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A war on two battlefields

Montana State College's football team gave the ultimate sacrifice in World War II



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The 1940 Montana State College football team.



The 1939 Montana State College football team.

Editor's note: In honor of Memorial Day, the Chronicle today and tomorrow will look at sacrifices made by southwest Montanans while serving their country across the world.

By JODI HAUSEN
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It's been said many times that football is a game akin to war. The late comedian George Carlin described the sport played on a gridiron as "a ground acquisition game."

"You knock the crap out of 11 guys and take their land away from them," he said in a 1975 monologue.

Former New York Giant Frank Gifford also made the comparison.

"Pro football is like nuclear warfare," he said. "There are no winners, only survivors."

But it may have been former Green Bay Packer coach Vince Lombardi who best described the similarities between the sport and the battlefield when he said, "But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, his greatest fulfillment of all he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle — victorious."

And while those comparisons may not be far from the truth, there was not a collegiate football program in the nation that better illustrated that sentiment than the Montana State College Bobcats coached by Schubert R. Dyche between 1938 and 1941.



A Montana-shaped bronze plaque hangs on a golden wall in the entryway to Montana State University's (formerly Montana State College) Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. On it are emblazoned the names of 13 MSC football players who "made the supreme sacrifice in World War II," it says.

MSC's football program is thought to have suffered the greatest losses of any other program in the nation due to the war.

Montana's per capita death rate during World War II was exceeded only by that of New Mexico. And of the 13 million Americans who served in the war, 57,000 of them were Montanans.

MSC, all of whose male students were required to serve two years with ROTC, and its football team, were similarly affected.

Before America's involvement in World War II, MSC's enrollment was about 1,700. Within two years, however, student numbers dwindled to about half — many to military enlistments or larger universities that had specialized military-training programs.

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The plaque, representing every corner of Montana and one man from Idaho, says, "These men played on Montana State College football teams of 1940-1941, picked by Bill Stern, top sportscaster, as his all-American team of 1944."

Legend has it that between 11 and 14 players lost their lives to the war. Others said the team's entire starting lineup died in the conflict.

What is certain is that by the end of the 1941 season, MSC had abandoned its football program "because of World War II," official records kept in the school's archives note.

HISTORY IS A MYSTERY

Two months after the war ended in 1945, national sportscaster Tom Harmon told a celebratory nation about a darker side of war.

"To the best of my knowledge, no other school has lost its entire football team in this war," Harmon said, referring to MSC's Bobcats.

Though Harmon may have overstated the facts, it's apparent that more than a dozen players from teams going back more than a decade died as a result of the war.

But it isn't clear how many of MSC's active roster perished in the war, and it may never be.

MSU's archivist Kim Allen Scott, who has helped several historians attempt to research these veterans, said it has proven difficult to pin down who played on which teams.

A search through the university's special collections turned up only a single roster from that period, found in a game program from the 1941 season.

"This is a classic example of a story that has grown over the years but has been very difficult to verify," Scott said last week.

MSU Assistant Athletic Director Bill Lamberty concurred, saying that college football was more informal in the 1940s, making it difficult to nail down who was on the team.

These days people are officially on the team or they're not, he said. But back then a call was put out for practices and people just showed up.

"It was more fluid," Lamberty said.

World War II historian and author John D. Lukacs conducted extensive research on the pre-war Bobcat team.

He agreed with Lamberty and Scott, saying in the period between the two world wars, if a MSC player had to go back to the family ranch to help with calving on game day, for example, he'd simply miss it and someone else would take his place.

ENLISTING FOR THE BATTLE

Though it wasn't until the 1941 football season had ended that Pearl Harbor forced the U.S. into the conflict, the country was already gearing up for it, Lukacs said last week.

And true to Bobcat intrepidness, MSC's footballers enlisted in droves.

Largely from blue-collar families — ranchers, miners and farmers — the Bobcats were a plucky group "baptized under fire by playing football," Lukacs said in a 2001 episode of ESPN's "Outside the Lines."

"They knew how to make decisions on the run," he said.

So they made good and willing soldiers and many served on the front lines.

In the ESPN show, 1938 MSC halfback, Art Habel, aptly demonstrated that fearlessness when he spoke of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

"We were kind of in shock and we didn't know what we would do," he'd said about the surprise attack. "But we did know that we'd have to do something and it would change our way of life from then on."

Taking up the football-war metaphor, Lukacs, who consulted for the ESPN program, agreed.

"These guys knew there was a job to do," he said during an interview for the show. "There was a bigger game coming up and they wanted to be in it."

THE PRE-WAR BOBCATS

The loss of their strongest and most-experienced players to the war effort significantly affected an already besieged Bobcat football program.

At the start of the 1940 season, 33 men suited up for the Bobcat's first game against Western State University — a shutout win, 12-0.

But as the season progressed, the Bobcats suffered their own shutouts, the first against San Jose State with a score of 32-0 just three days after their successful season opener.

And as football season ebbed so too did their bench, which dwindled to 15 when the Bobcats closed it out with a 54-0 trouncing by Drake University.

Still, the Bobcats eked out a 4-4 record that year, according to the school's archives.

But by 1941, quarterback John Phelan was suiting up in combat fatigues, not football pads, and several other upperclassmen had also left the pastures of Montana for grittier grounds.

For the notorious rivalry against University of Montana's Grizzlies, "36 scrappy Bobcats, keyed up to the point of desperation, will today take any risk to knock over the … Grizzlies and cop the football championship they have fought for vainly since 1932," MSC's Louis True wrote in the Oct. 25, 1941, Cat-Griz Game Day program.

Of 44 games played between the two schools between 1897 and 1940, the Griz prevailed 30 times, the Bobcats nine. Five games resulted in ties, the program says.

In his article, True described Coach Dyche's challenge that season: coaching an inexperienced team.

"Dyche received the bad news about inexperienced men early, in a series of jolts that became successively more painful," the story says. "Practically every mail brought him notice that another Bobcat had joined the nation's armed forces."

Despite his "sophomore-studded squad," Dyche's Bobcats at halftime went to the locker room with a 13-0 lead — the first team in almost a decade to even score against their archrivals.

In the second half, however, the Grizzlies "from behind a deep bench," according to the ESPN special, came back to score three touchdowns beating the downtrodden Bobcats 23-13.

The Bobcats did not win another game that season and finished it with another disheartening loss to Idaho, 39-0, only 15 days before bombs rained down on Pearl Harbor.

For some, it was the last college football game they'd ever play.

THE FALLEN BOBCATS

Oran F. Beller, Newell T. Berg, Dana Bradford, John F. Burke, Bernard Cluzen, William D. Coey, Karl R. Fye, John C. Hall Jr., Joseph T. McGeever, John W. Phelan, Richard Roman Jr., Wendell Scabad, Alton Zempel, Albert Zupan — by 1945, U.S. legislators had read the names of the highly decorated, fallen Bobcats into the Congressional record.

And in 1946, a rejuvenated Bobcat team comprised of 71 combat-toughened veterans was ready to roar back onto greener battlefields under coach Clyde Carpenter.

But it will be with "lumps in their throats," that 'Cat fans will cheer on the team that played for the "Golden Ghosts," The Washington Post's Frank Whitney wrote in 1945.

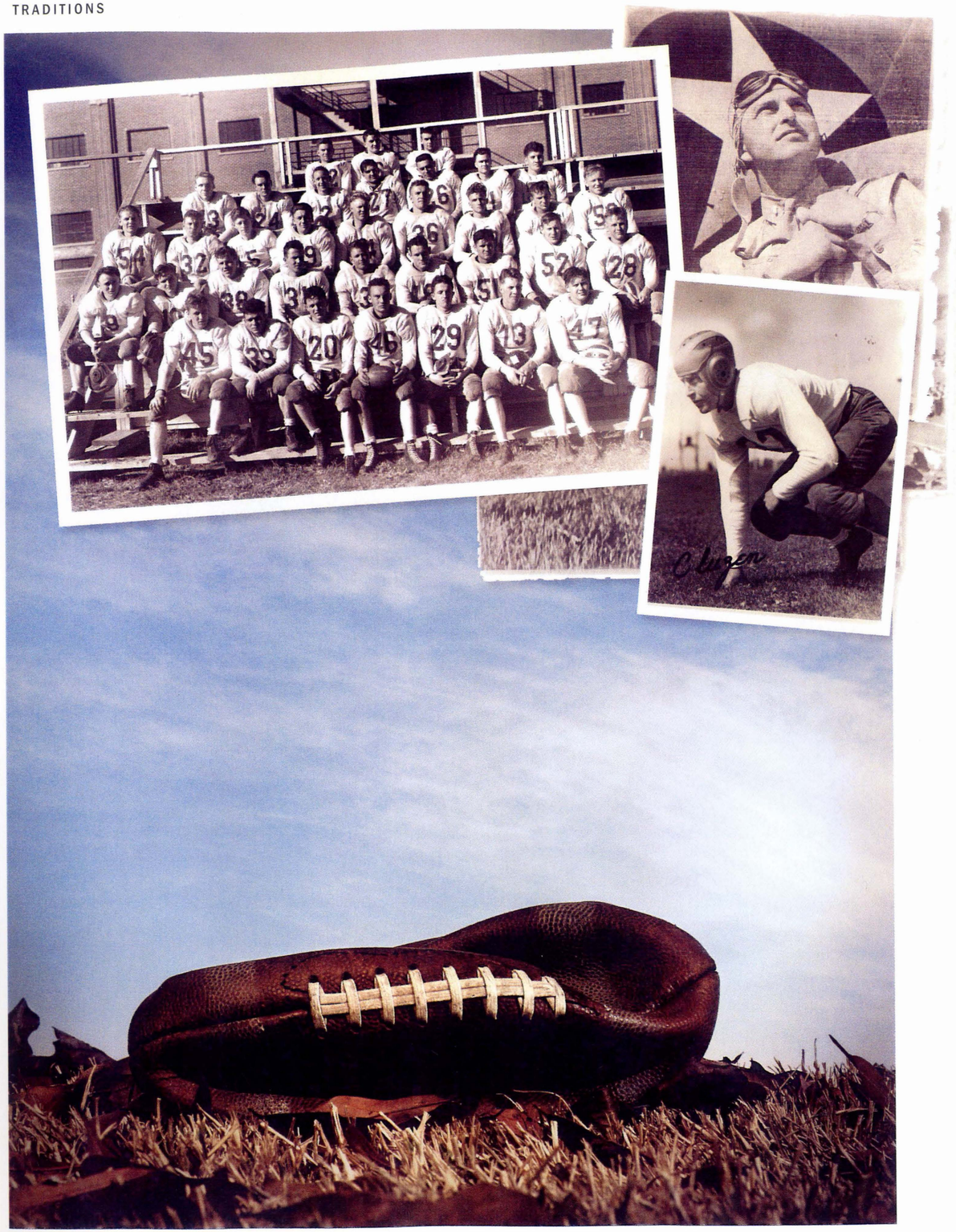
That team, emulating the camaraderie born of war, went on to win a conference championship and a chance to play in the school's first bowl game — the Harbor Bowl against University of New Mexico.

The game, played before 25,000 fans in San Diego on New Year's Day 1947, resulted in a 13-13 tie.

"We were from Montana, we went to the front lines," Bill Zupan, younger brother of Albert Zupan and the only pre-war letterman to suit up in 1946, told historian Lukacs. "(Other teams and players) got the front pages."

"Everybody was pretty much happy just to be playing football," remembered quarterback Gene Bourdet, later Montana State's athletic director from 1958 to 1970, Lukacs wrote on his blog, johndlukacs.com/blog.

"It was a lot of fun after being at war," Bourdet had said.



Left, the 1941 Bobcat football team. Right, Major Bernard Cluzen of Lonepine, Mont., a Marine Corps fighter pilot, played guard for the Bobcats. Cluzen was last seen on Oct. 8, 1944 when his plane disappeared over the Marshall Islands.

EVERYBODY'S ALL-AMERICANS

No college football team was hit as hard with tragedy as the Montana State Golden Bobcats, according to a legend launched by WWII broadcasters

by John D. Lukacs · Photos of MSC players courtesy of John Lukacs and MSU Archives

The late Charles "Max" Stark was some storyteller. The legendary Montana State athlete, a late 1930s and early '40s letterman in track, basketball and football, told tales of elbows rubbed with history, of delivering newspapers to Hollywood stars like Lana Turner and Mae West, handshakes with football legends Pop Warner and Amos Alonzo Stagg, and even of a summer job at Lockheed in California where he assembled an airplane for "a young female aviator named Earhart." Yes, that Earhart.

Yet the story Stark treasured most was the one about his teammates. The tragic tale of a football team, a star-crossed starting lineup, that went off to war and did not return. It's said to be one of the most extraordinary tragedies in sports history: 14 Montana State players spanning the classes of 1935 through 1944 were killed in World War II. Astonishingly, during the 1940 and 1941 seasons, 11 were full or part-time starters on the then-Montana State College varsity.

Famed sportscaster Bill Stern was the first to publicize the story when Stern named MSU's fallen heroes his "All-American Team" of 1944. By war's end, their names had been memorialized in newspapers across the country and read into the Congressional Record by legislators. Although attained through tragic circumstances, it was national attention that Montana State had never known.

What is now Montana State University can boast of football alums such as National Football League hall of famer Jan Stenerud and coaches Joe Tiller and Dennis Erickson, plus three post-war national championships, but the school enjoyed only seven winning seasons from 1918 through 1941. Back then, the average Bobcat team was more George Custer than Walter Camp, a Seventh Cavalry in shoulder pads battling deeper opponents in gridiron last stands.

The 1940–41 squads were no exception. At MSC, as with all land-grant institutions, ROTC was mandatory for male students through their sophomore year (a requirement that endured at Montana State until 1964) and the Bobcats suited up only 33 players in a season-opening

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1940 Bobcats



Lt. John Hall, right, of Bozeman, the skipper of a B-24 bomber, died in a crash over Halesworth, England, on May 29, 1944. Hall played end for the Bobcats.

A plaque still hangs in MSU's Brick Breeden Fieldhouse honoring soldiers killed in World War II who had played for the Bobcat football team before the war. From Glendive to Lonepine, the soldiers were from hometowns throughout Montana as well as Basalt, Idaho. Note: Orin Beller's name is misspelled and Al Zupan is omitted.

Newell Berg of Basalt, Idaho, was killed in Saipan in 1944.





Bill Zupan, left, of Helena and his best friend, Lt. Karl Fye of Butte. Zupan was said to be the only Golden Bobcat to survive the war. He died in 2008. Fye, also shown in bottom two photos, was killed in a firefight in Germany in 1945.

victory over Western State on Sept. 21, 1940. Military call-ups, injuries, jobs and the harvest—most players came from mining, ranching and farming families which depended on their sons' labor—shaved coach Schubert Dyche's roster weekly. Games with teams like San Jose State and Drake, sometimes played with only 15 players, concluded disastrously, Stark recalled prior to his death in 2003. The Bobcats clawed their way to a 4-4 record, but with the winds of war whirling in Big Sky Country, it was difficult for the '41 squad to focus on football, according to Bill Zupan.

Zupan, a sophomore halfback that season who was the last surviving player from the Bobcats' pre-war team until he died in 2008, cradled Stark's figurative lateral—responsibility for the legend of the Golden Bobcats. As Zupan told it, on Nov. 26, 1941, four days after a 39-0 loss to the University of Idaho concluded a dismal 1-4-2 campaign, a secret Imperial Japanese naval task force sailed for Pearl Harbor.

