

SPORTS NEWS

Bulldogs earn 12 first team All-Frontier grid picks

The UM-Western Bulldogs, tri-champions with Carroll College and Montana Tech atop the final regular season Frontier Conference standings, earned 12 first team selections and seven second team awards in All-Frontier balloting recently completed by the league's coaches.

Defense
Up front, Western senior defensive end Nik Rewerts, 6-5, 250, Libby, and senior tackle

Jereme Hesse, 6-1, 225, Puyallup, Wash., ended their stellar careers on the first team. Western led the league with 49.5 sacks on the season. Hesse totaled 12 sacks to lead the league and Rewerts totaled nine for third on the list. Fellow Dawg lineman Ruley Stingley was second with 10.5. Rewerts led the conference in tackles for loss with 20 for a negative 59 yards. Hesse ranked fifth with 12 for a minus 36 yards. Stingley made

the second team. A senior defensive end from Ellensburg, Wash., Stingley (6-4, 245) ranked second in tackles for loss with 15 for a minus 41 yards.

At linebacker, junior Eric Stoverud of Great Falls made the first team from the outside. Inside backer Bryan Arnston, a senior from Butte, made the second team. Stoverud ranked fourth on the total tackle chart with 10.2 total stops per game.

Arnston ranked sixth with 9.7 tackles per game and was 11th in tackles for loss with 3.5.

In the second, junior safety Nick Prinzing, 6-0, 190, Great Falls, made the first team, and Jake Shrum, 5-11, 180, sr., Boise, Idaho, made the second team.

Prinzing ranked ninth in passes defended and Shrum third. Prinzing intercepted two balls and broke up five, while Shrum and two picks and nine breakups.

Offense
Josh Shrum earned first team honors at running back and kick returner. The 5-11, 210, senior, from Boise was a threat as a runner and pass receiver. Shrum gained 650 yards on 155 rushes for a 5.2 average and nine touchdowns. He gained 59.2 yards per game on the ground. He added 365 receiving yards and three touchdowns and picked up another 325 yards on kickoff returns for 121.8 yards of all purpose yardage per game. He led the league with a 25 yard per kickoff return average. Shrum's 12 touchdowns lead the league and he was third in scoring with 6.5 points per game.

Dallas Mock, a senior from

Kuna, Idaho, and T Artis, a senior from Missoula, were first team picks at tight end and wide receiver, while Josh Illig was a second team pick at receiver.

Mock caught 40 balls for 520 yards and three touchdowns. He ranked third in receiving yards per game at 52. He added 21 rushing yards. Artis caught three touchdown balls as did Illig.

Doing the work up from were first team linemen Toby Beck (6-3, 275) and Ben Snipes (6-2, 305) and second team picks Abe Apilado (6-2, 315) and Mike Schmidt (6-4, 295).

Senior Eric Zahler led the league in punting with a 45 yard average on 60 boots to earn first team punter, and led the league in field goals with 14 and made 26-of-27 PAT kicks to earn second team kicker.

Frontier Conference Football Team
Offensive MVP-Tyler Emmert, Carroll.
Defensive MVP-Gary Cooper, Carroll.
Coach of the Year-Bob Green, Tech.

First Team Offense

Quarterback-Tyler Emmert, Carroll, jr., 6-2, 202, Helena.
Running back-Ryan Grosulak, Carroll, soph., 6-0, 225, Billings. Josh Shrum, Western, sr., 5-11, 210, Boise, Idaho.

Tight end-Dallas Mock, Western, sr., 6-1, 215, Kuna, Idaho.
Wide receiver-Kris Anderson, Tech, jr., 6-2, 183, Whitefish. T Artis, Western, sr., 5-10, 165, Missoula. Kevin McCutcheon, Carroll, sr., 5-11, 175, Helena.

Line-Wayne Butori, Tech, sr., 6-2, 255, Butte. Allen Linder, Tech, sr., 6-3, 289, Great Falls. Toby Beck, Western, jr., 6-3, 275, Helena. Kyle Baker, Carroll, jr., 6-0, 265, Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Ben Snipes, Western, sr., 6-2, 305, Great Falls.

