



SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

2012 BIG SKY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	BIG SKY GAMES					ALL GAMES					
	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	STREAK
Montana State	1	0	1.000	41	16	4	0	1.000	148	81	Won 4
Cal Poly	1	0	1.000	28	20	3	0	1.000	93	56	Won 4
North Dakota	1	0	1.000	35	13	3	1	.750	187	99	Won 1
Northern Arizona	1	0	1.000	41	31	3	1	.750	133	108	Won 3
Eastern Washington	1	0	1.000	32	26	2	1	.667	72	53	Won 1
Southern Utah	1	0	1.000	49	42	2	2	.500	128	149	Won 1
Idaho State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	66	127	Lost 1
Montana	0	1	.000	31	41	2	2	.500	127	114	Lost 1
Sacramento State	0	1	.000	13	35	2	2	.500	90	129	Lost 1
Northern Colorado	0	1	.000	16	41	1	3	.250	73	113	Lost 2
Portland State	0	1	.000	42	49	1	3	.250	130	166	Lost 2
UC Davis	0	1	.000	20	28	1	3	.250	82	88	Lost 3
Weber State	0	1	.000	26	32	0	4	.000	70	149	Lost 4

LAST WEEK'S SKY SCORES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

- *Northern Arizona 41, @#14 Montana 31
- *@#2 Montana State 41, Northern Colorado 16
- @Nebraska 73, Idaho State 7
- *Southern Utah 49, @Portland State 42
- *@Cal Poly 28, UC Davis 20
- *North Dakota 35, @Sacramento State 13
- *#9 Eastern Washington 32, @Weber State 26

THIS WEEK'S SKY HIGHLIGHTS

The second week of conference play features six games, two of which will air live on ROOT SPORTS. Second-ranked Montana State puts its four-game winning streak on the line as it travels to Southern Utah, a 49-42 winner over Portland State in its first Big Sky game...In the second game of the ROOT SPORTS doubleheader, No. 7 Eastern Washington returns to the "Inferno" for the first time this season as it takes on No. 21 Montana. EWU won its conference opener, while UM fell at home to NAU. UM is trying to avoid its first 0-2 conference start since 1992... No. 22 Northern Arizona looks to move to 4-1 as it plays host to Portland State. PSU edged the Lumberjacks in Portland last season...No. 23 Cal Poly will look to push its record to 4-0 as it travels to North Dakota. Both teams are 1-0 in conference. The former Great West Conference rivals played in Grand Forks last season with the Mustangs pulling out a 23-19 win...Idaho State joins the conference fray with its league opener at home against Sacramento State...In Davis, Weber State will look for its first win of the season, while UC Davis hopes to snap a three-game losing streak.

THIS WEEK'S SKY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29.....TIME



*#2 Montana State (4-0) at Southern Utah (2-2)..... 1:38
TV: ROOT SPORTS/DirecTV's Audience Network
Talent: Tom Glasgow/Sherdric Bonner/Jen Mueller

*\$Sacramento State (2-2) at Idaho State (1-2)..... 1:35

*\$Portland State (0-1) at #22 Northern Arizona (3-1)2:05
TV: NAU-TV/Fox Arizona Plus



*#21 Montana (2-2) at #7 Eastern Washington (2-1). 4:15
TV: ROOT SPORT/DirecTV's Audience Network
Talent: Rich Burk/Jason Stiles/Jenny Cavnar

*\$#23 Cal Poly (3-0) at North Dakota (3-1)..... 6:05
TV: MidCo Sports Network

*\$Weber State (0-4) at UC Davis (1-3)..... 6:05

\$Game available on the Internet at www.bigskytv.org
Times Local to Site/Subject to Change

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BIG SKY WEEKLY RELEASE

The Big Sky Conference will produce a weekly football release every Monday during the 2012 season. Media can receive the releases as a PDF document via email by contacting Jon Kasper at 801.392.1978 ext. 16 or by email at jkasper@bigskyconference.org.

INTERNET

The official website of the Big Sky Conference can be accessed by visiting www.bigskyconf.com. Weekly game notes, news releases, statistics and standings are updated on the website. Football statistics are updated on Sunday mornings following Saturday games on the website.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Each week of the 2012 season the Big Sky selects an offensive, defensive and special teams player of the week. Nominations are made by each institution's SIDs.

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2012 Big Sky Conference Football on ROOT SPORTS

The Big Sky's Official TV Partner

Sept. 22 Northern Arizona @ Montana 1:40	Oct. 27 Idaho State @ Montana 1:40
Sept. 29 Montana State @ Southern Utah 1:38 Montana @ Eastern Washington 5:15	Nov. 3 Montana @ Weber State 1:38 Montana State @ Sac State 5:05
Oct. 6 Montana @ Northern Colorado 1:38 Montana State @ Cal Davis 5:15	Nov. 10 Portland State @ Montana State 1:40
Oct. 13 E. Washington @ Montana State 1:48	Nov. 17 Montana State @ Montana 1:40
Oct. 20 Montana @ North Dakota 1:40	

Game times listed are MST

Satellite Channels	DirecTV	Dish
ROOT SPORTS NORTHWEST	687	426
ROOT SPORTS ROCKY MOUNTAIN	683	414

ROOT SPORTS is also available through most cable providers. Big Sky games will also be shown live on DirecTV's Audience Network, channel 239-1.

WEDNESDAY COACHES' CONFERENCE CALL

Each Wednesday during the 2012 football season, the Big Sky Conference will hold a conference call with the 13 league coaches. All media is encouraged to take advantage of having a set time to speak with the coaches each week. The call will begin at 10 a.m. Mountain, 9 a.m. Pacific. Each coach will be available for eight minutes. To take part in the call, please contact Jon Kasper at 801.392.1978 x-16 or by e-mail at jkasper@bigskyconference.org. Kasper will provide you with the call-in number and password.

Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. MTN (9:00 PCT) - Rob Ash, Montana State
- 10:08 a.m. MTN (9:08 PCT) - Chris Mussman, North Dakota
- 10:16 a.m. MTN (9:16 PCT) - Ed Lamb, Southern Utah
- 10:24 a.m. MTN (9:24 PCT) - Jody Sears, Weber State
- 10:32 a.m. MTN (9:32 PCT) - Mike Kramer, Idaho State
- 10:40 a.m. MTN (9:40 PCT) - Mick Delaney, Montana
- 10:48 a.m. MTN (9:48 PCT) - Earnest Collins Jr., No. Colorado
- 10:56 a.m. MTN (9:56 PCT) - Jerome Souers, No. Arizona
- 11:04 a.m. MTN (10:04 PCT) - Nigel Burton, Portland State
- 11:12 a.m. MTN (10:12 PCT) - Marshall Sperbeck, Sac State
- 11:20 a.m. MTN (10:20 PCT) - Beau Baldwin, E. Washington
- 11:28 a.m. MTN (10:28 PCT) - Tim Walsh, Cal Poly
- 11:36 a.m. MTN (10:36 PCT) - Bob Biggs, UC Davis



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2012 TV SCHEDULE

ROOT SPORTS

*Northern Arizona at Montana.....	1:40 p.m.
Sept. 22	
*Montana State at Southern Utah.....	1:38 p.m.
*Montana at Eastern Washington.....	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 29	
Oct. 6	
*Montana at Northern Colorado.....	1:85 p.m.
*Montana State at UC Davis.....	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 13	
*Eastern Washington at Montana State.....	1:40 p.m.
Oct. 20	
*Montana at North Dakota.....	2:40 p.m.
Oct. 27	
*Idaho State at Montana.....	1:40 p.m.
Nov. 3	
*Montana at Weber State.....	1:38 p.m.
*Montana State at Sacramento State.....	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 10	
*Portland State at Montana State.....	1:45 p.m.
Nov. 17	
*Montana State at Montana.....	1:45 p.m.

Max Media

Aug. 30	
Chadron State at Montana State.....	7:05 p.m.
Sept. 1	
South Dakota at Montana.....	1:35 p.m.
Sept. 15	
Stephen F. Austin at Montana State.....	1:35 p.m.
Sept. 22	
*Northern Colorado at Montana State.....	2:05 p.m.
Oct. 13	
*Southern Utah at Montana.....	1:35 p.m.
Oct. 27	
*North Dakota at Montana State.....	2:05 p.m.