"My college years were carefree, the best time of my life," recalled Zupan, who would serve in General George Patton's Third Army in Europe. "Then away she goes."

During the war, only schools that hosted large military training programs would field football teams. Starting in 1942–43, schools like Michigan State, Oregon State, Syracuse, Tennessee and Wyoming dismantled their programs for anywhere from one season to the duration of the war. In 1942, based on a low enrollment, MSC suspended football, but most of the Bobcats had long before exchanged their pads and playbooks for khakis and commissions.

"A lot of other football players from other college teams deserted the gridiron and went to war," Stern noted. "But in the case of the 11 (Note: there later were 14) players from Montana State College, a strange and grim story began to take shape. A fatal cycle of death."

A strange and grim story, indeed. State-side airplane accidents claimed Bobcat end Lt. Dana Bradford on March 11, 1942, as well as halfbacks Lt. Wendell Scabad and Capt. Al Zupan—Bill Zupan's older brother, a 1930s MSC star—on April 12 and Oct. 28, 1943, respectively.

A commendation for Captain Jack Burke arrived in Tunisia in January 1944, but the author, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, was unaware that the all-Rocky Mountain Conference tackle had died of unknown causes.

Bobcat end Lt. John Hall, the red-haired skipper of a B-24 bomber, died in a crash over Halesworth, England, on May 29, 1944. An all-conference guard, Marine Lt. Newell Berg was wounded in the Pacific atoll of Tarawa in 1943 and personally decorated for bravery by Admiral Chester Nimitz. Berg was killed on Saipan on June 19, 1944.

Tackle Capt. Joe McGeever, a popular paratrooper in the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team, was killed by machine gun fire near Sospel, France, on Sept. 11, 1944.

Max Stark, an agricultural education major, received a deferment and was thus perhaps spared the fate of his teammates. He'd never forget the last time he saw his best friend, guard Bernard Cluzen.

"He told me that he didn't think he was coming back, and wanted to say goodbye," Stark said. "I never saw him again." Major Cluzen, a Marine Corps fighter pilot, was last seen on Oct. 8, 1944, after his F4U Corsair disappeared over the Marshall Islands.

A descendant of John Paul Jones, halfback Lt. Orin Beller had just begun to fight in France when he was mortally wounded on Nov. 13, 1944. Two weeks later in the Pacific, Capt. William Coey, who played halfback for MSC and graduated in the class of '35, failed to return from a reconnaissance flight to Marcus Island.

Bobcat quarterback Lt. Johnny Phelan, wearer of the Distinguished Flying Cross, perished when his P-47 Thunderbolt was shot down on Dec. 29, 1944 near Massa, Italy.

Major Rick Roman, who played halfback in the late 1930s, was killed in France on Feb. 15, 1945. One month later, Lt. Karl Fye from Butte, who was Bill Zupan's best friend, was killed in a firefight in Germany. By early in the summer of 1945, center/Lt. Alton Zempel was the only starter from Bobcat pre-war teams that "had escaped the Reaper," Stern noted in a broadcast at the time. But Zempel was killed in a crash on July 7.

To put Montana State's loss into perspective, of the institutions whose football alumni fought in the war, West Point and Annapolis naturally incurred the most casualties. As for singular teams, only Georgia Tech's 1939 squad, which lost nine players and one assistant coach, came close to rivaling Montana State's supreme sacrifice. Notre Dame lost nine football alumni from its graduating classes of 1925 to 1945. Brigham Young, a rival that frequently appeared on the Bobcats' pre-war schedules, lost one player to the war.

"As students of Montana State College yell for their Golden Bobcat football team to roar on to victory when the sport is resumed, there will be lumps in their throats," wrote Frank Whitney in the Washington Post in 1945. "...No college football team has been as hard hit by World War II as Montana State."

MSC didn't field a squad in 1945, but new coach Clyde Carpenter's 1946 roster featured 71 battle-tested war veterans and talented freshmen. And that team had a powerful rallying cry. Playing for the "Golden Ghosts," the Bobcats won a conference championship and a trip to San Diego to play the University of New Mexico in the inaugural Harbor Bowl. Yet despite all that the school had endured, the feat received little national fanfare.

"We were from Montana, we went to the front lines," explained veteran Zupan, the only pre-war letterman to suit up in 1946. "(Other teams and players) got the front pages."

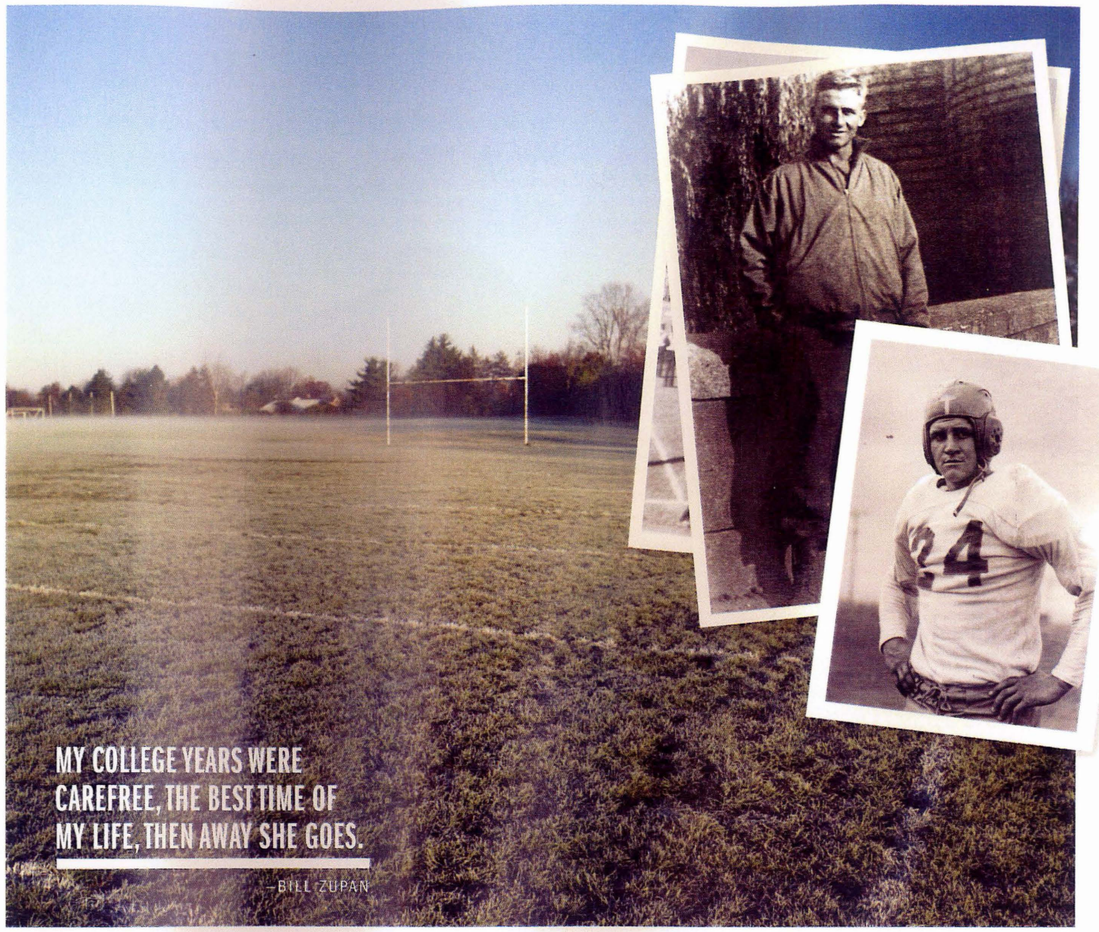
Nevertheless, the Bobcats enjoyed the school's first bowl game, a 13-13 tie played before 25,000 fans at Balboa Stadium on Jan. 1, 1947.

"Everybody was pretty much happy just to be playing football," recalled quarterback Gene Bourdet, who became MSU's athletic director from 1958 to 1970 before taking a similar post at Fresno State. "It was a lot of fun after being at war."

At halftime of a game against Wichita State on Oct. 1, 1960, the Montana Sports Hall of Fame played a recording of Stern's 1944 broadcast and presented the school with a bronze plaque engraved with the names of the Golden Bobcats. After Zupan's passing in 2008, the plaque, which hangs in the Breeden Fieldhouse, is the lone reminder of the players and their sacrifices. But Stern's emotional words echo still, and upon hearing them one understands why this tale captured the hearts and imaginations of a nation: "On that Montana State team were no nationally famous football stars ... none of them very well known outside of Montana. They were just typical American boys."

And, though not in the traditional football sense, they all were All-Americans. ■

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Orin Beller of Victor was killed on Nov. 13, 1944 in France. Beller had played halfback for the Bobcats. Sportscasters of the time picked up the story of the Montana State players killed in the war, launching it into near myth status.

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Dear Ivan:

Marcella asked me if I could find a copy of the piece from the ***New York American*** for October 27, 1945, regarding the 1940 MSU football team. I do not believe that I ever saw the article itself.....just a reference to it. The piece is not now in the Library's vertical-file collection, and that's where I usually hid that kind of stuff away.

Evidently after I left the Library (1994), Bob Clark got into the topic with a retired military guy. The vertical file now has a bunch of material that he generated in 1999 about the incident. Bob was working to debunk the story, but some of the material that he copied out of Bozeman newspapers and the military files here might be helpful to you.

Hope that you and Carol are doing well. We thought about you frequently through the long, rainy winter as you set new records. We are getting a little snow today, but it has really been a snow-free, easy winter after about the 10th of January. I have made two trips to eastern Montana--one at the end of January (Glendive, Wibaux, Jordan, Lewistown) and another in mid-February (Miles City)--and had dry roads all the way. I have another drive to Hysham and Forsyth in mid-March, so I hope that my good fortune holds.

I do hope that these copies are helpful.

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Dear Mr. Clark:

I received your letter of 26 July 1999 this weekend. Thank you. I must admit I was very surprise and pleased by the extent of its contents. I really do appreciate your research on my behalf.

As I indicated in my email, the little data I had on the football team was dated and only recorded in my memory. I am sure we are speaking about the same team. No doubt it was Montana State and not a high school. It was something I just came across and not the focus of my thesis research. If I recall correctly, I saw it in 1983 or 1984 prior to my retirement from the Navy. I recently retired again, this time from federal civil service. So now I have time to research projects set aside. I will certainly share whatever information I develop.

I noticed in the football section of the Montana State University homepage for the Bozeman campus a reference to 11 members of the 1941 football team who died in the war. There is apparently a picture of the squad in a publication entitled: In the people's interest: a centennial history of Montana State University written by Robert Rydell, Jeffrey Stafford, and Pierce Mullen. (LD 3508.R93 1992). It wasn't clear to me that the names listed didn't include additional members of the team, which would indicate that the entire team hadn't died. The names mentioned were: Al Zupan, Orin Beller, Newell Berg, Dana Bradford, John Burke, Bernard Cluzen, William Coey, Karl Fye, John Hall, Joseph McGeever, John Phelan, Richard Roman, Wendell Scabad, and Alton Zempel. Beller, Coey, and Fye are not on the list you sent. Additionally, according to the newspaper articles you enclosed, Montana State had a sizeable football team in 1940. Clearly the whole team did not enter the service. Even if the eleven accounted for the senior class, which is not supported by the evidence, certainly Montana State did not loose their entire 1940 football team in the war. Perhaps all that will come of this effort is a correction of the "facts".

In reviewing the newspaper articles, I noted that the coach was concerned by the loss of experienced players to the National Guard call-up. From one of my references I learned that the Guard was ordered into federal service by a joint resolution of Congress on 27 August 1940. The original call-up was for one year. This changed to the duration once war began. The induction began on 16 Sept

1940. The reference also indicated that a total of 18 combat divisions were formed from the National Guard.

You mentioned that you had casualty lists for WWII. Do they indicate which service the person was in at the time of their death? And, is there any record of the date, place, and organization? I saw your notations on the ranks. My assumption is that other than Major Cluzen who joined the Marines, the others were in the Army or Army Air Corps. I thought it interesting the number who died in non-combat plane crashes. One wonders if this was during flight training.

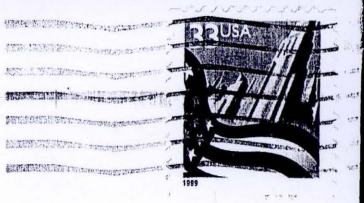
I have enclosed a check to cover the cost of reproduction and postage, along with a little extra for your society. Thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,

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While conducting reasearch for my thesis, some years ago, I recall coming across some information concerning a high school football team in Montana who enlisted as a team during World War II. As I recall, they were all killed in action. I thought at the time that this would be worthy of a research paper.

Now that I am fully retired from Federal Service (24 military, 12 civil service), I have time to conduct the research. However, I seem to have misplaced my notes and need a place to start. Is there any chance the Montana Historical Society holds information on this football team? If not, can you direct me to another source? Additionally, my Grandparents homesteaded in Montana sometime prior to World War I. I can share the little knowlegde I have on that adventure, if you have an interest.

Best regards,
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July 26, 1999

Dear Commander Higgins:

Following up on the E-Mail exchange, I am enclosing the item which, I believe, Brian Shovers had indicated to you as a possible source, or, anyway, indication, of the story you recall about an entire starting eleven of a Montana high school football team enlisting en masse and all being killed in action inWWII.

The closest thing we have to such a thing is the enclosed copied page from a mass market paperback reference work apparently entitled *World War II Super Facts*. The Library does not have the work itself; I'm sure this is something a patron sent in to us at some time, and we put it in a ready reference file under "Football." But it is close enough to what you are remembering that it's hard not to believe it is refering to the same thing. It's just that in your memory, or perhaps in the source you originally saw, it had become neater and simpler and better (all from the same *high school* team, all enlisting together, all killed in action).

You see that the list we have is different. The book says just "Montana State", which in 1940 & 41 could be either of two main colleges in the Montana university system, but does say college, not high school. The patron, whomever that was, has annotated it, however, to indicate it should be Montana State College, in Bozeman.

That, at least, is correct. Much else about the list is ambiguous, uncertain, sloppy, or just inaccurate. The piece claims the "entire 1940-41 eleven-man football team" was lost. This, taken with the positions assigned the names, implies that this was the starting eleven in a particular year. No college team would have only eleven players total, of course. However, even the starting eleven notion is not true. I have also enclosed prints from microfilm of the Bozeman, Montana newspaper that give the starting lineups for the Montana State College team for a game in the fall of 1940, and another for a game in the fall of 1941, and provide some other information on the players. Neither of the starting lineups match at all closely with the list in the reference book. Unfortunately, in our collection of school yearbooks for the state college, we do not have either 1941 nor 1942. By 1944, when we do have a yearbook, it appears the college is not playing football at all. But note that two of the players mentioned on the list, Dana Bradford and Bernard Cluzen, are mentioned in the September, 1940 newspaper as already gone to the military, while only four of the eleven on the list are on the 1940 roster as given in the newspaper, and all these are gone from the 1941 starting lineup, where only one appears, the mysterious Zempel (see below)--and he at a very different position.

