

MONTANA STATE BOBCATS

Bozeman, Montana
Enrollment: 12,369

Rob Ash (Career 154-80-2)
5th Year at Montana State
Ash's record at Montana St 29-17

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2011



QB DeNarius McGhee

QB's - In '09 MSU ret'd 3 QB's who had starting exp in Oreg tran Cody Kempt (PS#78, 9st, 1316, 51%, 9-12, #4 rusher), Mark Iddins (PS#179JC, 1st, 334, 49%, 4-3) and Mark Desin (2st, 264, 46%, 1-4) but Desin went back to WR. Iddins started the 1st 5 and threw for 1,217 (58%, 5-6). Kempt started the L/6 and threw for 1,108 (58%, 9.4). LY Iddins departed and Kempt lost the job to rfr DeNarius McGhee (PS#246) as new OC Brian Wright's off had them taking snaps from under center. McGhee threw for 3,163 (62.7%) with an impressive 23-6 ratio earning BSC co-OPOY. Kempt threw for just 151

(61.9%, 3-1) and departs TY while McGhee is in his 2nd year of the system along with JC Grayson Galloway who RS here LY.

RB's - In '09 MSU had to replace Demetrius Crawford who led with 1,314 (5.2). They did ret CJ Palmer (312, 5.0) and Aaron Mason (226, 4.0). That year Mason led with 618 (4.8, 2nd tm BSC), while Palmer added 510 (4.4) and Blayde Becksted was #3 with 515 (5.0). Palmer and Becksted ret'd LY and they added JC transfer Orenzo Davis. Davis led with 1,126 (5.5) earning 2nd tm BSC while Palmer was #2 (447, 5.9). TY they lose Becksted (52, 5.8). They looked to ret their top 6 but #1 Davis was ruled ineligible in June. They do add Nebraska transfer Tray Robinson (PS#82, 266 tld yds 2Y).

Rec's - In '09 MSU had to replace 5 of its top 7 rec. They ret'd DeSean Thomas (#1, 407, 17.0) and TE Joe Schreibeis (#6) and added Oreg tran Elvis Akpla. Schreibeis moved up to #4 but Thomas had just 107 (13.4). They were led by true frosh Everett Gilbert (556, 12.1), JC Julius Lloyd (442, 12.3) and Akpla (380, 14.1). LY they ret'd their top 3 and Kyle Begger (1st, 123, 7.2) replaced Schreibeis at TE. Lloyd led with 711 (19.8, 7 td) but departs TY along with 2nd tm BSC TE Begger (253, 9.7). They ret 3 HM BSC WR's in Akpla (682, 15.9), Gilbert (574, 12.0) and Tanner Bleskin (502, 15.2) along with TE Shane Robison (102, 14.6).

O-Line - The OL had to replace 2 st's in '09 incl a 1st tm BSC LT but ret'd 4 OL who comb for 40 sts incl 2nd tm BSC

RG Jeff Hansen. After MSU led the conf in rushing in '08 (for 1st time S'/89), the rush numbers dropped a little to 147 ypg (3.9, #2 BSC) and they allowed just 18 sks (4.8%). LY they lost 1st tm BSC RG Hansen (11st) but ret'd 5 who comb for 44 sts led by 1st tm BSC RT Mike Person (11st). They finished #3 BSC paving the way for 176 rush ypg (4.5) and gave up just 18 sk (4.7%). TY they lose 1st tm BSC LT Person (#7DC SF) and 1 bkp. They ret 7 who comb for 48 sts incl 2nd tm BSC RG Alex Terrien and add Oreg St transfer Tyler Thomas and JC Stephen Memory.

D-Line - In '09 MSU had to replace 3 DL (comb 22 st) but ret'd 5 who comb for 26 st incl 2nd tm BSC DE Dane Fletcher who led MSU in tfl in '07 and '08. They allowed just 82 ypg (#1 BSC, #7 FCS) despite losing DE Brad Smith (7st '08) after 2 but the D's sk tld did drop to 30. LY they lost 1st tm BSC Fletcher (#3 tkl'r, 17 tfl) but ret'd 6 who comb for 35 sts led by 1st tm BSC DT Dan Ogden (#6 tkl'r, 5.5 sk) and DE John Laidet (#9 tkl'r, 3.5 sk) but Smith (inj) missed the ssn. Their numbers plummeted as they allowed 153 ypg (4 gms 248+ rush yds) and the D had 24 sks. TY they lose 1st tm BSC Ogden (#5 tkl'r, 6.5 sk), NT Jason D'Alba (11st, 31 tkl) and BAN Dustin O'Connell (6st, 13 tkl). They ret DE Laidet (11st, 28 tkl) and DT Zach Minter (28 tkl, 10 tfl) and add JC Eric Homece.

LB's - In '09 the LB unit had to replace their #1 tkl'r but ret'd WLB Jeff Price (#2) and SLB Chase Gazzozerro (#3). Despite Gazzozerro and Price only combining for 7 sts, 72 tkl the Bobcats ppg all'd dropped from 27.7 to 22.2. Both departed LY along with WLB Matt Harris (5st, #7 tkl'r). They ret'd 2nd tm BSC MLB Clay Bignell (#1 tkl'r) and SLB Jody Owens (#4 tkl'r) and added JC Roger Trammell but the ppg swelled to 25.8. TY they ret 4 LB who comb for 33 sts including WLB Owens (#2, 8.5 tfl) and MLB Bignell (#7). SLB Aleksei Grosulak (#1 tkl'r, 8 tfl) tore his ACL in April and his replacement to begin the season will be Trammell (29 tkl).