NAU-TV/Fox Arizona Plus

Sept. 15	
Fort Lewis at Northern Arizona.....	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 29	
*Portland State at Northern Arizona.....	2:05 p.m.
Oct. 20	
*UC Davis at Northern Arizona.....	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 10	
*Southern Utah at Northern Arizona.....	2:05 p.m.
Nov. 17	
*Cal Poly at Northern Arizona.....	4:05 p.m.

KSBY (San Luis Obispo)

Sept. 22	
*UC Davis at Cal Poly.....	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 13	
*Northern Colorado at Cal Poly.....	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 20	
*Portland State at Cal Poly.....	6:05 p.m.
Nov. 10	
*Idaho State at Cal Poly.....	6:05 p.m.

MidCo Sports Network

Aug. 30	
South Dakota Mines at North Dakota.....	7:05 p.m.
Sept. 8	
Portland State at North Dakota (NC).....	6:05 p.m.
Sept. 15	
UC Davis at South Dakota State.....	2:05
Sept. 29	
*Cal Poly at North Dakota.....	6:05 p.m.
Oct. 13	
*Northern Arizona at North Dakota.....	3:05 p.m.

Nov. 3

*Southern Utah at North Dakota1:05 p.m.

SWX

Oct. 6

*North Dakota at Eastern Washington5:05 p.m.

Oct. 20

*Sacramento State at Eastern Washington.....4:05 p.m.

Nov. 3

Cal Poly at Eastern Washington (NC).....1:35 p.m.

Nov. 10

*UC Davis at Eastern Washington1:35 p.m.

Pac-12 Network

Aug. 30

Northern Colorado at Utah5:15 p.m.

Northern Arizona at Arizona State7:35 p.m.

Sept. 8

Eastern Washington at Washington State12:05 p.m.

Southern Utah at Cal12:05 p.m.

Sacramento State at Colorado1:05 p.m.

BYU TV

Sept. 8

Weber State at Brigham Young.....1:05 p.m.

ESPN3

Aug. 30

Eastern Washington at Idaho6:05 p.m.

Sacramento State at New Mexico State6:05 p.m.

Sept. 8

Montana at Appalachian State6:35 p.m.

F/X

Sept. 15

Portland State at Washington.....1:05

Comcast California

Nov. 17

*Sacramento State at UC Davis3:05 p.m.

Big Ten Network

Sept. 22

Idaho State at Nebraska.....2:35 p.m.

Comcast Sports Net Northwest

Sept. 1

Carroll College at Portland State5:05 p.m.

Sept. 22

*Southern Utah at Portland State.....5:05 p.m.

Oct. 6

*Idaho State at Portland State.....5:05 p.m.

Nov. 17

*Eastern Washington at Portland State1:05 p.m.

Altitude Sports & Entertainment

Aug. 30

Sacramento State at New Mexico State6:05 p.m.

Sept. 8

Colorado Mesa at Northern Colorado.....1:35 p.m.

Sept. 15

Liberty at Montana1:35 p.m.

KMYU (Utah)

Aug. 30

Southern Utah at Utah State.....6:05 p.m.

KUSI (San Diego)

Sept. 15

North Dakota at San Diego State5:05 p.m.

GAME TIMES LOCAL TO SITE/SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ROOT SPORTS

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

SEPT. 3

OFFENSE - ANDRE BROADOUS, QB, CAL POLY
 DEFENSE - RONNIE HAMLIN, LB, EWU/JORDAN TRIPP, LB, UM
 SP. TEAMS - JIMMY PAVEL, K, EWU

SEPT. 10

OFFENSE - GARRETT SAFRON, QB, SAC ST/MACUS HENDRICKSON, QB, UND
 DEFENSE - JARRET BILBREY, DL, NAU
 SP. TEAMS - ANDY WILDER, K/P, NAU/EDGAR CASTANEDA, K, SAC ST

SEPT. 17

OFFENSE - DEONTE WILLIAMS, RB, CP/TANNER BLESKIN, WR, MSU
 DEFENSE - OSAGIE ODIASE, CB, SAC ST.
 SP. TEAMS - BOBBY ZALLUD, K/P, CP

SEPT. 24

OFFENSE - ZACH BAUMAN, RB, NORTHERN ARIZONA
 DEFENSE - LUCKY DOZIER, S, NORTHERN ARIZONA
 SP. TEAMS - JOSH SMITH, RETURNER, SOUTHERN UTAH

OCT. 1

OFFENSE
 DEFENSE
 SP. TEAMS

OCT. 8

OFFENSE
 DEFENSE
 SP. TEAMS

OCT. 15

OFFENSE
 DEFENSE
 SP. TEAMS

OCT. 22

OFFENSE
 DEFENSE
 SP. TEAMS

OCT. 29

OFFENSE
 DEFENSE
 SP. TEAMS

NOV. 5

OFFENSE
 DEFENSE
 SP. TEAMS

NOV. 12

OFFENSE
 DEFENSE
 SP. TEAMS

NOV. 19

OFFENSE
 DEFENSE
 SP. TEAMS

ROOT SPORTS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK - SEPT. 24

OFFENSE - Zach Bauman, Running Back , Northern Arizona



Bauman, a 5-foot-10, 200-pound junior from Chandler, Ariz., rushed for a career-high 253 yards on 29 carries and scored three touchdowns in Northern Arizona's 41-31 upset of No. 14 Montana. Bauman scored on a 75-yard run on the first offensive play of the game. Bauman scored on a 20-yard run with

11:54 remaining to give the Lumberjacks a 34-24 lead. He iced NAU's first win over Montana since 1997, and first in Missoula since 1986 with a 2-yard touchdown run with 5:53 to play. Bauman, a candidate for the Walter Payton Award, also caught three passes for 21 yards to finish with 274 all-purpose yards.

DEFENSE - Lucky Dozier, Safety, Northern Arizona



Dozier, a 5-10, 185-pound junior from Sacramento, Calif., recorded eight tackles and intercepted two passes in Northern Arizona's win over Montana. With Dozier's help, the Northern Arizona defense forced five turnovers and helped erase a 17-point second-quarter deficit. After falling behind 24-7 in the second quarter, the NAU defense held UM off

the scoreboard until the final two minutes. Dozier's second interception came in the third quarter. He returned it 21 yards to the Montana 21-yard line. It led to a field goal, which tied the game 24-24.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Josh Smith, Returner, Southern Utah



Smith, a 5-11, 178-pound redshirt freshman from South Jordan, Utah, helped spark Southern Utah's 49-42 win over Portland State when he returned the opening kickoff of the second half 95 yards for a touchdown. Smith's return tied the game 28-28, marking the first time the game had been tied since the start. SUU trailed 21-3 after the first quarter. SUU outscored the Vikings 29-14 in the second half to earn a victory in its first Big Sky Conference Game. Smith finished with six kick returns for

173 yards. He became the first Sky player to return a kick for a touchdown this season.

OTHERS NOMINATED FOR WEEKLY HONORS

OFFENSE - Deonte Williams, RB, Cal Poly; Brandon Kaufman, WR, Eastern Washington; DeNarius McGhee, QB, Montana State; Mitch Suttton, RB, North Dakota; Kieran McDonagh, QB, Portland State; Ezekiel Graham, RB, Sacramento State; Brad Sorensen, QB, Southern Utah; Randy Wright, QB, UC Davis; Mike Hoke, QB, Weber State

DEFENSE - Nick Dzubnar, LB, Cal Poly; T.J. Lee III, CB, Eastern Washington; Brock Coyle, LB, Montana; Caleb Schreiber, DE, Montana State; Ross Brenneman, DE, North Dakota; Mykel Morse, DB, Northern Colorado; Ian Sluss, LB, Portland State; Ryan McMahon, S, Sacramento State; Mike Killebrew, FS, Southern Utah; Byron Gruendel, LB, UC Davis; Anthony Morales, LB, Weber State

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jimmy Pavel, K/P, Eastern Washington; Brett Cameron, P, North Dakota; Dave Eden, K, Northern Colorado; Nevin Lewis, Ret., Portland State; Brady Stuart, K, UC Davis; Tony Epperson, P, Weber State



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THE SPORTS NETWORK

TOP 25 (SEPT. 24)