What one has to suspect is that, if there are some kernals of truth in this claim, it might be that, at some time between the late 1930's and whenever the school suspended the football program for the duration, certainly by 1944 , all of these young men did play football for Montana State College, and, at some time during the war,

all were killed. That would certainly be possible, and sad enough, though not, I would think, unique to this school.

I did try to compare the list against three lists of WWII casualties from Montana that we have, and have annotated the results onto the same page as the annotations of the unknown patron who apparently tried to unravel this mess before.. The comparison produced a few corrections in spelling, and found two on the list not listed on any of our available Montana casualty lists, one, Berg, presumably because he was from Idaho, and the other "Zempel," whom the unknown patron lists as from Forsyth, and whose last name appears on the 1941 roster, but at left tackle, not quarterback, and who does not appear on any of three casualty compilations we have. One notes that, of the rest, all did die during the war, although only two were officially "killed in action." Also that all were officers, suggesting that probably all or most of them were in the ROTC program at the college.

Note that the unknown patron also writes in a list that is almost the same but not quite that he attributes to Bill "Stearns". I think he means "Stern's," and I wonder if this might not be the first published source. I recall from childhood having one or two paperbacks full of sports trivia under the authorship/editorship of Bill Stern, who was a famous radio sports announcer if I remember correctly, and the books were full of stuff such as this. He especially liked the heroic, patriotic, and sentimental. So perhaps that was the initial published appearance of this list, although one still wouldn't know the original source. One suspects a PR man or Old Alum from Montana State or a journalist from Bozeman is involved in here somewhere. Perhaps some such sent in the list and claim to Stern, the way one could for *Believe it or Not* or still can for *Reader's Digest*. And perhaps Mr. Stern didn't have submissions checked on as thoroughly as he should.

Anyway, quite a few things are wrong. It could be checked out, I think, with some effort and time, if and even when each of these players played for Montana State College, and probably possible to get their names straight. Depending on which list one is trying to check out, of course. I am assuming that Stern's list preceded that of this other reference, in part because the entry in *Facts* is so sloppy and sketchy. It is clear, however, from my small effort, that for neither of the lists were all the players on one starting lineup, or even on the team in the same year,. and it is not even certain that all died in the Second World War. It would probably be unique had all eleven players from some school's starting lineup for a particular year been killed. But I doubt that Montana State College's football program was the only college football program that contributed at least eleven dead young men to WWII. What about the football programs of the military academies, for instance? So the bogus claim that these were all from the same year's team and perhaps the same starting lineup was critical to gaining attention, and publication, and provides a motive for a little improvement on the facts.

If you wish to pursue this, perhaps you could consult a good-sized public library if you have one nearby, and see if you can locate copies of Stern's books. The most

likely to have the football story in it is called *Famous Football Stories*, and was published in 1950 by Doubleday. If you could locate that list and then send me a copy, I would do some further checking. . You might also be able to check if Stern indicates any source for the information. I would like to straighten this out for our reference files as well, as it is likely to resurface sometime. On the other hand, if you discover that you really did see some other list and story, and rediscover the source of that, I'd be interested in knowing that, too.

Meanwhile, I hope this is helpful to you, and seems at least worth the $1 I must ask you to remit for the copying when you have the chance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Clark

R. M. Clark
Society Librarian

from Ideas notebook (p. paperclipped):

Dave Walter came across in Mont. His Soc n' paper files in summer '82:

NY Journal-American, Oct. 27, 1945--story of Mont. St. U football team,

all of whom died in ~~them~~ WWII.

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TO Mr. Ivan Doig **DATE** September 30, 1991

17021 Tenth Avenue N.W.

Seattle, Washington 98177

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Dear Ivan:

MSU

Enclosed please find the only piece that I can locate concerning the MSU football team of 1940-41. I suspect that one of the annuals immediately following the war was dedicated to these guys, but our run has a serious gap in it during the late 1940s/early 1950s, so I can't tell that for sure. I also know that I have seen newspaper articles about this (something in addition to the Ripley's item), but I must have those in some obscure file for safe keeping.

A couple of other possibilities are that Wayne might be able to ask Marge Foot if she has any citations in her TRIBUNE index to such articles. If so, we could run the copies here. And I suspect that the MSU alumni magazine has done something with this subject. The MHS Library is above collecting this periodical evidently--seeing it as perverse advertising, no doubt--but a call to the alumni office there might be helpful.

Finally, I remember promising in the distant past to get a copy of the Groff article to you when it came out. I suspect that Carolyn Cunningham has overwhelmed you with complimentary copies by now, but I need to make good on my promise or I can't sleep nights.

Our best to Carol. Haven't seen either Karen or Jerry since they trundled off into the mountains on their llama expedition. Bet they both spit by now. Hell, Jerry always did! Take care.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Walter, Reference

Monitors
Name given to bulletins released by the Operational Intelligence Center of SHAEF that included what was known about the German defenses opposing the D-Day landings.

Montagu, Ewen
British Navy commander. He was part of Naval Intelligence along with Ian Fleming. Montagu authored the plan for using a corpse to fool the Germans into believing that an invasion of the Balkans rather than Sicily was imminent.

MOVIE PORTRAYAL:
The Man Who Never Was (1956), by Clifton Webb (based on the book authored by Ewen Montagu)

Montana State College – Bozeman
The only American college to lose its entire 1940-1941 eleven-man football team in World War II.

Dana Bradford—end	killed in plane crash
John Hall, Jr.—end	killed in plane crash
Albert Zupin—center	killed in plane crash 10/29/43
John Burke—tackle	killed in Italy
Newell Burke—tackle	killed in New Guinea
Bernard Cluzen—guard	killed in South Pacific
Joseph McGreever—guard	killed in Germany
Wendell Scabad—backfield	killed in action
John Phelan—backfield	killed in action
Alton Zempel—quarterback	killed in plane crash
Rich Roman—backfield	killed in Germany

Monte Cassino
Italian monastery bombed on February 15, 1944, as a result of one of the most controversial decisions of the war. The Benedictine Monastery was defended by German General von Senger und Etterlin, who was a lay member of the Benedictine Order. The Germans were not actually in the monastery, but British General Freyberg ordered it bombed anyway because of its strategic location. The Germans then moved into the rubble, which made it even more difficult to get them out since ruins are more easily defended than intact buildings. The only part of the Abbey that remained undamaged was the cell where St. Benedict had lived, died, and was buried. A heavy caliber artillery shell had landed a foot away from the tomb but did not explode.

"World War II Super Facts"
McCombs & Wolf — Warner Books

Bradford – Townsend
Hall – Bozeman
Zupan – Stockett
Burke, J. – Livingston
Burke, N. –
Cluzen – Lonepine – USMC (Carrier) 1944
McGreever – Anaconda
Scabad – Glendive
Phelan – Butte
Zempel – Forsyth
Roman – Bozeman

Bill Stearns "All American Team"
Oran F. Beller – Victor
Newell T. Berg – Basaltfd.
J. F. Burke – Livingston
D. Bradford – Townsend
B. Cluzen – Lonepine
Wm. D. Coey – Deer Lodge
Harold R. Frye – Butte
J. C. Hall – Bozeman
J. T. McGreever – Anaconda
J. W. Phelan – Butte
Richard Roman – Bozeman
Wendell Scabad – Glendive

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DMF 1989 ≠ Montana Dept. of Military Affairs. List of Montanans Killed or Missing in Action
1946 — ~~1864 Great Falls Tribune~~ War Dept Montana List. June 1946.
DMF list has "killed ~~in action~~ or missing in action.", - War Dept. list has "Dead and Missing"

Orin Beller — Army — Gallatin Co. is on DMF list. NOT on 1946 list. DMF gives Gallatin as the county. No annotated. alleged Stern list gives Victor as the home.
MSU Football team —

Newell Berg — annotated Sterns gives arm from Basalt, Idaho. But is on DMF 1989 list as a Marine, from Musselshell Co., NOT on 1946 list from Musselshell. killed in action.

Dana W. Bradford — not in DMF 1st. Lt. Serial # O-403699. Dead, non-Battle.
Broadwater County. Annotated (at Townsend)

John F. Burke — O-418003 Capt. Dead, Non-Battle.
Park County. annotated Stern list - Livingston.
not on 1989 list.

apparently a plaque as at remains fact of old MSU football field that commemorates the WWII ~~fallen~~ dead — no that's what used in college entry — no indication of date of plaque. account indicates But Stern picked it up as early as ~~1944~~ late 1944 —

...high school's Bengals eked ...6-0 win over the Gallatin high ...ool Hawks on the new high school field yesterday afternoon by taking advantage on one break.

The teams played on almost an even footing throughout the contest, so far as yardage and first downs go, but the Hawks kept the visitors in their own territory almost all the time and Helena was never closer than 20 yards from the Gallatin goal, except when the Bengal score was made.

That score was made on a 20-yard run by halfback Johnson, who broke through the center of the line and dashed across, practically untouched.

It was in the first minute or so of the final quarter, after the rain which became a downpour had started. Gallatin punted and the ball slipped of the side of the kicker's foot. On the next play Johnson wriggled through the middle of the line for the sole score of the game.

Gallatin's attack bogged down ...Another chance to score went gumming when Bill Nelson, Gallatin half, fumbled when he was tackled after running 70 yards with the Helena kickoff which began the second half.

Gallatin blocked three Helena punts during the game and had not one of their own stopped. The Hawks completed three of seven pass attempts and spoiled all of Helena's four aerial tries.

Nelson averaged 35 yards each punt and Jensen, Helena kicker, made his worth about 38 yards each.

Coach Gus Wylie sent 24 of his squad into the fray and only seven of them, he said, had even been in a regular football game before. Coach Max Worthington of Helena used 22 men.

Gallatin's co-captains, Bob Hoffman and Tom Shane, did a nice job of keeping the team on its toes as well as playing capably in their positions.

Officials were: Ivor Twilde, referee; Harold Sadler, umpire; James H. Morrow, head linesman.

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BOZEMAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHEDULES BASKETBALL GAMES TO GATHER FUNDS FOR BOBCATS

An intensive two-week program involving the cooperation of every business man in Bozeman will begin today as a result of the first meeting of the Bozeman Athletic association held last night for the purpose of raising funds necessary to carry on an athletic program at the college.

Approximately seventy-five members of the association unanimously reelected Jimmie Morrow president, C. A. Truitt was named vice president, Burley Packwood, secretary, and Dewey Street, treasurer.

A speech by Coach Schubert Dyche, who introduced several members of the current football club, featured the assembly as he illustrated famous plays and football tactics.

Solicitation of the funds will begin immediately through the medium of basketball solicitation teams. Eleven teams—each under the direction of a coach—will canvass specified sections of town to obtain their quota. Special attraction for all coaches and "varsity" members were tickets to the remaining football games at Gatton field.

Members of the teams and coaches are as follows:

Silver Cats: Herman H. Dokken, coach; Ed Heidel, captain; J. R. Sandiland, Roy Keister, Ray Lewis and Ray Shadoan.

All Star Cats: Dr. Keller, coach; Earl Marshall, captain; Don Bennett, Harold Sadler, Dr. C. C. Seerley and Cassius Kirk.

Pussy Cats: Harry Reif, coach; H. E. Murdock, captain; Roy Anderson, Frad Browning, Pete Beaudry, H. T. Porter.

Varsity Cats: William Glawe, coach; Dr. E. R. Grigg, captain; Hery Gay, Eugene Grof, Dr. E. F. Bull and Dr. R. E. Seitz.

Faculty Cats: C. A. Truitt, coach; Dr. Howard Welch, captain; W. H. McCall, Major J. J. Hea, Frank Harrington and Lester Opp.

Tom Cats: Gordon Westlake, coach; Pete Waite, captain; Dr. R. G. Scherer, Dr. Don Seitz, J. D. Street and Ernest Anderson.

Copper Cats: Dr. Harry Culbertson, coach; J. H. Healy, captain; L. K. Pence, Bill Penttila, Henry Gossack, and Bud Purdy.

Bobkittens: Walter Chauner, coach; Chris Haeckel, captain; Wayne Eckhart, Jake Barer, Jack Bartlett, Augie Botzenhardt and A. M. Russell.

Blue Cats: C. A. Bruckner, coach; Jack Lovelace, captain; Jim Morrow, Sonny Bohart, Bill Huffine and Ray Hartman.

Golden Bobcats: Don Langohr, coach; Fred B. Williams, captain; Fred Willson, Charles Fisher and Charles Vandenhook.

Wild Cats: Bill Lessley, coach; B. J. Van Winkle, captain; Paul Alweis, John Boyle and Bert Griffin.

Further business of the meeting included the naming of Burley Packwood publicity manager and contact man for the campaign and the recommendation of enlarging the present Bozeman Athletic association into a state-wide organization known as the Bobcat club.

WINDOW-LESS PLANE PLANT

Bethpage, N. Y., Sept. 20.—(AP)—Plans for the construction of a $2,000,000 window-less aircraft plant which would emit no light for the guidance of any enemy bombers were disclosed today when the Grumman Aircraft & Engineering Corp. filed application for additional water facilities.

Because of Busy Week Ahead Mountaineers Tricky Outfit

A slam-bang football game with the Bobcats ready to try anything to prove that they're still a tough outfit and Western State ready to shoot the works to punch through to victory in their first game of the season, is the sports dish for today when these two Rocky Mountain conference contenders take the field at 2 p. m.

The Bobcats will put the game on ice as quickly as they can, if they can, for there will be no rest ahead. They will go to Butte Monday to play San Jose State that night, then hop the train for Des Moines, where they will tackle Drake next Friday night.

The Western State Mountaineers, who arrived yesterday, had their hard traveling in advance and are reported a little weak on condition but are equipped with a bag of tricks calculated to throw the sophomore studded lineup Coach Schubert Dyche will use out of stride. That the bag of tricks will materialize is more than possible for Coach Paul Wright has 12 lettermen and five junior college transfers listed on his roster. Only two are missing from the 1939 Mountaineer squad and the National Guard mobilization took no man.

The two teams played last in 1938 with the Bobcats winning 10-0.

The Bobcats have gone through an unusually hard pre-season training sessions to get into condition for the three-game week that starts today. As a result, Dyche is hoping that this condition will offset some of the poundage Western State can use. The visitor's lineup shows that Don Martin, left guard, balances the scales at a mere 220 and on the opposite end of the line, but a tackle, is Don McCoy, 210 pounds.

Today's game takes on added importance to many newcomers to Bozeman because a large freshman class will take the stands to see their classmates of the college year in their first game. Also the battle counts in the percentage column of the Rocky Mountain conference.

Although National Gaurd physical examinations turned loose two players, Melvin Markuson, 180 pounds and Robert Mikalson, 175 pounds, both men are sophomores and Dyche is forced to use as many newcomers today as he can with such a tough week ahead. His tentative starting lineup has his quartet of flyweight but experienced backs, but every other man in the line is a sophomore. The linemen he selected last night are the weightiest he has on the squad also, with the exception of 160-pound Art Lovera, veteran center.

The probable starting lineups:

West. State	Pos.	Bobcats
Edwards	LE	Dogerum
Hatch	LT	Burke
Marlin	LG	Jarvi
Kline	C	Lovera
Aganski	RG	Berg
McCoy	RT	Dougan
Homan	RE	Scharmota
Earp	QB	Phelan
Stegeman	HB	Duley
Baxter	HB	Vaughn
Salter	FB	Farrell

Bozeman Chronicle Sept 21, 1940

FOOTBALL

Helena 6; Bozeman 0.

