Montana State
Bobcats

#3/3 Montana St. Bobcats at #1/1 South Dakota St. Jackrabbits
1-0 Overall/0-0 Big Sky in 2023 ◆ September 9, 2023

THE MATCHUP

One of the most anticipated games on the FCS calendar in 2023 arrives in Week Two, as third-ranked Montana State visits No. 1 and defending FCS National Champion South Dakota State on Saturday. These intermittent rivals have refamiliarized themselves lately, meeting for the fifth time in MSU's six most recent seasons. The Cats and Jackrabbits met in the FCS Playoffs in 2014, 2021 and 2022.

BOBCAT TEAM NOTES

▶ The Cats stand 2-11 all-time as an FCS school against opponents ranked No. 1.
▶ Montana State won for the ninth straight time when opening its season at home in Saturday's Gold Rush, dating to the 2000 loss to Humboldt State.
▶ Montana State's 25 wins in the last 30 games is tied for the second-best such stretch in Bobcat history (with 1975-78), trailing 26-3-1 (1956-59).
▶ The Cats won their 21st straight home game by winning the 2023 opener, MSU's longest home win streak ever and the longest active FCS home win streak.
▶ Brent Vigen's 25 wins is 11th in MSU history, his 25-5 start is the quickest ever by a Bobcat head coach, and his five playoff wins is most among MSU coaches.
▶ MSU has comitted only four turnovers in its last 10 games, and 12 total in 2022.

ON THE MSU OFFENSE

▶ Montana State's 63 points is its most ever in a season opener.
▶ The Bobcats rushed for 407 yards against Utah Tech, MSU's most in an opener.
▶ Scottre Humphrey's 114 yards rushing Saturday was the most by a Bobcat true freshman in a season opener since at least WWII.
▶ MSU's 633 total yards vs. Utah Tech is the ninth-most in Bobcat history.
▶ Sean Chambers' two TDs Saturday raises his career total to 21 in 12 career games.

ON THE MSU DEFENSE

▶ MSU intercepted three Utah Tech passes, its most since picking off three against Idaho State in 2022.
▶ Montana State's +3 turnover ratio on Saturday was matched or bested only twice in 2022, when the Cats finished +13.
▶ David Alston's interception was the first by a Bobcat defensive lineman since Tyrone Fa'anono in 2018.

STADIUM STUFF

▶ MSU opened Bobcat Stadium's 50th year in front of 21,967 fans Saturday, the second-largest home crowd in MSU history and the largest for an foe other than UM.
▶ MSU has sold out 14 straight regular season games in Bobcat Stadium.
▶ The Cats own a 21-game home winnig streak, the longest in program history.

BIG SKY BULLET POINTS

▶ Montana State's 402 rushing yards leads the Big Sky and the FCS.
▶ MSU's 42.9 points a game last season led the Big Sky, and its 63 points vs. Utah Tech was the most by a Big Sky team and third-most in the FCS in week one.

GAME DATA

KICKOFF: 6 pm CT/5 pm MT
SITE: Brookings, South Dakota
STADIUM: Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium
RECORDS: *Montana State* is 1-0 after Saturday's 63-20 Gold Rush win against Utah Tech. *South Dakota State* also stands 1-0 after topping Western Oregon 45-7 in Brookings last Thursday.

THE BOBCATS

LOCATION: Bozeman, MT
ENROLLMENT: 16,841 (fall 2022)
STADIUM: Bobcat Stadium (17,777)
2023 RECORD: 1-0
CONF/RECORD: Big Sky/0-0
COACH: Brent Vigen
ALMA MATER: North Dakota State/'98
OVERALL: 25-5/3rd
at MSU: 25-5, 3rd
vs. SDSU: 1-1 (1-0/0-1)

THE JACKRABBITS

LOCATION: Brookings, SD
ENROLLMENT: 11,331 (fall 2022)
STADIUM: Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium
2023 RECORD: 1-0
CONF/RECORD: Missouri Valley/0-0
COACH: Jimmy Rogers
ALMA MATER: South Dakota State/'09
OVERALL: 1-0/1st
AT SDSU 1-0/1st
vs. MSU: 0-0 (0-0/0-0)

SERIES RECORD

MSU 11-6 (5-2/3-3/3-1)

HOW TO LISTEN

AUDIO: Bobcat Radio Network statewide, msubobcats.com, Varsity Network
ON THE CALL: Keaton Gillogly, RJ Fitzgerald (booth), Dan Davies (sideline)

HOW TO WATCH

TV: MTN Stations   **STREAM:** ESPN+
ON THE CALL: Tom Nieman. Kurtiss Riggs, Darron Wallace

UTAH TECH	South Dakota St	STETSON	Weber State	PORTLAND STATE	CAL POLY	Sacramento State	Idaho	Northern Arizona	EASTERN WASH	MONTANA
Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18
60-23	6 pm MT	1 pm	6 pm	2 pm	6 pm	8:30 pm MT	2 pm MT	1 pm	1 pm	12 noon

This Week's Rundown

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Practice 4-5 pm (closed)	**Practice** 8:30-10 am (closed)	**Practice** 8:45-10 am (closed)	**Practice** 9-10 am (closed)	**Practice** 11 am (closed)	**MSU vs. SDSU** 5 pm MT
Coach Vigen 11:45 am - News Conference (BAC)	**Interview Availability** Special arrangement	**Interview Availability** Special arrangement	**Interview Availability** none	**Travel** 2 pm departure for Brookings	**Interview Availability** post-game
Player Interviews 12:30 pm on Labor Day, BAC Team Room					

MSU 2023 SCHED/RESULTS			TV/Stream	Time/Score	Series	Notes
S2	3/3	UTAH TECH	SWX/ESPN+	63-20	MSU 3-0	*MSU's most points scored in a season opener in program history*
S9	3/3	at #1 South Dakota St.	MTN/ESPN+	5 pm MT	MSU 11-6	*MSU has faced SDSU four times in its previous five seasons*
S16	--/--	STETSON	SWX/ESPN+	1 pm	0-0	*The Cats played three Pioneer Football League opponents in the last two seasons*
S23	--/--	*at Weber State	MTN/ESPN+	6 pm	MSU 31-23-1	*MSU is 16-13 at Stewart Stadium, its most wins at an opponent stadium*
S30	--/--	*PORTLAND STATE	MTN/ESPN+	2 pm	MSU 22-10	*Portland State hasn't visited Bobcat Stadium since 2017*
O7	--/--	OPEN				*MSU is 10-6 after last 15 open weeks*
O14	--/--	*CAL POLY	MTN/ESPN+	6 pm	CP 10-8	*MSU owns five straight wins against CP but has lost six straight to Paul Wulff*
O21	--/--	*at Sacramento State	ESPN2/ESPN3	8:30 pm MT	MSU 17-8	*The Cats haven't visited Sac State since 2016*
O28	--/--	*at Idaho	MTN/ESPN+	2 pm MT	UI 25-19-1	*The Cats haven't played a Big Sky game at Idaho since 1994*
N4	--/--	*NORTHERN ARIZ.	MTN/ESPN+	1 pm	NAU 28-24	*MSU's first walk-off win since 2017 came at NAU in 2022*
N11	--/--	*EASTERN WASH.	MTN/ESPN+	1 pm	EWU 32-12	*MSU is the only team to win three times on EWU's red turf*
N18	--/--	*at Montana	MTN/ESPN+	12 noon	UM 74-42-5	*Cats have won five of last six vs. UM*

2023 Bobcat Player Career Honors

Omar Aigbedion
- 2022 HERO Sports Freshman All-America

Nolan Askelson
- 2022 Honorable Mention All-Big Sky

Sean Chambers
- 2023 Preseason All-Big Sky (All-Purpose)
- 3rd Team All-America (All-Purpose)
- Big Sky Newcomer of the Year
- 2nd Team All-Big Sky

Taco Dowler
- 2023 Preseason All-America (Stats Perform 3rd)

Kenneth Eiden IV
- 2022 HERO Sports Freshman All-America

Brody Grebe
- 2023 Preseason All-Big Sky
- 2022 3rd Team All-America
- 2022 1st Team All-Big Sky

Marqui Johnson
- 2023 Preseason All-America KR (Blue Bloods 3rd, Stats Perform 3rd)
- 2022 3rd Team All-Big Sky KR

Scottre Humphrey
- Stats Perform National Freshman of the Week Presented by Fed Ex Ground 9-4-23

Tommy Mellott
- 2023 Preseason All-America AP (Blue Bloods 3rd, Stats Perform 2nd)
- 2022 2nd Team All-Big Sky, Soph. All-America

Justus Perkins
- 2022 Honorable Mention All-Big Sky

JT Reed
- 2023 Preseason All-America (Blue Bloods 2nd)
- 2023 Preseason All-Big Sky
- 3rd Team All-Big Sky, HERO Soph. All-America

Rush Reimer
- 2023 Preseason All-America (Blue Bloods 1st, Stats Perform 2nd)
- 2023 Preseason All-Big Sky
- 2022 3rd Team All-America, 2nd Team All-Big Sky

Derryk Snell
- 2023 Preseason All-Big Sky
- 2022 1st Team All-Big Sky (Fullback)

Tommy Sullivan
- 2023 Preseason All-America (Stats Perform 1st)
- 2023 Preseason All-Big Sky
- 2022 Preseason All-Big Sky

Sebastian Valdez
- 2023 Preseason All-America (Blue Bloods 3rd, Stats Perform 2nd)
- 2023 Preseason All-Big Sky
- 2022 1st Team All-Big Sky, HERO Soph. All-America

2023 Flag Bearers

Game	Montana Flag	US Flag
Utah Tech	Lane Sumner from Wayne Edwards	Tommy Sullivan
South Dakota St.	---	---
Stetson	---	---
Weber State	---	---
Portland State	---	---
Cal Poly	---	---
Sacramento St.	---	---
Idaho	---	---
Northern Ariz.	---	---
Eastern Wash.	---	---
Montana	---	---

MSU vs. South Dakota State

MSU vs. SDSU Last Time

Date: 12/17/2022
Site: Brookings, South Dakota (Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium)
Attendance: 7,195

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
MSU	6	3	3	6	18
SDS	14	14	8	3	39

Scoring Summary

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	MSU	SDS
1st	12:17	SDS - Kraft,Tucker 36 yd pass from Gronowski,Mark (Dustman,Hunter kick) 5 plays, 75 yards, TOP 02:43	0	7
1st	06:55	MSU - Chambers,Sean 1 yd run ( ), 10 plays, 67 yards, TOP 05:17	6	7
1st	00:40	SDS - Gronowski,Mark 1 yd run (Dustman,Hunter kick), 12 plays, 79 yards, TOP 06:09	6	14
2nd	08:47	SDS - Davis,Isaiah 41 yd run (Dustman,Hunter kick), 3 plays, 80 yards, TOP 01:30	6	21
2nd	01:03	SDS - Johnson,Amar 38 yd run (Dustman,Hunter kick), 9 plays, 85 yards, TOP 05:15	6	28
2nd	00:00	MSU - Glessner,Blake 37 yd field goal 6 plays, 45 yards, TOP 01:03	9	28
3rd	08:39	SDS - Johnson,Amar 5 yd pass from Gronowski,Mark (Janke,Jadon pass) 7 plays, 80 yards, TOP 03:46	9	36
3rd	05:29	MSU - Glessner,Blake 36 yd field goal 6 plays, 6 yards, TOP 02:57	12	36
4th	11:41	SDS - Dustman,Hunter 21 yd field goal 6 plays, 47 yards, TOP 02:24	12	39
4th	08:08	MSU - Mellott,Tommy 10 yd run ( ), 9 plays, 66 yards, TOP 03:28	18	39

Kickoff Time: 03:08 PM **End of Game:** 06:03 PM **Duration:** 02:54
Referee: Overton,Matt **Line Judge:** Ulrich,Lance **Side Judge:** Smyth,Matthew **Umpire:** Kirk,Jonathan
Back Judge: Roberts Jr.,Ronald **Score Keeper:** **Linesman:** Maynor,Anthony **Field Judge:** Mota,Gregory
Temperature: 9 **Wind:** NW 19mph **Weather:** Sunny

Montana St.

Passing

Passing	Cmp	Att.	Yds.	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Mellott,Tommy	11	18	174	0	0	33	3
Austin,Sean	5	7	54	0	0	22	1
Lonergan,Ryan	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	**17**	**26**	**229**	**0**	**0**	**33**	**4**

Rushing

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg.	Avg.
Ifanse,Isaiah	7	28	0	28	0	8	4.0
Chambers,Sean	5	12	0	12	1	6	2.4
Austin,Sean	3	9	1	8	0	5	2.7
Mellott,Tommy	17	33	30	3	1	10	0.2
Elliott,Elijah	2	5	4	1	0	5	0.5
Totals	**34**	**87**	**35**	**52**	**2**	**10**	**1.5**

Receiving

Receiving	Rec.	Yds	TD	Long.
Thomas Jr.,Clevan	4	74	0	33
Alston,Ravi	2	52	0	30
Patterson,Willie	4	47	0	24
Snell,Derryk	3	32	0	15
Steel,Coy	2	13	0	7
Dowler,Taco	2	11	0	10
Elliott,Elijah	0	0	0	0
Pickering,Treyton	0	0	0	0
Totals	**17**	**229**	**0**	**33**

South Dakota St.

Passing

Passing	Cmp	Att.	Yds.	TD	INT	Long	Sack
Gronowski,Mark	10	13	189	2	0	38	0
Voss,Rudy	1	2	3	0	0	3	0
Davis,Isaiah	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**11**	**16**	**192**	**2**	**0**	**38**	**0**

Rushing

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg.	Avg.
Davis,Isaiah	16	158	0	158	1	41	9.9
Johnson,Amar	10	70	1	69	1	38	6.9
Gronowski,Mark	10	53	1	52	1	16	5.2
Kraft,Tucker	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Totals	**38**	**284**	**3**	**281**	**3**	**41**	**7.4**

Receiving

Receiving	Rec.	Yds	TD	Long.
Janke,Jaxon	3	74	0	38
Kraft,Tucker	4	69	1	36
Johnson,Amar	3	31	1	23
Janke,Jadon	1	18	0	18
Bauer,Canyon	0	0	0	0
Gronowski,Mark	0	0	0	0
Totals	**11**	**192**	**2**	**38**

Team Statistics

Team Statistics	MSU	SDS
FIRST DOWNS	18	22
Rushing	5	14
Passing	10	7
Penalty	3	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	52	281
Attempts	34	38
Avg. Per Rush	1.5	7.4
Rushing TDs	2	3
Yards Gained	87	284
Yds. Lost	35	3
NET YARDS PASSING	229	192
Comp. - Att. - Int.	17-26-0	11-16-0
Avg. / Att.	8.8	12.0
Avg. / Comp.	13.5	17.5
TDs	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	281	473
Plays	60	54
Avg. / Play	4.7	8.8
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties - Yards	4-20	4-50
PUNTS-YARDS	3-114	2-63
Avg. / Punt	38	31.5
Net / Punt	31.3	18.0
Inside 20	1	1
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch	1	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-186	7-345
Avg. Yards / Kickoff	62.0	49.3
Net Yards / Kickoff	42.7	25.3
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch	0	0
RETURNS		
Punt: Total - Yards - TDs	1-27-0	0-0-0
Punt: Avg. / Return	27.0	NaN
Kickoff: Total - Yards - TDs	6-168-0	2-38-0
Kickoff: Avg. / Return	28.0	19.0
INT: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble: Total - Yards - TDs	0-0-0	0-0-0
MISCELLANEOUS		
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	29:00	31:00
1st Quarter	6:02	8:58
2nd Quarter	8:15	6:45
3rd Quarter	6:36	8:24
4th Quarter	8:07	6:53
3rd Down Conversions	3 of 12	5 of 9
4th Down Conversions	2 of 4	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	3-3
Touchdowns	2-5	2-3
Field Goals	2-5	1-3

MSU-SDSU Game-by-Game

Record: 11-6 (5-2/3-3/3-1)

Scouting South Dakota State

- Last season's FCS National Champion, South Dakota State opened a new season and a new era - Jimmy Rogers took the coaching reins from John Stiegelmeier after a 26-year career which produced 199 wins - by beating Western Oregon 45-7.

- The Jackrabbits rushed for 207 against WOU, but spread the workload around. Amar Johnson carried eight times for 70 yards, Angel Johnson 10 times for 48 yads, Chase Mason three times for 40 yards, and Payton Trophy candidate Isaiah Davis four times for 19 yards.

- The explosive Jackrabbits scampered for two runs of at least 30 yards, and completed two passes of at least that many yards.

- South Dakota State's 11 consecutive FCS Playoff appearances is the second-longest active streak, trailing only North Dakota State's 13 straight.

- The Jackrabbits own 15 consecutive wins, dating to a 7-3 near miss in the 2022 season opener at Iowa, and have won 13 straight home games.