RK	SCHOOL	REC.	PTS
1.	NO. DAKOTA ST. (154)	3-0	4,201
2.	MONTANA ST. (5)	4-0	3,955
3.	YOUNGSTOWN STATE (10)	4-0	3,889
4.	OLD DOMINION	4-0	3,629
5.	JAMES MADISON	3-1	3,399
6.	WOFFORD	3-0	3,219
7.	EASTERN WASHINGTON	2-1	2,964
8.	DELAWARE	4-0	2,617
9.	SAM HOUSTON STATE	1-2	2,399
10.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	2-1	2,379
11.	THE CITADEL	3-1	2,351
12.	TOWSON	2-1	2,239
13.	ILLINOIS STATE	4-0	2,223
14.	NORTHERN IOWA	1-3	1,899
15.	LEHIGH	4-0	1,785
16.	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	3-1	1,784
17.	APPALACHIAN STATE	2-2	1,615
18.	STONY BROOK	3-1	1,318
19.	EASTERN KENTUCKY	3-1	1,182
20.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2-2	970
21.	MONTANA	2-2	864
22.	NORTHERN ARIZONA	3-1	836
23.	CAL POLY	3-0	651
24.	MCNEESE STATE	3-1	384
25.	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	3-1	371

FCS COACHES POLL (SEPT. 24)

RK	SCHOOL	REC.	PTS
1.	NORTH DAKOTA ST. (25)	2-0	648
2.	MONTANA STATE (1)	3-0	618
3.	YOUNGSTOWN ST.	4-0	597
4.	OLD DOMINION	4-0	572
5.	WOFFORD	3-0	522
6.	JAMES MADISON	3-1	517
7.	EASTERN WASHINGTON	2-1	470
8.	DELAWARE	4-0	429
9.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	2-1	310
10.	SAM HOUSTON ST.	1-2	360
11.	LEHIGH	4-0	357
12.	ILLINOIS STATE	4-0	350
13.	TOWSON	2-1	298
14.	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	3-1	295
15.	THE CITADEL	3-1	276
16.	APPALACHIAN STATE	2-2	237
17.	NORTHERN IOWA	1-3	227
18.	STONY BROOK	3-1	200
19.	EASTERN KENTUCKY	3-1	160
20.	MONTANA	2-2	135
21.	MCNEESE STATE	3-1	121
22.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2-2	97
23.	CAL POLY	3-0	95
24.	HARVARD	2-0	89
25.	SAMFORD	4-0	69

Big Sky vs. Conferences

Big South.....	1-0
Big Ten	0-1
FBS Independent	0-
Missouri Valley	1-1
Mountain West	2-3
Pioneer	2-0
PAC-12.....	1-5
Southern.....	0-1
Southland.....	1-1
WAC	1-3
Non-Division I.....	8-0
FCS Total	5-3
FBS Total	4-13
Overall	17-15

BIG SKY TEAMS IN THE SPORTS NETWORK TOP 25

Team	Pre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final
EWU	12	9	10	9	7									
UM	11	12	14	14	21									
MSU	4	4	3	2	2									
NAU	NR	NR	NR	NR	22									
CP	NR	NR	NR	NR	23									

BIG SKY TEAMS IN THE COACHES' POLL

Team	Pre.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final
EWU	15	11	11	9	7									
UM	10	9	12	11	20									
MSU	4	4	3	2	2									
CP	NR	NR	NR	NR	23									

SKY IN THE SAGARIN RATINGS

Here is a look at where the Big Sky teams rank in this week's Jeff Sagarin Ratings. On the left is their overall rank. On the right is their rank amongst FCS Teams: (Sept. 23)

Conference	Team
13. Missouri Valley.....	1
14. Colonial.....	2
15. Big Sky	3
16. Southern.....	4
17. Southland	5
18. Ohio Valley	6
19. Patriot.....	7
20. Ivy	8
21. Big South	9
22. MEAC.....	10
23. Northeast	11
24. Pioneer.....	12
25. SWAC.....	13
98. Eastern Washington	7
101. Cal Poly	8
115. Northern Arizona	13
116. Montana	14
120. North Dakota	17
137. Montana State	25
138. Southern Utah	26
148. UC Davis	31
156. Weber State	37
171. Portland State.....	49
179. Sacramento State.....	56
204. Idaho State.....	79
214. Northern Colorado.....	89

BIG SKY COACHING RECORDS

Name, School	Years	Big Sky Games			*Overall Games*		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Chris Mussman, North Dakota ⁸	1	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750
Rob Ash, Montana State ¹	6	29	12	.707	43	20	.683
Beau Baldwin, Eastern Washington ⁴	5	24	9	.727	35	17	.673
Tim Walsh, Cal Poly ²	11	43	41	.512	68	57	.544
Mick Delaney, Montana ¹⁰	1	0	1	.000	2	2	.500
Ed Lamb, Southern Utah ⁹	1	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500
Jerome Souers, Northern Arizona	15	50	57	.467	79	83	.488
Mike Kramer, Idaho State ⁵	15	54	50	.519	80	86	.476
Marshall Sperbeck, Sacramento State ³	6	18	23	.439	26	34	.433
Nigel Burton, Portland State	3	6	11	.353	10	16	.385
Bob Biggs, UC Davis ⁷	1	0	1	.000	1	3	.250
Earnest Collins, Northern Colorado ⁶	2	0	9	.000	1	14	.067
Jody Sears Weber State	1	0	1	.000	0	4	.000

*Overall Games as a member of the Big Sky

¹ Ash compiled a 176-99-5 record in 27 seasons as a head coach (18 at Drake, 9 at Juniata).

² Walsh coached 11 seasons at Portland State in the Big Sky. He has an overall coaching record of 134-98, including a 17-16 record at Cal Poly.

³ Sperbeck was 109-53 in 15 seasons at Foothill College.

⁴ Baldwin went 10-3 in 1 season at Central Washington.

⁵ Kramer has previous coached in the Big Sky at EWU and MSU. This is his second season at ISU.

⁶ Collins went 8-12 in two seasons at Alcorn State.

⁷ Biggs went 140-78-1 his first 19 years at UCD.

⁸ Mussman went 23-20 his first four years at UND.

⁹ Lamb went 21-23 his first four seasons at SUU.

¹⁰ - Delaney went 7-9-1 in two seasons at UM-Western.

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AROUND THE BIG SKY

STREAK CHOPPED DOWN: Northern Arizona ended a 14-game losing streak to Montana, upsetting the No. 14 Grizzlies 41-31 in Missoula. NAU coach Jerome Souers, who spent 12 seasons roaming the Griz sideline as an assistant, had been 0-14 against his former employer. On Saturday, NAU forced five Grizzly turnovers and rallied from a 24-7 deficit. Northern Arizona scored 34 straight points. NAU junior RB Zach Bauman, a candidate for the Walter Payton Award rushed 29 times for a career-high 253 yards with three touchdowns. The 253-yard effort ranks ninth in NAU single-game history. Bauman scored on a 75-yard run on the opening offensive play of the game. He added two fourth-quarter TDs to ice the game. Northern Arizona last beat Montana 27-24 in Flagstaff in 1997. NAU had not beaten Montana in Missoula since a 34-28 victory in 1986. That game was played at Dornblaser Stadium in Missoula, as Washington-Grizzly Stadium had not yet opened.

A RARITY: Northern Arizona's victory over Montana on Saturday marked just the fifth time since 1993 that the Grizzlies have lost a conference home game. NAU is the first Big Sky team other than Eastern Washington or Montana State to win in Washington-Grizzly Stadium since Nevada won a two-overtime game in 1991. Eastern Washington beat Montana in WGS 40-35 in 1997, and again 34-20 in 2005. Montana State beat Montana in WGS 10-7 in 2002, and again in 2010 by a score of 21-16. Since 1993, Montana is 67-5 at home in conference games. Idaho State, Northern Colorado, Sacramento State and Portland State have never won in Washington-Grizzly Stadium in a conference game. Weber State hasn't won there since 1987. Portland State won at WGS in 1987 when the Vikings were a Division II school. Southern Utah won a non-conference game there in 1998, and Cal Poly won a playoff game in Missoula in 2005. Montana is now 173-22 all-time at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

ROOT SPORTS DOUBLEHEADER: ROOT SPORTS will televise two Big Sky Conference Football Games this Saturday. At 1:30 p.m. Mountain, coverage begins from Cedar City, Utah as Southern Utah welcomes No. 2 Montana State. Tom Glasgow, Sherdrick Bonner and Jen Mueller will call the game. At 5:15 p.m. Mountain, 4:15 p.m. Pacific, No. 7 Eastern Washington plays its home opener against No. 21 Montana. Rick Burk, Jason Stiles and Jenny Cavnar will call the game. For DIRECTV customers, this weekend's games will be available on ROOT SPORTS Channel 687 in the Northwest region and Channel 683 in the Rocky Mountain Region. The game will be available in the outer market on Audience Network Channel 239-1. For Dish Network Customers, the game will air on Channel 426 in the Northwest Region and Channel 414 in the Rocky Mountain Region. ROOT SPORTS is widely available on cable throughout Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Washington Wyoming, and New Mexico, as well as parts of Nevada, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

IN THE POLLS: Northern Arizona and Cal Poly both entered the Sports Network Top 25 for the first time this season. Cal Poly moved to 3-0 with a 28-20 win over UC Davis. The Mustangs are ranked 23rd, one spot behind Northern Arizona, which upset then-No. 14 Montana. The Grizzlies (2-2) fell to 21st. Montana State remained No. 2 behind North Dakota State. NDSU earned 154 first-place votes and 4,201 points. Montana State received five first-place votes and 3,955 total points. Eastern Washington moved up two spots to No. 9. In the Coaches' Poll, Cal Poly is ranked 23rd, Montana is 20th, Eastern Washington is seventh, and Montana State is second. MSU received one first-place vote and 618 total points. NAU was just outside the poll with 63 points. North Dakota was 28th with 48 points. In the Sports Network Poll, North Dakota earned 175 points, good enough for 30th. Sacramento State and Southern Utah also earned votes in the Sports Network Poll.