Stanford 53; Moccasin 0 (six man).

Troy 62; Eureka 0 (six man).

Victor 49; Hamilton 0 (six man).

Butte Public 46, Pocatello, Idaho, 14.

Buffalo, Wyo., 0; Miles City, Mont. 6.

Valley City (N. D.) Teachers 6; Concordia (Moorhead) 46.

St. Thomas (St. Paul) 6; North

M.S.C. HAS FIRST CONFERENCE GRID GAME IN NATION TODAY

King Football, With Baseball Still Big Show, Moves In With Many Warm-up Contests Slated

New York, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Not exactly full blown, what with most mid-western giant start the ball rolling this week. In the central area, Iowa State of the Missouri Valley conference takes on Luther and South Dakota meets South Dakota Wesleyan.

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"In my starting lineup are four sophomores who played on our 1940 freshman team. My line is light, averaging a little less than 180 pounds, and the backfield will average about 167. If the weather continues like they tell me it has been here in Bozeman for the last ten days, then a scoreless tie would not surprise me. It will be a close and hard fought game."

Western State practiced signals and kicking on the R. O. T. C. field at the college for more than an hour Friday afternoon. The line appears to be somewhat lighter than that of the Bobcats while the backfield has the appearance of averaging about 175 pounds to the man, with Lundberg, the fullback, weighing close to 190.

The starting lineups were announced by the coaches as follows:

MONT. ST.	POS.	WEST. ST.
Nelson	LE	Gates
Zempel	LT	Hatch
Ahlquist	LG	Topliss
Lovera	C	Martin
Krall	RG	Zeiger
Dougan	RT	Jones
Wallis	RE	Boner
Anderson	QB	Stegeman
Leary	LHB	Neelan
Davis	RHB	Creswell
Milodragovitch	FB	Lundberg

Average weight of line: Western State, 180; Montana State, 185. Average weight of backfield: Western State, 167; Montana State, 165.

The officials will be: Mike Henry, Washington State, referee; C. S. Hicks, Kansas university, umpire; head linesman, "Cubs" Daylis, University of Montana; and timekeeper, George Davenport, Bozeman.

Bozeman, Chronicle, Sept 27, 1941

The Standings

(By the Associated Press)

	Won	Lost	Pct.
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New York	101	51	.664

B.Y.U. COGGAR

Three Scoring Drives In First H Give State University 20 to 7 Victory at Provo

Provo, Utah, Sept. 26.—(AP)—Mo tana university's Grizzles turn loose a lightning-fast attack toni to score three first-half touchdow and defeat Brigham Young univ sity 20 to 7 in an inter-conferer football game.

A 63-yard drive, much of it in air, produced the first Montana tou down in the opening period with I Leaphart going over from the 2.

Only moments later, early in second quarter, the Grizzlies marcl 84 yards in three plays, with payoff on Bill Scott's pass to Ja Swarthout, who raced unmolested yards to the goal.

Leaphart intercepted Bob Orr's p in midfield, racing to the Brigh Young 17, to set up the third Mo tana touchdown, also in the seco quarter. An offside penalty on Cougars' aided in the trip and B Tyvand raced nine yards arou right end for the score.

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MAR 21, 1940

BOBCATS IN FINE CONDITION FOR OPENING FRAY; HOPE IS SOARING FOR SATURDAY GAME

Little or No Summer Softness Apparent So Scrimmage Starts Earlier

Condition, which counts so much in early season football is one of the reasons why hopes for a Bobcat victory over Western State here next Saturday are soaring every day.

Usually Coach Schubert Dyche works his men into scrimmage slowly during the early fall training period. This year he found his men surprisingly hard right off the bat so has pushed them through scrimmage almost from the first. The result was no injuries of any consequence and a much stronger team than was expected, after discounting the losses to national defense. Fearful that the unexpected might happen, Dyche let up a little yesterday and gave the men only one workout instead of two and today may keep them off the field if Western State arrives early enough to have a workout.

Gaining confidence every day, Dyche has about picked his lineup for the Western State mountaineers. Most of this week he has been giving more than usual attention to sophomores Richard Jarvi, guard, from Butte; Art Dougan, tackle and also from Butte and Cornelius Dogterum, end from Lethbridge, Ala., the star who made strong basketball medicine with the freshmen last year. This marked attention from the coach suggests these three may team up with three more veterans in the line Saturday. Jarvi weight 185, Dogterum 190 and Dougan 195, weighty reasons for putting this trio into the line.

Leonard Scharmota, end from Darby who was such a slow starter when he first wore the Bobcat colors and then warmed up into a powerhouse defense man and a dangerous threat when passes started flying, is looking even better and probably will get the nod for one of the end positions. As he weighs 192, Dyche will have his line well anchored if Dogterum also gets the bid. Both men are good pass receivers.

Although the Western State game is the season opener, Dyche probably will forgo experimenting at center and use Art Lovera who held down that position and plugged up line holes last year. Newell Berg, sporting 190 pounds probably will team with the heavyweight Jarvi in making the guard positions carry weight. Jack Burke of Livingston, who needed no assistance holding down the tackle position last year probably will work oppoaite Dougan.

To come up to Dyche's expectations, the three sophomore linemen who seem slated for starters, will have to fill the shoes of Cluzen, McGeever and Bradford, to give the Bobcats as good a line as they had last year when few teams could punch through consistently.

ASSOCIATED PRESS SURVEY

Following is the last of an Associated Press series on football prospects in the Rocky Mountain conference:

To hear Coach Schubert Dyche tell it, Montana State this year is the grid team that might have been.

Dyche and Coach John Hancock of Greeley State could probably argue all night about which of them was hit the harder by the National Guard mobilization among Rocky Mountain conference teams. Both lost key men to the guard.

The Montana State mentor says flatly that "if the squad were intact, I would rate them first in the R. M. C. We still may have a chance."

By singular coincidence, the players mobilized for guard training were exactly the ones on whom Dyche had counted the most in this year's conference struggle.

Joe Wilcox, 160-pounder from Stevensville, for instance, was tabbed by his coach as "the greatest soph back we have ever seen here."

The others mobilized were Bernard Cluzen, 185-pound letterman guard, and four sophomores, Bill Ogle, 175-pound tackle; Keith Clawson, 175-pound end; Harvey Nelson, 190-pound back from Northfield, Minn., and Bob Mikalson, 175-pound halfback.

Dana Bradford, 176-pound custodian of one Bobcat wing for two seasons, joined the army air corps.

Montana State will clash with Western State here today in the initial game of the R. M. C. season. The Bobcat squad stacks up this way:

Centers—Art Lovera, 160, letterman; George Ahlquist, 190, and Marvin Markuson, 180.

Guards — Ray Duley, 160, and Newell Berg, 190, letterman; Russell Leland, 160; James Krall, 160; Ben Micka, 185; Robert Olson, 154; Al Ralston, 198, and Dick Jarvi, 185.

Tackles—Jack Burke, 192, and Joe McGeever, 190, lettermen; Boyd Boylan, 180; Art Dougan, 195; Francis Ramstadt, 200; Bill Kelso, 190, and Ed Arnold, 192.

Ends — Leonard Scharmota, 192, letterman; Earl Denny, 168; Allen Nelson, 170, and George Wallis, 165.

Backs—Joe May, 160; Leonard Stone, 175, of Sheridan, Wyo.; Addison Farrell, 170, and John Phelan, 155, lettermen; Orin Beller, 168; Frank Brown, 160; Art. Habel, 175; Jim Monforton, 160; Russ Nuckolls, 155; Harry Ramsey, 158; Cliff Vaughn, 178; Don Wold, 168, and George Evans, 165.

The Bobcat gridders can't complain of boredom for the next week. After playing Western State here tomorrow, they'll take on San Jose, Calif., State at Butte Monday night and Drake at Des Moines Friday night.

BOZEMAN FANS MAKE MEDICINE AT GRID RALLY

Pre-Game Gathering of Downtown Enthusiasts Tonight at Power Hall. Moving Pictures On Program

With pep talks and football motion pictures and reminiscences, Bozeman's football fans will be entertained this evening at 8 o'clock at a downtown rally at Montana Power hall in prepartion for the Montana State-Western State game here Saturday. There will be some modification of the typical pattern of a collegiate pre-game rally, but nothing will be left undone to build the spirit of the fans for Saturday afternoon's Bobcat opener.

Eugene Bunker, who coached the college football team in 1913 and who coached the Gallatin high school state champion team in 1912 will make a short talk. E. J. Parkin, who was principal of the high school at that time and Don Langohr, who was team manager, are also expected to be present.

Dr. E. B. Keller, football star of some years ago at Carleton college, will be among the speakers.

George Belshaw, football fan of the most avid type, will show football motion pictures which he has made from time to time here and at other places where the Bobcats were in action.

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COACH WYLIE'S OUTFIT READY FOR INVADERS

Tom Shane and Bob Hoffman Elected Co-Captains of Red and Black. Have Good Reserves

Gallatin Hawks took their final workout last night at the new high school football field in preparation for the Helena Bengals.

Coach Gus Wylie's charges, under the leadership of newly-elected Co-Captains Tom Shane and Bob Hoffman, showed a zip and enthusiasm which may offset their lack of experience this afternoon.

The Helena team has a 217-pound fullback and two 200-pound tackles and the lighter Hawks are expecting no easy time of it. However, the Gallatin team will average 165 pounds with most of the weight in the forward wall and the Hawks are certain to give a good account of themselves, Coach Wylie says.

Gallatin this year has more reserve strength than it has had in many years and Coach Wylie believes that may be the difference between wins and losses later in the season when the going gets tough.

Starting lineup for today: ends, Jim Hoffman and Bob Weslake; tackles, John Hansen and Jake Callantine; guards, Jack Marquis and Bob Hoffman (C); center, Ray Brooks; halfbacks, Lloyd Shelhamer and Bill Nelson; quarter, Tom Shane (C); fullback, Ed Cosens.

Reserves, many of whom will see action before the fray is over, are: ends, Tom Slaght, Dick Teslow, Don Bornholdt, Don Schumaker; tackles, Sam Alford, Bob Durham, Jake Jensen; guards, John Minder, Jack Mansbridge, Bob Smith; centers, Jerry Thompson, Bob Lutes, Walt Morris; backs, Red Treat, Bob Stinnett, Ben Miles, Jack Shane, Jack Huber, Roy Kirk, Calvin Fuller, Stan Jenkins.

SPORTS TRAIL

By WHITNEY MARTIN

New York, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Jock Sutherland has survived his debut as pro football coach with only minor abrasions on his dignity, and aside from a stout suspicion that the pro league is made up of a lot of little holding companies which score their points by such simple practices as an offensive end taking a firm, interlocking grip on a defensive tackle's leg, he has no criticism to offer of the money game.

"They hold," says the expatriated Pittsburgh tutor plaintively. "I saw some of my Brooklyn boys holding last Sunday and I asked them why they did it. They just said: 'Everybody else does.'

"That's bad, and it's up to the coaches to stop it. Maybe the officials are a little more lax on that, but these pro boys are slick, and it's hard to catch them.

"In college, a 15-yard holding penalty is a most despairing thing to a coach. It's so hard to get those yards. 'No holding, now,' I'd always tell my players just before they went on the field. The pro coaches should do something about it. With holding materially curbed we then would have a great game and a wonderful spectacle."

As a whole, Sutherland views the transition from campus to professional football as slight.

"The problems are the same," he says, "I find the pros just as keen to win as the college boys. They want to be as good as possible, for financial reasons if no other, and they listen carefully to instruction. They are just as pliable, as easy to work with as the collegians. And they can concentrate on the game. They don't have classes and study periods on their minds."

Oddly enough, the pros with all their football lore are in some cases easier to fool with trick plays than the college boys, Sutherland says. It's just a case of knowing too much,

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Cleveland Beats Detroit Bombs Yanks Wal

Cleveland, Sep hungry Clevelar 3 to 1 triump Senators today tie with the Ti portant pennant row in Detroit.

Lefty Al Sm screwball pitch, Leonard, right- artist, to give slam, doubled s three-game star

Although the hits off Smith, victory into the that counted w homer into the by Johnny We Leonard with W behind.

Cleveland had they came wh Leonard himself cause. Ben Cha ond stanza with Roy Weatherly Lou Boudreau pick Chappie off wild and Ben M opportunity, goi and tallying o George Case in

The Senators eral times, but t plays erased all ing against Smit who came to C ord of 16-2 at B

Buddy Lewis led off with sing Cecil Travis pop Hemsley and Ji ligged by groundi Boudreau to Ma

The Indians' bination also e threat in the sev Bloodworth start Sanford popped ond and Jimmy his second doub noon. His prece the fifth inning, with a single b erased both.

Oscar Vitt's honest hits but them, clinched t inning with a tw two men were ou

That was par too, for he sta slugger Hal Tro Beau Bell slappe center and Tro way from first a for an error, Be ond. Ken Keltner place tallied Bell last Tribal run.

Box:

WASHINGTON	
Case, cf	
Lewis, rf	
Walker, lf	
Travis, 3b	
Bloodworth, 2b	
Sanford, 1b	
Pofahl, ss	
Ferrell, c	
Leonard, p	
Delaj, x	
Krakauskas, p	

x—Batted for Le

CLEVELAND	
Chapman, lf	
Weatherly, cf	
Boudreau, ss	
Trosky, 1b	
Bell, rf	
Keltner, 3b	
Mack, 2b	
Hemsley, c	
Smith, p	

Score by inning

Washington

Cleveland

Errors: Leonar batted in: Welaj, Two base hit: Welaj. Sacrifice: plays: Boudreau, K Keltner, Mack an

Local Bd #1
Gallatin Co.
Oct 5, 1944

NAME BERG (SURNAME) Newell W (FIRST NAME) T (MIDDLE INITIAL) (SERVICE SERIAL NO.) Marines (BRANCH OF SERVICE)

HOME ADDRESS 516 South Willson (STREET AND NUMBER) Bozeman (TOWN) Montana (STATE)

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
x			x		x		V-1716		

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
x		0	Basalt, Idaho	Apr. 23, 1916

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
	x		Apr. 10, 1942	

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
High School at Klien, Montana	Mrs. J. H. Berg, Mother Basalt, Idaho

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REMARKS

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Local Bd #1
Gallatin Co
Oct 5, 1944

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NAME BELLER (SURNAME) Orin (FIRST NAME) F. (MIDDLE INITIAL) 39817762 (SERVICE SERIAL NO.) Army (BRANCH OF SERVICE)

HOME ADDRESS 905 South Third (STREET AND NUMBER) Bozeman (TOWN) Montana (STATE)

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
x			x		x		V		

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
x		0	Simpson, Montana	Oct. 25, 1921

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
x			Apr. 29, 1943	

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
	Mrs. Claud Beller--Mother Box 73, Salmon, Idaho

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REMARKS

on back
re-enlisted in
USN on March 3, 1947

Local Bd #1
Silver Bow
Nov 30, 1945

NAME	(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE INITIAL)	(SERVICE SERIAL NO.)	(BRANCH OF SERVICE)
	Burke	John	Patrick	983 13 751	Navy

HOME ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	TOWN	STATE
	1826 Porter Avenue	Butte	Montana

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
x			x		x		1328	x	

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
	x	4	Butte, Montana	June 10, 1918

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
x			March 21, 1945	Honorable

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION
	Bremerton, Wn.	29 Oct 45	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Anaconda Copper Mining Co. Butte, Montana	Dorothy Burke (wife) 1913 Stewart St., Butte, Mont.