- South Dakota State's 13 straight home wins includes one over the Bobcats. Montana State's current 21 straight home wins includes one over the Jackrabbits.

MSU vs. I-AA/FCS No. 1

Record in Openers: 2-11
Record in Home Openers: 1-3/1-8/0-0

Year	Opp	MSU Rank	Res	Score	Location
2022	South Dakota State	3	L	18-49	Brookings
2021	Sam Houston	7	W	42-19	Huntsville
2019	North Dakota State	5	L	14-42	Fargo
2018	North Dakota State	23	L	10-52	Fargo
2011	Sam Houston	7	L	19-42	Huntsville
2009	Montana	24	L	13-39	Bozeman
2006	Appalachian State	15	L	17-38	Boone
2002	McNeese State	23	L	14-21	Lake Charles
2001	Montana	--	L	27-38	Bozeman
2000	Montana	--	L	3-29	Missoula
1993	Idaho	--	W	40-35	Bozeman
1991	Nevada	--	L	12-54	Reno
1986	Nevada	--	L	10-61	Bozeman

MSU vs. Defending National

Record vs. Defending National Champions: 4-5
Home/Road/Neutral: 1-0/4-4/0-0

Year	Opp	MSU Rank	Res	Score	Location
2021	Sam Houston State	7	W	42-19	Huntsville
2019	North Dakota State	5	L	14-42	Fargo
2018	North Dakota State	23	L	10-52	Fargo
2011	Eastern Washington	4	W	36-21	Cheney
2006	Appalachian State	15	L	38-17	Boone
2002	Montana	--	W	10-7	Missoula
1996	Montana	--	L	14-35	Missoula
1982	Idaho State	--	W	30-27+	Bozeman
1981	Boise State	--	L	10-20	Boise

South Dakota State Quick Facts

School ....South Dakota State University
Location ....Brookings, South Dakota
Enrollment 11,331
Nickname ....Jackrabbits
Spirit Colors ....Yellow, blue
Stadium ....Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium (19,340)
Nat'l Affiliation ....NCAA DI/FCS
Football Conference ....Missouri Valley Football Conference

South Dakota State Coach

Head Coach ....Jimmy Rogers
Alma Mater ....South Dakota State/'09
Career Record 1-0/1st
Record at School .... same
Record vs. MSU 0-0 (0-0/0-0)
Record vs. Brent Vigen 0-0 (0-0/0-0)

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Montana State vs. SDSU

Series Record 11-6
at Bozeman 5-2
at Brookings 3-3
at Great Falls 3-1

The Tale of the Tape

	MSU	Opp
MSU OL/Opp DL	6-3/298	6-2/273
MSU DL/Opp OL	6-3/266	6-5/306
MSU WR/Opp DB	6-1/192	6-0/188
MSU DB/Opp WR	6-1/191	6-3/205

MSU-SDSU Series Notebook

• Montana State's game Saturday marks the third in its last 18 outings against the Jackrabbits, and the fourth matchup between the two in MSU's last five seasons. There are xxx Big Sky opponents the Cats haven't played

• Saturday's game marks the fifth meeting between MSU and the Jackrabbits since the beginning of the 2017 season. In the six seasons that includes 2023, here is how many times the Cats will have faced Big Sky opponents:

6 - Montana
5 - Cal Poly, Eastern Washington, Northern Colorado, Weber State
4 - Idaho State, Northern Arizona, Portland State
3 - Idaho
2- UC Davis, Sacramento State

• Saturday's game marks MSU's third trip to South Dakota State since 2018. The Bobcats haven't played at Sacramento State since 2016 and have played at UC Davis only once since then.

• The Bobcats have played South Dakota State in Bozeman seven times, in Brookings six times, and in Great Falls four time.

Bobcat Team Notebook

● Montana State picked up in 2023 where it left off last December, beating Utah Tech 63-20. The victory was MSU's 21st straight in Bobcat Stadium, the longest such streak in school history, and in that stretch of home games only three games resulted in a single-digit margin of victory (MSU beat Idaho 20-13 in 2019 and beat Weber State 43-38 and 33-25 in 2022). The Bobcats have scored over 50 points five times in those 21 games, 40 or more points 13 times, and at least 30 points 18 times.

● The Bobcats posted their fourth straight winning season and 16th this century in finishing 12-2 in 2022. The 12 total wins and 10 regular season victories matched school records.

● The Gold Rush win to open 2023 raised MSU's all-time record to 62-52-5 in season openers, 92-23-4 in home openers, and 43-7-2 when opening a season at home.

● Montana State has advanced to the FCS Playoffs in four straight seasons and to the semifinal round in three straight seasons, both program bests. The Cats stand 8-4 during the last four post-seasons. The Bobcats have earned 13 playoff berths - in Division II once, I-AA or FCS the other dozen

● MSU finished 8-0 at home in both 2021 and 2022, the third and fourth unblemished home campaigns in the Sales/Bobcat Stadium era (1976, 2005). The stadium opened 50 years ago.

● MSU's 2022 home season began in sweltering 98 degree heat, and ended at 10 degres as the Cats finished the playoff win against William & Mary.

● The Bobcats own a 20-game winning streak in Bobcat Stadium, dating to a home loss to Sacramento State in 2019. The longest home winning streaks in MSU history:

21	2019-present	Bobcat Stadium
16	1956-59	Gatton Field
12	1975-77	Reno H. Sales Stadium
9	1965-68	Gatton Field
8	1962-64	Gatton Field
7	2018-19	Bobcat Stadium
7	1984-85	Reno H. Sales Staidum

● MSU's four-year seniors own a 36-9 career record, which comes on the heels of the 44 wins by the Class of '22. The .772 winning percentage of those 2022 seniors trailed only the .816 compiled by the 1956-59 group anchored by Sonny Holland.

● A breakdown of Montana State's seasons by win total:

12 wins	2022, 2021, 1984, 1976
11 wins	2019, 2012
10 wins	2011
9 wins	2010, 1956
8 wins	2018, 2006, 1978, 1972, 1966, 1958, 1957, 1954

● Montana State has improved its record in five straight seasons - 4-7 to 5-6 in 2017, 5-6 to 8-5 in 2018, 8-5 to 11-4 in 2019, 11-4 to 12-3 in 2021, 12-3 to 12-2 in 2022.

● MSU's 2023 roster breakdown by state: **Montana** - 44, **California** - 19, **Washington** - 6, **Idaho** - 6, **Oregon** - 5, **Florida** - 2, **Texas** - 9, **Wyoming** - 3, **Alaska** - 2, **Arizona** - 1, **Georgia** - 1, **Minnesota** - 1, **Nevada** - 1, **Oklahoma** - 3, **Ohio** - 1, **Pennsylvania** - 1, **Utah** - 1, **Wisconsin** - 1.

● MSU remains the only college football program to win national titles at three competition levels - NAIA (1956), NCAA Division II (1976), and NCAA I-AA/FCS (1984).

● Montana State scoring highs in season openers:

63	Utah Tech	63-20	2023
59	Fort Lewis	59-20	2010
59	Adams State	59-3	2008
46	at South Dakota State	46-14	1964
46	Billings Independents	46-6	1922
45	Fort Lewis	45-14	2015
45	Fort Lewis	45-9	1998

● Montana State scoring highs in home openers vs. same-division opponents:

63	Utah Tech	63-20	2023
62	Colorado Mines	62-16	1956
52	Sam Houston	52-48	1987
52	Portland State	52-7	1967
50	Idaho State	50-27	1986
45	Drake	45-7	2021
43	Montana Tech	43-0	1919
42	Monmouth	42-24	2013
42	Stephen F. Austin	42-6	2005
42	Idaho State	42-7	1973
40	McNeese	40-17	2022

MSU Top Turnover Margin Games
since 1981

Margin	Year	Opponent	Fumbles Recovered/Ints	Fumbles Lost/Int
+6	2022	Idaho State	3/3	0/0
+6	1986	Northern Iowa	0/7	1/0
+6	1984	Louisiana Tech	3/4	0/1
+5	1981	Simon Fraser	0/6	1/0

Best 30-Game Stretches in MSU History

Years Included	Record	Head Coach(es)
1956-59	26-3-1	Tony Storti (1956-57), Herb Agocs (1958-59)
1976-78	25-5	Sonny Holland (1976-77), Sonny Lubick (1978)
2021-	**25-5**	**Brent Vigen (2021-present)**
2019-22	24-6	Jeff Choate (2019), Brent Vigen (2021-22)
2010-12	24-6	Rob Ash (2010-12)
2011-13	23-7	Rob Ash (2011-13)

MSU All-Time in OT

10/5/19	MSU 34, at Cal Poly 28+
10/30/10	MSU 26, at Idaho St 23+
10/2/10	MSU 64, at Sac St 61+
10/17/09	MSU 31, South Dak 24+
11/13/04	EWU 51, MSU 44+
10/16/04	MSU 31, Portland St 24+
10/29/94	at EWU 34, MSU 31+++
11/10/90	MSU 28, at EWU 25+
10/13/84	MSU 44, Nevada 41++++
10/2/82	MSU 30, Idaho St 27+

Record	8-2
Home	4-1
Road	4-1

Cal Poly	1-0 (0-0/1-0)
Eastern Wash.	1-2 (1-1/0-1)
Idaho State	2-0 (1-0/1-0)
Nevada	1-0 (1-0/0-0)
Portland State	1-0 (1-0/0-0)
Sacramento State	1-0 (0-0/1-0)
South Dakota	1-0 (1-0/0-0)

Bobcat Legacy Number

Former Bobcat coach Jeff Choate introduced 41 as Montana State's legacy number in the summer of 2016, a tribute to the Treasure State's status as the 41st state in the Union and to Montana State's iconic 1941 football team, the last group of Bobcats to play football before World War II. By the end of the 1944 season 10 Bobcat football players had perished in the war effort, a fact observed by famed sportscaster Bill Stern. Stern's 1944 All-America football was comprised only of those 10 men, and in the next year their names had been memorialized nationally and read into the Congressional record. By the time the 1945 academic year dawned, four teammates had joined those 10. Bozeman's Grant Collins wore no. 41 when Choate decided to designate it as MSU's legacy number, and Belgrade's Brayden Konkol was the first Bobcat selected specifically for the honor.

Legacy No. 41s

2023	Nolan Askelson, Dillon
2022	RJ Fitzgerald, Dillon
2021	Chase Benson, Helena
2020*	Troy Andersen, Dillon
2019	Brayden Konkol, Belgrade
2018	Grant Collins, Bozeman
2017	Grant Collins, Bozeman
2016	Grant Collins, Bozeman

*Bobcats did not field a team

Golden Bobcats
Players Killed During World War II

Dana Bradford, End, Townsend
*Date of Death: March 11, 1942
(Years on Team: 1938-39)*

Wendell Scabad, Halfback, Glendive
April 12, 1943 (NA)

Al Zupan, Halfback, Sand Coulee
October 28, 1943 (1934-36)

Jack Burke, Tackle, Harlowton
January 7, 1944 (1938-40)

John Hall, End, Bozeman
May 29, 1944 (

Newell Berg, Guard, Fairfield
June 19, 1944 (1939-40)

Joe McGeever, Tackle, Anaconda
September 11, 1944 (NA)

Bernard Cluzen, Guard, Lonepine
Approx. Oct. 8, 1944 (1939-40)

Orin Beller, Halfback, Victor
November 13, 1944 (1939-41)

William Coey, Halfback, Deer Lodge
November 27, 1944 (1932-33-34)

Johnny Phelan, Quarterback, Butte
December 29, 1944 (1939-40)

Rick Roman, Halfback, Bozeman
February 15, 1945 (1935-38)

Karl Fye, End, Butte
March 15, 1945 (1941)

Alton Zempel, Center, Forsyth
July 7, 1945 (1941)

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Montana State 2022 Team Captains

4 Tommy Mellott, QB
Junior, Butte, Montana

The 11th Bobcat from Butte to serve as a team captain (Ray Becky, 1968; Bill Boston, 1948; Neil Brooks, 1946; Gary Carle, 1965; Bert Markovich, 1976; Jon McElroy, 1968; Bill Mulcahy, 1962; Fred Turner, 1962)... the 11th quarterback since 1946 to serve as team captain... the first sophomore since DeNarius McGhee in 2011 elected captain.

8 Derryk Snell, TE
Senior, Anchorage, Alaska

The second Alaskan to serve as team captain, joining Scott Harry (1997)... Harry also played tight end... Snell is the fourth tight end in the last 15 seasons to serve as captain (with Tiai Salanoa in 2014, Joe Schreibeis in 2009 and Elliott Barnhart in 2007.

10 Sean Chambers, QB
Senior, Kerman, California

Believed to be the first Bobcat team captain to previously serve in that capacity at another Division I school... he was a two-time captain at Wyoming (2020, 2021)... the 12th quarterback since 1946 to serve as MSU captain, and with Tommy Mellott is the first-ever QB tandem.

10 Brody Grebe, DE
Junior, Melstone, Montana

MSU's first team captain from Melstone.

30 Danny Uluilakepa, LB
Junior, Puyallup, Washington

The first Bobcat from Puyallup... Washington has produced 21 Bobcat captains, the most of any state other than Montana... one of three junior captains.

41 Nolan Askelson, LB
Senior, Billings, Montana

MSU's 15th captain from Billings, pushing that community past Great Falls (14) for the town that has provided the most Bobcat captains.

Senior Salute

The players below enter their final season of eligibility at Montana State in 2023...

2	Clevan Thomas Jr., WR	Miami, Florida
8	Level Price Jr., NI	Los Angeles, California
8	Derryk Snell, TE	Anchorage, Alaska
10	Sean Chambers, QB	Kerman, California
24	Lane Sumner, RB	Huntley, Montana
33	Blake Hehl, DT	Huntington Beach, California
41	Nolan Askelson, LB	Billings, Montana
56	Cole Sain, OL	Bellflower, California
80	Treyton Pickering, TE	Sunburst, Montana
81	Tayvian Williams, WR	Maple Valley, Washington
94	David Alston, DE	St. Paul, Minnesota
98	Ben Seymour, DE	Valencia, California

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FIRST YEAR: 1897
ALL-TIME RECORD: 543-503-33
LEAGUE TITLES: *Big Sky* - (16) 2022, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2005, 2003, 2002, 1984, 1982, 1979, 1976, 1972, 1968, 1967, 1966, 1964. *Rocky Mountain* - (5) 1956, 1954, 1947+, 1946+, 1938+.

+-Played incomplete schedule

Top Home Crowds in Bobcat History

22,047	Montana	11/19/22
21,967	Utah Tech	9/2/23
21,687	McNeese	9/3/22
21,647	Idaho State	10/8/22
21,637	UC Davis	10/1/22

Bobcat Offensive Notebook

Offensive Notes

● Three current Bobcats have gained at least 200 rushing yards in a game in their careers, and none of them are officially running backs: WR/RS Marqui Johnson gained 242 yards at Cal Poly, QB Tommy Mellott rushed for 273 yards vs. Weber State, QB Sean Chambers gained 203 against UC Davis, all in 2022.

● Tommy Mellott's 79 rushing yards against Utah Tech pushed him past the 2,000-yard mark for his career. He has now gained 2,063 yards as a Bobcat, 14th in school history.

● Montana State's 407 rushing yards against Utah Tech marked the team's most rushing yards in a season opener dating to at least 1966:

407	Utah Tech	2023
342	McNeese	2022
327	South Dakota St	1967
293	Monmouth	2013
287	Fort Lewis	2010
284	North Dakota	1977
262	Idaho State	1973
260	Portland State	1975
254	Portlan State	1974
244	Humboldt State	2000

● Sean Chambers rushed for two touchdowns in the 2023 season opener against Utah Tech. He has crossed the goal line 21 times in his 13 career games at Montana State, just shy of the school's career top 10.

● MSU's top rushing seasons:

Yards	Year	Games
4,351	2022	14
3,871	2019	14
3,313	2021	15
3,177	2014	12
3,045	1973	10

● Tommy Mellott's 2022 resume:

* Rushed for 273 yards vs. Weber State, a record for Big Sky quarterbacks, the second-most by any Bobcat history, and sixth in the FCS this year
* Threw for a career high 265 yards vs. Morehead State, and 217 at Northern Colorado (16-20-0)
* Rushed for 135 yards at Oregon State, more than seven OSU opponents
* 1,065 rushing yards in 2022, second among Bobcat quarterbacks in a season
* 1,781 career rushing yards and 2,008 career passing yards as a sophomore
* Is 12-1 as MSU's starting quarterback (Sean Chambers officially started at QB at Oregon State)
* The only Bobcat quarterback ever to make his starting debut in the playoffs

● MSU has rushed the ball 64.2% of the time in its last 36 games, including the post-season (1,690 rushes out of 2,563 plays). The Cats have lost just 16 fumbles (including one on special teams) in that time.

● MSU converted 64 of its 97 drives vs. Big Sky foes (excluding end of halves) into scores in 2022.