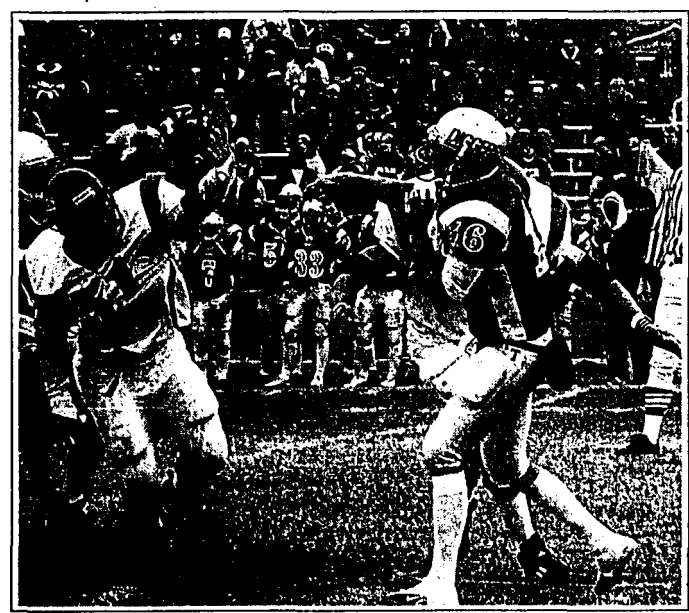
First Team Defense

Linebacker-Gary Cooper, Carroll, jr., 6-2, 225, Helena. Lucas Pugh, Tech, sr., 5-9, 212, Chiloqui. Eric Stoverud, Western, jr., 6-0, 210, Great Falls. Mike Maddox, Carroll, sr., 5-11, 195, Chiloqui.
Linebacker-Corey Edmundson, Tech, jr., 6-1, 283, Harrison. Jereme Hesse, Western, sr., 6-1, 225, Puyallup, Wash. Nik Rewerts, Western, sr., 6-5, 250, Libby. Kevin Cicero, Carroll, sr., 6-1, 265, Billings.

Backs-Tyler Muzzana, Tech, jr., 5-11, 187, Great Falls. Eric Reis, Rocky, sr., 6-2, 195, Glendive. Nick Prinzing, Western, jr., 6-0, 190, Great Falls. Matt Thomas, Carroll, soph., 5-9, 180, Helena.

First Team Specialists

Kicker-Dan Kleckner, Tech, soph., 5-11, 175, Mead, Wash.



Sack attack

Bulldog senior defensive lineman Jereme Hess (51) and Nik Rewerts pressure the Montana Tech quarterback during a league game in Butte. The pair led the league's top sack attack and enabled the Western defense to rush four linemen and sit seven in coverage with the constant pressure. J.P. Plutt photo

Kickoff returner-Josh Shrum, Western, sr., 5-11, 210, Boise, Idaho.
Punter-Eric Zahler, Western, sr., 5-11, 210, Yakima, Wash.
Punt returner-Kevin McCutcheon, Carroll, sr., 5-11, 175, Helena.

Second Team Offense

Quarterback-Kyle Samspon, Northern, soph., 5-8, 172, Helena.
Running back-Don Salsbury, Northern, fr., 6-2, 215, Helena. Clint Franklin, Rocky, soph., 6-1, 235, Powell, Wyo. Jed Thomas, Carroll, soph., 6-1, 205, Heyburn, Idaho.
Tight end-Ryan Dunn, Tech, sr., 6-2, 233, Lewistown.

Wide receiver-Nick Arnold, Northern, jr., 6-2, 180, Missoula. Justin Wigen, Carroll, sr., 6-0, 187, Helena. Josh Illig, Western, jr., 5-10, 175, Missoula. Riley Stevenson, Rocky, jr., 5-10, 160, Hysham.