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REMARKS

on back
DSS Form 167
indicates discharge
to accept appt. as
2nd Lt; date July 17, 1942

Local Bd #1
Lewis & Clark Co.
Dec 30, 1944

NAME	(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE INITIAL)	(SERVICE SERIAL NO.)	(BRANCH OF SERVICE)
	BURKE	John	H.	19055521	Army

HOME ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	TOWN	STATE
	Blackstone Apts.	Helena	Montana

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
x			x		x		1234		

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
x		0	Helena, Montana	June 6, 1917

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
	x		Dec. 10, 1941	

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
A. C. M. East Helena, Montana	Mrs. Agnes B. Burke (Mother) Blackstone Apts., Helena, Montana

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NAME	Burke, (SURNAME)	Johnnie (FIRST NAME)	M. (MIDDLE INITIAL)	(SERVICE SERIAL NO.)	Army (BRANCH OF SERVICE)

HOME ADDRESS ____ (STREET AND NUMBER) Hardin, (TOWN) Montana (STATE)

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
X			X		X		10,706		

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
X		None	Billings, Okla.	Apr. 6, 1923

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
	X		Dec. 12, 1942	

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Breeding McAlester, Okla.	Ben Burke Blocker, Okla.

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NAME	Burke (SURNAME)	John (FIRST NAME)	W (MIDDLE INITIAL)	891 04 97 (SERVICE SERIAL NO.)	Navy (BRANCH OF SERVICE)

HOME ADDRESS 305 S. Jordan (STREET AND NUMBER) Miles City (TOWN) Mont. (STATE)

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
X			X		X		V-10597		

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
	X	1	Lavina, Mont.	Aug. 7, 1922

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
X			May 13, 1944	

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Pan-American Airways - Seattle, Wash.	Alma M. Burke - 505 E. Denny Way Seattle, Wash.

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NAME Coey (SURNAME) Wm. (FIRST NAME) D. (MIDDLE INITIAL) (SERVICE SERIAL NO.) (BRANCH OF SERVICE)

HOME ADDRESS 609 Main (STREET AND NUMBER) Deer Lodge (TOWN) Mont (STATE)

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
x			x		x		412		

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
	x	2	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Oct. 7, 1911

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
	x			

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Mrs. Marjorie Coey
Deer Lodge, Mont

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REMARKS

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Rearranged Service — date unknown, as killed in action
Listed on Official Navy List.

NAME Cluzen (SURNAME) Bernard (FIRST NAME) S. (MIDDLE INITIAL) 5100670 (SERVICE SERIAL NO.) Navy (BRANCH OF SERVICE)

HOME ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER) Tuscor (TOWN) Montana (STATE)

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
x			x		x		704		

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
x			Lonepine, Montana	June 16, 1917

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
	x		July 1, 1941	Honorable

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION
COM. TERM(USMC)	U. S. Navy Casualty List	Mar. 23, 1942	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Alfred Cluzen, Father
Lonepine, Montana

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REMARKS

NAME (SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE INITIAL)	(SERVICE SERIAL NO.)	(BRANCH OF SERVICE)
~~Killed in Action--Sept. 11, 1944~~ McGeever	Anthony	J	39604367	Army

HOME ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER)	(TOWN)	(STATE)
413 E. 3rd St	Anaconda	Montana

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
x			x		x		1012	x	

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
x			Anaconda, Montana	Dec. 24, 1907

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
x			Mar. 20, 1942	Honorable

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION
Demob.	Camp McCoy, Wisc.	26 Oct. 1945	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Anaconda Copper Mining Co. Anaconda, Montana	Mrs. Margaret McGeever (Mother) 413 E. 3rd St. Anaconda, Montana

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA

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date of
Dec 22, 1944

NAME	(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE INITIAL)	(SERVICE SERIAL NO.)	(BRANCH OF SERVICE)
	Phelan	John	W.		Army

HOME ADDRESS: 816 S. Dakota (STREET AND NUMBER) Butte, Montana (TOWN) (STATE)

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
X			X		X		92		

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
X			Butte, Montana	Sept. 25, 1919

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
X			June 25, 1941	

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
	Mrs. W. E. Phelan, Mother 816 S. Dakota, Butte, Mont.

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REMARKS

date of
Sep 30, 1944

NAME	(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE INITIAL)	(SERVICE SERIAL NO.)	(BRANCH OF SERVICE)
	Zempel	Alton	W	19152277	Army

HOME ADDRESS: (STREET AND NUMBER) Forsyth (TOWN) Montana (STATE)

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
X			X			X			

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
	X			

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REMARKS

NAME	(SURNAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MIDDLE INITIAL)	(SERVICE SERIAL NO.)	(BRANCH OF SERVICE)
	SCABAD	Wendell	Nick	O-446816	AUS

HOME ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	TOWN	STATE
	219 N. Sargent	Glendive	Montana

RACE			U. S. CITIZEN?		REGISTERED		SEL. SER. ORDER NO.	FOREIGN SERVICE WORLD WAR II	
WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO
X			X			X			

MARITAL STATUS		NO. OF DEPENDENTS	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH
SINGLE	MARRIED			
X		0		

MEANS OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE			DATE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
INDUCTION	ENLISTMENT	COMMISSION		
	X	X	May 25, 1942	Death

CAUSE OF SEPARATION I.E., C.D.D., MINORITY, C. OF G.	PLACE OF SEPARATION	DATE OF SEPARATION	CHARACTER AT SEPARATION
		April 12, 1943	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

MONT. AGO FORM 1-44 THURBER'S, HELENA

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Jun 9, 1945

Monitors
Name given to bulletins released by the Operational Intelligence Center of SHAEF that included what was known about the German defenses opposing the D-Day landings.

Montagu, Ewen
British Navy commander. He was part of Naval Intelligence along with Ian Fleming. Montagu authored the plan for using a corpse to fool the Germans into believing that an invasion of the Balkans rather than Sicily was imminent.

MOVIE PORTRAYAL:
The Man Who Never Was (1956), by Clifton Webb (based on the book authored by Ewen Montagu)

Montana State College — Bozeman
The only American college to lose its entire 1940-1941 eleven-man football team in World War II.

Dana Bradford—end	killed in plane crash
John Hall, Jr.—end	killed in plane crash
Albert Zupin—center — 10/29/43	killed in plane crash
John Burke—tackle	killed in Italy
Newell Burke—tackle (Berg)	killed in New Guinea
Bernard Cluzen—guard	killed in South Pacific
Joseph McGreever—guard	killed in Germany
Wendell Scabad—backfield	killed in action
John Phelan—backfield	killed in action
Alton Zempel—quarterback	killed in plane crash
Rich Roman—backfield	killed in Germany

Monte Cassino
Italian monastery bombed on February 15, 1944, as a result of one of the most controversial decisions of the war. The Benedictine Monastery was defended by German General von Senger und Etterlin, who was a lay member of the Benedictine Order. The Germans were not actually in the monastery, but British General Freyberg ordered it bombed anyway because of its strategic location. The Germans then moved into the rubble, which made it even more difficult to get them out since ruins are more easily defended than intact buildings. The only part of the Abbey that remained undamaged was the cell where St. Benedict had lived, died, and was buried. A heavy caliber artillery shell had landed a foot away from the tomb but did not explode.

"World War II Super Facts"
McCombs & Wolf — Warner Books

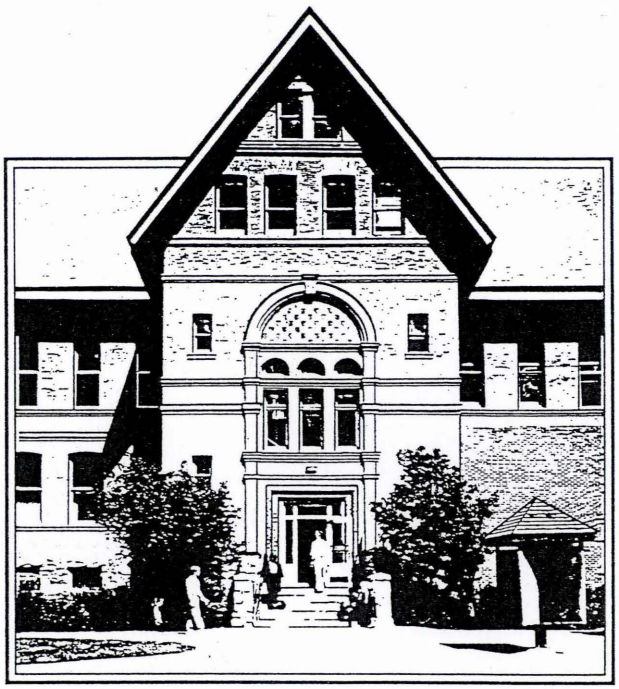
Bradford — Townsend — 1st Lt - Died Non-Battle
Hall — Bozeman — 2nd Lt - Died, non-battle
Zupan — Stockett — Capt - Died, non-battle
Burke, Jr. — Livingston — Capt, Died, non-battle
Burke, N. — Berg, Newell — not Montana
Cluzen — Lonepine — USMC (Carrier) Major (not on 1st list) 1944
McGreever — Anaconda — Capt, Killed in Action (on 1st list, not on 2nd)
Scabad — Glendive — 2dLt, Died, non-battle
Phelan — Butte — 1st Lt, missing, presumed dead
Zempel — Forsyth — not on any list — "is an Arnold Zimpel, Missoula"
Roman — Bozeman — ("static at large") Capt, Killed in action

Bill Stearns "All American Team"
Oran F. Beller — Victor
Newell T. Berg — Basaltgrad, ← not Montana
J. F. Burke — Livingston
D. Bradford — Townsend
B. Cluzen — Lonepine
Wm. D. Coey — Deer Lodge
Karl R. Faye — Butte
J. C. Hall — Bozeman
J. T. McGreever — Anaconda
J. W. Phelan — Butte
Richard Roman — Bozeman
Wendell Scabad — Glendive
on Glover list was also Alton Zempel.

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A Centennial History of Montana State University

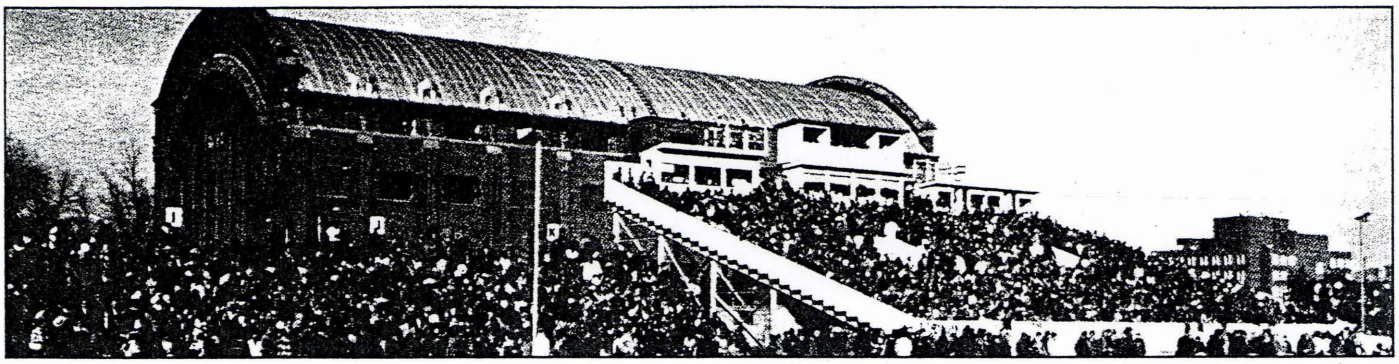


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Gatton Field Court

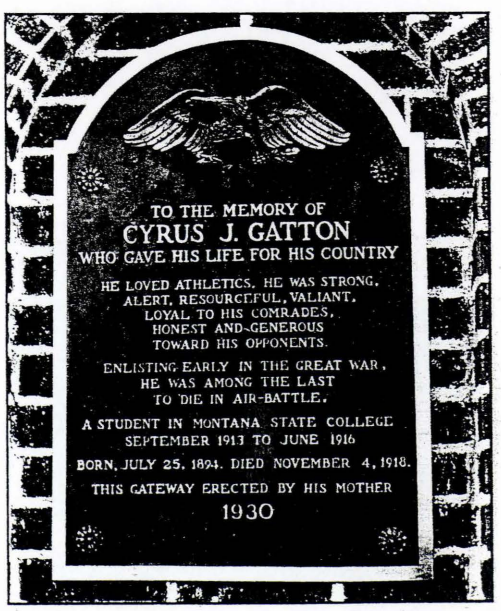
BOZEMAN (3/6/72)—Gatton field, Montana State University's football stadium for 40 years, has disappeared from campus. First to go were the temporary bleachers. Then the cement and steel grandstand was torn down. . . . Any day now equipment will be moved onto the old playing field and work will begin on a new health and physical education center. [1]



Gatton Field, 1971, with Romney Gym in the background

Today, at the university's centennial, all that physically remains of four decades of sporting memories, some of them absolutely remarkable, is Gatton Field Court, composed of the original brick-arched gateway and a more recently constructed monument, all situated about fifty yards east of where the main grandstand formerly stood. The two plaques bolted onto the monument warrant inspection. One is dedicated not only to "that host of athletes who participated here over the years," but very specifically to the memory of MSC and MSU athletes "who gave their lives for their country" in World War II and beyond. Poignant are the memories associated with those losses. Perhaps one stands out especially—the loss during World War II of thirteen members of the MSC football teams of 1940 and 1941: Orin Beller, Newell Berg, Dana Bradford, John Burke, Bernard Cluzen, William Coey, Karl Fye, John Hall, Joseph McGeever, John Phelan, Richard Roman, Wendell Scabad, and Alton Zempel. The extent of this loss was traumatic beyond the norm, and received national attention when several of the nation's top sportscasters picked it up, including Bill Stern who made these MSC athletes his "All-American Football Team of 1944."

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1. MSU sports news release, by Ken Nicholson, 6 March 1972, 79026/43, "Gatton Field and Memorial Gate" file, MSUA.
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By SID FEDER

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couldn't do anything with 's long, unusual left. At first to fight at long range, but he t-reached by several inches. e tried rushing in close, and r sucess with short left and an occasional whistling right upper- cut.

But Belloise had his number both with long-range guns and in the in- fighting.

Ceferino, upon arriving at the Gar- den, said he was not feeling well, that he felt "shaky." The New York Box- ing commission chairman, John J. Phelan, and a commission physician, Dr. William Walker, were summoned to his dressing room. The doctor pro- nounced him fit, and after a brief rest, Ceferino reported he was "okay now."

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But the day's big one was Ward's defeat. The champion, a good enough golfer to miss winning the 1939 National open by only two strokes, got one bad round out of his system today and had the misfortune to do it in an 18-hole match, where such things generally are disastrous. His drives were going off line, and his irons weren't finding the greens. The back-

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MONTANA STATE PLAYING FINAL HOME CONTEST

Injured M. S. C. Players Back In Action and Prospects Favorable for Hotly-Contested Game

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Coach John Hancock brought twenty-eight men here by special bus yesterday afternoon. They worked out on Gatton field indicating some of the power that they will throw against the Bobcats in an attempt to raise their conference rating and move one more step toward the Rocky Mountain conference championship. He has a half dozen veterans that form the backbone of the squad and of these six, two were selected last year to all conference positions. Horace Brelsford, 200-pound all-conference fullback, will start the game tomorrow, coach Hancock said, as will Don Cumley, all-conference tackle.