SAGARIN RATING: The Big Sky moved up one spot in the FCS conference rankings in the Jeff Sagarin Ratings. The Big Sky is now third amongst FCS conferences, behind the Missouri Valley and Colonial. Eastern Washington is rated seventh among FCS teams and 98th overall. Cal Poly is eighth, followed by NAU at 13, UM at 14, North Dakota at 17, and Montana State at 25th. Southern Utah is 26th, and UC Davis is 31st. North Dakota State is No. 1 amongst the FCS teams and 57th overall.



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CATS KEEP ROLLING: Second-ranked Montana State improved to 4-0 for the first time since 1978 with a 41-16 win over Northern Colorado on Saturday. MSU QB DeNarius McGhee, a candidate for the Walter Payton Award, completed 34-of-44 passes for 387 yards with two touchdowns. He also ran for a touchdown. The Bobcats amassed 564 yards of total offense. The unit held the ball for 40 minutes and 41 seconds. On defense, MSU held Northern Colorado to 52 rushing yards.

NEW LOOK AT QB: Eastern Washington made a surprise change at QB in its 32-26 win over Weber State. Redshirt freshman Vernon Adams started for the first time. Adams threw for 75 yards and ran for 62. The Eagles led 20-3 at the half. Kyle Padron, who started the first two games, came on in the second half. Padron threw for 149 yards and a touchdown.

WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE: Southern Utah, North Dakota and Cal Poly won their first ever conference games last Saturday. UC Davis was the only newcomer to lose, and the Aggies lost to Cal Poly. Southern Utah rallied from a 21-3 first-quarter deficit to beat Portland State 49-42. QB Brad Sorensen, a candidate for the Walter Payton Award, threw for 311 yards and four touchdowns. Cal Poly notched a 28-20 win over UC Davis. Senior running back Deonte Williams rushed for 188 yards and three touchdowns. North Dakota beat Sacramento State 35-13. Mitch Sutton rushed for 162 yards and three touchdowns. As a team, North Dakota ran for 294 yards. North Dakota's 22-point victory in its first conference game was the largest margin of victory ever by a Big Sky team in its first conference game. Seventeen schools have now played Big Sky Conference games. Eight have won their first conference game, and nine have lost. Prior to Saturday, the last new team to win in their first try was Nevada in 1979. (Thanks to UND's Ryan Powell for compiling the below list).

Team	First Year	Result of First Conference Game
Idaho	(1963)	Beat Idaho State, 14-0
Idaho State	(1963)	Beat Montana, 14-13
Montana	(1963)	Lost to Idaho State, 14-14
Montana State	(1963)	Beat Weber State, 26-8
Weber State	(1963)	Lost to Montana State, 26-8
Boise State	(1970)	Beat Montana State 17-10
Northern Arizona	(1970)	Lost to Montana, 20-0
Nevada	(1979)	Beat Idaho State, 24-6
Eastern Washington	(1987)	Lost to Nevada 40-26
Portland State	(1996)	Lost to Northern Arizona, 38-24
Sacramento State	(1996)	Lost to Montana, 35-17
Cal State Northridge	(1996)	Lost to Northern Arizona 32-14
Northern Colorado	(2006)	Lost to Portland State, 45-3
UC Davis	(2012)	Lost to Cal Poly, 28-20
Cal Poly	(2012)	Beat UC Davis, 28-20
North Dakota	(2012)	Beat Sacramento State, 35-13
Southern Utah	(2012)	Beat Portland State, 49-42

Extra points: Southern Utah free safety Miles Killebrew was named the Co-Freshman of the Week by The Sports Network. Killebrew recorded 15 tackles – 11 solo- and broke up a pass in the Thunderbirds' 49-42 win...EWU WR Brandon Kaufman had his third straight 100-yard receiving game with 126 yards and a touchdown against Weber State...Northern Colorado LB Clarence Bumpas has had at least 10 tackles against his last 10 Big Sky opponents. Bumpas tallied 11 against Montana State...Sacramento State WR DeAndre Carter is one of three players in the FCS to have one receiving touchdown in the first four games of the season...Sac State RB Ezekiel Graham rushed for a career-high 140 yards in a loss to UND...NAU safety Lucky Dozier was named an All-Star by the College Sporting News...UND punter Brett Cameron was named the National Punter of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards...SUU's Josh Smith was named the National Kick Returner of the week by the CFP, and NAU RB Zach Bauman was named the National RB of the Week...SUU's Mitch Jessop caught nine passes for a career-high 159 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Portland State...Weber State's Xavian Johnson caught six passes for 133 yards in the loss to EWU...UC Davis has outscored opponents 27-7 in the first quarter of games this season...UC Davis LB Byron G Gruendl had 12 solo tackles and 15 total stops against Cal Poly.

Preseason ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player
QB	Brad Sorensen, SUU
RB	Zach Bauman, NAU
RB	Cody Kirk, MSU
FB	Tevia Tolutau, WSU
OL	Zach Brackus, SUU
OL	Tytan Timoteo, WSU
C	Ray Wilburn, UCD
OL	Danny Kistler, UM
OL	Will Post, EWU
TE	Greg Hardy, UM
WR	Nicholas Edwards, EWU
WR	Rodrick Rumble, ISU
WR	Greg Hardin, UND
WR	Brandon Kaufman, EWU
K	Zach Brown, PSU
Ret.	Dominic Gunn, NC

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player
DE	Brad Daly, MSU
DE	Bobby Erskine, UCD
DT	Zach Minter, MSU
DT	Cody Larsen, SUU
LB	Jody Owens, MSU
LB	Ian Sluss, PSU
LB	Kennith Jackson, CP
LB	Clarence Bumpas, NC
LB	Todd Davis, SAC
CB	T.J. Lee III, EWU
CB	Darius Jones, MSU
S	Kevyn Lewis, UCD
S	Joel Fuller, MSU
P	Colton Schmidt, UCD
ST	Nevin Lewis, PSU

PRESEASON POLLS

Media Poll

1. Montana State (30)	502
2. Eastern Washington (3).....	453
3. Montana (5).....	442
4. Portland State	334
5. Cal Poly (1).....	323
6. North Dakota	295
7. Weber State (1)	284
8. Southern Utah	258
9. Northern Arizona.....	242
10. Sacramento State.....	191
11. UC Davis	135
12. Idaho State.....	115
13. Northern Colorado	63

Coaches' Poll

1. Montana State (7)	136
2. Eastern Washington (4).....	131
3. Montana (1).....	126
4. Portland State	90
5. Cal Poly	86
6. Weber State	81
7. Northern Arizona	75
8. Southern Utah (1).....	74
9. Sacramento State.....	71
10. North Dakota	68
11. Idaho State	31
12. UC Davis	30
13. Northern Colorado	14

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CAREER SINGLE-GAME SUPERLATIVES

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

NAME, SCHOOL	No.	High
BRAD SORENSEN, SUU	9	434
KYLE PADRON, EWU	8	460
DeNARIUS MCGHEE, MSU	6	402
KEVIN YOST, ISU	5	508
SETH LOBATO, NC	3	430
GARY GROSSART, NAU	3	355
GARRETT SAFRON, SAC	2	312
MARCUS HENDRICKSON, ND	1	434
MIKE HOKE, WSU	1	314
TRENT MCKINNEY, UM	1	307
KIERAN McDONAGH, PSU	1	301

