; Gray: 5-13/1.

Passing: UM-Miller: 30x45-1=334/1; John Edwards: 1x1-0=10/0. WSU-Cooper: 10x23-1=167/1. Receiving: UM-Farris: 7-96/1; Humphery: 5-51/0; Etu Molden: 8-96/0; T.J. Oelkers: 5-55/0. WSU-Jon Jefferson: 4-129/0. Defense: UM-Trey Young: 7 TT, TL, Int., FB; Adam Boomer: 5 TT, 2 TIs, sack. WSU-Brad Reuk: 14 TT.

GAME NOTES: Once again it wasn't a thing of beauty, but Yohance Humphery, Drew Miller, and the defense all had stellar games, as the Grizzlies remained unbeaten and captured their third straight Big Sky Conference championship.

Humphery had his third 100-yard rushing game in a row, racking up a career-high 197 yards and tying the single-game mark of 37 carries that he set three weeks earlier at Portland State.

Miller returned to action for the second week in a row and was 30-of-45-1 for 334 yards and a TD. Unfortunately, for the second week in a row, he also suffered an injury (concussion), and had to leave the game in the closing minutes. The previous week he left the Idaho State game when he injured his left shoulder and did not play in the second half.

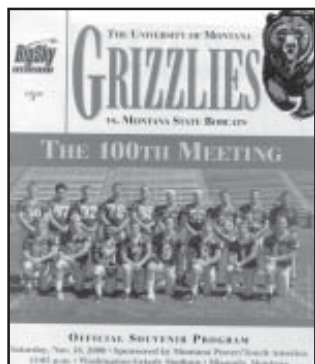
Montana dominated the game statistically, gaining 556 yards to WSU's 239. UM had twice as much possession time, and 27 first downs, compared to WSU's 7.

Sophomore free safety Trey Young had an outstanding game, garnering 7 tackles and grabbing a key interception in the WSU end zone. Senior linebacker Adam Boomer added 5 tackles, two stops for losses, and a sack.

Once again special teams gave up big plays, as Herb Craft scored on an 84-yard punt return to give WSU a 21-17 third-quarter lead, and he broke loose for a 94-yard kickoff return with eight minutes left in the game to keep the pressure on UM.

When it was over, the Griz had won their ninth in a row, but six of those "W"s were by six points or less.

"I take my hat off to the coaches and the players at The University of Montana," first-year head coach Joe Glenn told *The Missoulian*. "We battled hard this year through some tough times, today included. We fought to the Grizzly end so many times and here we stand."



GAME 11 -
at Montana 28,
Montana State 3
November 18, 2000

Washington Grizzly
Stadium-19,367
Weather: 31 Degrees
Sunny

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Montana State	0	3	0	0	3
Montana	7	14	7	0	28

UM-1st-12:56 Yo Humphery, 11 pass from John Edwards (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM

UM-2nd-14:50-Edwards, 1 run (Snyder kick), 14-0 UM

MSU-2nd-10:24-Nate Cook, 32 field goal, 14-3 UM

UM-2nd-4:42-Humphery, 10 run (Snyder kick), 21-3 UM

UM-3rd-6:29-Jimmy Farris, 91 pass from Edwards (Snyder kick), 28-3 UM

Team Stats	MSU	Montana
First Downs	10	16
Rushing Att-Net Yards	39-37	43-184
Passing Yards	52	218
Att.-Comp.-Int.	21-10-0	26-12-0
Plays-Total Net Yards	60-89	69-402
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Runs-Avg.	8-37.0	5-39.2
Penalties-Yards	7-51	19-164
Time of Poss.	29:37	30:23
3rd Down Cons.	1-14	5-15
Sacks by-Yards	2-15	5-24

Rushing: UM-Humphery: 22-87/1; Edwards: 10-53/1. MSU-Ryan Johnson: 15-28/0.

Passing: UM-Edwards: 12x26-0=218/2. MSU-Farhaad Azimi: 6x11-0=36/0; Kevin Flatow: 4x10-0=16/0.

Receiving: UM-Farris: 3-104/1; Ebu Molden: 2-38/0; T.J. Oelkers: 2-27/0; Humphery: 2-16/1. MSU: Arie Gray: 3-17/0; Ryan Johnson: 3-6/0.

Defense: UM-Adam Boomer: 9 TT, 3 TIs; Andy Petek: 7 TT, 4 TIs, 2 sacks. MSU-John Montoya: 11 TT, 2 TIs, ED; Kane Ioane: 9 TT.