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By BILL BONI

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Max Stark will hold down the fullback position this afternoon and Add Farrell is scheduled to call signals. Joe May and Brick Vaughn complete the starting backfield which has been working over a series of new plays to spring on the Bears.

Coach Hancock named Brown as a starter at left end, Cumley at left tackle and Hicks at left guard. Hicks is an experienced man who works with Hurt at center to bolster the powerhouse drives which characterize the Greeley teams. Lucers and Lahr will be at right guard and tackle respectively and Carson is scheduled to be a right end.

Sears has the wing back spot cinched for today's contest and is an exceptional punter. He is a leftfooted booter and is a constant worry to opponents. Moore will be quarterback and Fleiger at left half, will carry the place kick burden. At fullback will be Brelsford, all-conference man who is a smashing plunger and responsible for many gains.

Barring a radical change in the weather, Gatton field should be in excellent shape for the game. A dry field is imperative for the type of play which the Cats have built up this season. Game by game they have strengthened their defense to the point where it is almost impossibl to penetrate. This was demonstrated last week at the Grizzly game when the University pushed as far as the ten-yard stripe on several occasions only to be repelled by fierce opposition. In the backfield a razzle-dazzle system hinging on the double wing back formation promises to throw the game wide open. Although the Bears' main strength lays in power, the Cats may resort to ruses for their coveted touchdowns.

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Wyoming vs. Colorado at Boulder—Five years ago a Wyoming team toppled a Colorado eleven, but that was a stronger team than the Cowboy outfit coming down from Laramie tomorrow. If Colorado is as hot as it was against Colorado State last week, it may hoist the highest touchdown mark of the season.

Colorado State vs. New Mexico at Denver—This looks to be a tight battle between a pair of clubs who have won only one game apiece this season. If the Aggies' sophomore backs can match potentialities with performance, they should beat the border conference Lobos.

Utah State vs. Idaho at Boise—Its unlooked-for victory over Utah has made Utah State the favorite in this inter-conference tussle. Idaho hasn't won a game this season, but all of its conquerors were strong teams, more powerful, probably, than Utah State.

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Tennessee-Florida (15,000)—Ditto Tennessee.

Minnesota-Iowa (64,000)—Without throwing a single pass, the Gophers were inside the Ohio State 20, seven times last week. Sounds sufficient. Minnesota.

Northwestern-Indiana (37,000)—A great spot for an upset if Decorrevont doesn't play. Still, Northwestern.

Arkansas-Mississippi (12,000)—Ole' Miss'. Looks like they've really got it.

Columbia-Syracuse (27,000)—Columbia, which can do more with 14 men than many others with 40.

Georgia Tech-Auburn (20,000)—Georgia appears to have a definite edge.

Washington-California (25,000)—The Huskies got over that Minnesota defeat in a hurry. Washington.

New York U.-Georgetown (15,000)—No. 21 without a loss for Georgetown.

Nebraska-Missouri (36,000)—Nebraska.

Rice-Texas (28,000)—In rating the country's better teams, don't overlook the Longhorns, Texas.

Louisiana State-Vanderbilt (25,000)—Anybody's ball game. Taking Vandy.

Yale-Navy (40,000)—Navy to keep winning.

Fordham-St. Mary's (40,000)—Fordham to do the same.

Army-LaFayette (10,000)—No great surprise either way. LaFayette.

North Carolina-Tulsne (20,000)—A study in the dark, Carolina.

Michigan State-Santa Clara (15,000)—Santa Clara, if it can throttle those Spartan passes.

Illinois-Notre Dame (60,000)—Almost overlooked this one, but the Irish won't. Notre Dame.

Harvard-Dartmouth (30,000)—Shades of yesteryear; Harvard.

Princeton-Rutgers (25,000)—Taking Princeton, but ready to duck.

Wake Forest-Duke (20,000)—Duke.

Iowa State-Oklahoma (12,000)—Oklahoma.

Washington State-Oregon (5,000)—Washington State, which can score.

U. C. L. A.-Oregon State (50,000)—The Uclans, who have lost four games by a combined margin of 15 points.

Purdue-Wisconsin (20,000)—A toss up. Purdue.

Here'n there, elsewhere:

East—Boston college over St. Anselm, Holy Cross over Brown, Colgate over Mississippi college, Penn State over Temple, Catholic U. over West Virginia Wesleyan, Villanova over Detroit (Sunday).

Midwest—Texas Tech over Marquette, Kansas State over Kansas.

South—Mississippi State over North Carolina State, Davidson over Furman, Virginia Military over Richmond, Washington and Lee over Virginia Tech, Williams and Mary over Virginia.

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To the end of his days, Walter Camp worked for football, for he died while attending a session of the Rules Committee, planning new and better ways to improve our great American game.



FIRST QUARTER

Grim Epic

THIS IS THE STORY OF A FOOTball team that created one of the grimmest chapters in sports history.

In the gridiron season of 1940, the Golden Bobcats of Montana State College were quite an outfit. On that Montana team were no nationally-famous football stars but just eleven husky kids from the West, none of them very well known outside of Montana. Typical American boys, they were held in affectionate esteem by the people of their respective communities. Let's see how they lined up in the football season of 1940—

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Those were the eleven Bobcat football heroes of the little-known agricultural school, back in the football season of 1940-41.

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Next, news came that Albert Zupan, the third member of that Montana State College team met death in a plane crash. Three of the Golden Bobcats dead, and only eight remained. The Reaper's line-up mounted rapidly after that.

Tackle John Burke lost his life in the Italian invasion. Across the world, his teammate, tackle Newell Berg died on a bloody New Guinea shore! Five Golden Bobcats dead, and now, only six remained. The Grim Reaper was not yet done. Guard Bernard Cluzen perished in the South Pacific; and his teammate, guard Joseph McGeever, fell on a bloody battlefield in Germany. And now, only four Golden Bobcats were left!

The fatal cycle was drawing to its grim end. Death struck at the backfield of that Montana State College football team. Back Wendell Scabad died of battle injuries; his teammate, John Phelan was killed in action; Rick Roman who played football at their side, lost his life in Germany. Ten players of that Montana State College football team were dead now, and only one remained—the star, Alton Zempel. He alone had escaped the Reaper. But his fate, too, was sealed. On July 7, 1945, with peace in sight, Alton Zempel was killed in a plane crash.

So ended the gallant saga of the Montana State team of 1940-41. Eleven players on a college football team, all eleven players answered their country's call, and all eleven, one by one, made the supreme sacrifice. The only college in America to have its entire football team killed in World War II.

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Years ago, at Brown University, the Iron Men of football once held forth. You remember the Iron Men, they were that hardy little band who went through the entire 1926 football season unbeaten, and without a substitution until the final minutes of the last game. They played sixty consecutive minutes to beat a strong Yale

team by 7 - to - 0. The same eleven men followed it up the next Saturday, licking Dartmouth 10 - to - 0. Finally, Brown played Harvard, and was holding a comfortable lead of fourteen points, so the coach decided to make some substitutions. (He had noticed some unhappiness on the part of the players who warmed the bench game after game as the eleven Iron Men stayed in for the entire sixty minutes.) So, with but three minutes left to play, the coach ended the amazing endurance record of the Iron Men, and sent in ten substitutes. It had been a long, long time since any second-stringer had had the opportunity of seeing action. As the coach signalled for them to go out on the field, one started walking towards the clubhouse. The surprised coach shouted: "Where are you going? I thought I told you to go into the game?"

The substitute grinned: "Excuse me for forgetting the right direction, coach—it's so long since I last went on a ballfield. And by the way—are you still allowed four downs in the game as they play it today?"

The coach laughed and realized that he should have given his substitutes more of a chance, especially when they celebrated their release from the bench by pushing over another touchdown in the last minute.

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Ever hear of ten men on a football eleven? Strangely forgetful of his arithmetic was coach Harvey Harmon, of Rutgers who once sent in five substitutes and withdrew six players from a game. So, for several minutes of play, Rutgers' ten-man "eleven" faced Lehigh's eleven-man eleven, yet in spite of their numerical weakness, Rutgers won the game, 20 - to - 6.

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There are stories that grow out of a football background that aren't quite football stories but that belong to pigskin lore as well as any gridiron classic. This is such a tale. It concerns a lad named Bill Eadie.

Bill came from Evanston, Illinois. He grew up in the

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'M' — as in Montana State

Thanks to recent efforts, one of the area's beloved landmarks remains a symbol of time and place

To some people, the "M" is a symbol of Montana State. To others, it's a hiking destination. In actuality, it's both: the university owns the "M" itself, but leases the land on which it sits in the Bridger Mountains from the U.S. Forest Service.

Regardless of the associations it conjures, the "M," which is at about 7,000 feet on the west side of Bozeman's Mount Baldy, has a long history with the community.

The idea for the "M" emerged in the fall of 1915 when members of the class of 1918, who were then sophomores, decided they wanted to create a monument to the school. The plan the students outlined earned them a vacation from class, and about 60 students made the trip to Mount Baldy, according to the 1918 *Montanan* yearbook. The class used rocks to fill in the "M" that day and returned on another day to whitewash the new letter, finishing it in the spring of 1916.



The late Torlief Aasheim spearheaded recent efforts to renovate the "M."

Editors of the class's 1918 yearbook called the monument symbolic of several things: "May the 'M' stand long as a symbol of our loyalty to Montana State and a reminder of what a united class can accomplish."

Over the years, university service groups such as Spurs and Fangs and athletic teams have helped maintain the "M," often repainting it and collecting trash from the trails leading up to it.

Many volunteers from the community also have devoted themselves to the monument's maintenance. In the late '90s, university employees, alumni and other interested individuals formed a group to work on a major restoration of the landmark. That effort, which the late Torlief Aasheim, former director of the Montana Cooperative Extension Service and a member of the class of 1937, helped spearhead, brought in nearly $100,000.

"I remember distinctly the days when (MSU students) carried 50 pound sacks of lime and 10 gallon cans of water up the hill," Aasheim recalled in a letter to alumni appealing for donations.

Aasheim, who died in December at age 93, said he took pride in the "M" when he was a student and worked to make it the same for current students. "The 'M' needs help these days to bring it back to a state where we can be proud of it, the way it is maintained, and the way it looks," he wrote.

"May the 'M' stand long as a symbol of our loyalty to Montana State and a reminder of what a united class can accomplish."

The money Aasheim and others raised went toward replacing fallen rock and renovating and rehabilitating the trails up to the "M." In addition, the parking area was redesigned and paved.

Aasheim considered the "M" important not only to the university, but also to the Bozeman community.

"The 'M' has served, for many years, as a point of special interest and a landmark for Bozeman, the Gallatin Valley, many other Montanans and the Alumni of Montana State University," he wrote in 2001.

MSU research scientist Stuart Jennings, who was also involved with the renovation of the "M," identified it as a signature of the area. "For a lot of people who pass through here, the 'M' symbolizes MSU and Bozeman," he said.

—ANNE PETTINGER



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Robinson made mark on UW

Baseball pioneer played football in Seattle in '39

BY DAN RALEY
P-I reporter

Jackie Robinson played in Seattle just once, but he had a football in his hands rather than a baseball. The only color line he was concerned with that day was a purple-shirted University of Washington defensive front.

On Oct. 7, 1939, Robinson gathered in a perfectly spiraling punt from Dean McAdams at the east end of Husky Stadium, a ball kicked high enough to allow the coverage to properly surround him.

With a half-dozen players closing in, this exquisite athlete for UCLA lazily veered to his left, away from the sideline. It was all a clever, baiting ploy. As anxious defenders reached for him, Robinson made a sharp cut to the right and exploded up the field through flailing arms.

He didn't stop running until crisscrossing the field and tiring and permitting McAdams, the last man, to get the angle on him and bump him. That interrupted Robinson's considerable momentum long enough to allow the Huskies' Bill Marx to make a saving tackle on the UW 5.

In the middle of the third quarter, Robinson had covered 63 yards in a wildly athletic and improvised manner. He had set up a tying touchdown on the next play and shifted momentum to the Bruins, who emerged from Seattle that day with a 14-7 victory. He also sprained his ankle on the play, and wouldn't see much action thereafter.

His lightning bolt of a return was all anyone talked about after the game.

"He reversed the field at least five times," said Walt Milroy, then a UW student and Huskies baseball player and witness to Robinson's greatness. "They didn't tackle him; he just collapsed.

"It was the most exciting run I've ever seen."

Seven and a half years before breaking baseball's color line, the 20-year-old Robinson was a curiosity alone for his unlimited sporting skills. He gave Seattle a glimpse of what he could do as a sophomore wingback. He excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track at UCLA, becoming a varsity letterman in each endeavor before leaving school a year early to enter the military and deal with the outbreak of World War II.

To no surprise, there were subtle racial overtones surrounding Robinson's solitary, competitive visit to the Northwest. Three of UCLA's four backfield starters were black, a diverse situation not repeated anywhere else among the nation's leading college programs and well publicized before each game the Bruins played that season.

"It was the only one like that, and they were great," said the late Ernie Steele, who scored the UW's only touchdown on a first-quarter, 4-yard run in that '39 game.

Robinson shared the football and racial billing with Kenny Washington, the best football player of this threesome and first black to appear in a game in the NFL, and Woodrow Wilson Strode, who later became an actor, playing Tarzan among his many roles.

The Huskies didn't have any black players on the field that day. Just three had suited up for them in previous seasons. Steele, who later played seven years for the Philadelphia Eagles, didn't have a black teammate in college or the NFL.

Still, he was hardly standoffish or unfriendly toward Robinson. This UCLA back and headline-making athlete proved special and magical, and was someone Steele wanted to get next to and interact with.

"I met him on the field and I met him off the field," Steele said. "We talked. It was, 'Good game,' and everything. He was a helluva guy and a helluva player. We never looked at it any other way. Color didn't mean a damn thing, whether blacks were blacks or whites were whites."

That might have been the case with Steele, but not everyone connected to the game had blinders on.

In describing Robinson's heroics, the player's sprained ankle and the Bruins' long train ride home to Los Angeles, sports writer Alex Shults wrote the following in The Seattle Times the next day, likely convincing himself he was handing out a compliment without knowing he was being insulting:

"There will be fried chicken and watermelon on the dining car table and the Pullman porters will lug in hot water by the barrel to keep Jack Robinson's ankle warm on the homeward ride."

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– Ernie Steele, former UW football player who played in the Huskies' game against UCLA and Jackie Robinson

Royal Brougham, a columnist for the Seattle P-I, wasn't much better in a pregame Saturday column, describing UCLA as the Harlem Express.

The Bruins certainly were worthy of attention for their freewheeling offense. Against the UW, they came up with a second-quarter formation that resembled modern-day rugby.

Behind the line of scrimmage, the football was lateraled to Robinson, who churned out several yards before shoveling a pass behind him to a guard named John Frawley, who zipped up the field before leaving the ball for a tackle named Jack Cohen, with the play totaling 53 yards and taking the visitors down to the Huskies 21.