● The Bobcats piled up 633 total yards against Utah Tech in the season opener. That is the ninth-highest total in program history.

● Bobcat freshman Scottre Humphrey rushed for 114 yards against Utah Tech in his college debut, the first time a true freshman has rushed for at least 100 yards in a season opener for the first time since at least 1966.

300-Yard Rushing Games Since 2017

554	at Cal Poly	2022
451	at Northern Colorado	2019
449	Norfolk State	2019
439	Montana	2022
430	Cal Poly	2018
407	Utah Tech	2023
403	Portland State	2017
388	Weber State	2022
385	at Sacramento State	2017
382	Montana	2019
359	McNeese	2022
355	at Eastern Washington	2022
347	Weber State	2022
343	William & Mary	2022
341	at North Dakota	2017
340	Northern Arizona	2019
339	Incarnate Word	2018
323	at Portland State	2018
322	Montana	2017
300	at Northern Arizona	2017

Top Rushing Games in Season Opener

554	at Cal Poly	2022
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340	Northern Arizona	2019
339	Incarnate Word	2018
323	at Portland State	2018
322	Montana	2017
300	at Northern Arizona	2017

Top Individual Rushing Games in Season Opener

182	Fred Moore vs. Western Illinois	1993
164	Don Hass vs. South Dakota State	1966
163	Matt Engelking vs. Nevada	1996
150	Don Ueland vs. North Dakota	1976
145	Steve Kracher vs. Portland State	1975
127	Wayne Edwards vs. Idaho State	1973
125	Delmar Jones vs. North Dakota	1977
114	Scottre Humphrey vs. Utah Tech	2023
108	Matt Engelking vs. CSU	1995

Bobcat Defensive Notebook

● Brent Vigen's Bobcat teams have lost five games since the former Wyoming and North Dakota State assistant took over at the beginning of the 2021 season. Among those five losses are the only three games in that time in which the Bobcats recorded zero sacks and takeaways (NDSU in the 2021 FCS Championship game, South Dakota State in the FCS Semifinals last season, and last year's Oregon State loss).

● The Cats have forced at least one turnover in 11 of the last 12 games, with the playoff loss at South Dakota State last December the exception. The turnover margin in that span is +17.

● David Alston's interception of a Utah Tech pass was his first as a college player, and MSU's first by a defensive lineman since Tyrone Fa'anono in 2018.

● Bobcat defensive ends Ben Seymour and Kenneth Eiden IV, who also plays inside at times, logged MSU's two sacks on Saturday. One season ago Bobcat defensive linemen logged 24 of the team's 32 sacks, with ends getting 12 of those. Eiden was second on the team with eight sacks as a redshirt freshman a season ago.

● Three Bobcats intercepted passes in the Utah Tech game. Defensive end David Alston, nickel Caden Dowler and cornerback Takhari each came away with picks. All three are returners from the 2022 team, but their interceptions Saturday were the first of their careers.

● Bobcat linebackers intercepted seven of the team's 13 passes in 2022. During the 2023 season opener three Bobcats picked off passes, but none were by an MSU linebacker. A defensive end, nickel and cornerback each picked off Utah Tech passes.

● Montana State's first two takeaways against Utah Tech resulted in Bobcat touchdowns. After the third, MSU's offense ran out the second half clock.

● Montana State posted a string of at least one interception in six straight games late in 2019, snagging a pick in 12 of 14 contests that season. MSU intercepted a pass in nine of 2021's 15 games and in 10 of 14 in 2022. Add the team's interceptions in the Utah Tech game and the Cats have intercepted at least one pass in 31 of the team's most recent 43 games.

● MSU's +1.26 turnover margin was 3rd in the FCS and 1st in the Big Sky during the 2022 season, and the Cats began 2023 heading down the same road. Montana State took the ball away from Utah Tech three times without giving it away. MSU's turnover margin total in the four seasons:

2022	+16
2021	+14
2019	+13
2018	+10

Averages vs. Season, Cats

Montana State's per play average vs. opponents' prior averages:

	Total O Avg 2023	Total O vs. MSU	Points Avg 2023	Points vs. MSU
SDSU	403.0	--	45.0	--
UTU	309.0	309	20.0	20

Vigen Era Sacks by Game

Opp	Sacks	Takeaways
Utah Tech	3	3
South Dakota State	0	0
William & Mary	3	1
Weber State	2	1
Montana	1	3
Cal Poly	1	2
Northern Arizona	3	2
Weber State	3	1
Northern Colorado	4	1
Idaho State	1	6
UC Davis	1	1
Eastern Wash.	3	2
Oregon St	0	0
Morehead St	4	3
McNeese	6	2
NDSU	0	0
SDSU	3	2
Sam Houston	4	3
UT Martin	3	1
Montana	5	2
Idaho	5	0
Eastern Wash	2	0
Idaho State	3	1
Weber State	5	2
Cal Poly	1	4
Northern Colo	0	3
Portland State	4	2
San Diego	4	2
Drake	3	1
Wyoming	2	1

1st Downs Allowed in Bobcat Stadium During Win Streak

Opp	1st Dns	Res
Utah Tech	16	63-20
William & Mary	9	55-7
Weber State	16	33-25
Montana	23	55-21
Weber State	19	43-38
UC Davis	24	41-24
Morehead St	11	40-17
McNeese	14	63-13
So Dak St	22	31-17
UT Martin	11	26-7
Idaho	14	20-13
Idaho State	23	27-9
Cal Poly	15	45-7
Northern Colo	12	40-7
San Diego	13	52-10
Drake	14	45-7
Austin Peay	10	24-10
Albany	19	47-21
Montana	12	48-14
Southern Utah	17	42-7

Bobcat Special Teams Notebook

Kick Team Notes

● Montana State enters 2023 with new players holding down kickoff, place-kicking and punting duties. Or at least, a new player. Brendan Hall begins the season manning all three specialties. The last Bobcat to enter the season as both kicker and punter was Rory Perez in 2012 and 20

● The Bobcats averaged 2.6 punts per game a season ago. In last week's season opener, Brendan Hall punted once.

● The best testimony to MSU's prolific 2022 offense was that it did not punt in three of the team's 14 games, and punting twice or less in six games.

● Brendan Hall's punting (48 yards on his only attempt) and place kicking (9-for-9 on PATs) drew considerable attention, but Bobcat coach Brent Vigen has raved about his kickoffs since the 6-8 Hall transferred from SMU. That was on display Saturday, when all 10 of his kickoffs resulted in touchbacks.

● Marqui Johnson returned an Oregon State kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown in 2022, MSU's first score on a kick return since 2015. He also slipped down just short of the goal line on an 87-yard return vs. William & Mary.

● Taco Dowler's 67-yard punt return for a touchdown against Morehead State in 2022 was MSU's first since Shawn Johnson in 2013 against UM. His 71-yarder against William & Mary made him the fourth Bobcat to house two punts in a season.

● Blake Glessner has kicked off 103 times this season, with 66 touchbacks.

● MSU long snapper Tommy Sullivan has played as one of the team's most consistently excellent performers since his debut in 2021. Making every one of the team's long snaps since then, he has produced only two less-than-perfect snaps in his three-year career. One came on his first career snap, the second in miserable weather conditions at South Dakota State in the 2022 playoffs.

● Derryk Snell's presence settling under the first punt MSU forced in 2023 as the rare fullback/punt returner turned some heads, but he foreshadowed that situation at the end of 2022. In the season finale at South Dakota State, the Jackrabbits targeted Snell on kickoffs. The then-junior responded by bringing back four of them for 121 yards, including an impressive 66-yarder.

Brendan Hall Punt Chart

Game	#	Avg	L	I20	TB	Punt-by-Punt
UT	1	48.0	48	0	1	48
SDSU	--					
STE	--					
WSU	--					
PSU	--					
CP	--					
SAC	--					
UI	--					
NAU	--					
EWU	--					
UM	--					

Punt-by-Punt = Length of punt-return yards, *-pinned inside 20, **-pinned inside 5, fc-Fair Catch, tb-Touchback

Brendan Hall Kickoff Chart

Game	#	Avg	TB	OB	I25	Kick-by-Kick
UT	9	65.0	9	0	0	TB, TB, TB, TB, TB, TB, TB, TB, TB
SDSU	--					
STE	--					
WSU	--					
PSU	--					
CP	--					
SAC	--					
UI	--					
NAU	--					
EWU	--					
UM	--					

t-Touchback, *-tackled inside 25

● Montana State's cover units didn't get much of a workout in the season opener. All nine of Brendan Hall's kickoffs and his only punt resulted in touchbacks.

Brendan Hall Field Goal Sequence

Game	FG	Att	Sequence
UT	--		
SDSU			
SU			
WSU			
PSU			
CP			
SAC			
UI			
NAU			
EWU			
UM			
Total			

(FG Made)

Special Teams Tackles

Player	UT	AT	Pin	FR	FF
none					

Pin - Tackles inside 20 on punt or inside 25 on kickoff
$ - Game-winning field goal

2023 BOBCAT HIGHLIGHT REEL

September 2 vs. Utah Tech
⇨ Scottre Humphrey's 114 rushing yards and three touchdowns rank as program bests for Bobcat true freshmen in a season opener since at least 1966
⇨ MSU won ifor the ninth straight time when opening the season at home (dating to 2000)
⇨ Sean Chambers rushed for two touchdowns to raise his total to 21 in his 13 games at MSU

September 9 at South Dakota St
⇨ TBA

September 16 vs. Stetson
⇨ TBA

September 23 at Weber State
⇨ TBA

September 30 vs. Portland St.
⇨ TBA

October 14 vs. Cal Poly
⇨ TBA

October 21 at Sac State
⇨ TBA

October 28 at Idaho
⇨ TBA

November 4 vs. Northern Ariz.
⇨ TBA

November 11 vs. Eastern Wash.
⇨ TBA

November 18 at Montana
⇨ TBA

Bobcat Stadium

Top 10 vs. Top 10 Matchups

Record: 25-12-0

Date	Score
12/9/22	#3 MSU 55, #8 William & Mary 7
12/3/22	#3 MSU 33,. #10 Weber State 25
10/22/22	#3 MSU 43, #5 Weber State 38
12/18/21	#7 MSU 31, #13 South Dakota St 17
12/4/21	#7 MSU 26, #16 UT Martin 7
12/13/19	#5 MSU 24, #15 Austin Peay 10
12/7/19	#5 MSU 47, #25 UAlbany 21
1/23/19	#8 MSU 48, #3 UM 14
9/7/19	#13 MSU 38, #12 Southeast Mo 17
11/24/18	#23 MSU 35, #24 Incarnate Word 14
11/7/15	#18 Southern Utah 34, #24 MSU 23
9/26/15	#15 MSU 45, #20 Cal Poly 28
11/29/14	#14 South Dakota St 47, #17 MSU 40
9/20/14	#2 Eastern Wash 52, #14 MfSU 51
11/23/13	#5 Montana 28, #13 Montana State 14
10/5/13	#8 MSU 36, #15 Northern Arizona 7
12/8/12	#5 Sam Houston 34, #2 MSU 16
12/1/12	#2 MSU 16, #11 Stony Brook 10
10/13/12	#6 Eastern Wash 27, #2 MSU 24
9/15/12	#3 MSU 43, #23 Stephen F. Austin 35
12/3/11	#7 MSU 26, #11 New Hampshire 25
11/19/11	#7 Montana36, at #1 MSU 10
10/1/11	at #4 MSU 31, #25 Sac State 21
12/4/10	#25 North Dakota St 42, at #6 MSU 14
9/25/10	#17 MSU 30, #9 Eastern Wash 7
11/21/09	#1 Montana 39, at #24 MSU 13
11/25/06	#15 MSU, #8 Furman 13
9/16/06	#21 UC Davis 45, at #20 MSU 0
11/19/05	#22 MSU 16, #3 Montana 6
10/1/05	#12 MSU 30, #24 Idaho State 28
9/24/05	#18 MSU 20, #8 North Dakota St 17
9/18/04	#22 Cal Poly 27, #14 MSU 14
9/6/03	#16 MSU 38, #25 Gardner-Webb 3
9/24/94	#23 NAU 47, #21 MSU 13
12/8/84	#2T MSU 32, #2T Rhode Island 20
12/1/84	#2T MSU 31, #10 Arkansas St 14
9/27/78	#6 MSU 31, #3 Boise State 29

Bobcats as Ranked Team/vs. Ranked Opponents

2023
Sept. 9   #3 MSU at #1 South Dakota State ....Brookings

2022
Dec. 17 #1 South Dakota State 39, #3 MSU 18 ....Brookings
Dec. 9   #3 MSU 55, #8 William & Mary 7............................Bozeman
Dec. 3   #3 MSU 33, #10 Weber State 25............................Bozeman
Nov. 19 #3 MSU 55, #16 Montana 21...................................Bozeman
Oct. 22 #3 MSU 43, #5 Weber State 38...............................Bozeman
Sept. 24 #T4 MSU 38, #15 Eastern Washington 35 ....Cheney

2021
Jan. 8   #3 North Dakota State 38, #7 MSU 10 ....Frisco, Texas
Dec. 18 #7 MSU 31, #13 South Dakota State 17 ....Bozeman
Dec. 11 #7 MSU 42, #1 Sam Houston State 19 .... Huntsville, Texas
Dec. 4   #7 MSU 26, #16 UT Martin 7..................................Bozeman
Nov. 20 #7 Montana 29, #3 MSU 10.....................................Missoula
Nov. 6   #4 MSU 23, #5 Eastern Washington 20 ....Cheney
Oct. 15 #9 MSU 13, #19 Weber State 7...........................Ogden, Utah

2019
Dec. 21 #1 North Dakota State 42, #5 MSU 14 ....Fargo
Dec. 13 #5 MSU 24, #15 Austin Peay 10.............................Bozeman
Dec. 7   #5 MSU 47, #25 UAlbany 21 ....Bozeman
Nov. 23 #8 MSU 48, #3 UM 14 ....Bozeman
Sept. 7 #13 MSU 38, #12 Southeast Missouri 17 ....Bozeman

2018
Dec. 1   #1 North Dakota State52, #23 MSU 10 ....Fargo
Nov. 24 #23 MSU 35, #24 Incarnate Word 14 ....Bozeman

2015
Nov. 7   #18 Southern Utah 34, #24 MSU 23 ....Bozeman
Oct. 17 #17 Portland State 59, #16 Montana State 42 ....Bozeman
Sept. 26 #15 MSU 45, #20 Cal Poly 28 ....Bozeman
Sept. 19 #14 Eastern Washington 55, #11 MSU 50 .... Cheney

2014
Nov. 29 #14 South Dakota State 47, #17 Montana State 40 Bozeman
Nov. 22 #13 Montana 34, #12 Montana State 7 ....Missoula
Sept. 20 #2 Eastern Wash 52, #14 Montana State 51 .... Bozeman

2013
Nov. 23 #5 Montana 28, #13 Montana State 14 ....Bozeman
Nov. 9   at #4 Eastern Wash 54, #5 Montana State 29 .... Cheney
Oct. 5   #8 MSU 36, #15 Northern Arizona 7........................Bozeman

2012
Dec. 8   #5 Sam Houston 34, #2 MSU 16 .
Dec. 1   at #2 MSU 16, #11 Stony Brook 10 ....Bozeman
Oct. 13 at #6 Eastern Washington 27, #2 MSU 24........... Bozeman
Sept. 15 at #3 MSU 43, #23 Stephen F. Austin 35.................Bozeman

2011
Dec. 10 at #1 Sam Houston State 49, #7 MSU 13 ....Huntsville
Dec. 3   at #7 MSU 26, #11 New Hampshire 25 ....Bozeman
Nov. 19 #7 Montana36, at #1 MSU 10.................................Bozeman
Oct. 1   at #4 MSU 31, #25 Sacramento State 21 ....Bozeman
Sept. 24 #4 MSU 36, at #21 Eastern Washington 21............ Cheney

2010
Dec. 4   #25 North Dakota St 42, at #6 MSU 14 ....Bozeman
Nov. 20 #8 MSU 21, at #11 Montana 16..............................Missoula
Sept. 25 at #17 MSU 30, #9 Eastern Washington 7.......... Bozeman

2009
Nov. 21 #1 Montana 39, at #24 MSU 13...............................Bozeman
Oct. 3   #25 MSU 26, at #11 Weber State 21 .... Ogden

2007
Sept. 1   at #25 (AP) Texas A&M 38, #21 MSU 7.........College Station

2006
Dec. 1   at #1 Appalachian State 38, #15 MSU 17.............Boone, NC
Nov. 25 at #15 MSU, #8 Furman 13 ....Bozeman
Nov. 18 at #2 Montana 13, #15 MSU 7.................................Missoula
Sept. 16 #21 UC Davis 45, at #20 MSU 0 ....Bozeman