GAME NOTES: THE STREAK continued, but Montana's 15th win in a row over its intrastate rival in this 100th Griz-Cat match-up was error-filled, as in yellow flags.

The Griz were flagged for 19 penalties, but dominated the very young and winless Bobcats en route to a perfect (8-0) Big Sky Conference record and a 10-1 regular-season mark.

UM's 10th straight win of the 2000 season was once again due in a large part to its great defense, which held MSU to just 89 net yards. The Griz had an impressive 18 tackles for losses. The Griz defense had five sacks, giving them 46 on the season.

John Edwards improved to 3-0 as a starter, and was effective as a runner and a passer, although he said after the game, that he needs to become more consistent. Edwards was 12-of-26-0 for 218 yards and a pair of scoring passes, and rushed 10 times for 53 yards and a TD.

Halfback Yohance Humphery and receiver Jimmy Farris once again came up big for the offense. Humphery dished out 87 hard-earned yards on 22 carries, while Farris broke MSU's back with a 91-yard scoring grab in the third quarter.

Edwards was starting in place of senior QB Drew Miller, who missed his third game of the year because of a concussion he suffered late in the game in the win at Weber State the previous week.

Montana dominated the game statistically, gaining 402 to MSU's 89, but the penalty situation prevented the Griz from developing any offensive consistency.

Linebacker Adam Boomer, one of 17 seniors playing their final regular-season game of the year on "Senior Day," had a team-high 9 tackles and three stops for losses. Fellow senior end Andy Petek added 7 tackles, 4 stops for losses, and the Buchanan Award Finalist ended the season with a record 20 sacks.

Farris ended the season with 1,003 receiving yards, making him the eighth player in school history to go over the 1,000-yard receiving mark. Humphery boosted to his career rushing yards total to 2,412.

UM learned earlier in the week that it would host a first-round playoff game. Sunday morning they learned they were the top seed and would host Eastern Illinois in a first-round game.

GAME 12 -
at Montana 45,
Eastern Illinois 13
(I-AA 1st Round NCAA Playoff Game)
November 25, 2000

Washington Grizzly
Stadium-16,212
Weather: 36 Degrees
Partly Cloudy

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
E. Illinois	0	7	0	6	13
Montana	17	0	14	14	45

UM-1st-12:56 Jimmy Farris, 80 pass from Drew Miller (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM

UM-1st-3:41-Chris Snyder, 32 field goal, 10-0 UM

UM-1st-1:08-Farris, 8 fumble return (Snyder kick), 17-0 UM

EIU-2nd-11:36-Will Burphus, 53 pass from Tony Romo (B. Besenhofer kick), 17-7 UM

UM-3rd-10:05-John Edwards, 2 run (Snyder kick), 24-7 UM

UM-3rd-4:52 Farris, 34 pass from Edwards (Snyder kick), 31-7 UM

UM-4th-13:48-Yo Humphery, 1 run (Snyder kick), 38-7 UM

UM-4th-11:38-Matt Steinrau, 38 fumble return (Snyder kick), 45-7 UM

EIU-4th-7:56-Nathan Kreke, 4 pass from Romo, (pass failed-Romo) 45-13 UM

Team Stats	EIU	Montana
First Downs	16	19
Rushing Att-Net Yards	35-99	29-112
Passing Yards	212	341
Att.-Comp.-Int.	42-20-1	35-17-3
Plays-Total Net Yards	77-311	64-453
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-0
Runs-Avg.	10-40.6	7-37.0
Penalties-Yards	11-77	8-86
Time of Poss.	32:40	27:20
3rd Down Cons.	3-17	3-11
Sacks by-Yards	1-7	4-22

Rushing: UM-Humphery: 17-90/1. EIU-J. McDavid: 15-48/0; JR Taylor: 6-42/0.

Passing: UM-Miller: 10x26-3=239/1; Edwards: 7x9-0=102/1. EIU-Romo: 20x42-1=212/2.

Receiving: UM-Farris: 6-178/2; Ebu Molden: 2-80/0. EIU-Kreke: 6-44/1.

Defense: UM-Vince Huntsberger: 14 TT, 2 FRs; Steinrau: 8 TT, sack, FF, FR (TD). EIU-Nick Ricks: 10 TT, 3 TIs.

GAME NOTES: The Griz notched a convincing 45-13 win over visiting Eastern Illinois and won the chance to play football in December again for the first time in four seasons. UM had lost its last three first round contests: at McNeese State (1997) and Western Illinois (1998), and a last-second (30-27) heart-breaker to Youngstown State in 1999.