Robinson, with his 9.8-second speed in the 100-yard dash intimida ing everyone trying to keep pace, w such a concern to the UW footba team that a game plan was concocte solely for him.

The Huskies' Marx was ordered shadow No. 28 on every play. For t most part, this worked. Still, the Hu kies had no choice but to kick to hi and hold their breath each time.

Before a somewhat sparse Husk Stadium crowd of 15,017 – the se ond-lowest UW home turnout th season – Robinson had a 27-yard kic off return the first chance he got h hands on the ball. Later in the openi quarter, he ran for 20 and 2 yards on pair of scrimmage plays, and ran punt back 24 yards. In the second pe od, he lost a yard trying to sweep le end, had a 17-yard punt return an collected 43 yards on the aforeme tioned triple lateral. He handled t ball just three more times, all in t third quarter, losing 10 yards on a la eral pass, breaking free for his 63-ya punt return and picking up 6 yards o a final punt return before lateralin the ball to a teammate.

Robinson, who injured his rig ankle the week before against TC came up limping again after his lo gest run against the Huskies. He s out the fourth quarter, but had do enough damage already.

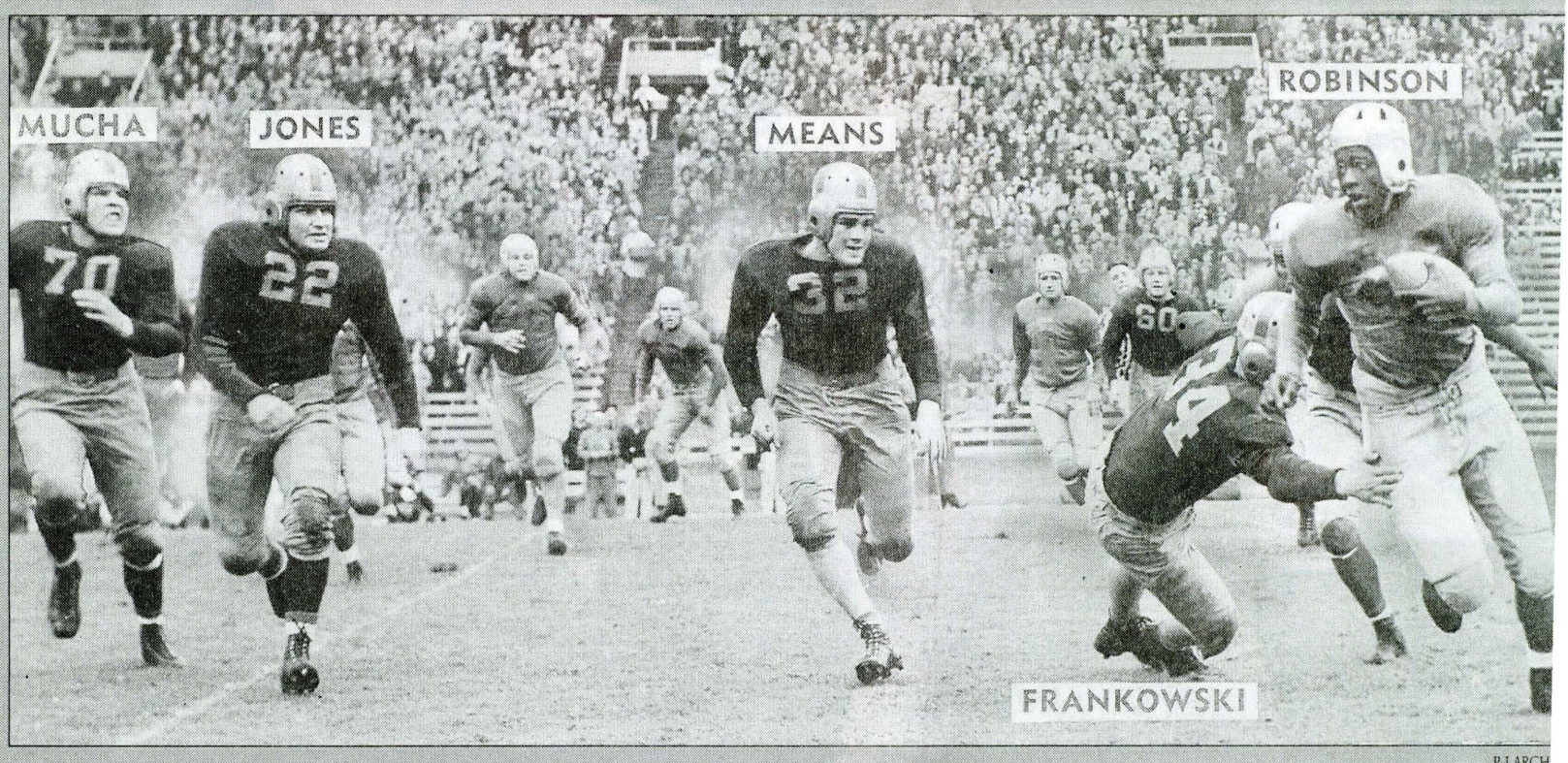
Twenty-three years later, a gra haired Robinson returned to Seattle participate in World's Fair activitie specifically making himself availab for United Church of Christ cerem nies tied to the event. He was proud his pioneering role in bringing abo social change. He recently had bee inducted into baseball's Hall of Fam He was 10 years from meeting an ear death.

Quizzed about his first visit in '3 Robinson described the UW-UCL contest as "all mud and slosh," r membering it as a close encounter, primarily a kicking game.

"That's about all you could do," h said.

Seattle knew better. With Jack Robinson, anything was possible any time.

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UCLA running back Jackie Robinson (far right) rushed for 65 yards against Washington on Oct. 7, 1939 at Husky Stadium.

FEATS BY 42

Dozens of major league players – and five entire teams (Dodgers, Brewers, Cardinals, Phillies and Pirates) – wore No. 42 on Sunday in observance of the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier. Robinson went

NO.	WHAT TO KNOW
1	Number of singles titles Robinson won in the Pacific Coast Negro Tennis Tournament (1936).
1	Times that Robinson represented UCLA in the NCAA swimming and diving championships.
3	Number of sports in which Robinson was named an All-American, including football, basketball and track and fi
3 / 1 / 1	Rushing TDs, passing TDs and interceptions by Robinson against Washington State on Nov. 16, 1940.
4	Letters won by Robinson in 1939 (football, basketball, baseball, track), making him UCLA's first four-sport letterr
11.1	Robinson's basketball scoring average at UCLA in 1941, which led the PCC (forerunner of Pac-10) Southern Divi
12.24	Robinson's yards-per-play average in 1940, when he led the UCLA football team in both rushing and passing.
12.4	Robinson's basketball scoring average at UCLA in 1940, which led the PCC Southern Division.
16.5	Robinson's punt return average for the UCLA football team in 1939, which led the nation.
18.8	Robinson's career punt-return average at UCLA, which still ranks fourth in NCAA history.
21.0	During his senior year, Robinson averaged 21.0 yards on punt returns, which set an NCAA record.
24-10¼	Distance of a Robinson long jump at the 1940 NCAA track and field championships, good for first place.
25-6½	Distance of Robinson's best long jump while he attended Pasadena JC, prior to enrolling at UCLA.
26-0	Distance of Robinson's longest long jump at UCLA (1940).

For Boise State, Winning Respect Is the Real Trick



Jonathan Ferrey/Getty Images

From left, Jeremy Childs, Jerard Rabb and Jared Zabransky, along with Boise State fans, celebrating Rabb's score on a hook-and-lateral at the end of regulation.

By PETE THAMEL

GLENDALE, Ariz., Jan. 2 — After scoring the winning 2-point conversion on a Statue of Liberty play and proposing to his girlfriend on national television, Boise State tailback Ian Johnson could have completed the storybook night by saying he was going to Disneyland.

Johnson, however, offered a more fitting destination for where he will soon be celebrating the Broncos' pulsating 43-42 overtime victory over Oklahoma on Monday night in the Fiesta Bowl.

"In a couple of days, I'll be back plumbing," Johnson said of his part-time job in Boise State.

Breaking into college football's top echelon takes a lot of adjustment of age-old perceptions. And a blue-collar guy like Johnson, who makes $9.25 an hour working for DeBest Plumbing, may have provided the perfect moment to help Boise State join college football aristocracy.

The significance of Boise State's victory may ultimately be judged by where the Broncos are ranked at the start of next season.

Boise State (13-0), the Western Athletic Conference champion, has gone 58-7 over the past five seasons. But for some reason, it is snubbed every preseason by pollsters and has to grind its way into the top of the rankings. The Broncos entered the game ranked No. 8, two spots higher than Oklahoma.

"Whether it happens or not, we'll see," Johnson, a sophomore, said. "But we definitely feel like, hey, now we can start a little bit higher. You can't argue with 13-0."

By midafternoon Tuesday, Karl Benson, the WAC commissioner, said he was already fighting the perception that Boise State needed to resort to trickery to beat Oklahoma. Benson said that an ESPN pundit was perpetuating that notion, which Benson found infuriating.

Boise State did use three trick plays, one at the end of regulation and two in overtime, to clinch its unforgettable victory. But Benson noted that the Broncos did not use chicanery to take a 28-10 lead over the Sooners, the Big 12 champion, in the third quarter. Benson added that running trick plays is one thing, and executing them is another.

"People are already saying that it's a fluke," Benson said in a telephone interview. "They executed those plays to

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Matt York/Associated Press

Boise State's Ian Johnson running for the winning 2-point conversion after the quarterback faked a pass and handed off behind his back.

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perfection, not against Sacramento State on Sept. 1, but against Oklahoma on Jan. 1. Say what you want, but that takes talent. It doesn't take luck, it takes talent."

Benson conceded one reality that he and his league are constantly fighting.

"The polls are heavily skewed against teams like Boise," he said.

There is strong evidence to support Benson's claim. Boise State has won the past five WAC titles and gone 39-1 in league play over that span. Yet only in one of those seasons has it earned enough respect from the pollsters to start the season in the top 25. That came in 2005 after the Broncos had an undefeated regular season in 2004.

Boise State will lose six senior starters on offense and defense, including the star quarterback Jared Zabransky. But it does return four of five starters from a strong offensive line, and Johnson will enter the year as a favorite to win the Heisman Trophy after leading the nation in touchdowns (25).

"One thing about Boise State is that year in and year out we play at a high level and our record is good," Broncos Coach Chris Petersen said. "Maybe they'll see us play with an Oklahoma and give us some more respect out of the gate?"

Many of the Broncos seemed to prefer keeping their status as perennial upstarts. When asked if they thought this game could propel them to a higher preseason ranking, many players implied that they would prefer that it did not. Being underappreciated underdogs has become part of the ethos of the program.

"Boise State is Boise State because people doubt us," the junior offensive lineman Jeff Cavender said. "We're a group of guys that got overlooked by the Pac-10, Big 12 and Big Ten. We get the cold shoulder, we have the doubters, and that's why we play with that chip on our shoulders. That's what makes us special."

But no one could doubt that this game will long be remembered as one that closed the gap between college football's bluebloods and upstarts. Boise State played in this game only after football expanded its postseason to grant more access to teams from outside the Bowl Championship Series conferences.

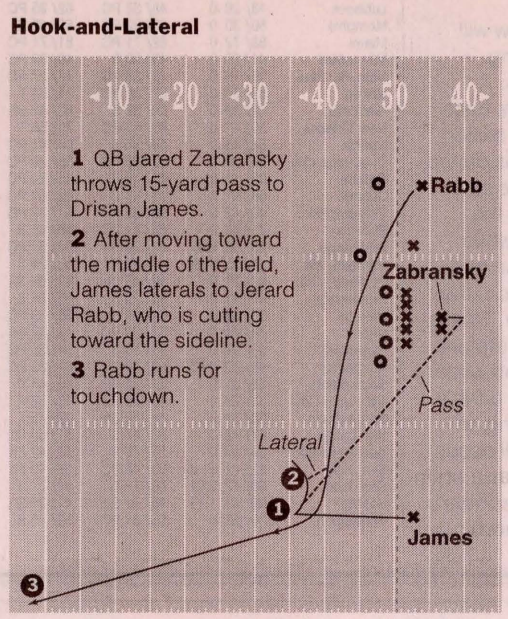
"I think it will even the playing field a little bit more and shut up the people who've been doubting us," Boise State safety Marty Tadman said. "I hope this game will prove that we're not just from the WAC. We proved it that we can beat big-time teams."

Florida Coach Urban Meyer said his wife, Shelley, kept elbowing him to stay awake, and said she called it the "greatest football game she ever saw." It was Meyer's Utah team that first crashed the B.C.S. two years ago and closed the gap between larger and smaller colleges by blowing out Pittsburgh.

"I think that the separation of B.C.S. and non-B.C.S., I think that era is over," Meyer said. "I think it is harder for some of the smaller conference schools to make it, but the B.C.S. committee and the whole process has made it easier access, which is the right thing to do."

It Was Ruse, Ruse, Ruse for the Upstarts

Boise State pulled off three trick plays in the final minutes of Monday night's Fiesta Bowl to stun Oklahoma, 43-42 in overtime, and stake a claim to elite status in the ranks of college football.



	Hook-and-Lateral	QB or Not QB	Statue of Liberty
TIME REMAINING	**18 seconds** (in regulation)	**Overtime**	**Overtime**
SITUATION	Boise State, trailing, 35-28, is faced with 4th-and-18. It scores game-tying touchdown.	Boise State, trailing, 42-35, faces 4th-and-2 and scores another TD.	Boise State, now trailing, 42-41, decides to try to win on a 2-point conversion. The gamble works, and Boise State triumphs.

The New York Times

...ders Entering N.F.L. Draft

"I feel terrible. We lost."

...terson was expected to declare after the game ...ould go to the National Football League. ...sest friend on the team, Marcus Walker, ...ut Peterson's future, he said that he, ...nnouncement. "I'm pretty sure he'll ... tonight," Walker said.

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FIVE BEST

These books give football fans another reason to stay on the couch, says **Boomer Esiason**

1 When Pride Still Mattered

By David Maraniss
Simon & Schuster, 1999

This is the life story of game's biggest name: Vince Lombardi. The book tells you about who Lombardi was as a coach, as a man, and about all that he brought to the table—what I'll call the virtues of football. That last is, to me, the great thing. Yes, the game is in itself exciting, exhilarating, filled with passion and desire, and all the drives in human life. But at the end of the day it's something else, too: it's the great character-building sport, a teacher of discipline and cooperation. Lombardi embodied those values. The book covers his career from its beginnings to the days in the 1960s when this son of an Italian butcher had become the most celebrated coach of the most celebrated team in football. That team was, of course, the Green Bay Packers, whose great years and character Mr. Maraniss captures beautifully.

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By Peter King
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3 Remember This Titan

By Bill R. Yoast, with Steve Sullivan
Taylor, 2005

This is a football story charged with racial tension and drama. Bill Yoast was the coach of the Titans at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., in 1972, an era when pressures for affirmative action were already making themselves felt. Despite a long and successful history as head coach, Mr. Yoast was told to step down—his job was being given to a black coach, and he would work as an assistant. This put both the coaches and players in a dicey position, agitated and brooding over the racial resentments that had been brought to the surface. Of course, things didn't end there (as you'll know if you saw the 2000 movie "Remember the Titans"). This moving saga reveals how players and their coaches, functioning as a team, manage in the end to overcome their mistrust and animosity. The book speaks to the strengths of football, and it does so eloquently.