Line-Garrett Kirpach, Northern, sr., 6-3, 265, Moccasin. Abe Apilado, Western, jr., 6-2, 315, Kawai, Hawaii. Mike Schmidt, Western, sr., 6-4, 295, Great Falls. Nick Hammond, Carroll, jr., 6-0, 262, Missoula. Paul Barnett, Carroll, sr., 6-5, 290, Hermiston, Ore.
Second Team Defense

Linebacker-Tucker Edmundson, Tech, jr., 6-0, 238, Harrison. Joe Tusick, Northern, fr., 6-0, 200, Polson. Justin Helvik, Rocky, sr., 6-0, 225, Wibaux. Bryan Arnston, Western, sr., 6-1, 230, Butte. Josh Schmidt, Carroll, soph., 5-10, 195, Spokane.
Linebacker-Shane Hensleigh, Tech, soph., 6-0, 278, Colstrip. Tom Clayton, Northern, fr., 6-2, 255, Great Falls. Jesse Daniels, Rocky, sr., 5-11, 245, Weippe, Idaho. Ruley Stingley, Western, sr., 6-4, 245, Ellensburg, Wash. Jeff Shirley, Carroll, jr., 6-4, 228, Stockett.
Back-Adam Cotton, Tech, jr., 6-1, 212, Cascade. Marc Samson, Northern, fr., 5-7, 160, Helena. Chris Colvin, Rocky, jr., 5-10, 165, Missoula. Jake Shrum, Western, sr., 5-11, 180, Boise, Idaho. A.J. Poirritt, Carroll, sr., 5-11, 202, Helena.

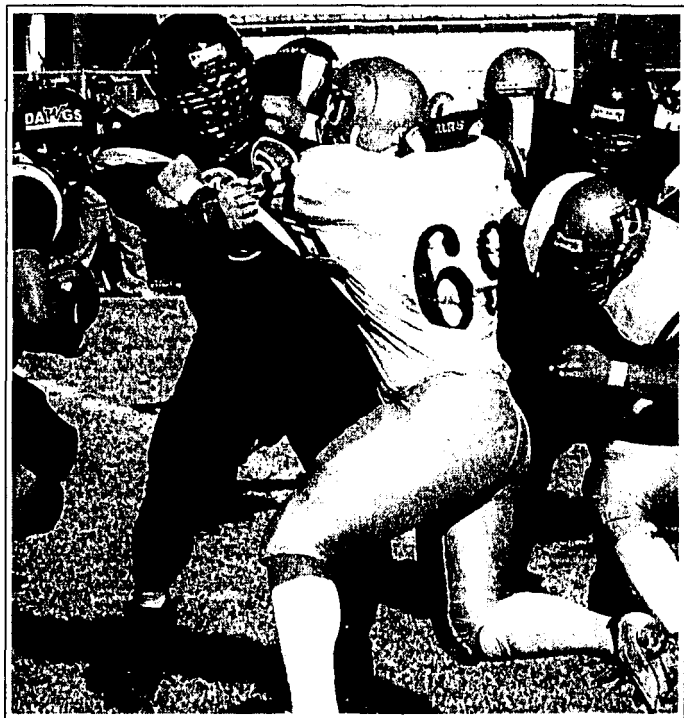
Second Team Specialists

Placekicker-Eric Zahler, Western, sr., 5-11, 210, Yakima, Wash.

Kickoff returner-Chris Colvin, Rocky, jr., 5-10, 165, Missoula.

Punter-Ryan Dunn, Tech, sr., 6-2, 233, Lewistown.

Punt returner-Regan Mack, Carroll, sr., 6-0, 208, Emigrant.



Clearing the path

UM-Western linemen Ben Snipes (62) and center Abe Apilado (right), make a running lane for running back Josh Shrum during a win over Eastern Oregon. Snipes earned first team and Apilado second team All-Frontier honors. In all, four of Western's five offensive linemen were honored. J.P. Plutt photo

Griz crush UNH; host Sam Houston in Saturday semi

The University of Montana Grizzlies blasted New Hampshire, 47-17, Saturday at Missoula to advance to a semi-final battle with Sam Houston State this Saturday. The Griz again host in front of a nationally televised audience. ESPN2 will broadcast the game which begins at noon.