2005
Nov. 19 #22 MSU 16, #3 Montana 6.....................................Bozeman
Nov. 12 #21 Eastern Wash. 35, #11 MSU 14 .... Cheney
Oct. 1   #12 MSU 30, #24 Idaho State 28 ....Bozeman
Sept. 24 #18 MSU 20, #8 North Dakota State 17 ....Bozeman
Sept. 17 #18 Cal Poly 38, #11 MSU 10.......................San Luis Obispo

2004
Sept. 18 #22 Cal Poly 27, #14 MSU 14 ....Bozeman

2003
Sept. 20 #25 Cal Poly 24, #20 MSU 21 ....San Luis Obispo
Sept. 6 #16 MSU 38, #25 Gardner-Webb 3 ....Bozeman

2002
Nov. 30 #1 McNeese State 21, #23 MSU 14 ....Lake Charles

1998
Nov. 21 #6 Montana 28, #21 MSU 21...................................Missoula
Oct. 24 #24 MSU 32, #25 Northridge 26...........................Northridge

1994
Sept. 24 #23 NAU 47, #21 MSU 13 ....Bozeman
Sept. 10 #24 MSU 21, #11 SF Austin 18.......................Nacogdoches

1984
Dec. 15 #2T MSU 19, #9 Louisiana Tech 6............... Charleston, SC
Dec. 8   #2T MSU 32, #2T Rhode Island 20 ....Bozeman
Dec. 1   #2T MSU 31, #10 Arkansas State 14......................Bozeman

1982
Oct. 19 #13 Idaho 36, #15 MSU 20 ....Moscow

1979
Incomplete ranking results

1978
Sept. 27 #6 MSU 31, #3 Boise State 29................................Bozeman

Bobcat National & Big Sky Honors

National Coach of Year
2011........................... Rob Ash
1984.................... Dave Arnold
1976.................Sonny Holland

Assistant Coach of Year
2010.............. Jason McEndoo

Rimington Award
2005........................ Jeff Bolton

Buck Buchanan Award
2013......................... Brad Daly
2012.............Caleb Schreibeis

FCS ADA Defensive Player of the Year
2021.................Troy Andersen

Big Sky Defensive MVP
2021.................Troy Andersen
2013......................... Brad Daly
2012.................... Jody Owens
2009.................. Dane Fletcher
2004.............. Roger Cooper
2003....................Kane Ioane
1990..................Corey Widmer
1984....................Mark Fellows

Big Sky Offensive MVP
2012........... DeNarius McGhee
2010........... DeNarius McGhee
1984.................... Kelly Bradley

Big Sky Coach of Year
2022.....................Brent Vigen
2010........................... Rob Ash
2005.....................Mike Kramer
2002.....................Mike Kramer
1984..................... Dave Arnold
1979................... Sonny Lubick
1976................Sonny Holland
1972................Sonny Holland
1968........................Tom Parac
1967....................Jim Sweeney
1966....................Jim Sweeney
1964....................Jim Sweeney

Big Sky Top Newcomer
2022............... Sean Chambers
2011.................Tray Robinson
2010........... DeNarius McGhee
2004.................Rick Gatewood
2002....................Travis Lulay
2000......................Kane Ioane

Big Sky Top Freshman
2017..................Troy Anderson
2016.................... Chris Murray

The Bobcat Stat-light

Bobcat Undefeated Home Seasons

Bobcat Stadium

Year	Record	Total	Average
2022	8-0	158,416	19,802
2021	8-0	132,949	18,993
2005	6-0	82,262	13,710
1976	6-0	41,400	6,900

Gatton Field

Year	Record	Total	Average
1967	4-0-0	24,500	8,167
1966	4-0-0	NA	NA
1963	4-0-0	NA	NA
1959	4-0-0	NA	NA
1958	4-0-0	NA	NA
1956	4-0-0	NA	NA
1954	5-0-0	NA	NA
1946	3-0-0	NA	NA
1941	1-0-1	NA	NA
1940	3-0-0	NA	NA
1930	3-0-0	NA	NA

November/December* Revival

A major hallmark of Montana State's recent run of success, beginning with Jeff Choate's arrival in 2016, is late-season success. Below is a breakdown...

	Record*	Dec/Jan	Nov	Oct	Sept./Aug.
2023	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
2022	12-2	2-1	3-0	4-0	3-1
2021	12-3*	3-1	2-1	4-0	3-1
2019	11-4	2-1	4-0	1-2	4-1
2018	8-5	0-1	4-0	1-2	3-2
2017	5-6	0-0	1-2	3-1	3-2
2016	4-7	0-0	2-1	0-4	2-2
2015	5-6	0-0	1-2	2-3	3-2
2014	8-5	0-0	2-3	3-0	2-3
2013	7-5	0-0	1-3	3-0	3-2
2012	11-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	5-0
2011	10-3	1-1	1-1	5-0	3-1
2010	9-3	0-1	2-0	4-1	3-1
Total	92-49	8-5	23-13	30-14	35-17
2017-21	37-17	5-2	14-4	11-9	14-6

Season and Career Stats of Current Bobcats

2023 BOBCAT RUSHING STATISTICS / CAREER RUSHING STATISTICS

Player	GP	Att	Yds	TD	GP	Att	Yds	TD
Tommy Mellott	1	7	79	0	28	289	2,063	23
Sean Chambers	1	7	21	0	12	138	883	21 (at MSU)
					22	222	1,092	15 (at Wyo)
Elijah Elliott	1	8	51	0	30	188	1,096	1
Lane Sumner	1	3	8	0	31	180	1,012	5
Marqui Johnson	1	0	0	0	14	32	418	7
Jared White	1	4	84	1	3	12	177	0

2023 BOBCAT PASSING STATS / CAREER PASSING STATS (at MSU)

Player	GP	C-A-I	Yds	TD	GP	C-A-I	Yds	TD
Tommy Mellott	1	8-14-0	157	1	26	164-277-4	2,339	15
Sean Chambers	1	2-2-0	53	0	12	44-74-4	665	8 (at MSU)
					22	158-324-10	2,312	16 (at Wyo)

300-Yard Rushing Games Since 2017

554	at Cal Poly	2022
451	at Northern Colorado	2019
449	Norfolk State	2019
439	Montana	2022
436	North Dakota	2012
430	Cal Poly	2018
407	North Dakota State	2018
403	Portland State	2017
388	Weber State	2022
385	at Sacramento State	2017
382	Montana	2019
359	McNeese	2022
355	at Eastern Washington	2022
344	William & Mary	2022
341	at North Dakota	2017
340	Northern Arizona	2019
339	Incarnate Word	2018
325	UC Davis	2022
323	at Portland State	2018
322	Montana	2017
300	at Northern Arizona	2017

Big Sky Touchdowns, Season

28	Jesse Chatman, EWU, 2001
28	Geoff Mitchell, WSU, 1991
28	Trevyn Smith, WSU, 2008
26	Archie Amerson, NAU, 1996
25	Sherriden May, UI, 1992
22	Charles Roberts, SAC, 1999
21	Ed Bell, ISU, 1969
21	Sean Sanders WSU, 1987
21	Charles Dunn, PSU, 2000
20	Don Hass, MSU, 1966
20	Cooper Kupp, EWU, 2015
20	Charles Roberts, SAC, 1998
19	**Sean Chambers, Mont St (2022)**

FCS Home Winning Streaks

39	Georgia Southern, 1997-2001
38	Georgia Southern, 1985-90
34	Eastern Kentucky, 1978-84
32	North Dakota State, 2017-20
31	Middle Tennessee, 1987-94
30	Montana, 1994-97
29	Appalachian State, 2002-07
28	San Diego, 2004-08
26	North Dakota State, 2012-15
25	Montana, 2000-02
25	Northern Iowa 1989-92
24	Montana, 2008-10
23	Northern Iowa, 1983-87
23	Sam Houston, 2010-14
22	Nevada, 1988-91
22	Sam Houston, 2015-18
21	**Montana State, 2019-present**
21	San Diego, 2015-18

Bobcat QBs from Butte

Tommy Mellott (2021-present), Barry Sullivan (1979-82), Paul Dennehy (1976-78), Bill Mulcahy (1960-61), Nick Yovetich (1937-39), Frank Grady (1926-28)

MSU Frosh Rushing Record

1.	1,025	Isaiah Ifanse, 2018
2.	860	Chris Murray, 2016
3.	705	Tommy Mellott, 2021
4.	645	Aaron Mason, 2006
5.	515	Troy Andersen, 2017
6.	455	Dave Alt, 1956
7.	435	Evin Groves, 2005
8.	415	Lathian Tyler, 1997
9.	384	Si Ryan, 1989
10.	352	Ryan Johnson, 1999

Explosive Play Summary

Opp	Runs	Passes	Total
MSU	7	7	14
OPP	0	8	8

Bobcat Individuals	Run	Pass	Rec
Sean Chambers	0	1	0
Tommy Mellott	2	6	0
Jordan Reed	1	0	0
Julius Davis	0	0	1
Elijah Elliott	1	0	0
Aidan Garrigan	0	0	1
Scottre Humphrey	2	0	0
Ryan Lonergan	0	0	1
Treyton Pickering	0	0	1
Clevan Thomas Jr	0	0	2
Jared White	1	0	1

2023 Offensive Drives

MONTANA STATE			UTAH TECH		
Result	Plays	Yards	Result	Plays	Yards
Downs	13	74	Punt	3	8
TD	4	53	Int	2	-5
TD	5	15	FG	5	61
TD	7	75	Punt	3	3
TD	4	58	TD	10	75
Punt	4	27	Int	1	0
TD	3	14	Half	2	-1
TD	13	72	Punt	6	15
TD	5	87	Punt	8	19
TD	2	86	FG	11	44
TD	9	67	TD	4	75
Game	2	-8	Int	3	0

MSU: 12 drives, 9 scores (9 TDs), 1 punt, 1 3 & outs
UTU: 11 drives, 3 scores (2 TD, 2 FG), 4 punts, 3 turnovers, 4 3 & outs

MSU Explosive Plays

Opp	Play	Yds	Player	Result
UTU	P	22	Mellott to Thomas Jr	1st
	P	19	Mellott to Davis	1st
	R	47	Humphrey	1st
	P	15	Mellott to Garrigan	1st
	R	17	Mellott	1st
	P	47	Mellott to White	TD
	R	14	Mellott	1st
	R	29	Humphrey	TD
	P	25	Mellott to Pickering	1st
	P	16	Mellott to Thomas Jr	1st
	R	20	Elliott	1st
	P	45	Chambers to Lonergan	1st
	R	79	White	TD
	R	20	Reed	1st
SDSU	--			
SU	--			
WSU	--			
PSU	--			
CP	--			
SAC	--			
UI	--			
NAU	--			
EWU	--			
UM	--			

Opponent Explosive Plays

Opponent	Explosive Plays	Total
Utah Tech	7 runs, 7 passes	14
	7 runs, 7 passes	14

Explosive plays: 12 yard run, 15 yard pass

2023 MSU Depth Chart

Offense

LEFT TACKLE

72	Conner Moore	6-5	306	Fr&
66	Titan Fleischmann	6-4	296	Fr&

LEFT GUARD

63	**Rush Reimer** ** *(like rhymer)*	**6-5**	**300**	**Jr&**
64	Burke Mastel *(mass-TELL)*	6-4	294	Fr&

CENTER

65	**Justus Perkins** **	**6-0**	**282**	**Jr&**
70	Holden Sampson*	6-2	278	Jr&

RIGHT GUARD

68	Omar Aigbedion* *(I-BED-ee-awn)*	6-3	308	So
58	Aaron Richards	6-4	297	So&

RIGHT TACKLE

76	**Marcus Wehr*** *(like we're)*	**6-2**	**292**	**Jr&**
75	Jacob Kettels* *(like kettles)*	6-4	297	So&

QUARTERBACK

4	**Tommy Mellott** ** *(muh-LOT)*	**6-0**	**209**	**Jr&**
10	Sean Chambers*	6-3	221	Sr&+

RUNNING BACK

32	Julius Davis	5-10	199	Jr&+
22	Scottre Humphrey *(SCOTT-tray)*	5-11	207	Fr

X RECEIVER

2	Clevan Thomas Jr.* *(CLEE-van)*	5-11	194	Gr+
85	Aidan Garrigan*	6-3	199	So&

H RECEIVER

7	Lonyatta Alexander Jr. *(lawn-YAW-tuh)*	6-3	202	So&+
25	Jacob Trimble	6-0	184	Fr

Z RECEIVER

17	Christian Anaya	6-1	182	Fr&
81	Tayvian Williams	6-1	169	Sr&+

TIGHT END

80	Treyton Pickering**	6-4	246	Sr&
87	Ryan Lonergan*	6-4	241	Jr&

FULLBACK

8	**Deryk Snell** **	6-2	240	Sr

2023 Bobcat Debuts

Starting Debuts in 2023: <u>UT</u> - WR Christian Anaya, OT Conner Moore, S Dru Polidore, CB iles Jackson, NI Level Price Jr. <u>**SDSU**</u> - TBA. <u>**SU**</u> - TBA. <u>**WSU**</u> - TBA. <u>**PSU**</u> - TBA. <u>**CP**</u> - TBA. <u>**SAC**</u> - TBA. <u>**UI**</u>- TBA. <u>**NAU**</u> - TBA. <u>**EWU**</u> - TBA. <u>**UM**</u> - TBA.

2023 MSU Career debuts (Opp): Conner Moore (UT).

Defense

END

10	**Brody Grebe** ** *(GREE-bee)*	**6-3**	**248**	**Jr&**
11	Kenneth Eiden IV* *(I-dun)*	6-1	247	So&

TACKLE

95	**Sebastian Valdez** **	**6-3**	**291**	**Jr&**
50	Zack Black	6-4	271	So&

NOSE

92	**Blake Schmidt***	**6-2**	**292**	**Jr&**
33	Blake Hehl**	6-3	273	Sr&+

RUSH

98	**Ben Seymour***	**6-2**	**233**	**Sr+**
94	David Alston*	6-4	257	Sr&+

WILL

41	Nolan Askelson**	6-1	224	Sr&
43	McCade O'Reilly*	6-0	214	Jr&

MIKE

30	**Danny Uluilakepa** ** *(oo-loo-ee-lah-KEP-uh)*	**6-1**	**220**	**Jr&**
19	Neil Daily	6-3	237	So&

NICKEL

8	Level Price Jr.*** *(luh-VEL)/*	5-8	184	Sr&
5	Caden Dowler*	6-0	203	So

CORNER

6	Miles Jackson**	5-11	194	Jr
1	Andrew Powdrell *(POW-dr'l)*	5-10	164	Fr

STRONG SAFETY

26	Rylan Ortt**	6-1	206	Jr&
18	Kendric Bailey	6-1	206	Sr&+

FREE SAFETY

2	Dru Polidore*	6-1	181	So+
0	Blake Stillwell	6-1	180	So+

CORNER

9	**Simeon Woodard*** *(Sim-ee-awn)*	**5-10**	**173**	**Jr**
4	Jon Johnson	6-0	171	Jr+