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By Dan Jenkins
Atheneum, 1972

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5 North Dallas Forty

By Peter Gent
Morrow, 1973

This novel is about the darker side of football, about the game's human costs: the shattered knees and broken bodies, all the painkillers required for a player to get out of bed in the morning. A barely disguised account of his own pro-football career with the Dallas Cowboys, Peter Gent's book touches on some of the same notes found in "Semi-Tough." The difference is that there's not much light comedy in "North Dallas Forty," a story about an ambitious player, a tight end, whose pain and endurance go unrewarded in a game run by vultures and users. No Vince Lombardis here. A powerful story, powerfully told.

Mr. Esiason, an NFL quarterback from 1984 to 1997, is a commentator on CBS's pregame show "The NFL Today" and president of the Boomer Esiason Foundation, a cystic fibrosis charity.

Super Bowl's Precursors Have Colorful History

Playoff in 1932 Set the Stage for Rules Changes and Postseasons to Follow

By JOE LAPOINTE

DETROIT, Jan. 30 — The program for the earliest incarnation of an N.F.L. title game included an advertisement for a Stewart-Warner movie camera. Next to a picture of the camera, were the words, "You can 'keep' this game and every game by filming each play."

If only someone had. That historic game on Dec. 18, 1932, a 9-0 victory for the Chicago Bears over the Portsmouth Spartans of Ohio, was not the Super Bowl. But it did decide the championship of the N.F.L., as will Sunday's far more lavish Super Bowl XL between the Seattle Seahawks and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The 1932 game led to rules changes, as did other championship games that followed. These days it is fashionable to think of all pre-Super Bowl history as beginning and ending with the 1958 title game between the Baltimore Colts and the New York Giants, which the Colts won in overtime, but that was hardly the case.

Like this season's Super Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit, the 1932 playoff game was played indoors in a large Northern city with cold weather outside. But if movies of that hastily arranged game existed, the Pro Football Hall of Fame and N.F.L. Films would love to see them.

"I doubt if one was made," said Joe Horrigan, vice president for communications and exhibits at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He noted that the light would have been poor inside Chicago Stadium, making it tough to use a movie camera.

The clash between the Bears and the Spartans was added after the regular season ended with the teams tied for first place. When a snowstorm made Wrigley Field unplayable, the game was moved indoors.

> Snow is no longer an issue where the championship game is played.

A circus had just left Chicago Stadium in December 1932. Players said afterward that the stadium floor was still covered with dirt and that the scent of the elephants lingered. Bronko Nagurski, Mule Wilson and Ox Emerson did battle on a field that was widely described as being about 80 yards long.

Portsmouth unsuccessfully argued that Chicago's winning play, a touchdown pass from Nagurski to Red Grange, was illegal because Nagurski was not 5 yards behind the line of scrimmage when he threw.

The rule was changed the next season, making a forward pass legal from anywhere behind the line of scrimmage. Hash marks, which were used in the playoff because the sidelines were so close to the walls, became permanent fixtures. Moreover, the idea of a championship game caught on, and one was officially scheduled for 1933.

"For the first 13 years of the league, there was no championship game," said Bob Carroll, executive director of the Professional Football Researchers Association, which has 500 members. "People say, 'Why didn't they think of it?' "

Weather has not been a factor in the title game since the Super Bowl era introduced neutral sites in either warm-weather locales or domed stadiums. But snow sure affected the 1948 championship game, which the Eagles won, 7-0, over the Chicago Cardinals in a swirling snowstorm at Philadelphia's Shibe Park.

The black-and-white newsreel of that game is an unintentional masterpiece of moody contrast as a dark, oblong ball soars over wet behemoths in a slippery snow ballet. Fourteen years earlier, wintry weather had an impact on the Sneakers Game of 1934, when the Giants changed shoes in their 30-13 victory over the Bears, played on a slick field at the Polo Grounds.

Other themes recurred in the era from 1932 to 1965. Franchise migration, not just a symptom of the modern N.F.L., occurred in 1936, when the Boston Redskins moved their championship home game to a neutral site, the Polo Grounds, because of a lack of fan support.

After losing to the Green Bay Packers, 21-6, the Redskins continued moving south, to Washington. They won the title their first season there, 28-21, over the Bears. Three years later, in 1940, Chicago routed Washington, 73-0.

The 1945 game, in which the Cleveland Rams beat Washington, 15-14, resulted in more major changes for the postwar era. Cleveland's victory was aided by a safety; a pass by Washington quarterback Sammy Baugh from his end zone hit the crossbar of the goalpost, which was at the goal line at that time.

The rule was later changed, so that such an occurrence would no longer be a safety. The champion Rams moved to Los Angeles after that game, allowing the innovative Browns to take over in Cleveland in the new All-America Football Conference that formed in 1946.

Remnants of the A.A.F.C. merged with the N.F.L. in 1950, with Cleveland immediately winning the title over the Rams. The Browns then reached the title game six times in the next seven seasons. They lost once to Los Angeles, in 1951, then twice to Detroit before beating the Lions in the 1954 title game and the Rams in 1955. The Browns lost again to the Lions in 1957.

"The Browns-Lions series strikes me as important," said Horrigan, of the Hall of Fame. "It established Otto Graham and Bobby Layne." Graham was the Cleveland quarterback; Layne was Detroit's quarterback.

"They were such a contrast in style and personality," Horrigan said. "Otto was a skilled, polished player. Layne was a field general and a swaggering Texan. Their rivalry added a mystique and helped the growth of a league still finding its feet."

The Browns were pioneers in football tactics. Films of the 1953 championship at Briggs Stadium in Detroit show guard Chuck Noll, who later coached the Steelers, who shuttled in and out to relay plays to the huddle from Browns Coach Paul Brown.

The 1958 overtime game at Yankee Stadium seemed to accelerate the national consciousness about the sport, but there were two little-remembered quirks about it, according to Michael MacCambridge, the author of "America's Game: The Epic Story of How Pro Football Captured a Nation."



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The Giants stopped the Bears and Bronko Nagurski, right, at the Polo Grounds for the 1934 N.F.L. title.



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In what may have been considered piling on, the Bears beat the Redskins, 73-0, in the 1940 title game.



Associated Press

Steve Van Buren (15) scored in the Eagles' 7-0 victory over the Chicago Cardinals in the 1948 title game.

"That epic contest was not sold out," he said. "There were unsold seats in Yankee Stadium." Ernie Accorsi, the current general manager of the Giants, said he had heard that tickets were available that morning but sold out before kickoff. A crowd of 64,185 was announced.

Until then, Accorsi said, the pro title game was relatively less important. "It wasn't the World Series," he said. "It wasn't the Rose Bowl, either."

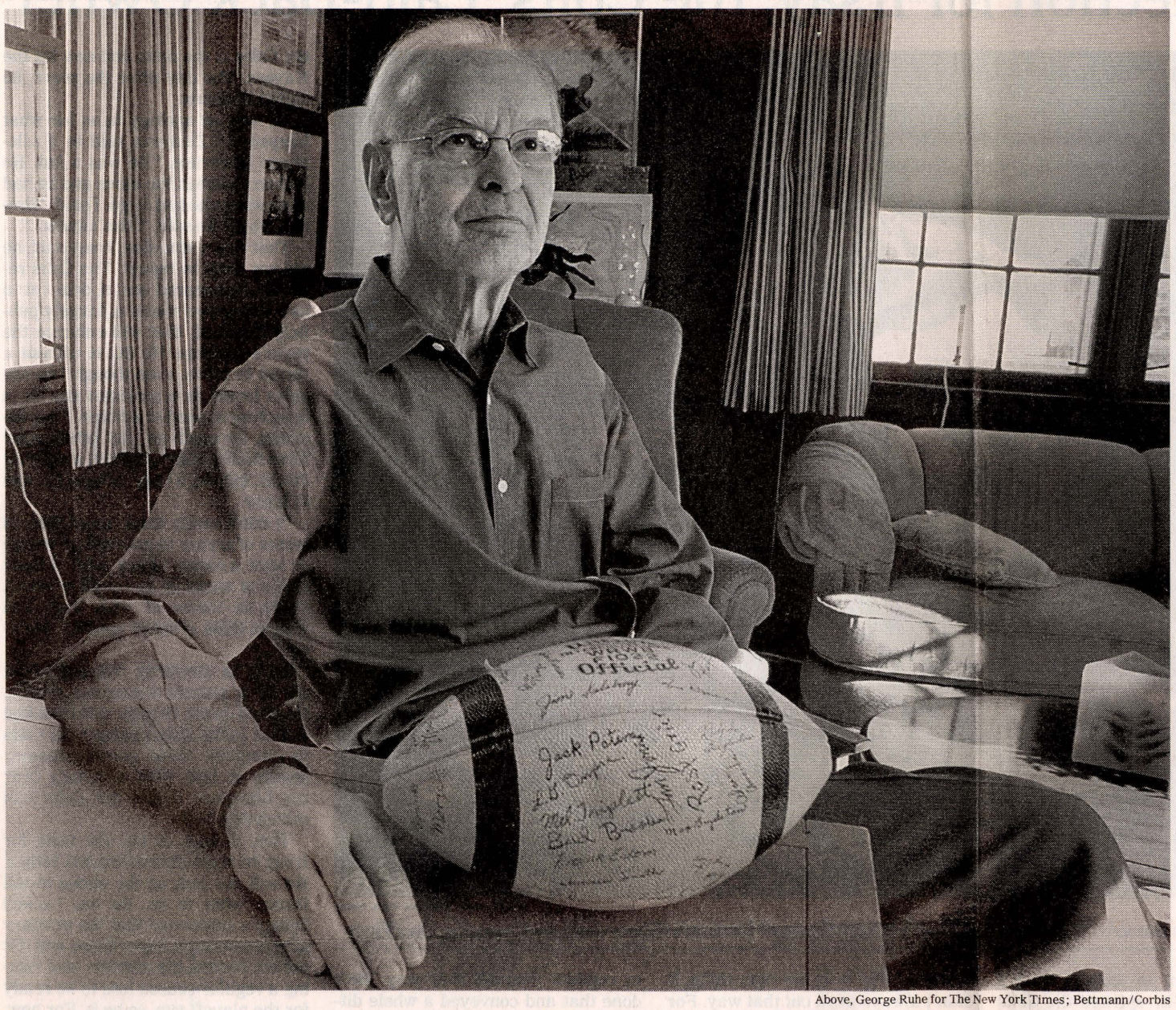
Although many fans remember seeing Alan Ameche score the Colts' winning touchdown on television in 1958, few recall that NBC lost the picture for two of the last four plays, MacCambridge said.

They might not have seen the finish if an NBC employee had not run on the field to delay play while technicians looked for an unplugged cable. In the next few years, television became tightly connected to football. The birth of the American Football League led to the first Super Bowl — shown on two networks — in the 1966 season and that year's merger agreement between the two leagues.

For Sunday's 40th Super Bowl, dozens of cameras will document the players' movements. But what if officials had moving-picture review in 1932 to replay that controversial touchdown pass from Nagurski to Grange?

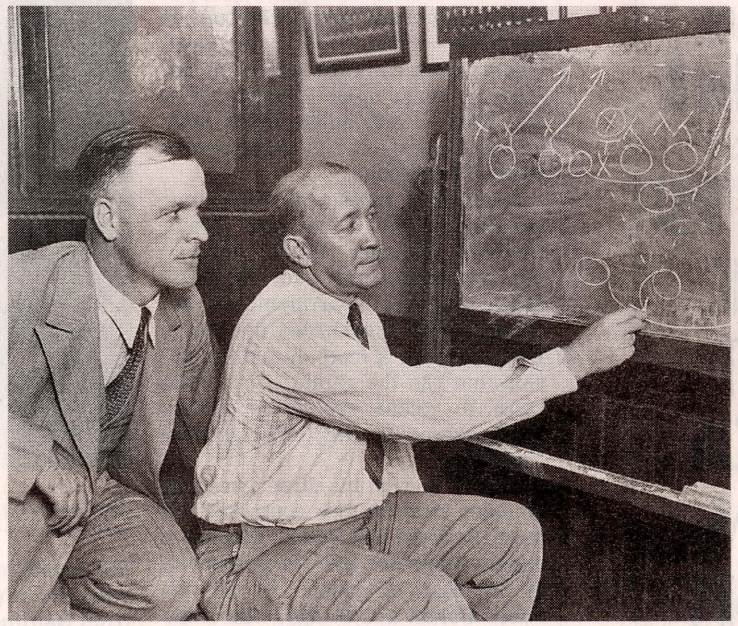
Perhaps, someday the evidence will turn up in a yard sale or in the attic of an old house. Coaches often say in football that you don't really know what happened until you've seen the film.

BackTalk





Chicago Bears players hoisted Coach George Halas on their shoulders after winning the 1940 N.F.L. title. A young Bill Anderson is at right.



Knute Rockne, right, gave Hunk Anderson a chalk talk in 1931. Anderson coached the line that blocked for the Four Horsemen.

Above, George Ruhe for The New York Times; Bettmann/Corbis

Bill Anderson at home in Darien, Conn., with a ball from a 1955 college all-star game. His father, Hunk, was a coach in the game.

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I just laughed about the notion, but I thought that if I could have gone in, nobody would have bothered me. The Redskins couldn't make a block or a tackle, and the Bears looked invincible. We kicked so many extra points into the stands that we weren't allowed to kick after the final two touchdowns. The referees were down to one football.

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My father earned an engineering degree while winning all-American honors as a 165-pound guard in a career that put him in the College Football Hall of Fame. He went on to play five years for the Bears, one of three jobs he held at the time.

Every weekday at 7 a.m., he reported to an iron works in South Bend, Ind. At 3 p.m., he left for campus to coach Rockne's line. On Friday night, he took a train to Chicago. He studied film and game plans on Saturday night, played for Halas on Sunday and came home that night. Rockne showed him film of the game he had missed.

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He knew his coaching. He invented the blitz — the red dog, it was called then — and from his background in engineering and his small size, he knew how to use leverage on the field. He was the first to use the reverse-body block, understanding that the bigger players' weight could bring them down.

He must have also been the only guard in football who kept all his teeth. I would ask him how he did it, with no face mask to protect him, and he said he never closed his eyes.

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Halas needed a strong assistant. His skill was recruiting and retaining great players, and running the business. On Sundays, he was emotionally hyped. Fortunately, Luke Johnsos called the offensive plays from the press box and Dad ran the players in and out. Halas just tried to contain himself.

When the Bears played in New York, Halas, my father and the sportswriters would play tackle football with Toots Shor at his restaurant after the games. Toots would kick everybody out at 10 or 11, and they would push aside all the tables and have at it. The first line of Dad's autobiography got right to the point: "Football has been my life and I enjoyed every minute of it."

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He died of emphysema at age 79; in many of my photos of him, he has a cigarette in his hand on the sideline. But I still see him in my grandson, Austin, who has a habit of chewing his tongue when he's playing basketball at Darien High. I never did it, and neither did my four sons. But Dad did.

Another grandson, William, is 7 and plays football in Hingham, Mass. I'm told he just completed two length-of-the-field touchdown runs. He would have fit right in with the 1940 Bears.

As told to Tyler Kepner
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