Missoula, Montana **Enrollment: 14.207**

Robin Pflugrad (Career 0-0) 1st Year at Montana

Pflugrad's record at Montana (0-0)

QUARTERBACKS-In'08 UM ret'd starting QB Cole Bergquist, and he won 2nd Tm BSC honors for a 2nd straight yr, throwing for 3,156 (61%) with a 28-8 ratio and was the #3 rusher (356, 2.2). Bergquist left as UM's #4 all-time passer (#3 ttl off). His backup, Andrew Selle, threw for 314 (52%) with a 4-2 ratio in 7 gms in '08. Selle returned LY and in May they added Oregon transfer Justin Roper (PS#91), who had 4 sts in 2 ýr at Oregon throwing for 952 (53%, 9-6). Selle and Roper (2 st) rotated the first 3 gm, but after Roper was banged up vs Portland St, Selle started the rest of the ssn, throwing for 3,043

RUNNING BACKS - In '08 they had to replace #2 all-time rusher, Lex Hilliard (#6DC). Chase Reynolds, who as a rFr played WR (0 rec), moved back to RB and set a UM ssn rec with 22 rush TD's and his 1,583 (5.6) rush was 2nd most ever in ssn (75 yd short of Yohance Humphery '01). The Grizzlies had to replace 2 of their top 3 rushers LY but Reynolds (2nd Tm BSC) and blocking FB Kevin Klaboe returned. Reynolds led again with 1,502 (4.7, 22 TD) and added 358 (9.4) receiving. This year they lose #2 rusher Thomas Brooks-Fletcher (464, 4.3) and 1st Tm BSC FB Klaboe (14 gm, 5 rec). Everyone else returns led by Reynolds and Peter Nguyen (187, 4.9). They add true frosh RB Brett Kirschner (PS#197).

RECEIVERS - UM had to replace 2 of their top 3 rec in '08. Top WR Mike Ferriter (733, 15.0 in '07) ret'd and he finished #2 with 820 (16.4). WR Marc Mariani (1st Tm BSC), a special tm standout (#4 rec in '07, 231,15.4) led with 1,308 (19.0) and 15 TD's. Starting TE Steve Pfahler was #4 with 282 (11.8). UM ret 3 of their top 4 rec LY but had to replace Ferriter and starting WR Rob Shulte (190, 8.3). Mariani had an AA ssn leading with 1,479 (18.5, 13 TD). WR Jabin Sambrano was #2 with 512 (16.5). Tyler Palmer was #3 with 465 (12.6) and Pfahler was #4 with 384 (12.8). Sambrano is the only one of the top 4 to return and while they add JC transfer CJ Atkins (PS#461JC), this unit is one of the biggest concerns for the new HC.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2008 the Grizzlies ret 6 OL who comb

who started all 15 gms, including LT Horn and RG Terran Hillesland, who both earned 1st Tm BSC honors. They did add 2 JC transfers including Stephen Sabin (PS#354JC). This is another concern for HC

Pflugrad, who called it a "work in progress" in the spg. **DEFENSIVE LINE**-The DL returned 2 starters in '08 but had to replace UM's first ever Buchanan Award winner, DE Kroy Biermann (#3DC, 10 sk). The rush D suffered as their ypc went from 3.5 (125 ypg) to 4.2 (136 ypg) and their sack ttl only increased from 30 to 32 despite playing 4 more gms. LY UM's DL lost 3 strs incl All-BSC DT Craig Mettler (2nd Tm). They returned DE Jace Palmer, who led the tm in sks (8.5) in '08. While the rush D improved to 109 ypg (3.4) the vs Portland St, Selie started the rest of the Sst, anowing to 3,000 Iff in Sts (6.5) in Vo. willie the total of improved to 100 you (6.2.9%) with an impressive 28-6 ratio (#4 pass eff FCS) and was sack total dropped to just 23. They return two 15 gm st'rs in DT Tyler the #4 rusher. Roper played in 12, throwing for 951 (58.2%, 8-3). Hobbs (39 tkl, 6 tfl) and DE Severin Campbell (#6 tkl'r), who led the They are switching the offense with some aspects that are similar to the violet for the Volume of the and DE Jace Palmer (42 tkl), who led the tm with 5.5 sacks.