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

NAME, SCHOOL	No.	High
ZACH BAUMAN, NAU	16	253
DEONTE WILLIAMS, CP	8	194
CODY KIRK, MSU	7	202
JAKE MILLER, UND	5	181
ORENZO DAVIS, MSU	5	160
MITCH SUTTON, UND	4	190
PETER NGUYEN, UM	3	149
C.J. TUCKETT, WSU	2	246
TRAY ROBINSON, MSU	2	154
DAN MOORE, UM	2	148
JOSH BOOKER, WSU	2	121
JORDAN TALLEY, EWU	2	114
MARIO BROWN, EWU	2	104
JORDAN CANDADA, UM	1	159
D.J. ADAMS, PSU	1	144
BRIAN WILSON, SUU	1	140
EZEKIEL GRAHAM, SAC	1	140
ANDRE BROADOUS, CP	1	113
CASEY JOHN, NAU	1	111
GARRETT SAFRON, SAC	1	100

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

NAME, SCHOOL	No.	High
BRANDON KAUFMAN, EWU	11	148
RODRICK RUMBLE, ISU	7	210
NICHOLAS EDWARDS, EWU	7	192
GREG HARDIN, UND	6	190
JACE DAVIS, NC	4	207
GREG HERD, EWU	3	196
JUSTIN MONAHAN, PSU	3	156
DEREK GRAVES, ISU	3	140
TANNER BLESKIN, MSU	3	180
SHAYDON KEHANO, WSU	2	157
XAVIAN JOHNSON, WSU	2	133
EVERETT GILBERT, MSU	2	124
SAM GRATTON, UM	2	124
MORRIS NORRIS, SAC	2	122
MITCH JESSOP, SUU	1	159
LUKE AUSTIN, ISU	1	146
DAN MOORE, UM	1	145
NEVIN LEWIS, PSU	1	143
ANTHONY BOYLES, ISU	1	141
CAM RICHMOND, ISU	1	133
CORY MITCHELL, EWU	1	132
ZACH BAUMAN, NAU	1	126
DOMINIC GUNN, NC	1	103
CHRIS MORRIS, NC	1	102
NICK COLE, NAU	1	101
CORY CALINDO, UCD	1	100

SINGLE-GAME SUPERLATIVES

300-yard Passing Games

No.	High
2	424 - Air Force
2	312 - Colorado
1	434 - San Diego St.
1	387 - N. Colorado
1	379 - Wash. St.
1	327 - Sacramento State
1	311 - Portland State
1	307 - App State
1	301 - North Dakota

100-yard rushing Games

No.	High
3	253 - Montana
3	188 - UC Davis
1	178 - SD Mines
1	162 - Sac State
1	148 - South Dakota
1	144 - North Dakota
1	140 - NM Highlands
1	140 - North Dakota
1	113 - San Diego
1	111 - SF Austin
1	105 - SF Austin
1	102 - South Dakota

100-yard Receiving Games

No.	High
3	148 - Idaho
2	180 - SF Austin
2	142 - San Diego State
2	140 - Black Hills
1	190 - Portland State
1	159 - Portland State
1	156 - North Dakota
1	145 - App State
1	133 - Black Hills
1	133 - E. Washington
1	123 - Sacramento State
1	104 - App State
1	104 - Colorado
1	101 - UNLV
1	100 - Cal Poly

Multiple Touchdown Games-Rushing

No.	High
2	3 - Montana
2	3 - SF Austin
1	3 - Sac State
1	3 - Colorado Mesa
1	3 - UC Davis
1	2 - Fort Lewis
1	2 - Azusa Pacific
1	2 - SD Mines
1	2 - Carroll College
1	2 - San Diego
1	2 - Black Hills State
1	2 - Northern Arizona
1	2 - Southern Utah
1	2 - Weber State

Multiple Touchdown Games-Receiving

No.	High
2	3 - PSU/San Diego St.
1	3 - NM Highlands
1	2 - North Dakota
1	2 - Chadron St.
1	2 - Air Force
1	2 - Washington St.
1	2 - Fort Lewis
1	2 - Fort Lewis
1	2 - Portland State
1	2 - Sac State

Multiple Touchdown Games-Passing

No.	High
3	4 - Chadron St.
3	4 - Cal/PSU
4	6 - portland State
3	3 - North Dakota
3	2 - NM State/CU/NC
2	3 - App State
2	2 - Air Force/Black Hills
1	2 - SD Mines
1	2 - San Diego
1	2 - Washington State
1	2 - Fort Lewis
1	2 - Fort Lewis
1	2 - Eastern Washington



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BIG SKY INDIVIDUALS AMONG NCAA FCS RANKINGS

The Conference leaders and their NCAA Ranking

Category	Name	School	Statistics	NCAA Rank
Rushing	Deonte Williams	Cal Poly	161.3 ypg	3rd
Passing eff.	Marcus Hendrickson	North Dakota	178.5	2nd
Total Offense	Kevin Yost	Idaho State	301.3 ypg	3rd
Rec./Game	Derek Graves	Idaho State	11.0 rpg	2nd
Rec.Yds/Game	Brandon Kaufman	E. Washington	138.7 ypg	4th
Punting	Tony Epperson	Weber State	47.7 ypp	1st
Punt Returns	Austin Shanks	Northern Arizona	36.4 ypr	1st
Kickoff Returns	Everett Gilbert	Montana State	28.40 ypr	13th
Field Goals	Jimmy Pavel	Eastern Washington	2.0 pg	T3rd
Scoring	Greg Hardin	North Dakota	10.5 ppg	T8th
All Purpose Yds.	Deonte Williams	Cal Poly	167.3 ypg	11th
Tackles	Clarence Bumpas	Northern Colorado	10.2 tpg	T32nd
	Ian Sluss	Portland State	10.2 tpg	
Sacks	Coy Larsen	Southern Utah	1.0 pg	T7th
Tackles-for-loss	Coy Larsen	Southern Utah	1.75 pg	T8th

BIG SKY TEAMS LEADERS AMONG NCAA FCS RANKINGS

The Conference Leaders and Their NCAA Ranking

Category	School	Statistics	NCAA Rank
Rushing Offense	Cal Poly	328.0 ypg	3rd
Passing Offense	Idaho State	355.3 ypg	5th
Total Offense	North Dakota	496.0 ypg	3rd
Scoring Offense	North Dakota	46.8 ppg	3rd
Rush Defense	Montana State	68.0 ypg	5th
Pass Defense	Idaho State	142.3 ypg	12th
Total Defense	Cal Poly	287.3 ypg	13th
Scoring Defense	Eastern Washington	17.7 ppg	20th
Punting	Northern Arizona	40.8 ypp	5th
Punt returns	Northern Arizona	24.4 ypr	3rd
Kick Returns	UC Davis	23.9 ypr	19th
Turnover Margin	Southern Utah	1.75	T6th
Sacks	Montana	3.25 pg	T8th

NATIONAL HONORS

Below is a list of Big Sky Conference Players who have been honored as Players of the Week by National Organizations:

Sept. 3

Brandon Kaufman, WR, EWU: WR of Week, CFPA.
Jimmy Pavel, K, EWU: All-Star, CSN.

Sept. 10

Marcus Hendrickson, QB, UND: Co-Offensive POTW, The Sports Network, Performer of the Week, CFPA, All-Star, CSN

Dan Moore, RB, UM: All-Purpose Performer, CFPA
Austin Shanks, Ret., NAU: Punt Returner, CFPA

Andy Wilder, NAU: Punter of the Week, CFPA

Greg Hardin, UND: WR of the Week, CFPA

Dan Moore, UM: Offensive POTW CSJ

Edgar Castaneda, K, SAC: All-Star, CSN

Sept. 17

Bobby Zalud, K/P, Cal Poly: Co-Special Teams Player of the Week, The Sports Network.