Specialists

KICKOFFS/PLACEMENTS

93	Brendan Hall	6-9	232	Jr+
38	Casey Kautzman	5-11	198	Fr&

PUNTS

93	Brendan Hall	6-9	232	Jr+
38	Casey Kautzman	5-11	198	Fr&

LONG/SHORT SNAPS

71	Tommy Sullivan**	5-11	219	Jr
41	Nolan Askelson**	6-1	224	Sr&

HOLDER

9	Luke Abshire	6-1	194	Fr&

PUNTRETURNS

8	Derryk Snell	6-2	240	Sr
25	Jacob Trimble	6-0	184	Fr

KICK RETURNS

1	Marqui Johnson	5-8	165	So+&
23	Adam Jones	6-1	210	Fr

for MSU vs. South Dakota State, as of 9/4/23

Tentative Game Day Roster vs. UTU

No.	Name, Position	Ht	Wt	Cl	Exp	Major	Hometown (JC/HS)
0	Javonte King, WR	6-4	208	Fr	HS	Univ Stu	~~Blackfoot, ID (Blackfoot)~~
0	Blake Stillwell, S	6-1	180	So	Tr	Busi Mgt	Winter Garden, FL (NM Military Inst)
1	Marqui Johnson, WR	5-8	165	Jr	1V+	Socio	Philadelphia, PA (Sac State/Saguaro)
1	Andrew Powdrell, DB	5-10	164	Fr	HS	Kinesio	The Woodlands, TX (College Park)
2	Clevan Thomas Jr., WR	5-11	194	Gr	1V+	Comm Hea	Miami, FL (Kentucky/Flanagan)
2	Dru Polidore, S	6-1	186	So	1V+*	Finance	Katy, TX (Air Force/Tompkins)
3	Jared White, RB	5-10	200	Fr	RS	Psych	Frisco, TX (Wakeland)
4	Tommy Mellott, QB	6-0	209	Jr	2V*	Financial Eng	Butte, MT (Butte)
4	Jon Johnson, CB	6-0	171	Jr	JC	Lib Su	Gardena, CA (El Camino/St. John Bosco)
5	Garrett Coon, RB	6-0	195	So	1V*	Health Enh	Sheridan, WY (Sheridan)
5	Caden Dowler, S/N	6-0	203	So	1V	Finance	Billings, MT (West)
6	Ty McCullouch, WR	6-1	181	Jr	Tr	English Wri	Moreno Valley, CA (CSU/Rancho Verde)
6	Miles Jackson, CB	5-11	194	Jr	2V	Con Eng Te	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
7	Lonyatta Alexander Jr., WR	6-3	202	So	Tr	Marketing	Auburn, WA (Wash./Ariz. St./Kennedy)
7	Tayden Gray, DB	6-0	185	Fr	HS	~~Marketing~~	~~Arlington, TX (Trinity Leadership)~~
8	Derryk Snell, TE	6-2	240	Sr	3V*	Liberal Stu	Anchorage, AK (Chugiak)
8	Level Price Jr., NI	5-8	184	Sr	3V*	Comm Hea	Los Angeles, CA (St. John Bosco)
9	Luke Abshire, QB	6-1	191	Fr	RS	Kinesio	Spokane, WA (Central Valley)
9	Simeon Woodard, CB	5-10	171	Jr	2V	Finance	San Antonio, TX (Veterans Memorial)
10	Sean Chambers, QB	6-3	221	Sr	1V+	Liberal Stu	Kerman, CA (Wyoming/Kerman)
10	Brody Grebe, DE	6-3	248	Jr	2V*	Mech Eng	Melstone, MT (Choates/Melstone)
11	Elijah Elliott, RB	5-10	186	Jr	2V	Commu Hea	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
11	Kenneth Eiden IV, DE	6-1	247	So	1V*	Accounting	Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)
12	Jordan Reed, QB	6-6	214	Fr	RS	Human Dev	El Centro, CA (Central Union)
12	Devin Davis, CB	6-1	191	So	Sq	Socio	Vallejo, CA (American Canyon)
13	Chance Wilson, QB	6-3	189	Fr	HS	Univ Stu	Owasso, OK (Rejoice Christian)
13	Jackson Harmon, CB	6-3	201	So	Sq*	Computer Sci	Anchorage, AK (South)
14	~~Taco Dowler, WR~~	5-9	169	So	1V	~~Finance~~	~~Billings, MT (West)~~
15	~~Patrick Duchien, QB~~	6-2	213	Fr	HS	~~Mech Eng~~	~~Florence, MT (Florence-Carlton)~~
15	~~Bryce Grebe, LB~~	6-0	215	Fr	HS	~~Const Eng Tech~~	~~Melstone, MT (Melstone)~~
16	Zachary Dodson-Green, WR	6-1	182	Fr	RS	Busi	Salem, OR (West Salem)
16	~~Michael Armstrong, S~~	6-0	189	Fr	RS	~~Marketing~~	~~Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)~~
17	Christian Anaya, WR	6-1	182	Fr	RS	Univ Stu	Chandler, AZ (Hamilton)
17	~~Taki Uluilakepa, DB~~	6-0	167	Fr	HS	~~Busi~~	~~Provo, UT (Timpview)~~
18	Garrett Walchli, WR	5-8	171	Jr	Tr*&	Ag Busi	Hermiston, OR (Utah St/Hermiston)
18	Kendric Bailey, S	6-1	206	Jr	1V+*	Finance	Carmichael, CA (Jesuit/Sac City)
19	~~Tom Carter, WR~~	6-0	175	Fr	HS	~~Busi Mgt~~	~~Helena, MT (Capital)~~
19	Neil Daily, LB	6-3	227	So	Sq*	Civil Eng	Billings, MT (West)
20	Tyson Pottenger, S	6-2	179	So	1V*	Ex Sci	Couer d'Alene, ID (Couer d'Alene)
21	RETIRED FOR **DON HASS**, TAILBACK, 1965-67						
22	Scottre Humphrey, RB	5-11	207	Fr	HS	Kinesio	Seattle, WA (Rainier Beach)
22	Takhari Carr, CB	6-0	170	Fr	RS	Uni Stu	Compton, CA (Dominguez)
23	Adam Jones, RB	6-1	210	Fr	HS	Civil Eng	Missoula, MT (Sentinel)
23	Aidan Parks, S	6-0	219	So	1V*	Busi Mgt	Chico, CA (Pleasant Valley)
24	~~Lane Sumner, RB~~	5-8	198	Sr	3V*	~~Comm Hea~~	~~Huntley, MT (Huntley Project)~~
24	~~Colter Petre, DB~~	6-1	184	Fr	HS	~~Animal Sci~~	~~Helena, MT (Helena)~~
25	Jacob Trimble, WR	6-0	184	Fr	HS	Mktg	North Richland Hills, TX (Fort Worth Christian)
26	Rylan Ortt, S/N	6-1	207	Jr	2V*	Finance	Missoula, MT (Sentinel)
27	~~Brock Steel, DB~~	6-1	203	Fr	RS	~~Univ Stu~~	~~Sheridan, WY (Sheridan)~~
28	~~Colson Coon, RB~~	5-11	184	Fr	HS	~~Kinesio~~	~~Sheridan, WY (Sheridan)~~
29	~~JJ Dolan, DB~~	6-0	174	Fr	HS	~~Elem Ed~~	~~Missoula, MT (Sentinel)~~
30	Danny Uluilakepa, LB	6-1	220	Jr	2V*	Marketing	Puyallup, WA (Puyallup)
31	Jace Fitzgerald, LB	6-1	221	So	1V*	Finance	Dillon, MT (Beaverhead)
32	Julius Davis, RB	5-10	199	Jr	Tr	Busi	Menomonee Falls, WI (Wisconsin/Men. Falls)
33	Blake Hehl, DT	6-3	273	Sr	2V*+	Fam Fin Plan	Huntington Beach, CA (Tarleton St)
34	~~Cole Taylor, LB~~	6-3	220	Fr	HS	~~Financial Eng~~	~~Great Falls, MT (CM Russell)~~
35	Kade Cutler, DB	6-0	205	Fr	RS^	Crimino	Phillipsburg, MT (Flint Creek)
36	~~Luke Smith, TE~~	6-5	210	Fr	HS	~~Biological Eng~~	~~Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)~~
38	Casey Kautzman, K/P	5-11	198	Fr	RS	Civil Eng	Butte, MT (Butte)
40	Cole Bullock, LB	6-0	214	Jr	JC	Crimino	Chatsworth, CA (Coll. Canyons/Sierra Canyon)
41	Nolan Askelson, LB	6-1	224	Sr	2V*	Applied Mathematics	Billings, MT (Senior)
42	Ryan Krahe, LB	6-1	218	Fr	RS	Univ Stu	Great Falls, MT (Great Falls)
43	McCade O'Reilly, LB	6-0	214	Jr	1V*	Finance	Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)
44	Jake Vigen, DE	6-2	233	Fr	RS	Busi Mgt	Bozeman, MT (Gallatin)
45	Hunter Parsons, DE	6-3	240	So	1V*	Con Eng Te	Sparks, NV (Spanish Springs)
46	~~Logan Fredericksen, DE~~	6-3	229	Fr	RS	~~Nursing~~	~~Rigby, ID (Rigby)~~
47	Eli Aby, LB	6-1	211	So	Sq	Finance	Laurel, MT (Laurel)
48	Max Murphy, FB	6-2	230	Fr	RS	Finance	Billings, MT (West)
49	Zac Waible, LB	6-2	214	Fr	RS	Busi Mgt	Lake Oswego, OR (Lakeridge)
50	Zack Black, DT	6-4	276	So	1V*	Comm Hea	Meridian, ID (Rocky Mountain)
51	Nicholas Korom, DE	6-2	269	Jr	JC	Philo	Bismarck, ND (Central Lakes JC/Century)
52	RETIRED FOR **SONNY HOLLAND**, CENTER, 1956-59						
54	~~Zac Nyland, OL~~	6-4	291	Fr	HS	~~Busi~~	~~Meridian, ID (Owyhee)~~
55	~~JT Reed, OG~~	6-3	277	Jr	1V*	~~Psych~~	~~San Jose, CA (San Mateo/Valley Christian)~~
56	~~Cole Sain, OG~~	6-4	292	Sr	2V*+	~~Fam Fin Plann~~	~~Bellflower, CA (Riverside/Montana/Bosco)~~
57	~~Everett Carr, OL~~	6-4	283	Fr	HS	~~Busi~~	~~Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)~~
58	Aaron Richards, OG	6-4	297	So	1V*	Busi Mgt	Butte, MT (Central Catholic)
59	~~Dominic Solano, DE~~	6-4	240	Fr	HS	~~Biological Sci~~	~~Glendale, AZ (Cactus)~~
60	Tommy Nilson, OT	6-3	282	Fr	RS	Env Eng	Missoula, MT (Hellgate)
62	Bear Old, OL	6-5	288	Fr	RS	Marketing	Tiger, GA (Rabun County)
63	Rush Reimer, OT	6-5	300	Jr	2V*	Finance	Camas, WA (Camas)
64	Burke Mastel, OL	6-4	294	Fr	RS	Busi	Red Lodge, MT (Red Lodge)
65	Justus Perkins, C	6-0	282	Jr	2V*	Busi Mgt	Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)
66	Titan Fleischmann, OT	6-4	296	Fr	RS*	Poli Sci	Pocatello, ID (Century)
68	Omar Aigbedion, OG	6-3	308	So	1V	Marketing	Katy, TX (Army Prep/Katy)
69	~~Jaren Perkins, DT~~	6-0	264	Fr	RS	~~Exercise Sci~~	~~Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)~~
70	Holden Sampson, OG	6-2	278	Jr	1V*	Elem Ed	Helena, MT (Helena)
71	Tommy Sullivan, LS	5-11	219	Jr	2V	Marketing	Everett, WA (Archbishop Murphy)
72	Conner Moore, OT	6-5	306	Fr	RS	Univ Stu	Millbury, OH (Lake)
73	~~Cedric Jefferson, OL~~	6-4	282	Fr	HS	~~Comp Sci~~	~~Temecula, CA (Chaparral)~~
74	Jaden Perkins, OL	6-1	285	Fr	RS	Busi Mgt	Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)
75	Jacob Kettels, OT	6-4	297	So	1V*	Marketing	Lynden, WA (Lynden)
76	Marcus Wehr, OT	6-2	292	Jr	1V*	Busi Mgt	Billings, MT (Central)
77	RETIRED FOR **BILL KOLLAR**, DL, 1970-73						
78	RETIRED FOR **JAN STENERUD**, K, 1964-66						
79	~~Jonathan Luhmann, OL~~	6-3	284	Fr	HS	~~Univ Stu~~	~~Florence, MT (Florence-Carlston)~~
80	Treyton Pickering, TE	6-4	246	Sr	2V*	Con Eng Te	Sunburst, MT (Sunburst)
81	Tayvian Williams, WR	6-1	169	So	1V+	Busi Mgt	Maple Valley, WA (Laney JC/Tahoma)
82	Elijah Reynolds, TE	6-4	233	So	1V*	Con Eng Te	Red Lodge, MT (Red Lodge)
85	Aidan Garrigan, WR	6-3	199	So	1V*	Exercise Sci	Magnolia, TX (Magnolia)
86	Hunter Provience, TE	6-5	231	Fr	HS	Busi	El Cajon, CA (Christian)
87	Ryan Lonergan, TE	6-4	241	Jr	2V*	Psych	Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)
88	Rylan Schlepp, TE	6-4	244	Fr	RS	Ag Busi	Bozeman, MT (Gallatin)
89	~~Ryder Trujillo, DL~~	6-4	249	Fr	HS	~~Busi~~	~~Orange, CA (Los Alamitos)~~
90	~~Hunter Sharbono, DT~~	6-2	235	Fr	HS	~~Pre-Med~~	~~Fairview, MT (Fairview)~~
91	Zac Crews, DE	6-4	228	Fr	HS	Finance	Missoula, MT (Sentinel)
92	Blake Schmidt, DT	6-2	288	Jr	2V*	Ind Eng	San Diego, CA (Monte Vista)
93	Brendan Hall, P/K	6-9	232	Jr	Tr	Mech Eng	Springtown, TX (SMU/Springtown)
94	David Alston, DE	6-4	257	Sr	2V*+	Fam Fi Plan	St. Paul, MN (Nebraska/Woodbury)
95	Sebastian Valdez, DT	6-3	284	Jr	2V	Con Eng Te	Spring Valley, CA (Monte Vista)
96	~~Paul Brott, DT~~	6-3	283	So	1V*	~~Comm Hea~~	~~Billings, MT (West)~~
98	Ben Seymour, DE	6-2	233	Sr	2V*+	Accounting	Valencia, CA (Canyons/Valencia)
99	Talon Marsh, DL	6-1	247	Fr	HS	Busi	~~Helena, MT (Capital)~~

*-player has used redshirt season   +-transfer   ^-Grayshirt

HEAD COACH .... **Brent Vigen** (North Dakota State/'98)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Taylor Housewright (Ashland/'13)
Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Willie Mack Garza (Texas/'93)
Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers	Bobby Daly (Montana State/'08)
Defensive Run Game Coord. /Defensive Line	Shawn Howe (Rocky Mountain/'05)
Pass Game Coord./Receivers/ST Coordinator	Justin Udy (Eastern Ore./'11)
Offensive Line	Al Johnson (Wisconsin/'03)
Running Backs	Sam Mix (MSU Northern/'19)
Tight Ends	Tyler Walker (Miami Ohio/'14)
Cornerbacks	Bryan Shepherd (NDSU/'14)
Defensive Tackles	Nicolas Jean-Baptiste (Baylor/'11)
Offensive Quality Control	Marcus Monaco (UM Western/'18)
Defensive Quality Control	Jake Dusenbury (Kansas State/'19)
Offensive Analyst	Kevin Sheehan (Cal Poly/'22)
Defensive Analyst	Tommy Wilson (MSU Northern/'19)
Director of Football Strength & Conditioning	Sean Herrin (Carroll/'09)
Director of Football Administration	Jerry Anderson (Sacramento State/'18)

Pro-nun-see-ay-shuns

#0 **Javonte King:** *juh-VAWN-tay*
#1 **Marqui Johnson:** *mar-KEE*
#1 **Andrew Powdrell:** *POW-dr'l*
#2 **Clevan Thomas Jr.:** *CLEE-van*
#2 **Dru Polidore:** *drew PAUL-id-ore*
#4 **Tommy Mellott:** *muh-LOT*
#7 **Lonyatta Alexander:** *lawn-YAW-tuh*
#8 **Level Price Jr.:** *luh-VELL*
#9 **Simeon Woodard:** *SIM-ee-awn WOOD-rd*
#10 **Brody Grebe:** *GREE-bee*
#11 **Kenneth Eiden IV:** *EYE-d'n*
#15 **Patrick Duchein:** *doo-SHANE*
#17 **Christian Anaya:** *uh-NI-uh*
#17 **Taki Uluilakepa:** *Tockee oo-loo-ee-law-KEP-uh*
#18 **Garrett Walchli:** *WALL-chlee*
#20 **Tyson Pottenger:** *POT-uhn-jur*
#22 **Scottre Humphrey:** *Scott-tray*
#22 **Takhari Carr:** *tuh-CAR-ee*
#23 **Marqui Johnson:** *like marqee*
#24 **Colter Petre:** *PETE-tree*

#30 **Danny Uluilakepa:** *oo-loo-ee-law-KEP-uh*
#33 **Blake Hehl:** *like Hail*
#38 **Casey Kautzman:** *like 'ou'*
#42 **Ryan Krahe:** *KRAY-uh*
#44 **Jake Vigen:** *VEE-gun*
#47 **Eli Aby:** *rhymes with baby*
#49 **Zac Waible:** *rhymes with able*
#51 **Nicholas Korom:** *CORE-um*
#63 **Rush Reimer:** *RIE-mur*
#64 **Burke Mastel:** *mass-TELL*
#66 **Titan Fleischmann:** *like fly*
#68 **Omar Aigbedion:** *eye-BED-ee-awn*
#75 **Jacob Kettels:** *like kettles*
#76 **Marcus Wehr:** *like we're*
#80 **Treyton Pickering:** *TRAY-t'n*
#87 **Ryan Lonergan:** *LAWN-er-gun*
#90 **Hunter Sharbano:** *SHAWR-buh-no*
#98 **Ben Seymour:** *SEE-more*
#99 **Talon Marsh:** *Talon like gallon*
Brent Vigen: *VEE-gun*
Justin Udy: *YOU-dee*
Nic Jean-Baptiste: *zhawn-bap-TEEST*