Montana (11-1) was seeded No. 1 for the first time ever in the 16-team I-AA tourney, and the Griz clicked in every phase of the game to defeat the 16th-seeded Panthers (8-4) of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Big plays on offense and defense added up to Montana's most lopsided playoff win since they pounded Troy State 70-7 in a 1996 semi-final game in Missoula.

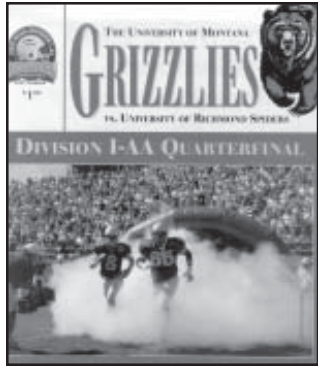
Senior receiver Jimmy Farris had a huge day, hauling in 6 passes for 178 yards and 2 touchdowns, including an 80-yard scoring bomb from senior QB Drew Miller early in the first quarter. The inexpressible Farris also scooped up a fumble for an 8-yard TD.

John Edwards was once again called to duty, when Miller injured the thumb on his right (throwing) hand. It was Miller's fourth injury of the season, although he was expected back for UM's quarterfinal match-up against Richmond. Edwards was 7-of-9-0 for 102 yards and a TD, and also had a 2-yard scoring run. Halfback Yohance Humphery gained a game-high 90 tough yards on 17 carries - 65 of those yards coming in the second half.

UM had 461 total yards, while EIU had 311. The Griz held the Panthers to 99 net yards rushing - the seventh game in a row a Montana opponent has been held under 100 yards rushing.

Junior strong safety Vince Huntsberger had a game-high 14 tackles, along with 2 fumble recoveries, while junior LB Matt Steinrau had 8 tackles and returned a fumble for a touchdown.





GAME 13 -
 at Montana 34,
 Richmond 20
(I-AA Quarterfinal NCAA Playoff Game)
 December 2, 2000

Washington Grizzly
 Stadium-17,345
 Weather: 26 Degrees
 Cold and Partly Cloudy

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Score
Richmond	6	6	0	8	20
Montana	13	14	0	7	34

UM-1st-9:55 Yohance Humphery, 21 run (Chris Snyder kick), 7-0 UM
 UM-1st-5:06-Etu Molden, 10 pass from Drew Miller (kick failed-Snyder), 13-0 UM
 UR-1st-1:00-Sean Gustus, 2 run (kick failed-Doug Kirdner), 13-6 UM
 UM-2nd-14:43-Jimmy Farris, 65 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 20-6 UM
 UM-2nd-10:10 Farris, 20 pass from Miller (Snyder kick), 27-6 UM
 UR-2nd-4:19-Gustus, 1 run (Kirdner kick), 27-12 UM
 UM-4th-13:22-Humphery, 5 run (Snyder kick), 34-12 UM
 UR-4th-1:26-Gustus, 8 run (J.R. Rumell run), 34-20 UM

Team Stats	Richmond	Montana
First Downs	17	24
Rushing Att-Net Yards	58-257	27-75
Passing Yards	51	391
Att.-Comp.-Int.	7-4-0	42-29-1
Plays-Total Net Yards	65-308	69-466
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Runts-Avg.	5-40.0	3-24.3
Penalties-Yards	6-56	9-75
Time of Poss.	32:09	27:51
3 rd Down Cons.	5-15	4-11
4 th Down Cons.	3-4	2-2
Sacks by-Yards	1-11	0-0

Rushing: UM-Humphery: 20-98/2. UR-Gustus: 24-66/3; JR Rumell: 11-60/0.
 Passing: UM-Miller: 28x41-1=381/3; Edwards: 1-1-0=10/0. UR-Gustus: 4x7-0=51/0.
 Receiving: UM-Farris: 7-188/2; Molden: 9-82/1; Tanner Hancock: 4-39/0; Spencer Frederick: 3-23/0. UR-Ryan Tollhurst: 2-26/0.
 Defense: UM-Dan DeCoite: 11 TT, 3 TIs; Vince Huntsberger: 9TT, 2 TIs; Tony Brown: 8 TT, FR; Matt Steinau: 8 TT, TL. UR-Mark Thompson: 8 TT, 2 TIs.