Cody Larsen, DT, SUU: Defensive Lineman, CFPA

Peter Nguyen, Ret., UM: Punt Ret., CFPA

Dominic Gunn, Ret., NC: Punt Ret., CFPA

Austin Shanks, Ret., NAU: Punt Ret., CFPA

Sept. 24

Lucky Dozier, S, NAU: All-Star, CSN

Josh Smith, Ret., SUU: KR of Week, CFPA

Zach Bauman, RB, NAU: RB of Week, CFPA

Brett Cameron, P, Punter of Week, CFPA

Miles Killebrew, FS, SUU: Co-Freshman of Week, The Sports Network

2012 BIG SKY ATTENDANCE

Team	All Games			Home Games			Home High-Opp.
	G	Total	Avg.	G	Total	Avg.	
Cal Poly	3	38,825	12,942	2	17,097	8,549	11,075 - UC Davis
Eastern Washington	3	54,168	18,056	0	0	0	0
Idaho State	3	126,433	42,144	1	6,228	6,228	6,228 - Black Hills St.
Montana	4	106,227	26,557	3	75,371	25,124	25,254 - N. Arizona
Montana State	4	60,109	15,028	3	56,551	18,850	20,767 - Chadron St.
North Dakota	4	53,657	13,414	2	18,057	9,029	9,210 - Portland state
Northern Arizona	4	95,763	23,941	1	6,594	6,594	6,594 - Fort Lewis
Northern Colorado	4	76,454	19,114	1	5,136	5,136	5,136 - Colorado Mesa
Portland State	4	77,330	19,333	2	13,198	6,599	6,845 - Carroll College
Sacramento State	4	77,143	19,285	2	17,482	8,741	10,774 - N. Dakota
Southern Utah	4	88,942	22,236	1	7,835	7,835	7,835 - NM Highlands
UC Davis	4	35,972	8,993	1	5,903	5,903	5,903 - Azusa Pacific
Weber State	4	107,028	26,757	2	19,051	9,526	9,617 - McNeese St.
Totals	49	998,051	20,369	21	248,503	11,833	

GAME PREVIEWS



#2 MONTANA STATE AT SOUTHERN UTAH

Saturday, Sept. 29, 1:38 p.m.
Cedar City, Utah
Eccles Coliseum
(8,500, Hellas Matrix Turf)
TV: ROOT SPORTS
DirecTV's Audience Network

Series History: MSU leads 2-0.

Last Meeting: Aaron Mason scored on a 7-yard run in the second quarter to lift MSU to a 7-3 win in 2007 in Bozeman.

The Coaches: MSU's Rob Ash is 43-20 in his sixth season...SUU's Ed Lamb is 23-25 in his fifth season.

Notes: MSU enters 4-0 overall. SUU is 2-2 overall. Both teams won their conference openers.... The teams first played in 1993, a 32-30 MSU win in Bozeman...This is the first meeting between the teams in Cedar City...MSU QB DeNarius McGhee and SUU QB Brad Sorensen are candidates for the Walter Payton Award... McGhee is averaging 261 passing yards per game with nine touchdowns and four interceptions.Sorensen is averaging 242 passing yards per game with 11 touchdowns and five interceptions...SUU is a league-best +7 in turnover margin. MSU is -3...MSU is averaging 37 points per game. SUU averages 32 points per game...Montana State allows just 68 rushing yards per game, tops in the league...SUU is allowing a league-high 292.2 passing yards per game...MSU is converting 57.4 percent of its first downs...This is SUU's first Big Sky Conference home game.



SACRAMENTO STATE AT IDAHO STATE

Saturday, Sept. 29, 1:35 p.m.
Pocatello, Idaho
Holt Arena
(12,000 Hellas Turf)
Internet: Big Sky TV

Series History: Sacramento State leads 10-8.

Last Meeting: Sacramento State held Idaho State to 200 yards of total offense in 24-9 victory over the Bengals last season in Sacramento. Sac QB Garrett Safron rushed for 74 yards and a touchdown.

The Coaches: Marshall Sperbeck is 26-34 in his sixth season with the Hornet ...Idaho State's Mike Kramer is 3-10 in his second season with the Bengals. He is 80-86 in his 15th season as a head coach in the Big Sky Conference...Sperbeck is 1-0 vs. Kramer.

Notes: Sacramento State has won three straight over the Bengals.... ISU leads the series 6-3 in games played in Pocatello...This is Idaho State's conference opener...Sacramento State opened league with a 35-13 loss to North Dakota...ISU's turnover margin is -2. Sac State's is -3...ISU QB Kevin Yost is completing 67.8 percent of his passes for an average of 308.7 yards per game with four touchdowns and three interceptions...SAC QB Garrett Safron is averaging 240 passing yards per game with seven touchdowns and four interceptions...ISU ranks first in the league in pass defense, allowing 142.3 passing yards per game...Sac RB Ezekiel Graham rushed for 140 yards last week.



PORTLAND STATE AT #22 No. ARIZONA

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2:05 p.m.
Flagstaff, Ariz.
Walkup Skydome
(10,000, Real Grass Field Turf)
TV: NAU-TV, Fox Arizona Plus
Internet: Big Sky TV

The Series: Northern Arizona leads 14-5.

Last Meeting: Cory McCaffrey rushed for 222 yards and four touchdowns to lead PSU to a 31-29 win over NAU in 2011 in Portland.

The Coaches: PSU's Nigel Burton is 10-16 in his third season ...NAU's Jerome Souers is 79-83 in his 15th season (need last week). Souers is 1-1 vs. Burton.

Notes: NAU has won seven of the nine games against the Vikings in Flagstaff...NAU has won four of the last five meetings and seven of the last 10 matchups... NAU beat PSU 62-14 in Flagstaff in 2010...NAU has won three straight games since opening with a loss to Arizona State...Portland State is looking to snap a three-game losing streak...NAU RB Zach Bauman has rushed for at least 100 yards in three straight games. He's averaging 124.8 yards per game... NAU is +4 in turnover margin. PSU is -4 in turnover margin...NAU is seeking its first four-game winning streak since 2009....NAU has outscored opponents 40-7 in the third quarter...NAU is averaging 33.2 points per game. PSU is averaging 32.5 points per game...PSU ranks 12th in the Big Sky in scoring defense at 41.5 points per game.



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GAME PREVIEWS



#21 MONTANA AT #7 E. WASHINGTON

Saturday, Sept. 29, 4:15 p.m.
Cheney, Wash.
Roos Field
(11,000 Red FieldTurf)
TV: ROOT SPORTS
 DirecTV's Audience Network

Series History: UM leads 26-11-1.

Last Meeting: Montana edged Eastern Washington 17-14 in Missoula in 2011.

The Coaches: Montana's Mick Delaney is 2-2 in his first season..EWU's Beau Baldwin is 35-17 in his fifth season.

Notes: UM has won seven of the last nine meetings against the Eagles...EWU won 36-27 the last time the teams met in Cheney... This is EWU's first home game of the season...EWU leads the league in scoring defense at 17.7 points per game...EWU ranks third in the league in rushing defense at 112 yards per game. UM is second in the league in rushing offense at 207.5 yards per game...UM advanced to the FCS title game in 2008 and 2009. EWU won the championship in 2010...UM has a league-high 12 sacks. EWU has allowed just four sacks in three games...UM OC Timm Rosenbach was OC at EWU from 2000-02... Since 1999, EWU is 11-2 in home openers...UM is trying to avoid its first 0-2 start in conference since 1992...EWU is 12-for-12 in red zone chances...EWU started redshirt freshman Vernon Adams at QB last week. Kyle Padron played the second half...Both teams are ranked for this game for the fifth straight season.



#23 CAL POLY AT NORTH DAKOTA

Saturday, September 29, 6:05
Grand Forks, N.D.
Alex G Spanos Stadium
(12,283 Alerus Center)
TV: MidCo Sports Network
Internet: Big Sky TV

The Series: Tied 2-2.

Last Meeting: QB Andre Broadous rushed for 162 yards and two touchdowns to lead CP to a 23-19 win over UND in 2011 in Grand Forks.

The Coaches: Cal Poly's Tim Walsh is 20-16 in his fourth season...North Dakota's Chris Mussman is 26-21 his fifth season.

Notes: The teams first met in 1972, in the Camellia Bowl in Sacramento. UND won the game 38-21...The last three years the schools were rivals in the Great West Conference...Cal Poly is 1-1 in Grand Forks...Cal Poly is 3-0 for the first time since 2006. The Mustangs are looking for their first 4-0 start since 2004...CP ranks third in the nation in rush offense.. UND ranks third in the nation in total offense...At 3-1, UND is off to its best start since opening 4-0 in 2008...UND is averaging 46.8 points per game. Cal Poly is allowing 18.7 points per game... The Mustangs lead the Big Sky in total defense, allowing 287.3 yards per game...CP RB Deonte Williams is averaging 187.5 yards and two touchdowns over his final two games...Cal Poly is +4 in turnover margin. North Dakota is +3..... ND QB Marcus Hendrickson has thrown 14 touchdowns and two interceptions.