BOBCATS HEAD COACH BRENT VIGEN

Brent Vigen College Coaching Resume
Head Coach

Year	All	Conf.	Home	Road	Neu	Grass	Turf	Day	Night
2023	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
2022	12-2	8-0	8-0	4-2	0-0	0-0	12-2	9-1	3-1
2021	12-3	7-1	8-0	4-2	0-1	0-1	12-2	8-3	4-0
3 years	**25-5**	**15-1**	**17-0**	**8-4**	**0-1**	**0-1**	**25-4**	**17-4**	**8-1**

College Assistant Coach

Year	School	Assignment	Record	Conf	Place	Post-Season
2020	Wyoming	Assoc. HC/OC/QBs	2-4	2-4	5th	
2019	Wyoming	Assoc. HC/OC/QBs	8-5	4-4	4th Mtn Div	Arizona Bowl
2018	Wyoming	Assoc. HC/OC/QBs	6-6	4-4	3rd Mtn Div	
2017	Wyoming	Offensive Coord/QBs	8-5	5-3	2nd Mtn Div	Potato Bowl
2016	Wyoming	Offensive Coord/QBs	8-6	6-2	T1st Mtn Div	Poinsettia Bowl
2015	Wyoming	Offensive Coord/QBs	2-10	2-6	6th Mtn Div	
2014	Wyoming	Offensive Coord/QBs	4-8	2-6	5th Mtn Div	
2013	North Dakota St	Offensive Coord/QBs	15-0	8-0	1st	FCS National Champs
2012	North Dakota St	Offensive Coord/QBs	14-1	7-1	1st	FCS National Champs
2011	North Dakota St	Offensive Coord/QBs	14-1	7-1	1st	FCS National Champs
2010	North Dakota St	Offensive Coord/QBs	9-5	4-4	T3rd	FCS Quarterfinals
2009	North Dakota St	Offensive Coord/QBs	3-8	2-6	7th	
2008	North Dakota St	Pass Game Coord/QBs	6-5	4-4	T4th	
2007	North Dakota St	Pass Game Coord/QBs	10-1	3-1	2nd	
2006	North Dakota St	Pass Game Coord/QBs	10-1	4-0	1st	
2005	North Dakota St	Pass Game Coord/QBs	7-4	3-2	T3rd	
2004	North Dakota St	Quarterbacks	8-3	2-3	T3rd	
2003	North Dakota St	Running Backs	8-3	5-2	T2nd	
2002	North Dakota St	Quarterbacks	2-8	1-7	9th	
2001	North Dakota St	Tight Ends	7-3	5-3	3rd	
2000	North Dakota St	Grad Assistant	12-2	8-1	2nd	DII Semifinals
1999	North Dakota St	Grad Assistant	9-2	7-2	3rd	
1998	North Dakota St	Grad Assistant	7-4	6-3	4th	

The Bobcats Under Brent Vigen

All-Time	**25-5**
Home	17-0
Away	8-3
Neutral	0-2
Post-Season	**5-2**
vs. Ranked DI Opps	**10-2**
Home	6-0
Away	4-2
vs. Top 10 Teams	**5-2**
Home	3-0
Away	2-2
Neutral	0-1
vs. Unranked FCS Teams	**15-0**
Home	11-0
Away	4-0
vs. Non-Division I Opponents	**0-0**
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
vs. FBS Opponents	**0-2**
Home	0-0
Away	0-2
August	0-0
September	8-2
October	8-0
November	5-1
December	4-1
January	0-1
When Scoring less than 10	0-0
When Scoring 10-19 pts	1-3
When Scoring 20-29 pts	4-1
When Scoring 30 or more pts	20-0
When Opp scores less than 10	9-0
When Opp scores 10-19 pts	6-1
When Opp scores 20-29 pts	6-1
When Opp scores 30-more pts	4-2
When MSU's Defense scores	2-0
When MSU ret. KO/Punt/PAT for Score	0-0*

*-includes safeties on snaps/blocks, fumble return for TD, def. conv.
^-Includes loss at #24 FBS Washington State

Vigen vs. Big Sky Coaches

	All	Hm	Rd
Beau Baldwin, CP	1-0	1-0	0-0
Chris Ball, NAU	1-0	0-0	1-0
Bruce Barnum, PSU	1-0	0-0	1-0
Aaron Best, EWU	2-0	1-0	1-0
Bobby Hauck, UM	1-1	1-0	0-1
Dan Hawkins, UCD	1-0	1-0	0-0
Jay Hill, WSU	3-0	2-0	1-0
Ed McCaffrey, NC	2-0	1-0	1-0
Rob Phenicie, ISU	1-0	1-0	0-0
Paul Petrino, UI	1-0	1-0	0-0
Charlie Ragle, ISU	1-0	1-0	0-0
Troy Taylor, SAC	0-0	0-0	0-0
Demario Warren, SUU	0-0	0-0	0-0

Vigen vs. Big Sky Schools

Cal Poly	1-0	0-0	0-0
E. Wash.	2-0	0-0	2-0
Idaho	1-0	1-0	0-0
Idaho St.	2-0	2-0	0-0
Montana	1-1	1-0	0-1
NAU	1-0	0-0	1-0
Northern Colorado	2-0	1-0	1-0
Portland St.	1-0	0-0	1-0
Sac State	0-0	0-0	0-0
UC Davis	1-0	1-0	0-0
Weber St.	3-0	2-0	1-0

Brent Vigen vs. All Opponents

at Montana State	W-L	Home	Road
Cal Poly	2-0	1-0	1-0
Drake	1-0	1-0	0-0
Eastern Washington	2-0	0-0	2-0
Idaho	1-0	1-0	0-0
Idaho State	2-0	2-0	0-0
McNeese	1-0	1-0	0-0
Montana	1-1	1-0	0-1
Morehead State	1-0	1-0	0-0
North Dakota State	0-1	0-0	0-0/0-1
Northern Arizona	1-0	0-0	1-0
Northern Colorado	2-0	1-0	1-0
Oregon State	0-1	0-0	0-0/0-1
Portland State	1-0	0-0	1-0
Sam Houston	1-0	0-0	1-0
San Diego	1-0	1-0	0-0
Stetson	0-0	0-0	0-0
South Dakota State	1-1	1-0	0-1
Utah Tech	1-0	1-0	0-0
UC Davis	1-0	1-0	0-0
UT Martin	1-0	1-0	0-0
Weber State	3-0	2-0	1-0
William & Mary	1-0	1-0	0-0
Wyoming	0-1	0-0	0-1
Total (3 years)	*24-5*	*15-0*	*9-4/0-2*

*-Play at hosted neutral site in Portland

Bobcat Assistant Coaches

Taylor Housewright
Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
Game Day Assignment: Press Box

2021-present: MSU, Off. Coordinator/QBs
2020: Oregon, Offensive Analyst
2019: Mississippi State, Off. Quality Control
2018: Wyoming, Offensive GA (RBs/TEs)
2016-17: Ashland, WRs (2016)/DBs (2017)
2015: Wittenberg, WRs
2013-14: Miami (Ohio), GA (QBs '13, DBs '14)

Birth Date: May 30, 1989
Hometown: Ashland, OH
Education: Ashland '13
Player: Ashland four-year letterman, three-year starting QB... 1st Team AFCA All-America and GLIAC Player of the Year, 2012
Family: Wife Geri

Willie Mack Garza
Defensive Coordinator/ Defensive Backs
Game Day Assignment: Field

2022-present: MSU, Def. Coord./DBs
2020-21: McNeese, Safeties
2019: Wyoming, Safeties
2019 (Spring): Texas A&M Commerce, DBs
2017-18: Dixie State, Def. Backs (DC '18)
2016: Lamar, Cornerbacks
2015: Prairie View A&M, LBs/Special Teams
2013-14: Pearl River CC (Mississippi), DC/DBs
2010: USC, Defensive Secondary
2009: Tennessee, Defensive Secondary
2005-08: North Dakota St, DBs (DC 2006-08)
2004: Tarleton State, Defensive Secondary
2001-03: TCU, Cornerbacks
1997-2000: Western Michigan, Def. Backs
1994-96: Texas, Graduate Assistant

Hometown: Refugio, Texas
Education: BA Texas 1993
Player: Texas, 1988-92

Justin Udy
Pass Game Coordinator/WRs/ Special Teams Coordinator
Game Day Assignment: Field

2020-present: MSU, Receivers
2019: Texas Tech, Offensive QC/QBs
2018: Utah State, Def. Admin. Asst/LBs
2015-17: SD Mines, AHC/OC/WRs/RC
2012-14: Eastern Oregon, AHC/ST/WRs

Born: December 21, 1988
Hometown: Genesee, Idaho
Education: BA Marketing/Management, Eastern Oregon, 2011; MBA Eastern Oregon, 2013
Player: Eastern Oregon 2008-11
Family: Wife Shannon

Bobby Daly
Linebackers/ Assistant Head Coach
Game Day Assignment: Field

2019-present: MSU, LBs/Assistant HC
2017-18: Idaho, Linebackers
2015-16: Idaho, Football Operations
2013-14: Idaho, Graduate Assistant

Birth Date: May 18, 1986
Hometown: Helena, MT
Education: BA, Business, MSU, 2009
Player: Two-time All-America (1st Team 2007, HM 2008)... 1st Team All-Big Sky 2007, 2nd Team 2008... 382 career tackles, fourth in MSU history
Family: Wife Jasmine

Shawn Howe
Defensive Line/Run Game Coord.
Game Day Assignment: Field

2021-present: MSU, Defensive Line
2019-20: USC, Defensive Analyst
2018: Coastal Carolina, Defensive Line
2015-17: Dixie State, AHC/Defensive Coord.
2013-14: Humboldt State, Defensive Line
2011-12: USC, Def. Admin. Asst. (2011), Grad Asst./DL (2012)
2010: Tennessee, Assistant Strength & Cond.
2007-09: Memphis, GA (Def. 2007-08, TE '09)
2006: NC State, Volunteer Asstistant/DL
2004-05: Rocky Mountain, OLBs

Birth Date: December 13, 1981
Hometown: Dallas, OR
Education: BA, Physical Education/Health, Rocky Mountain, 2004
Player: Defensive end and linebacker, College of Redwoods, 2000-01; defensive end, Rocky Mountain, 2002-03

Al Johnson
Offensive Line
Game Day Assignment: Field

2023-present: Montana State, Offensive Line
2022: Wisconsin, Running Backs
2018-21: East Central (Okla.), Head Coach
2016-17: Wisconsin, Offensive Assistant
2014-15: St. Norbert, Off. Coord./O- Line
2013: Southern Door HS, Offensive Line

Birth Date: 1-27-79
Hometown: Brussels, WI
Education: ex, Wisconsin, 2003; BA, Southern New Hampshire, 2014
Player: Wisconsin 1999-2002; Dallas 2003-06, Arizona 2007-08, Miami 2008, 2009 New England
Family: Wife Brandy, son Cyrus, daughters Skylar, Makayla, Chloe

Sam Mix
Running Backs
Game Day Assignment: Field

2023: Montana State, Running Backs
2021-22: MSU, Recruiting/Ops, Off. Analyst
2019-21: MSU Northern, Receivers/Special Teams Coordinator

Birth Date: January 4, 1996
Hometown: Sammamish, WA
Education: BA, Business, MSU Northern, 2019
Player: WR at MSU Northern, 2015-18

Tyler Walker
Tight Ends
Game Day Assignment: Field

2022-present: Montana State, Tight Ends
2021: Montana State, Director of Recruiting
2020: Muskingum, Defensive Coordinator
2018-19: Muskingum, Special Teams/DBs
2017: Grand Rapids Catholic Central HS, WR
2016: Davenport, Receivers
2015: Miami (Ohio), GA/Defensive Line
2014: Miami (Ohio), GA/Receivers
2010-13: Hamilton (Ohio) HS, Offensive Asst

Birth Date: April 10, 1989
Hometown: Hamilton, Ohio
Education: BA Special Education, Miami (Ohio), 2014
Player: Bethel (Tennessee) University
Family: Wife Aimee

Bryan Shepherd
Cornerbacks
Game Day Assignment: Press Box

2022-present: MSU, Def. Backs Asst.
2018-21: Syracuse, Quality Control
2016-17: North Dakota State, Def. Asst./CBs

Birth Date: March 2, 1992
Hometown: Olathe, Kansas
Education: BA Univ Studies NDSU 2015
Player: NDSU 2011-13, Omaha 2009-10; Washington (NFL) 2014, Montreal (CFL) 2015

Nicolas Jean-Baptiste
Defensive Tackles
Game Day Assignment: Press Box

2022-present: MSU, Def. Line Asst.
2020-21: Cleveland (Texas) HS, Def. Line
2018-19: Navarro JC, Defensive Line
2017: South Dakota Mines, Defensive Line
2016: Baylor, Graduate Assistant
2015: South Dakota Mines, Defensive Line

Birth Date: March 8, 1989
Hometown: Stafford, Texas
Education: BA Education Baylor 2011
Player: Baylor (2007-11)
Family: Fiance Niecie, daughter Cynthia

Bobcat Coaching Notebook

● Brent Vigen's 24 wins is already 11th in Bobcat history. His 29 games coached is 16th. His .828 winning percentage is easily the best in school history.

● Brent Vigen opened his first season as a head coach (at any level) against Wyoming in 2021, where he worked from 2014-20, and closed it against his alma mater, North Dakota State, where he began his coaching career in 1998.

● Brent Vigen is one of three Bobcat coaches in the Gold Rush era of home openers (since 2007). Rob Ash won all nine of his Gold Rush Games, Jeff Choate was 3-1, and Vigen is 3-0. It's worth noting that seven of Ash's nine Gold Rush wins came against Division II opponents, although the most recent game the Cats have played against a non-DI program came in Jeff Choate's second home game in 2016. Choate's only Gold Rush loss, and one of the wins, came against ranked FCS foes.

● Brent Vigen joins Mike Kramer (2005) and Sonny Holland (1976) as MSU's only coaches with perfect home seasons in Sales/Bobcat Stadium. Vigen is 16-0 at home, the best start to any Bobcat coaching career (Herb Agocs, 1958-59, and Fred Bennion, 1914-15, each started 8-0). His 12 wins in 2021 was third-most in Big Sky history for a first-year head coach, second-most for a first-year coach without previous head coaching experience, and the most ever by a Bobcat coach.

● Three coaches left MSU to become head coaches elsewhere: Jim Sweeney after 1967 (Washington State), Ott Romney after 1927 (BYU), and Walter Powell after 1919 (Stanford). Five other left to become assistants: Jeff Choate went to Texas before the 2021 season, Doug Graber went to the Chiefs after 1982, Wally Lemm moved on to the Cardinals after 1955, Clyde Carpenter went to Tennessee before returning to Montana as a high school coach, and DV Graves left after 1921 to become baseball and assistant football coach at Washington.

● The first North Dakota State graduate to lead the Cats, Brent Vigen joins Earle Solomonson as former Bison coaches to assume the head coach role at MSU. Solomonson won 15 games from 1987-91 after three seasons as NDSU's coach, including an NCAA Division II title.

● In 1914 Montana State hired Fred Bennion as head coach after he'd attained success at Utah and BYU. , and by all accounts was drawn to Bozeman by the opportunity to study and work in agriculture while coaching. Since then, only Schubert Dyche (1928-35, 1938-41), Jack Croft (1936-37), Tom Parac (1968-70), Cliff Hysell (1992-99), and Brent Vigen (2021-) led MSU without prior head coaching experience.

● Montana State's current coaching family tree primarily traces back to North Dakota State and Craig Bohl. Brent Vigen and assistant Bryan Shepherd both played at NDSU, while Taylor Housewright (Wyoming) and Willie Mack Garza (North Dakota State, Wyoming) previously worked with Bohl and Vigen.