GAME NOTES: Montana's 12th consecutive win in the 2000 season advanced them to a Division I-AA semifinal berth for the fifth time in school history, as the Grizzlies defeated the visiting University of Richmond Spiders 34-20 in a quarterfinal contest. The Griz have advanced to the I-AA semifinal game five times: 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 2000,

Montana, now 12-1, jumped to an early lead on Richmond (10-3), thanks to some big plays by quarterback Drew Miller and wide receiver Jimmy Farris. Montana's 8th-ranked defense was also a key, as it held the Spiders' dangerous option offense in check most of the time. UR had two sizable gains of more than 30 yards, but if you take those away, they averaged a measly 3.1 yards a carry.

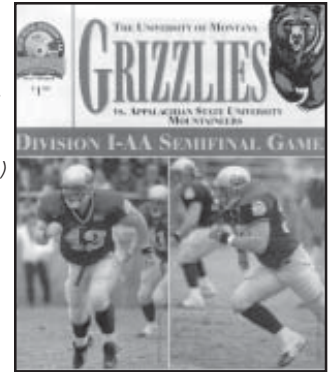
Miller, who injured the thumb on his right (throwing) hand against Eastern Illinois, completed 28-of-41 passes for 381 yards and 3 scores and was picked off just once.

UM's record-setting junior halfback Yohance Humphery picked up a game-high 84 yards on 20 carries, and scored on runs of 21 and 5 yards.

Farris had a huge day and his sixth 100-yard receiving day in a row, hauling in 7 passes for a career-high 188 yards and 2 touchdowns, including an incredible 65-yard run and catch from Miller early in the second quarter. The feisty senior scored a few minutes later on a 20-yard TD strike from Miller.

UM had 468 total yards, while UR had 308. The Griz gave up a season-high 257 rushing yards to the Spiders, breaking a string of 7 straight games they had held their opponents to under 100 yards.

The win set up a showdown with 13th-seeded Appalachian State, which upset 4th-seed Troy State and No. 5 seed Western Kentucky—both on the road, to make it to the field of four.



GAME 14 -
 at Montana 19,
 Appalachian State 16-
OVERTIME
(I-AA Semifinal NCAA Playoff Game)
 December 9, 2000

Washington Grizzly
 Stadium-17,401
 Weather: 28 Degrees
 Cloudy with snow

Quarter	1	2	3	4	O T	Score
Appalachian State	0	0	3	10	3	16
Montana	3	3	0	7	6	19

UM-1st-6:44-Chris Snyder, 20 field goal, 3-0 UM
 UM-2nd-3:12-Snyder, 22 field goal 6-0 UM
 ASU-3rd-7:11-Mark Wright, 18 field goal, 6-3 UM
 UM-4th-10:49-Yohance Humphery, 2 run (Snyder kick), 13-3 UM
 ASU-8:28-Troy Albea, 40 pass from Joe Burchette (Wright kick), 13-10 UM
 ASU-4th-0:00-Wright 27 field goal, 13-13
 ASU-OT-Wright, 36 field goal, 16-13 ASU
 UM-OT-Jimmy Farris, 15 pass from Drew Miller, 19-16 UM

Team Stats	ASU	Montana
First Downs	17	21
Rushing Att-Net Yards	29-28	38-143
Passing Yards	318	271
Att.-Comp.-Int.	49-23-1	35-22-2
Plays-Total Net Yards	78-346	73-414
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Runts-Avg.	7-41.4	5-32.8
Penalties-Yards	5-44	6-49
Time of Poss.	27:32	32:28
3rd Down Cons.	8-21	8-17
Sacks by-Yards	1-6	4-29

Rushing: UM-Humphery: 25-82/1; Ben Drinkwater: 10-66/0. ASU-Jerry Beard: 15-33/0.
 Passing: UM-Miller: 22x35-2=271/1. ASU-Burchette: 23x49-1=318/1.
 Receiving: UM-Farris: 7-110/1; Tanner Hancock: 8-61/0. ASU-Albea: 11-177/1.
 Defense: UM-Dan DeCoite: 7TT, ED; Vince Huntsberger: 7TT, ED; Trey Young: 7 TT; Matt Steinau: 7 TT, Sack, ED. ASU-Steve Kitchens: 12 TT, TL; Justin Seavens: 12 TT.

GAME NOTES: Montana has had its share of comebacks in 2000, but this one topped them all, as the Griz held off a gutsy Appalachian State team for a thrilling 19-16 overtime win, earning their third trip to the I-AA title game.

Once again QB Drew Miller and wide receiver Jimmy Farris combined for the game-winning heroics, but it was also Montana's 8th-ranked defense that played a huge part in the Grizzly victory.