Sam Houston knocked the Griz out of the top-ranking when the teams met at Texas in the early season. The Bearcats racked up 512 yards of total offense in the 41-29 win. The Bearcats rushed for 183 yards despite missing starting tailback Jason Godfrey. Nine of the Bearcat starters were part of two previous losses to Montana.

NCAA Division I-AA football playoff series
Semifinal Round
Sam Houston State (11-2) at Montana (11-2)
James Madison (11-2) at William & Mary (11-2)
Quarterfinal Round
Montana 47, New Hampshire 17.
Sam Houston State 35, Eastern Washington 34.
William & Mary 44, Delaware 38-20T.

Three-peat hopes alive for Carroll

The Carroll College Saints defeated Azusa Pacific, 14-10, Saturday at Helena. The victory propelled the two-time defending NAIA champions into their third consecutive title game at Hardin County, Tenn. They will face St. Francis (Ind.) in the "Rumble by the River", Dec. 18. A year ago the Saints defeated St. Francis in a semi-final game at Helena, 38-14.

St. Francis advanced to the championship with a 12-7 semi-final win over Georgetown (Ky.). Georgetown won the 2000 and 2001 national titles.

NAIA Football National Championship Series
National Championship-49th annual NAIA Football Championship, at Hardin County, Tenn. Dec. 18, in the

Carroll College (11-2) vs. St. Francis (13-0)

Semifinal Round, Dec. 4

St. Francis (Ind.) def. Georgetown (Ky.), 12-7.

Carroll College def. Azusa Pacific, 14-10.

Quarterfinal Round, Nov. 27

St. Francis (Ind.) def. Hastings (Neb.), 48-17.

Georgetown (Ky.) def. MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.), 46-27.

Carroll (Mont.) def. Dickinson State (N.D.), 56-17.

Azusa Pacific (Calif.) def. Sioux Falls (S.D.), 24-3.

| NCAA Division I-AA | | |
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| Final Rating - November 21, 2004 | | |
| # | School (1st Place Votes), Rec | Points |
| 1 | Southern Illinois (72), 10-1 | 1,185 |
| 2 | Furman (2), 9-2 | 1,758 |
| 3 | Western Kentucky, 9-2 | 1,690 |
| 4 | Georgia Southern, 9-2 | 1,663 |
| 5 | New Hampshire, 9-2 | 1,508 |
| 6 | William & Mary, 9-2 | 1,498 |
| 7 | Montana, 9-2 | 1,360 |
| 8 | James Madison, 9-2 | 1,330 |
| 9 | Sam Houston State, 9-2 | 1,231 |
| 10 | Deleware, 8-3 | 1,198 |
| 11 | Hampton, 10-1 | 1,082 |
| 12 | Harvard (2), 10-0 | 1,037 |
| 13 | Jacksonville State, 9-1 | 928 |
| 14 | Eastern Washington, 8-3 | 825 |
| 15 | Northwestern State, 8-3 | 887 |
| 16 | Lehigh, 9-2 | 719 |
| 17 | Cal Poly SLO, 9-2 | 699 |
| 18 | Wafford, 8-3 | 681 |
| 19 | Alabama State, 8-1 | 487 |
| 20 | Southern, 8-2 | 379 |
| 21 | Penn, 8-2 | 324 |
| 22 | Coastal Carolina, 10-1 | 313 |
| 23 | South Carolina State, 9-2 | 305 |
| 24 | North Dakota State, 8-3 | 245 |
| 25 | Lafayette, 8-3 | 222 |
| Others Receiving Votes: Northern Iowa 192, Portland State 95, Villanova 34, Colgate 21, Massachusetts 13, Southeastern Louisiana 12, Stephen F. Austin 10, Montana State 10, Northeastern 7, Arkansas Pine-Bluff 6, Monmouth 5, Maine 5. | | |

James Madison 14, Furman 13.
First Round
Eastern Washington 35, #1 seed Southern Illinois 31. Sam Houston State 34, Western Kentucky 26. New Hampshire 27, #4 seed Georgia Southern 23. Montana 36, Northwestern State 7.
#3 seed William & Mary 12, Hampton 35. Delaware 28, Lafayette 14. #2 seed Furman 49, Jacksonville State 7. James Madison 14, Lehigh 13.