WEBER STATE AT UC DAVIS

Saturday, September 29, 6:05
Davis, Calif.
Aggie Stadium
(10,849 Sportex Turf)
Internet: Big Sky TV

Series History: Tied 1-1.

Last Meeting: Weber State beat UC Davis 20-9 in 2010 in Davis.

The Coaches: Weber State's Jody Sears is 0-4 in his first season...UC Davis' Bob Biggs is 141-81-1 in his 20th season.

Notes: The teams first played in 2004, with UC Davis winning 31-29 in Ogden...WSU is looking to snap a four-game losing streak. UC Davis is trying to end a three-game slide...Weber State is averaging 17.5 points per game. UC Davis is averaging 20.5...UC Davis is allowing 22 points per game. WSU is allowing 37.2...UC Davis LB Byron Gruendl has 15 tackles in a loss to Cal Poly last week... WSU LB Anthony Morales had 16 tackles in a loss to EWU...WSU has been outscored 79-6 in the first half of games this season...UC Davis has outscored opponents 17-0 in the first quarter of games... Corey Galindo caught three passes for 100 yards last week for UCD...Both teams have turnover margins of -2...WSU Tony Epperson leads the nation in punting at 46.66 yards per punt...Jonathan Perkins of the Aggies lead the Big Sky in kick returns with an average of 24.3 per return...UC Davis QB Randy Wright completed 19-of-39 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns in the 2010 loss to WSU.



WALTER PAYTON AWARD

WATCH LIST

Zach Bauman, RB, Northern Arizona
Shakir Bell, RB, Indiana State
Eric Breitenstein, FB, Wofford
Casey Brockman, QB, Murray State
Jordan Brown, RB, Bryant
Jemaine Cook, RB, Youngstown State
Matt Denham, Eastern Kentucky
Timothy Flanders, RB, Sam Houston State
Taylor Heineke, QB, Old Dominion
Kurt Hess, QB, Youngstown State
Jeff Mathews, QB, Cornell
Miguel Maysomet, RB, Stony Brook
DeNarius McGhee, QB, Montana State
Aaron Mellette, WR, Elon
Andrew Pierce, RB, Delaware
Rodrick Rumble, WR, Idaho State
Richard Sincere, AP, Sam Houston State
Brad Sorensen, QB, Southern Utah
Ryan Spadola, WR, Lehigh
Terrance West, RB, Towson

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD

WATCH LIST

Malcolm Bronson, S, McNeese State
Clarence Bumpas, LB, Northern Colorado
Wes Dothard, LB, Chattanooga
Matt Evans, LB, New Hampshire
Willie Jefferson, DE, Stephen F. Austin
Jeremy Kimbrough, LB, Appalachian State
Joseph LeBeau, DE, Jackson State
Demetrius McCray, CB, Appalachian State
Zach Minter, DT, Montana State
Ben Obaseki, DE, Indiana State
Blake Oliaro, DE, San Diego
Blake Peiffer, LB, Southeast Missouri State
Keith Pough, LB, Howard
Kejuan Riley, S, Alabama State
Derek Rose, LB, Northwestern State
Brent Russell, NT, Georgia Southern
Tyler Starr, LB, South Dakota
Darnell Taylor, S, Sam Houston State
B.W. Webb, CB, William & Mary
Marcus Williams, CB, North Dakota State

BIG SKY IN THE NFL

Below is a list of Big Sky players on NFL Rosters as of Sept. 9, 2012:

Jared Allen, ISU - Vikings
Colt Anderson, UM - Eagles
McLeod Bethel-Thompson, SAC - Vikings
Kroy Biermann, UM - Falcons
Dan Carpenter, UM - Dolphins
Evan Dietrich Smith, ISU - Packers
Dane Fletcher, MSU - Patriots (IR)
Adam Hawyard, PSU - Buccaneers
Lex Hillard, UM - Patriots
Matt Johnson, EWU - Cowboys
Trumaine Johnson, UM - Rams
Taiwan Jones, EWU - Raiders
Pat McQuistan, WSU - Cardinals
Paul McQuistan, WSU - Seahawks

Caleb McSurdy, UM - Cowboys (IR)
Marc Mariani, UM - Titans (IR)
Mike Person, MSU - Colts
Ryan Rau, PSU - Eagles (P)
Chase Reynolds, UM, Rams (P)
Mike Roos, EWU - Titans
Jabin Sambrano, UM - Colts (IR)
Jordan Senn, PSU - Panthers
Shann Schillinger, UM - Falcons (IR)
DeShawn Shead, PSU - Seahawks (P)
Julius Thomas, PSU - Broncos
Isaiah Trufant, EWU - Jets
Jimmy Wilson, UM - Dolphins



IR - Injured Reserve

P - Practice Squad

TIEBREAKER TO DETERMINE AUTOMATIC BID TO PLAYOFFS

1. Head-to-head
2. Record against COMMON SCHEDULED CONFERENCE OPPONENTS in descending order.
3. Record against COMMON CONFERENCE NON-CONFERENCE opponents in descending order
4. Record against COMMON NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS
5. Sagarin Rating
6. Coin Flip

Examples of No. 3: If conference teams A & B both scheduled conference team C in a non-conference game (Not scheduled by the league), the results of that game can be used in a tiebreaker. If conference team A played conference team C in a scheduled conference game, but conference team B played conference team C in a non-conference game, that WOULD NOT BE used in a tiebreaker.

Examples of No. 4: If conference teams A&B both scheduled the same non-conference opponent (FBS, FCS or Division II), the results of that game could be used in a tiebreaker.



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TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

UC Davis (0-1, 1-3)



Date	Team	Result
8/30	Azusa Pacific	W 41-3
9/8	at San Jose State	L 45-13
9/15	at South Dakota State	L 12-8
9/22	*at Cal Poly	L 28-20
9/29	*Weber State	6:05
10/6	*Montana State	4:15
10/13	*at Idaho State	4:05
10/20	*at Northern Arizona	4:05
10/27	*Portland State	2:05
11/10	*at Eastern Washington	1:35
11/17	*Sacramento State	3:05

Cal Poly (1-0, 3-0)



Date	Team	Result
9/1	San Diego	W 41-14
9/15	at Wyoming	W 24-22
9/22	*UC Davis	W 28-20
9/29	*at North Dakota	6:05
10/5	*at Weber State	6:05
10/13	*Northern Colorado	6:05
10/20	*Portland State	6:05
10/27	*at Sacramento State	6:05
11/3	at E. Washington (NC)	1:35
11/10	*Idaho State	6:05
11/17	*at Northern Arizona	4:05

Eastern Washington (1-0, 2-1)



Date	Team	Result
9/1	at Idaho	W 20-3
9/8	at Washington State	L 24-20
9/22	*at Weber State	W 32-26
9/29	*Montana	4:15
10/6	*North Dakota	5:05
10/13	*at Montana State	1:40
10/20	*Sacramento State	4:05
10/27	*at Southern Utah	1:05
11/3	Cal Poly (NC)	1:35
11/10	*UC Davis	1:35
11/17	*at Portland State	1:05

Idaho State (0-0, 1-2)



Date	Team	Time
9/1	at Air Force	L 49-21
9/8	Black Hills State	W 38-5
9/22	at Nebraska	L 73-7
9/29	*Sacramento State	1:35
10/6	*at Portland State	5:05
10/13	*UC Davis	4:05
10/20	*at Northern Colorado	1:35
10/27	*at Montana	1:40
11/3	*Northern Arizona	4:05
11/10	*at Cal Poly	6:05
11/17	*Weber State	4:05

Montana (0-1, 2-2)



Date	Team	Result
9/1	South Dakota	W 35-24
9/8	at Appalachian State	L 35-27
9/15	Liberty	W 34-14
9/22	*Northern Arizona	L 41-31
9/29	*at Eastern Washington	4:15
10/6	*at Northern Colorado	1:38
10/13	*Southern Utah	1:35
10/20	*at North Dakota	2:45
10/27	*Idaho State	1:40
11/3	*at Weber State	1:38
11/17	*Montana State	1:45

Montana State (1-0, 4-0)



Date	Team	Result
8/30	Chadron State	W 33-6
9/8	at Drake	W 34-24
9/15	Stephen F. Austin	W 43-35
9/22	*Northern Colorado	W 41-16
9/29	*at Southern Utah	1:38
10/6	*at UC Davis	4:15
10/13	*Eastern Washington	1:40
10/27	*North Dakota	2:05
11/3	*at Sacramento State	4:15
11/10	*Portland State	1:45
11/17	*at Montana	1:40

North Dakota (1-0, 3-1)