Despite dominating the Mountaineers statistically in the first half, out-gaining them in total yards 256 to 90, UM managed just a 6-0 lead.

The defenses took over in the third quarter, as Miller failed to complete a pass in that stanza. ASU finally got on the scoreboard in the third period via a Mark Wright field goal, cutting the Griz lead to 6-3.

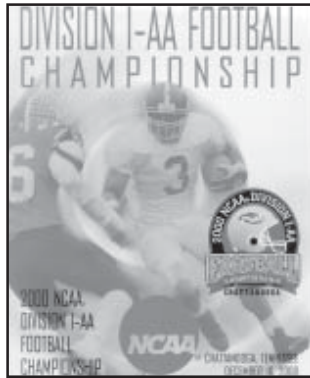
The teams traded touchdowns in the final quarter, but it took a goalline stand by the Griz "D" to make ASU settle for a field goal and subsequent overtime.

ASU's dangerous combo of quarterback Joe Burchette and Troy Albea combined for a 38-yard pass play on a 4th-and-8 play, moving the ball to the Griz 7-yard line. However, the Mountaineers had no timeouts left, and Burchette threw three straight incompletions (one was spiked), and they had to settle for a 27-yard field goal by Wright, which tied it at 13-all.

"All they (ASU) had to do was get a touchdown and they had it," said Griz head coach Joe Glenn. "But our defense would just not give up and let them have a touchdown."

The Mountaineers tried two running plays to start the OT and then threw an incomplete pass, and once again had to settle for a Wright field goal—this one from 36 yards out.

Montana picked up a first down on its first series of the OT, and after a 5-yard run by Ben Drinkwater and a UM procedure penalty, Miller and Farris hooked up for the game winner, a 15-yard fade pattern in the right side of the end zone.



GAME 15 -
 Montana 25,
 Georgia Southern 27
 (I-AA NCAA Championship Game)
 December 16, 2000

Finley Stadium-17,156
 (Chanooga, TN)
Weather: 49 Degrees
 Scattered Showers

All-Opponents Win-Loss Records

Quarter	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Score</u>
Georgia Southern	13	7	0	7	27
Montana	3	0	6	16	25

GSU-1st-13:19-James McCoy, fumble recovery in end zone (Scott Sheltonkick), 7-0, GSU
 GSU-1st-2:57-Chris Johnson, 49 pass from J.R. Revere (Teamkick failed), 13-0, GSU
 UM-1st-1:07-Chris Snyder, 38 field goal, 13-3, GSU
 GSU-2nd-00:33-Adrian Peterson, 1 run (Sheltonkick), 20-3, GSU
 UM-3rd-3:41-Etu Molden, 17 pass from Jdm Edwards (Snyder kick failed), 20-9, GSU
 UM-4th-14:36-Vince Hintsberger, 65 run (Snyder kick failed), 20-15, GSU
 UM-4th-11:53-Humphery, 2 run (Edwards pass to Humphery), 23-20, UM
 GSU-4th-11:29-Peterson, 57 run (Sheltonkick), 27-23, GSU
 UM-4th-00:15-UM safety, 27-25, GSU

Team Stats	Montana	GSU
First Downs	28	14
Rushing Att-Net Yards	36-211	51-277
Passing Yards	276	113
Att.-Comp.-Int	52-29-2	8-5-0
Plays-Total Net Yards	88-487	59-390
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-2
Yards-Avg.	4-28.8	6-39.2
Penalties-Yards	5-36	8-60
Time of Poss.	32:21	27:39
3rd Down Cons.	5-14	3-12
Sacks-by-Yard	1-7	2-12

Game Notes: The Grizzlies third trip to the I-AA playoff title game in the past six seasons, played on a dreary, rain-soaked Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, Tenn., was like two separate contests.

The first half is one that Montana fans would like to forget. On its first play from scrimmage Georgia Southern broke a 73-yard run to the UM 7-yard line, and three plays later the Eagles recovered their own fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

GSU racked up two more TDs in the opening half and gained 318 yards, 216 of them coming via the ground game, taking a 20-3 lead at intermission. The Griz had 189 yards and got their only points on a 38-yard field goal by Chris Snyder.

Not only was the game lopsided in the first two quarters of action, but late in the first quarter the Griz faithful had their collective hearts in their hands, as senior quarterback Drew Miller was knocked out of the game for the fifth time this season because of an injury.

Montana owned the second half, though, as the Grizzlies scored three unanswered touchdowns to take a 23-20 lead - their first of the game, early in the final quarter.