| NAIA Football | | |
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| Final Rating - November 14, 2004 | | |
| # | School (1st Place Votes), Rec | Points |
| 1 | Sioux Falls (S.D.) (11), 10-0 | 419 |
| 2 | St. Francis (Ind.) (6), 10-0 | 413 |
| 3 | Georgetown (Ky.), 10-0 | 392 |
| 4 | Northwestern Oklahoma, 9-1 | 368 |
| 5 | Dickinson State (N.D.), 9-1 | 344 |
| 6 | Lindenwood (Mo.), 11-0 | 344 |
| 7 | Mary (N.D.), 9-1 | 324 |
| 8 | McKendree (Ill.), 9-1 | 309 |
| 9 | Carroll (Mont.), 8-2 | 293 |
| 10 | Azusa Pacific (Calif.), 9-2 | 262 |
| 11 | MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.), 9-2 | 261 |
| 12 | Morningside (Iowa), 8-2 | 227 |
| 13 | Montana Tech, 8-3 | 207 |
| 14 | Trinity International (Ill.), 2-2 | 189 |
| 15 | Tabor (Kan.), 9-1 | 192 |
| 16 | Hastings (Neb.), 8-2 | 174 |
| 17 | Cumberland (Ky.), 8-3 | 155 |
| 18 | Northwestern State, 8-2 | 113 |
| 19 | Graceland (Iowa), 8-2 | 108 |
| 20 | St. Ambrose (Iowa), 7-3 | 103 |
| 21 | Walsh (Ohio), 8-3 | 93 |
| 22 | Pikeville (Ky.), 8-3 | 73 |
| 23 | St. Xavier (Ill.), 7-4 | 72 |
| 24 | Bacone (Okla.), 7-3 | 38 |
| 25 | Montana Western, 7-4 | 36 |
| Others Receiving Votes: Edward Waters (Fla.), 13; Easton (Oreg.), 1; Lambuth (Tenn.), 1; Moberg State (N.D.), 1. | | |

First Round, Nov. 20

St. Francis (Ind.) def. Morningside (Iowa), 53-3.

Georgetown (Ky.) def. Trinity International (Ill.), 35-21.

Azusa Pacific (Calif.) def. Northwestern Oklahoma State, 16-0.

Sioux Falls (S.D.) def. Tabor (Kan.), 72-11.

Carroll (Mont.) def. Mary (N.D.), 24-14.

MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) def. McKendree (Ill.), 21-20.

Hastings (Neb.) Lindenwood (Mo.), 20-19.

Dickinson State (N.D.)

BOWLING

Commercial
11/22 HI game: team-Dillon Auto Body, 669. men-***Wayne Contway, 299. women-Terri Nall, 205. HI series: team-Red Rock Ranch, 432. men-Marcus Drew, 879. women-Terri Nall, 761.

Monday Afternoon Ladies
11/29 HI series: team-Armstead Campground, 2,424. ind.-Letha Kivinen, 558. HI game: team-NBCC, 872. ind.-Letha Kivinen, 213.

Minor
11/30 HI game: ind.-Bobby Lawton, 255. team-C&C Ranch Supply, 853. HI series: ind.-Bobby Lawton, 654. team-C&C Ranch Supply, 2,423.

Treasure State
11/29 HI game: team-Mac's Last Cust, 762. men-Nick Valach, 227. women-Tami Zimmerman, 199. HI series: team-Mac's Last Cust, 2,196. men-Nick Valach, 634. women-Sheila Cottom, 524.

Vigilante
12/01 HI game: team-Annie's Massage, 619. ind.-Terri Nall, 199. HI series: team-Annie's Massage, 1,752. ind.-Kathy Stosich, 508.

Seniors
12/01 HI game: men-Wayne Contway, 203. women-Shirley Reynolds, 184. HI series: men-Wayne Contway, 568. women-Shirley Reynolds, 517.