● MSU coaches vs. former employers:

Brent Vigen	Wyoming	2021	16-19
	North Dakota St	2021	10-38
Rob Ash	Drake	2012	34-24
		2010	48-21
Mike Kramer	Eastern Wash.	2006	10-19
		2005	14-35
		2004	44-51
		2003	25-34
		2002	25-14
		2001	48-38
		2000	14-20
Mike Kramer	Idaho*	2000	7-56
Clyde Carpenter	Montana**	1949	12-34
		1948	0-14
		1947	13-12
		1946	7-20
Jack Croft	Utah State**	1937	6-6
		1936	0-12
Schubert Dyche	Utah*	1938	0-34
		1935	0-37
		1933	0-61

*-Also played at school   **-Played & coached at school

● MSU coaches win leaders at home:

Brent Vigen	17-0	2021-present
Rob Ash	43-15	2007-15
Sonny Holland	26-7-1	1971-77
Mike Kramer	26-17	2000-06
Jeff Choate	19-8	2016-19
Schubert Dyche	19-9-4	1928-35, 1938-41
Jim Sweeney	17-4	1963-67
Herb Agocs	17-3-1	1958-62
Tony Storti	17-4	1952-54, 1956-57
Ott Romney	16-7	1922-27

Firsts by Bobcat Coaches

	First Game	First Home Game	First Win	First League Title
Brent Vigen	16-19, at Wyoming	45-7, Drake	45-7, Drake	2nd year
Jeff Choate	17-20, at Idaho	27-24, Bryant	27-24, Bryant	none
Rob Ash	7-38, at Texas A&M	61-7, Dixie State	61-7, Dixie State	4th year
Mike Kramer	14-23, Humboldt St	14-23, Humboldt St	32-17, at Weber (2001)	3rd year
Cliff Hysell	7-10, at Sac State	13-10, SFA	13-10, SFA	none
E. Solomonson	15-51, at Long Beach	52-48, Sam Houston	52-48, Sam Houston	none
Dave Arnold	7-27, at Wash. St.	0-23, Idaho	28-8, Montana	2nd year
Doug Graber	12-30, at Utah	27-28, North Dakota	24-20, Eastern Wash.	1st year
Sonny Lubick	21-13, at North Dakota	28-18, NDSU	21-13, at North Dakota	2nd year
Sonny Holland	15-17, UND at Billings	37-28, Fresno State	37-28, Fresno State	2nd year
Tom Parac	17-14, Idaho at GF	31-14, Idaho State	31-14, Idaho State	1st year
Jim Sweeney	6-9, SDSU at GF	29-7, Fresno St	29-7, Fresno State	2nd year
Herb Agocs	15-8, at North Dakota	23-6, South Dak St	15-8, at North Dakota	NA
Tony Storti	16-6, Eastern Wash.	16-6, Eastern Wash.	16-6, Eastern Wash.	2nd year
Wally Lemm	7-6, Lewis and Clark	7-6, Lewis and Clark	7-6, Lewis Clark	none
John Mason	13-61, at Wyoming	13-26, Western State	18-7, at UNC	none
Clyde Carpenter	13-12, BYU	13-12, BYU	13-12, BYU	none

Best Records by 1st-Year Big Sky Coaches

14-1 Mick Dennehy, UM, 1996
13-2 Joe Glenn, UM, 2000
12-3 Brent Vigen, MSU, 2021
9-3 John L. Smith, UI, 1989
9-4 Dennis Erickson, UI, 1982
9-4 Troy Taylor, Sac, 2019
9-4 Bobby Hauck, UM, 2003
9-3 Bruce Barnum, PSU, 2015
8-1 Sark Arslanian, WSU, 1965
8-2 Sonny Lubick, MSU, 1978

Best League Records by 1st-Year BSC Coaches

8-0 John L. Smith, UI, 1989
8-0 Mick Dennehy, UM, 1996
8-0 Joe Glenn, UM, 2000
7-1 Brent Vigen, MSU, 2021
7-1 Troy Taylor, Sac, 2019
4-1 Bob Griffin, ISU, 1972
3-1 Tom Parac, MSU, 1968
3-1 Sark Arslanian, WSU, 1965

Best Overall Records After 30 Games by Big Sky Coaches

27-3 Joe Glenn, UM, 2000-01
25-5 Brent Vigen, MSU, 2021-22
24-6 Mick Dennehy, UM, 1996-97
23-7 Troy Taylor, SAC, 2019-21
22-8 Bobby Hauck, UM, 2003-05
22-8 Tony Knap, BSU, 1970-72
22-8 Keith Gilbertson, UI, 1987-88
21-9 John L. Smith, UI, 1991-93
21-9 Don Read, UM, 1986-88
20-9-1 Jim Criner, BSU, 1975-78

Best League Records After 16 BSC Games

16-0 Joe Glenn, UM, 2000-01
15-1 Brent Vigen, MSU, 2021-22
15-1 Troy Taylor, SAC, 2019, 2021
14-2 Mick Dennehy, UM, 1996-98
14-2 John L. Smith, UI, 1991-93
13-3 Aaron Best, EWU
13-3 Bobby Hauck, UM, 2003-04
12-4 Keith Gilbertson, UI, 1987-88
12-4 Jim Sweeney, MSU, 1963-66
11-5 Beau Baldwin, EWU

MSU Career Wins

70 Rob Ash, 2007-15
47 Sonny Holland, 1971-77
41 Cliff Hysell, 1992-99
40 Mike Kramer, 2000-06
36 Schubert Dyche, 1928-35, 1938-41
31 Tony Storti, 1952-54, 1956-57
31 Jim Sweeney, 1963-67
30 Herb Agocs, 1958-62
28 Jeff Choate, 2016-19
28 Ott Romney, 1922-27
25 Brent Vigen, 2021-
21 Sonny Lubick, 1978-81

MSU Career Home Wins

43 Rob Ash, 2007-15
30 Cliff Hysell, 1992-99
26 Sonny Holland, 1971-77
26 Mike Kramer, 2000-06
19 Jeff Choate, 2016-19
19 Schubert Dyche, 1928-35, 1938-41
17 Brent Vigen, 2021-
17 Jim Sweeney, 1963-67
17 Herb Agocs, 1958-62
17 Tony Storti, 1952-54, 1956-57

MSU Coaches by Wins After First Season

12 Brent Vigen, 2021
8 Herb Agocs, 1958
8 Sonny Lubick, 1978
6 Rob Ash, 2007
6 Doug Graber, 1982
6 Tom Parac, 1968
6 Jim Sweeney, 1963

MSU Coaches by Wins After First Two Seasons

21 Brent Vigen, 2021-22
14 Herb Agocs, 1958-59
14 Sonny Lubick, 1978-79
13 Rob Ash, 2007-08
13 Dave Arnold, 1983-84

MSU vs. Coaches Leading Two Different Programs

Beau Baldwin	Cal Poly	Eastern Wash
Tim Walsh	Cal Poly	Port St
Dan Hawkins	UC Davis	Colorado
Mike Kramer	Eastern Wash	Idaho St
Joe Glenn	Montana	Wyoming
Craig Bohl	NDSU	Wyoming
Mike Price	Wash St	Weber St
John L. Smith	Idaho	Ft Lewis
Bob Griffin	Idaho State	Rhode Island
Paul Wulff	Eastern Wash	Wash. St.

MSU vs. Coaches Leading Three Different Programs

Paul Wulff	EWU	Wash. St.	Cal Poly

MSU Coaches After 1 Season By Win Percentage

.889 Herb Agocs, 1958
.833 Brent Vigen, 2021 .
.833 Fred Bennion, 1914
.800 Sonny Lubick, 1978
.667 Tubby Graves, 1920
.600 Tom Parac, 1968
.833 Brent Vigen, 2021
(min. 5 games played) .

Team Statistics

	MSU	OPP
Scoring	**63**	**20**
Points per game	63.0	20.0
Points Off Turnovers	14	0
First Downs	**29**	**16**
Rushing	18	4
Passing	11	11
Penalty	0	1
Rushing Yardage	**402**	**49**
Yards gained rushing	416	64
Yards lost rushing	14	15
Rushing attempts	53	15
Average per rush	7.6	3.3
Average per game	402.0	49.0
TDs Rushing	7	0
Passing Yardage	**231**	**260**
Comp-Att-Int	12-18-0	21-41-3
Average per pass	12.8	6.3
Average per catch	19.3	12.4
Average per game	231.0	260.0
TDs Passing	2	2
Total offense	**633**	**309**
Total plays	71	56
Average per play	8.9	5.5
Average per game	633.0	309.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	**1-14**	**0-0**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**1-3**	**0-0**
Int returns: #-Yards	**3-31**	**0-0**
Kick return average	**14.0**	**0.0**
Punt return average	**3.0**	**0.0**
Int return average	**10.3**	**0.0**
Fumbles-Lost	**0-0**	**0-0**
Penalties-Yards	**3-35**	**7-32**
Average per game	35.0	32.0
Punts-Yards	**1-48**	**4-152**
Average per punt	48.0	38.0
Net punt average	28.0	37.3
Kickoffs-Yards	**10-650**	**5-292**
Average per kick	65.0	58.4
Net kick average	40.0	40.6
Time of possession / game	**35:22**	**24:38**
3rd-down conversion	**9/12**	**4/11**
3rd-down pct	75%	36%
4rd-down conversion	**1/2**	**0/0**
4rd-down pct	50%	0%
Sacks by-Yards	**2-15**	**0-0**
Misc Yards	**0**	**0**
Touchdowns scored	**9**	**2**
Field goals - attempts	**0-0**	**2-2**
On-Side kicks	**0-0**	**0-0**
Red-zone scores	**(6-7) 86%**	**(3-3) 100%**
Red-zone touchdowns	**(6-7) 86%**	**(2-3) 67%**
PAT-attempts	**(9-9) 100%**	**(2-2) 100%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-0) 0%**	**(0-0) 0%**
Attendance	**21967**	**0**
Games / Avg per game	1/21967	0/0
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Montana St.	14	21	7	21	0	63
Opponents	3	7	0	10	0	20

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Scottre Humphrey	1	14	114	0	114	8.1	3	47	114.0
Jared White	1	4	84	0	84	21.0	1	79	84.0
Tommy Mellott	1	7	79	0	79	11.3	0	17	79.0
Elijah Elliott	1	8	53	2	51	6.4	0	20	51.0
Julius Davis	1	7	34	9	25	3.6	1	10	25.0
Sean Chambers	1	7	21	0	21	3.0	2	9	21.0
Jordan Reed	1	1	20	0	20	20.0	0	20	20.0
Lane Sumner	1	3	11	3	8	2.7	0	10	8.0
Team	1	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	53	416	14	402	7.6	7	79	402.0
Opponents	1	15	64	15	49	3.3	0	16	49.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Tommy Mellott	1	174.9	8-14-0	57.1	157	1	47	157.0
Sean Chambers	1	322.6	2-2-0	100.0	53	0	45	53.0
Jordan Reed	1	353.2	2-2-0	100.0	21	1	12	21.0
Total	1	211.1	12-18-0	66.7	231	2	47	231.0
Opponents	1	106.0	21-41-3	51.2	260	2	62	260.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Clevan Thomas Jr.	1	5	59	11.8	0	22	59.0
Rylan Schlepp	1	2	21	10.5	1	12	21.0
Julius Davis	1	1	19	19.0	0	19	19.0
Ryan Lonergan	1	1	45	45.0	0	45	45.0
Treyton Pickering	1	1	25	25.0	0	25	25.0
Aidan Garrigan	1	1	15	15.0	0	15	15.0
Jared White	1	1	47	47.0	1	47	47.0
Total	1	12	231	19.3	2	47	231.0
Opponents	1	21	260	12.4	2	62	260.0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Derryk Snell	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total	1	3	3.0	0	3
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
David Alston	1	0	0.0	0	0
Caden Dowler	1	16	16.0	0	16
Takhari Carr	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total	3	31	10.3	0	16
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Marqui Johnson	1	14	14.0	0	14
Total	1	14	14.0	0	14
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
			PAT						
Scottre Humphrey	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Sean Chambers	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jared White	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Brendan Hall	-	-	9-9	-	-	-	-	-	9
Julius Davis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Rylan Schlepp	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**9**	**0-0**	**9-9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**63**
Opponents	**2**	**2-2**	**2-2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20**

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Opponents	2-2	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	48	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Montana St.	Opponents
Utah Tech		(32),(48)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Tommy Mellott	1	21	79	157	236	236.0
Scottre Humphrey	1	14	114	0	114	114.0
Jared White	1	4	84	0	84	84.0
Sean Chambers	1	9	21	53	74	74.0
Elijah Elliott	1	8	51	0	51	51.0
Jordan Reed	1	3	20	21	41	41.0
Julius Davis	1	7	25	0	25	25.0
Lane Sumner	1	3	8	0	8	8.0
Team	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**1**	**71**	**402**	**231**	**633**	**633.0**
Opponents	**1**	**56**	**49**	**260**	**309**	**309.0**

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Brendan Hall	1	48	48.0	48	1	0	0	0	0
Total	**1**	**48**	**48.0**	**48**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**4**	**152**	**38.0**	**47**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Brendan Hall	10	650	65.0	10	0			
Total	**10**	**650**	**65.0**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**40**	**25**
Opponents	**5**	**292**	**58.4**	**3**	**0**	**1**	**40.6**	**24**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jared White	1	84	47	0	0	0	131	131.0
Scottre Humphrey	1	114	0	0	0	0	114	114.0
Tommy Mellott	1	79	0	0	0	0	79	79.0
Clevan Thomas Jr.	1	0	59	0	0	0	59	59.0
Elijah Elliott	1	51	0	0	0	0	51	51.0
Ryan Lonergan	1	0	45	0	0	0	45	45.0
Julius Davis	1	25	19	0	0	0	44	44.0
Treyton Pickering	1	0	25	0	0	0	25	25.0
Sean Chambers	1	21	0	0	0	0	21	21.0
Rylan Schlepp	1	0	21	0	0	0	21	21.0
Jordan Reed	1	20	0	0	0	0	20	20.0
Caden Dowler	1	0	0	0	0	16	16	16.0
Aidan Garrigan	1	0	15	0	0	0	15	15.0
Takhari Carr	1	0	0	0	0	15	15	15.0
Marqui Johnson	1	0	0	0	14	0	14	14.0
Lane Sumner	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
Derryk Snell	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	3.0
Total	**1**	**402**	**231**	**3**	**14**	**31**	**681**	**681.0**
Opponents	**1**	**49**	**260**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**309**	**309.0**

Individual Game-by-Game Offensive Totals

RUSHING	UT	SDSU	SU	WSU	PSU	CP	SAC	UI	NAU	EWU	UM
Lane Sumner	3-8-0										
Julius Davis	7-25-1										
Tommy Mellott	7-79-0										
Sean Chambers	7-21-2										
Scottre Humphrey	14-114-2										
Jared White	4-84-1										
Elijah Elliott	8-51-0										
Jordan Reed	1-20-0										

RECEIVING	UT	SDSU	SU	WSU	PSU	CP	SAC	UI	NAU	EWU	UM
Clevan Thomas Jr.	5-55-0										
Ty McCullouch	DNP										
Lonyatta Alexander Jr	DNP										
Treyton Pickering	1-25-0										
Derryk Snell	0-0-0										
Christian Anaya	0-0-0										
Aidan Garrigan	1-15-0										
Ryan Lonergan	1-45-0										
Rylan Schlepp	2-21-1										
Jared White	1-47-1										
Julius Davis	1-19-0										

TOMMY MELLOTT	Com-Att-Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked
Utah Tech	8-14-0	.571	157	1	47	0
South Dakota State						
Stetson						
Weber State						
Portland State						
Cal Poly						
Sacramento State						
Idaho						
Northern Arizona						
Eastern Washington						
Montana						

SEAN CHAMBERS	Comp-Att-Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked
Utah Tech	2-2-0	1.000	53	0	45	0
South Dakota State						
Stetson						
Weber State						
Portland State						
Cal Poly						
Sacramento State						
Idaho						
Northern Arizona						
Eastern Washington						
Montana						

JORDAN REED	Com-Att-Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked
Utah Tech	2-2-0	1.000	21	1	12	0
South Dakota State						
Stetson						
Weber State						
Portland State						
Cal Poly						
Sacramento State						
Idaho						
Northern Arizona						
Eastern Washington						
Montana						

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
8	Level Price Jr.	1	7	.	7	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	McCade O'Reilly	1	4	.	4	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
30	Danny Uliulakepa	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Kenneth Eiden IV	1	1	1	2	1-8	1-8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
19	Neil Daily	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	David Alston	1	1	1	2	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Nolan Askelson	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Ben Seymour	1	1	1	2	1-7	1-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2	Dru Polidore	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
18	Kendric Bailey	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Blake Stillwell	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Caden Dowler	1	.	1	1	.	.	1-16	1	.	.	.	.	.
12	Devin Davis	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Rylan Ortt	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
22	Takhari Carr	1	1	.	1	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Eli Aby	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Miles Jackson	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Hunter Parsons	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Jon Johnson	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Simeon Woodard	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Brody Grebe	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
33	Blake Hehl	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
	Totals	1	29	10	39	3-16	2-15	3-16	4	5	0-0	0	0	0
	Opponents	1	39	26	65	4-14	0-0	0-0	0	2	0-0	0	0	0

Defensive Individual Game-by-Game Stats

DEFENSIVE FRONT

	GREBE	VALDEZ	SEYMOUR	SCHMIDT	ALSTON	EIDEN IV	BROTT	PARSONS
	U-A,Other	U-A,Other	U-A, Other	U-A, Other	U-A,Other	U-A,Other	U-A, Other	U-A, Other
UTU	0-0, 1 H	0-0	1-1, 1 TL&S, 1 PB	0-0	1-1, 1 Int	1-1, 1 TL&S	DNP	1-0
SDSU								
SU								
WSU								
PSU								
CP								
SAC								
UI								
NAU								
EWU								
UM								