Date	Team	Result
8/30	South Dakota Mines	W 66-0
9/8	Portland State (NC)	W 45-37
9/15	at San Diego State	W 49-41
9/22	*at Sacramento State	W 35-13
9/29	*Cal Poly	6:05
10/6	*at Eastern Washington	5:05
10/13	*Northern Arizona	3:05
10/20	*Montana	2:45
10/27	*at Montana State	2:05
11/3	*Southern Utah	1:05
11/17	*at Northern Colorado	12:05

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

Northern Arizona (1-0, 3-1)



Date	Team	Result
8/30	at Arizona State	L 63-6
9/8	at UNLV	W 17-14
9/15	Fort Lewis	W 69-0
9/22	*at Montana	W 41-31
9/29	*Portland State	2:05
10/13	*at North Dakota	3:05
10/20	*UC Davis	4:05
10/27	*at Northern Colorado	1:35
11/3	*at Idaho State	4:05
11/10	*Southern Utah	2:05
11/17	*Cal Poly	4:05

Northern Colorado (0-1, 1-3)



Date	Team	Result
8/30	at Utah	L 41-0
9/8	Colorado, Mesa	W 40-3
9/15	at Sacramento State (NC)	L 28-17
9/22	*at Montana State	L 41-16
10/6	Montana	1:38
10/13	*at Cal Poly	6:05
10/20	*Idaho State	1:35
10/27	*Northern Arizona	1:35
11/3	*at Portland State	1:05
11/10	*at Weber State	1:35
11/17	*North Dakota	12:05

Portland State (0-1, 1-3)



Date	Team	Result
9/1	Carroll College	W 38-20
9/8	at North Dakota (NC)	L 45-37
9/15	at Washington	L 52-13
9/22	*Southern Utah	L 49-42
9/29	*at Northern Arizona	2:05
10/6	*Idaho State	5:05
10/20	*at Cal Poly	6:05
10/27	*at UC Davis	2:05
11/3	*Northern Colorado	1:05
11/10	*at Montana State	1:40
11/17	*Eastern Washington	1:05

Sacramento State (0-1, 2-2)



Date	Team	Result
8/30	at New Mexico State	L 49-19
9/8	at Colorado	W 30-28
9/15	Northern Colorado (NC)	W 28-17
9/22	*North Dakota	L 35-13
9/29	*at Idaho State	1:35
10/6	*at Southern Utah	1:05
10/13	*Weber State	6:05
10/20	*at Eastern Washington	4:05
10/27	*Cal Poly	6:05
11/3	*Montana State	4:15
11/17	*at UC Davis	3:05

Southern Utah (1-0, 2-2)



Date	Team	Result
8/30	at Utah State	L 34-3
9/8	at Cal	L 50-31
9/15	New Mexico Highlands	W 45-23
9/22	*at Portland State	W 49-42
9/29	*Montana State	1:38
10/6	*Sacramento State	1:05
10/13	*at Montana	1:35
10/20	*Weber State	1:05
10/27	*Eastern Washington	1:05
11/3	*at North Dakota	1:05
11/10	*at Northern Arizona	2:05

Weber State (0-1, 0-4)



Date	Team	Result
9/1	at Fresno State	L 37-10
9/8	at Brigham Young	L 45-13
9/15	McNeese State	L 35-21
9/22	*Eastern Washington	L 32-26
9/29	*at UC Davis	6:05
10/5	*Cal Poly	6:05
10/13	*at Sacramento State	6:05
10/20	*at Southern Utah	1:05
11/3	*Montana	1:38
11/10	*Northern Colorado	1:35
11/17	*at Idaho State	4:05

*Big Sky Conference Game
All Times are Local to Site/Subject to Change



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2012 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 30

@Utah 41, Northern Colorado 0
 @New Mexico State 49, Sacramento State 19
 @Utah State 34, Utah 3
 @UC Davis 41, Azusa Pacific 3
 #12 Eastern Washington 20, @Idaho 3
 @#4 Montana State 33, Chadron State 6
 @North Dakota 66, South Dakota Mines 0
 @Arizona State 63, Northern Arizona 6

Saturday, Sept. 1

@Air Force 49, Idaho State 21
 @#11 Montana 35, South Dakota 24
 @Cal Poly 41, San Diego 14
 @Portland State 38, Carroll College 20
 @Fresno State 37, Weber State 10

Saturday, Sept. 8

@Washington State 24, #9 Eastern Washington 20
 @Cal 50, Southern Utah 31
 Sacramento State 30, @Colorado 28
 @BYU, 45, Weber State 13
 @Northern Colorado 40, Colorado Mesa 3
 @Idaho State 38, Black Hills State 5
 @San Jose State 45, UC Davis 13
 #4 Montana State 34 @Drake 24
 @North Dakota 45, Portland State 37 (Non-conf.)
 @#11 Appalachian State 35, #12 Montana 27
 Northern Arizona 17, @UNLV 14

Saturday, Sept. 15

@Washington 52, Portland State 13
 @#3 Montana State 43, #23 Stephen F. Austin 35
 @#14 Montana 34, Liberty 14
 @South Dakota State 12, UC Davis 8
 @Sacramento State 28, Northern Colorado 17 (Non-conf.)
 @Northern Arizona 69, Fort Lewis 0
 Cal Poly 24, @Wyoming 22
 @San Diego State 49, North Dakota 41
 #19 McNeese State 35, @Weber State 21
 @Southern Utah 45, New Mexico Highlands 23

Saturday, Sept. 22

*Northern Arizona 41, @#14 Montana 31
 *@#2 Montana State 41, Northern Colorado 16
 @Nebraska 73, Idaho State 7
 *Southern Utah 49, @Portland State 42
 *@Cal Poly 28, UC Davis 20
 *North Dakota 35, @Sacramento State 13
 *#9 Eastern Washington 32, @Weber State 26

Saturday, Sept. 29

*Sacramento State at Idaho State 1:35
 *#2 Montana State at Southern Utah 1:38
 *Portland State at #22 Northern Arizona 2:05
 *#21 Montana at #7 Eastern Washington 4:15
 *#23 Cal Poly at North Dakota 6:05
 *Weber State at UC Davis 6:05

Friday, Oct. 5

*Cal Poly at Weber State 6:05

Saturday, Oct. 6

*Montana at Northern Colorado 1:38
 *Montana State at UC Davis 4:15
 *Idaho State at Portland State 5:05
 *North Dakota at Eastern Washington 5:05
 *Sacramento State at Southern Utah 6:05

Saturday, Oct. 13

*Southern Utah at Montana 1:35
 *Eastern Washington at Montana State 1:40
 *Northern Arizona at North Dakota 3:05
 *UC Davis at Idaho State 4:05
 *Weber State at Sacramento State 6:05
 *Northern Colorado at Cal Poly 6:05

Saturday, Oct. 20

*Weber State at Southern Utah 1:05
 *Idaho State at Northern Colorado 1:35
 *Montana at North Dakota 2:40
 *UC Davis at Northern Arizona 4:05
 *Sacramento State at Eastern Washington 4:05
 *Portland State at Cal Poly 6:05

Saturday, Oct. 27

*Eastern Washington at Southern Utah 1:05
 *Northern Arizona at Northern Colorado 1:35
 *Idaho State at Montana 1:40
 *North Dakota at Montana State 2:05
 *Portland State at UC Davis 2:05
 *Cal Poly at Sacramento State 6:05

Saturday, Nov. 3

*Northern Colorado at Portland State 1:05
 *Southern Utah at North Dakota 1:05
 *Montana at Weber State 1:38
 Cal Poly at Eastern Washington (NC) 1:35
 *Montana State at Sacramento State 4:15
 *Northern Arizona at Idaho State 4:05

Saturday, Nov. 10

*UC Davis at Eastern Washington 1:35
 *Portland State at Montana State 1:40
 *Northern Colorado at Weber State 1:35
 *Southern Utah at Northern Arizona 2:05
 *Idaho State at Cal Poly 6:05

Saturday, Nov. 17

*North Dakota at Northern Colorado 12:05
 *Eastern Washington at Portland State 1:05
 *Montana State at Montana 1:40
 *Cal Poly at Northern Arizona 4:05
 *Weber State at Idaho State 4:05
 *Sacramento State at UC Davis 3:05

Division I Playoffs

Nov. 24 First Round
 Dec. 1 Second Round
 Dec. 8 Quarterfinals
 Dec. 14/15 Semifinals
 Jan. 5, 2013 Championship - At Frisco, Texas