Thursday Night Mixed
12/02 HI game: team-LeCut, 757. men-Nick Valach, 244. women-Susan Wagner, 183. HI series: team-Dillon Body Shop, 2,042. men-Chuck Molenda, 693. women-Susan Lawton, 465.

King Pin
12/01 HI game: team-Good, Rad, Ugly, 521. men-Mike Delao, 238. women-Susanna Donnelly, 209. HI series: team-Bramsman Donnelly, 1,453. men-Mike Delao, 558. women-Susanna Donnelly, 549.

Friday Night Mixed
12/03 HI game: team-Beaverhead Glass, 689. men-Sam Stearns, 226. women-Susanna Donnelly and Di Schaible, 206. HI series: team-Donnelly Construction, 2001. men-Sam Stearns, 639. women-Di Schaible, 581.

High School
11/23 HI game-Joe Vannett, 188. HI series-Joe Vannett, 535.
11/30 HI game-Joe Vannett, 158. HI series-Joe Vannett, 423.

Middle School
12/02 HI game: boys-Bud Mehring, 161. girls-Colby Shafer, 92. HI series: boys-Bud Mehring, 410. girls-Colby Shafer, 264.

Saturday Bantam
12/04 HI game-Austin Hoerning, 130. HI series-Austin Hoerning, 313.

Ladies Traveling Bowling Club
Third stop-Missoula.
21 bowlers from Bozeman, Butte, Dillon, Great Falls, Helena, and Missoula.
Step-Ladder finals:
#1 Mary Porter, Missoula, def. #2 Michelle Anderson-Scherer, Helena, 179-174, for championship.

#2 Anderson-Scherer def. #3 Laurie Tripp, Butte, 216-183. #3 Tripp def. #5 Thelma Willems, Helena, 192-158.
#5 Willems def. #4 Karen Bockemuehl, Bozeman, 176-154.
Top Ten going into step ladder-1, Mary Porter, Missoula, 193.1 (ave.). 2, Michelle Anderson-Scherer, Helena, 188.3. 3, Laurie Tripp, Butte, 184.3. 4, Karen Bockemuehl, Bozeman, 180.6. 5, Thelma Willems, Helena, 174.5. 6, Tina Davis, Missoula, 179.6. 7, Carole Herron, Helena, 175.8. 8, Rose Waldon, Bozeman, 176.2. 9, Kathy Davis, Butte, 179.7. 10, Linda Hightower, Missoula, 173.6.

Next stop-Ned Eva Bowling Center, Dillon, Dec. 12.

BASKETBALL

Frontier Conference basketball
Women's standings

| Team | W | L |
|---|-----|------|
| Carroll | 0-0 | 11-2 |
| UM-Western | 0-0 | 7-3 |
| MSU-Northern | 0-0 | 9-4 |
| Lewis-Clark State | 0-0 | 7-4 |
| University of Great Falls | 0-0 | 6-7 |
| Montana Tech | 0-0 | 4-6 |
| Westminster College | 0-0 | 3-8 |
| Rocky Mountain | 0-0 | 2-8 |
| Player of the Week-Emily Wood, Carroll College, 5-10, J. F. Summerville, Ore., 25 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block, 1 steal in 98-73 win over Great Falls. | | |
| UM-W JV 80, GREAT FALLS JV 62 | | |
| UM-W scoring-Megan Janke 17, Michela Anderson 13. Christa Sprout 13, Kaci Gaub 9, April Lucier 9, Halle Hughes 7, Jessie Held 6, Kristen Leverton 6. | | |
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By The Numbers

Area sports statistics at a glance

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| MSU-Northern | 0-0 | 6-5 |
| Westminster College | 0-0 | 6-6 |
| Montana Tech | 0-0 | 3-6 |
| University of Great Falls | 0-0 | 2-9 |
| Player of the Week-Luke Kunkel, Rocky, 6-7, sr., C, Carlsbad, N.M., 60 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block, 3 steals as Rocky posted a 2-1 record on the week. | | |

RODEO

Big Sky region rodeo standings after four men's team standings through