LINEBACKERS - In '08 UM had to replace all 3 starting LB's (top 3 tkl'rs in '07). Last year they returned 2 starters in #4 tkl'r Shawn Lebsock and #5 Brandon Fisher but had to replace #3 Tyler Corwin. This year the lose 1st Tm BSC Lebsock (#1 tkl'r) and 2nd Tm BSC Fisher (#5 tkl'r). They return OLB Alex Shaw (#4 tkl'r, 15 st) and Josh

Stuberg (15 km). They recome see that the secondary ret'd just 1 st'r (SS Colt Anderson) from the BSC's #2 pass D but moved up to #1 (18-19 ratio). Last year Anderson (#1 tkl'r) departed but 3 starters ret including 2nd Tm BSC FS Shann Schillinger (#2 tkl'r, 4 int) and CB Trumaine Johnson (4 int). They dropped to #3, allowing 248 ypg passing but were #1 in pass eff D, allowing a 21-26 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm BSC FS Schillinger (15 st, #3 tkl'r, 4 int) and CB's Keith Thompson (7 st, #9 tkl'r, 6 pbu) and Andrew Swink (10 st, 31 tkl, 3 int). They return SS Erik Stoll (15 st, #2 tkl'r, 2 int) and 1st Tm BSC CB Johnson (11st, #8 tkl'r, 5 int).

Colin Dow (16 st) and two 2nd teamers in C JD Quinn (16 st) & RT 1 for a TĎ but now departs. WR Sambrano was the top KR (24.8) and

went back down to a still impressive 4.1, they made a huge improve- the 3rd time in 4 yrs but left to take the UNLV HC job. In 7 ssns here he road. They have the talent to keep all of their streaks alive but that

2010 SCHEDU 9/4 Western St 9/11 at Cal Poly 9/18 at Eastern Washington Sacramento St (HC) 10/2 at Northern Colorado 10/9 Idaho St 10/16 at Portland St 10/23 **Northern Arizona** 10/30 at Weber St **11/6** 11/13 **North Dakota** 11/20 **Montana St**

2009 RECORD: (14-1)

OFFENSE: 5* **DEFENSE: 5** LETTERMEN:

Returning: 47 (20,24,3) Lost: 20 (9,11,0) 2009 AVG ATTENDANCE: 24.417 (#1) **BIG SKY**

Pflugrad, who takes over after 1 yr here as the WR cch. He formerly was WR cch at Oregon ('06-'08) and the Asst HC/Off Coor at Wash St ('01-'05) and an asst cch here previously ('86-'94). New OC Jonathan Smith was Idaho's QB cch the last 6 yrs. New DC Mike Breske returns to the same job he held here from 2000-'02. He was the Wyoming DC from '03-'08 and last yr was DC at North Dakota St.

FORECAST - The Grizzlies have had 24 straight winning seasons, have won or shared 12 straight BSC Titles (2nd longest FCS history) and have made the playoffs a record 17 straight yrs. Their 119 victories are the most in all of Div I the last 10 yrs. Last year they returned 12 strs and 55 lettermen but lost their starting QB and 3 All-BSC OL. UM got to their 7th Champ gm (2 wins) but K (FCS's all-time #1 scorer). They did return top ret'r, WR Mariani. He saw his KR avg drop from 32.2 to 22.9 but improved his PR avg trom 13.3 to 16.2 with 2 TD and was 1st Tm RSC PS and at 12.2 to 25.2 to came up 2 pt short to Villanova. While Montana suffered a close loss He saw his KR avg drop from 32.2 to 22.9 but improved in turnover=turnaround trend but all of those ssri were under from 13.3 to 16.2 with 2 TD and was 1st Tm BSC RS and returned turnover=turnaround trend but all of those ssri were under turnover turnover turnaround trend but all of those ssri were under turnover turnover turnaround trend but all of those ssri were under turnover turnover turnaround trend but all of those ssri were under turnover turnov for 43 st in '07 incl 3 All-BSC players. While they increased the ypc ret LY. McKnight hit 15 of 25 (L/54), while P Sean Wren avg 41.2 with BSC in scoring and rushing, returns QB Selle and RB Reynolds from 4.1 to 4.3 they allowed a conf worst 55 sacks (13.2%) incl 7 vs a net of 37.5 and both return. Mariani earned 1st Tm BSC honors as but has some big holes to fill losing 5 of the top 8 rec including AA Richmond in the 2008 Championship. In '09 UM lost 1st Tm BSC LG a RS avg 15.8 on PR (1TD) and while he had just 5 KR (39.8) he ret Mariani (#7DC TEN), and 3 OL (2 All-BSC). The defense, which led the BSC in scoring and #2 in total def must replace 6 of the top 11 Brent Russum (L/9 st). They ret 3 OL who comb for 39 sts and all 3 Cole Lockwood was 1st Tm BSC ST player and both return.

Started the L/7 gms, led by 2nd Tm BSC LT Levi Horn. While the ypc

COACHES - Former HC Bobby Hauck was the BSC COY LY for The Grizzlies return just 10 strs and have 3 big conf games on the

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