LINEBACKER/NICKEL

	ULUILAKEPA	ASKELSON	M. O'REILLY	DAILY	ABY	DOWLER	PRICE JR	BAILEY
	U-A,Other	U-A,Other	U-A,Other	U-A,Other	U-A,Other	U-A, Other	U-A, Other	U-A, Other
UTU	2-2	2-0	4-0, 2 PB	1-1	1-0	0-1, 1 Int, 1 PB	7-0, 1 TL	1-1
SDSU								
SU								
WSU								
PSU								
CP								
SAC								
UI								
NAU								
EWU								
UM								

DEFENSIVE SECONDARY

	POLIDORE	ORTT	STILLWELL	WOODARD	JACKSON	DAVIS	CARR	
	U-A,Other	U-A,Other	U-A,Other	U-A, Other	U-A,Other	U-A, Other	U-A, Other	U-A,Other
UTU	2-0, 1 H	1-0, 1 H	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	
SDSU								
SU								
WSU								
PSU								
CP								
SAC								
UI								
NAU								
EWU								
UM								

Game-by-Game Defensive Leaders

Opponent	Tackles	Tackles for Loss	Sacks	Interceptions	Fumbles Rec'd	Fumbles Forced
Utah Tech	Level Price Jr-1	1-Price/Seymour/Eiden	1-Seymour/Eiden	1-Alston/Carr/Dowler	none	none
South Dakota State						
Stetson						
Weber State						
Portland State						
Cal Poly						
Sacramento State						
Idaho						
Northern Arizona						
Eastern Washington						
Montana						

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
09/02/2023	Utah Tech	53	402	6	79	12	231	2	47	12-18-0	231	2	47	1	14	0	14	1	3	0	3	633
	Montana St.	53	402	6	79	12	231	2	47	12-18-0	231	2	47	1	14	0	14	1	3	0	3	633
	Opponents	15	49	0	16	21	260	2	62	21-41-3	260	2	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	309

Montana St. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	7.6	19.3	211.1	14.0	3.8	666.0	639.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/02/2023	Utah Tech	29	10	39	3.0-16	2-15	0	0-0	3-16	5	4	0	9-9	0	0	0	14	63
	Montana St.	29	10	39	3.0-16	2-15	0	0-0	3-16	5	4	0	9-9	0	0	0	14	63
	Opponents	39	26	65	4.0-14	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20

Date	Opponent	Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/02/2023	Utah Tech	1	48	48.0	48	0	1	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	10	650	65.0	10	0
	Montana St.	1	48	48.0	48	0	1	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	10	650	65.0	10	0
	Opponents	4	152	38.0	47	0	0	2	0	1	2-2	48	0	5	292	58.4	3	0

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
09/02/2023	Utah Tech	W	63-20	9-12	75.0	1-3	33.3	3-4	75.0	4-4	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
	Montana St.			9-12	75.0	1-3	33.3	3-4	75.0	4-4	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
	Opponents			4-11	36.4	0-2	0.0	1-2	50.0	2-4	50.0	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
09/02/2023	Utah Tech	W	63-20	1-2	50.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
	Montana St.			1-2	50.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
	Opponents			0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/02/2023	Utah Tech	W	63-20	35:22	10:18	08:10	06:30	10:24	00:00
	Montana St.		Total	35:22	10:18	08:10	06:30	10:24	00:00
			Avg.	35:22	10:18	08:10	06:30	10:24	00:00
	Opponents		Total	24:38	03:46	07:46	06:52	06:14	00:00
			Avg.	24:38	03:46	07:46	06:52	06:14	00:00

		First Downs				Rushing	Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn-
Opponent	Score	Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-Att.-Int	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
Utah Tech	63-20	29 / 16	18 / 4	11 / 11	0 / 1	53-402 / 15-49	12-18-0 / 21-41-3	231 / 260	71-633 / 56-309	48 / 0	0 / 3
Totals	63-20	29 / 16	18 / 4	11 / 11	0 / 1	53-402 / 15-49	12-18-0 / 21-41-3	231 / 260	71-633 / 56-309	48 / 0	0 / 3

	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of	TOP	Avg	Avg	Avg	Punting	Penalties	
Opponents	Conversion	Conversion	Possession	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass	Yds/Play	Number-Avg	Number-Yards	Sacks
Utah Tech	9-12 / 4-11	1-2 / 0-0	35:22 / 24:38	10:44	7.6 / 3.3	12.8 / 6.3	8.9 / 5.5	1-48.0 / 4-38.0	3-35.0 / 7-32.0	2 / 0
Totals	9-12 / 4-11	1-2 / 0-0	35:22 / 24:38	10:44	7.6 / 3.3	12.8 / 6.3	8.9 / 5.5	1-48.0 / 4-38.0	3-35.0 / 7-32.0	2 / 0

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

The Bobcats Game-by-Game

	SCORE	FIRST DNS R-P-Pn/Tot	RUSHING Att-Yds	PASSING C-A-I	PASSING Yards	TOTAL Offense	PEN Yards	TIME of Possess'n	3rd/4th Conv.	T'OVERS Fbl Lost-Int
@MSU	63	18-11-0/29	53-407	12-18-0	231	71-638	3-33	35:22	9 of 12/1 of 2	0-0/+3
UT	20	4-11-1/16	15-49	21-41-3	260	56-309	7-32	24:38		
MSU @SDSU										
@MSU SU										
MSU @WSU										
@MSU PSU										
@MSU CP										
MSU @SAC										
MSU @UI										
@MSU NAU										
@MSU EWU										
MSU @UM										

MSU Starters by Game

	TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR	WR/FB	QB	RB
UT	Pickering	Moore	Aigbedion	Perkins	Reimer	Wehr	Anaya	Thomas Jr	Snell	Mellott	Sumner
SDSU											
SU											
WSU											
PSU											
CP											
SAC											
UI											
NAU											
EWU											
UM											

	DE	DT	NT	DE	WILL	MIKE	NICK	CB	FS	SS	CB
UT	Grebe	Valdez	Schmidt	Seymour	Askelson	Uluilakepa	Price Jr.	Woodard	Polidore	Ortt	Jackson
SDSU											
SU											
WSU											
PSU											
CP											
SAC											
UI											
NAU											
EWU											
UM											

2022 Big Sky Conference Standings

	BSC	ALL	H	R
Montana State	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Cal Poly	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Idaho	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Montana	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Sacramento State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Weber State	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
UC Davis	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Eastern Washington	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0 (0-1 Neu)
Idaho State	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Northern Arizona	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Northern Colorado	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Portland State	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1

2023 Big Sky Schedule

Thursday August 31
SAC 38, at Nicholls State 24
UCD 48, at Texas A&M Comm. 10
UI 42, at Lamar 17
Abilene Christian 31, UNC 11
WSU 35, Central Washington 10

Saturday, September 2
at MSU 63, Utah Tech 20
at UM 35, Butler 20
at Oregon 81, PSU 7
NDSU 35, EWU 10 at Minneapolis
at CP 27, San Diego 10
at Arizona 38, NAU 3
at San Diego State 36, ISU 28

Saturday, September 9
MSU at South Dakota St, 5 pm
ISU at Utah State, 6 pm
CP at San Jose State, 2 pm
EWU at Fresno State, 7 pm
PSU at Wyoming, 1 pm
NAU at North Dakota, 1 pm
UIW at UNC, 1 pm
WSU at Northern Iowa, 3 pm
UI at Nevada, 5 pm
UCD at Oregon State, 7 pm
UM at Utah Tech, 7 pm
Texas A&M Comm. at SAC, 8 pm

Saturday, September 16
Stetson at MSU, 1 pm
WSU at Utah, 12 noon
North American at PSU, 2 pm
Idaho at Cal, 2 pm
SE La at EWU, 1 pm
Utah Tech at NAU, 1 pm
UNC at Washington State, TBA
Northern Iowa at ISU, 4 pm
SAC at Stanford, 6 pm
Ferris State at UM, 6 pm
Lincoln at CP, 6 pm
*SUU at UCD, 8 pm

Saturday, September 23
*MSU at WSU, 6 pm
*SAC at UI, 2 pm
*CP at PSU, 2 pm
*UM at NAU, 2 pm
*UNC at ISU, TBA
*MSU at WSU, 6 pm
*EWU at UCD, 8 pm

Saturday, September 30
*PSU at MSU, 2 pm
*WSU at UNC, 1 pm
*UI at EWU, 2 pm
*ISU at UM, 2 pm
UCD at CP, 6 pm
*NAU at SAC, 7 pm

Saturday, October 7
*Montana at UC Davis, 5 pm
*Idaho at Cal Poly, 6 pm
*NAU at Weber St, 6 pm

Sunday, October 14
*Cal Poly at Montana St, 6 pm
*Sac St at Northern Colo, 1 pm
*Portland St at NAU, 2 pm
*Eastern Wash. at ISU, 4 pm
*UC Davis at WSU, 6 pm
*Montana at UI, 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 21
*Montana St at Sac St, 8:30 pm
*Idaho St at Portland St, 2 pm
*Weber St at Eastern Wash, 5 pm
Northern Colo at Cal Poly, 7 pm

Saturday, October 28
*Montana State at Idaho, 2 pm
*Northern Colo at Montana, 1 pm
*Eastern Wash at Portland St, 2 pm
*UC Davis at NAU, 2 pm
*Idaho St at Sac St, 7 pm

Saturday, November 4
*NAU at Montana State, 1 pm
*Idaho at Northern Colo, 12 noon
*Cal Poly at Eastern Wash, 2 pm
*Weber St at Idaho St, 4 pm
*Portland St at UC Davis, 5 pm
*Sac St at Montana, 6 pm

Saturday, November 11
*Eastern Wa. at Montana St, 1 pm
*Northern Colo at NAU, TBA
*Idaho at Weber St, 1 pm
*Cal Poly at Sac St, 3 pm
*UC Davis at Idaho St, 4 pm
*Montana at Portland St, 8 pm

Saturday, November 18
*Montana State at Montana, noon
*Portland St at Northern Colo, noon
*NAU at Eastern Wash., 2 pm
*Sac St at UC Davis, 3 pm
*Idaho St at Idaho, 5 pm
*Weber St at Cal Poly, 6 pm

Saturday, November 25
TBA

Saturday, December 2
TBA

Saturday, December 9
TBA

Saturday, December 16
TBA

*-Big Sky game $-FCS Playoffs

Stats Perform Top 25 Poll

Team (Record All, Conference)
1. South Dakota State (55) 1-0
2. North Dakota State (1) 1-0
3. Montana State (1) 1-0
4. William & Mary (1) 1-0
5. Holy Cross 1-0
6. Furman 1-0
7. Idaho 1-0
8. Samford 1-0
9. Sacramento State 1-0
10. UIW 0-1
11. New Hampshire 1-0
12. Weber State 1-0
13. Montana 0-1
14. Southeast Missouri 0-1
15. UC Davis 1-0
16. Southeastern Louisiana 0-1
17. North Dakota 1-0
18. North Carolina Central 1-0
19. Delaware 1-0
20. Mercer 1-1
21. Northern Iowa 0-1
22. Rhode Island 0-1
23. Florida A&M 1-0
24. Southern Illinois 1-0
25. Youngstown State 1-0

AFCA FCS Coaches Poll

Team .... Record .... This Week
1. South Dakota St (25) ... 1-0 .... #3 Montana State
2. North Dakota State ...... 1-0 .... Maine
3. Montana State .... 1-0 .... at #1 South Dakota State
4. William & Mary .... 1-0 .... Wofford
5. Holy Cross .... 1-0 .... Boston College
6. Furman .... 1-0 .... at South Carolina
7. Samford .... 1-0 .... at Western Carolina
8. Sacramento State .... 1-0 .... Texas A&M Commerce
9. Weber State .... 1-0 .... at #20 Northern Iowa
10. UIW .... 0-1 .... at Northern Colorado
11. New Hampshire .... 1-0 .... at Central Michigan
12. Idaho .... 1-0 .... at Nevada
13. Montana .... 1-0 .... at Utah Tech
14. UC Davis .... 1-0 .... at Oregon State
15. North Dakota .... 1-0 .... Northern Arizona
16. Southeast Missouri St.. 0-1 .... Lindenwood
17. Southeastern Louisiana 0-1 .... at South Alabama
18. North Carolina Central 1-0 .... at North Carolina A&T
19. Delaware .... 1-0 .... at Penn State
20. Northern Iowa .... 0-1 .... #9 Weber State
21. Florida A&M .... 1-0 .... at South Florida
22. Rhode Island .... 0-1 .... Stony Brook
23. Southern Illinois .... 1-0 .... at Northern Illinois
24. Mercer .... 1-1 .... Morehead State
25. Youngstown State .... 1-0 .... at Ohio State

BOBCATS' OPPONENT SCOREBOARD

Utah Tech (0-1)
S2	at Montana State	L	20-63
S9	Montana		
S16	at Northern Arizona		
S23	at Missouri State		
S30	at Colorado State		
O7	*Stephen F. Austin		
O14	Open		
O21	*at North Alabama		
O28	*Eastern Kentucky		
N4	*at Abilene Christian		
N11	*at Austin Peay		
N18	Southern Utah		

South Dakota State (1-0)
A31	Western Oregon	W	45-7
S9	Montana State		
S16	vs. Drake at Minneapolis		
S23	Open		
S30	*North Dakota		
O7	*at Illinois State		
O14	*Northern Iowa		
O21	*at Southern Illinois		
O28	*at South Dakota		
N4	*North Dakota State		
N11	*at Youngstown State		
N18	*Missouri State		

Stetson (1-0)
S2	St. Thomas (Florida)	W	34-33
S9	Webber International		
S16	at Montana State		
S23	*Butler		
S30	*at Marist		
O7	*Presbyterian		
O14	Open		
O21	*St. Thomas (Minnesota)		
O28	*at Drake		
N4	*Davidson		
N11	*at Valparaiso		
N11			
N18	*San Diego		

Weber State (0-0)
A31	Central Washington	W	35-10
S9	at Northern Iowa		
S16	at Utah		
S23	*Montana State		
S30	*at Northern Colorado		
O7	*Northern Arizona		
O14	*UC Davis		
O21	*at Eastern Washington		
O28	Open		
N4	*at Idaho State		
N11	*Idaho		
N18	*at Cal Poly		

Portland State (0-1)
S2	at Oregon	L	7-81
S9	at Wyoming		
S16	North American		
S23	*Cal Poly		
S30	*at Montana State		
O7	Open		
O14	*at Northern Arizona		
O21	*Idaho State		
O28	*Eastern Washington		
N4	*at UC Davis		
N11	*Montana		
N18	*at Northern Colorado		

Cal Poly (1-0)
S2	San Diego	W	27-10
S9	at San Jose State		
S16	Open		
S23	at Portland State		
S30	UC Davis		
O7	Idaho		
O14	*at Montana State		
O21	*Northern Colorado		
O28	Open		
N4	*at Eastern Washington		
N11	*at Sac State		
N18	*Weber State		

Idaho (1-0)
A31	at Lamar	W	42-17
S9	at Nevada		
S16	at Cal		
S23	*Sacramento State		
S30	*at Eastern Washington		
O7	*at Cal Poly		
O14	*Montana		
O21	Open		
O28	*Montana State		
N4	*at Northern Colorado		
N11	*at Weber State		
N18	*Idaho State		

Sacramento State (1-0)
S2	at Nicholls	W	38-24
S9	*Southeastern Louisiana		
S16	*at Stanford		
S23	*at Idaho		
S30	*Northern Arizona		
O7	Open		
O14	*at Northern Colorado		
O21	*Montana State		
O28	*Idaho State		
N4	*at Montana		
N11	*Cal Poly		
N18	*at UC Davis		

Northern Arizona (0-1)
S2	at Arizona	L	3-38
S9	at North Dakota		
S16	Utah Tech		
S23	*Montana		
S30	*at Sacramento State		
O7	*at Weber State		
O14	*Portland State		
O21	Open		
O28	*at UC Davis		
N4	*at Montana State		
N11	*Northern Colorado		
N18	*at Eastern Washington		

Eastern Washington (0-1)
S2	North Dakota St at Mpls	L	10-35
S9	at Fresno State		
S16	Southeastern Louisiana		
S23	*at UC Davis		
S30	*Idaho		
O7	Open		
O14	*at Idaho State		
O21	*Weber State		
O28	*at Portland State		
N4	*Cal Poly		
N11	*at Montana State		
N18	*Northern Arizona		

Montana (1-0)
S2	Butler	W	35-20
S9	at Utah Tech		
S16	Ferris State		
S23	*at Northern Arizona		
S30	*Idaho State		
O7	*at UC Davis		
O14	*at Idaho		
O21	Open		
O28	*Northern Colorado		
N4	*Sacramento State		
N11	*at Portland State		
N18	*Montana State		

Montana State (1-0)
S2	Utah Tech	W	63-20
S9	at South Dakota State		
S16	Stetson		
S23	*at Weber State		
S30	*Portland State		
O7	Open		
O14	*Cal Poly		
O21	*at Sacramento State		
O28	*at Idaho		
N4	*Northern Arizona		
N11	*Eastern Washington		
N18	*at Montana		