Montana's first TD came on a 17-yard scoring pass from QB John Edwards late in the third stanza. A fake punt from their own 35-yard line changed the momentum UM's way, as junior safety Vince Hintsberger dropped the snap, scooped it up, and raced 65 yards to paydirt.

The defense set up the go-ahead score, when freshman linebacker Dave DeCoite forced a fumble and teammate Justin Brannon recovered the ball on the GSU 18-yard line. Five plays later Ychance Humphery scored on a 2-yard run, and UM had its first lead.

Unfortunately that lead was short-lived, however, as much-heralded running back Adrian Peterson scored on the Eagles' first play after the Humphery TD, Peterson breaking loose for a 57-yard touchdown run.

Three times in the last eight minutes Edwards directed Montana's offense inside the GSU 30-yard line, but the Griz failed to score all three times.

Peterson's run was one of only three Eagle plays that gained more than six yards in the second half, although the junior All-American gained 148 yards on 23 carries. In the final half, Montana out-gained Georgia Southern 298 to 72 yards, and had a 15 to 2 bulge in first downs.

Humphery rushed for 119 yards and caught 7 passes for 63 yards. Freshman linebacker Dave DeCoite had a team-high 10 tackles, 2 stops for losses, a forced fumble, and a sack.

	W	L	T		W	L	T
Abilene Christian	1	0	0	North Dakota State	3	2	0
Appalachian State	1	0	0	North Texas	1	0	0
Arizona	1	4	0	Northern Arizona	23	11	0
Army	0	1	0	Northern Colorado	3	1	0
Boise State	9	16	0	Northern Illinois	1	0	0
Brigham Young	5	11	0	Northern Iowa	2	0	0
British Columbia	2	0	0	Oklahoma City	1	0	0
California	0	5	0	Oregon	0	7	1
Cal-Fullerton	1	1	0	Oregon State	2	12	2
Cal Poly	7	0	0	Pacific University	1	1	0
Cal-State Chico	1	0	0	Pacific	2	5	0
Cal-State Northridge	4	1	0	Pocatello Marines	1	0	0
Cal-State Sacramento	7	0	0	Portland	2	0	1
Carroll College	1	0	0	Portland State	18	10	0
Carson-Newman	1	0	0	Puget Sound	3	1	0
Colorado State	6	10	0	Rice	0	1	0
Delaware	0	1	0	Richmond	1	0	0
DePaul	1	0	0	St. Mary's	1	0	0
East Tennessee	1	0	0	San Diego	0	1	0
Eastern Illinois	1	0	0	San Diego Marines	0	2	0
Eastern Kentucky	1	0	0	San Francisco	2	1	1
Eastern New Mexico	3	0	0	San Jose State	0	3	0
E. Washington	18	8	1	Simon Fraser	3	2	0
Fanragnet Naval Base	0	2	0	Sonoma State	1	0	0
Fresno State	0	1	0	South Dakota	9	6	0
Georgia Southern	1	2	0	S. Dakota State	4	0	0
Gonzaga	11	9	4	Southern California	0	5	0
Hawaii	1	3	0	Southern Utah	1	1	0
Hofstra	1	1	0	Stanford	0	4	0
Houston	0	1	0	Stephen F. Austin	3	0	0
Humboldt State	1	0	0	Syracuse	0	0	1
Idaho	24	55	2	Texas Tech	1	3	0
Idaho State	31	12	0	Thomas More	1	0	0
Iowa	0	1	0	Troy State	1	0	0
Jackson State	1	0	0	Tulsa	0	1	0
Jacksonville State	1	0	0	UC-Davis	1	0	0
Kansas State	0	1	0	UCLA	0	6	0
Long Beach State	0	1	0	Utah	0	11	0
Louisiana Tech	0	1	0	Utah State	8	26	0
Marshall	1	1	0	Washington	1	16	1
McNeese State	2	2	0	Washington State	2	32	0
Minnesota	0	1	0	Weber State	28	11	0
Minnesota-Duluth	1	0	0	Western Illinois	1	1	0
Montana State	63	32	5	Western Washington	0	0	0
Montana Tech	12	4	2	Whitman	5	5	1
Nevada-Las Vegas	1	4	0	Willarette	0	1	0
Nevada	4	10	0	Wyoming	0	13	0
New Mexico	4	10	0	Youngstown State	0	2	0
North Dakota	10	7	1	TOTALS	422	434	23
Nicholls State	1	0	0				