DB's - In '09 the secondary lost CB Arnold Briggs (11st) to an ACL inj in Aug but ret'd 3 who comb for 27 st (#4, #5 & #6 tkl'rs). They fell to #5 BSC in pass eff D with a 27-13 ratio. LY they lost 2nd tm BSC CB Kevin Retoriano (#8 tkl'r) but ret'd 6 who comb for 33 st led by FS Michael Rider (#1 tkl'r, 4 int) and SS Jordan Craney (#5). They were #4 in pass eff D with a 19-8 ratio. TY they lose FS Rider (#3 tkl'r) and SS Craney (#4). They ret 3 who comb for 19 st in S Joel Fuller (#9 tkl'r), CB Darius Jones (11 pbu) and S Sean Gords.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '09 the ST unit lost its top RM but ret'd K Jason Cunningham (13-19, L/52) and P Eric Fisher (41.8). They avg just 5.6 on PR and 18.3 on KR. Cunningham hit 14-18 FG (L/47). Fisher and Mackey Nolan split time at P (32.8 tm net). LY they ret'd their top PR, KR & K. P Rory Perez had a

2011 SCHEDULE

9/1	at Utah (non)
9/10	UC Davis
9/17	Minot St
9/24	at Eastern Washington
10/1	Sacramento St
10/8	at Portland St
10/15	Northern Arizona
10/22	at Northern Colorado
10/29	Idaho St
11/5	at Weber St
11/12	
11/19	Montana



2010 RECORD:
(9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5
LETTERMAN:

Returning: 38 (18,18,2)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2010 AVG ATTENDANCE:
14,298 (#20)

BIG SKY

36.6 net as a true frosh while 1st tm BSC K Cunningham hit 20-24 (L/55). Both ret along with their top RM.

COACHES - HC Rob Ash enters his 5th ssn here after 18 yrs as HC at Drake and he was the BSC COY in 2010. DC Jamie Marshall came with him from Drake. OC Brian Wright, who was the OC at Youngstown St ('05-'09) ret's for his 2nd ssn after his off led the BSC in scoring and tfl off and finished #4 FCS in tfl off.

FORECAST - The Bobcats won the 1984 IAA Championship going 12-2. MSU has had just 13 winning ssns since then but has now had 9 straight, their longest streak ever. They have made the playoffs just 4 times S'/84, but all have come in the last 9 yrs. In '09 they ret'd just 5 off st's but added an FBS transfer and while they improved in tfl off (#9 BSC to #5), they dropped from #5 to #6 in scoring. LY they ret'd 8 off st's and added a new OC and led BSC in scoring and tfl off (#4 FCS). TY the off ret's 8 st's incl the BSC co-OPOY and they add 1 FBS and 2 JC trans. In '09 the D ret'd 6 st's and 8 of their top 10 tkl'rs. They remained #1 in tfl def and #6 in scoring. LY they ret'd 8 st's incl 5 of their top 6 tkl'rs but fell to #5 tld D and were #5 in scoring. TY the D ret's 5 st's but gets back 4 of their top 7 tkl'rs. The Bobcats shared the BSC title LY and were the #4 seed in the playoffs but were run over by NDSU in their first game losing by 25. TY the off should be even more potent in its 2nd yr under OC Wright and the D should improve after a down year. MSU will again be in the hunt for BSC crown.

STADIUM: BOBCAT STADIUM (15,000) (#51) PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	9Yr Total
Straight Up	7-6	7-6	6-5	7-4	8-5	6-5	7-5	7-4	9-3	64-43
Home	5-1	4-2	4-2	6-0	4-3	4-2	4-2	4-2	6-1	41-15
Away	2-5	3-4	2-3	1-4	4-2	2-3	3-3	3-2	3-2	23-28
Playoffs	0-1	0-1	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	1-3
Conf	5-2	5-2	4-3	5-2	6-2	4-4	5-3	5-3	7-1	46-22
Non-Conf	2-4	2-4	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-2	18-21

2010 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SFS	TKL	PBU	INT
RUSHING												
Orenzo Davis	206	1204	78	1126	10	5.5	Aleksei Grosulak	88	2.5	5.5	4	2
CJ Palmer	81	478	1	477	5	5.9	Jody Owens	80	0	8.5	4	0
DeNarius McGhee	80	352	171	181	2	2.3	Michael Rider	66	0	2.5	4	0
Cody Kirk	37	149	7	142	2	3.8	Jordan Craney	48	0	1	4	1
Everett Gilbert	16	152	20	132	1	8.2	Dan Ogden	47	6.5	4	4	0
Kerry Sloan	17	67	9	58	0	3.4	Caleb Schreibeis	43	3.5	3	0	0
Blayde Becksted	9	52	0	52	0	5.8	Ally Bignell	42	1	4	1	0
Cody Kempt	6	16	2	14	0	2.3	Arnold Briggs	42	0	2	28	2
PASSING												
DeNarius McGhee	362	227	62.7	3163	23	6	Joel Fuller	34	0	1	1	0
RECEIVING												
Julius Lloyd	36	711	19.8	7	62		Darius D'Alba	31	0	2	1	0
Elvis Akpla	43	682	15.9	4	52		Jason Jones	30	0	2	11	0
Everett Gilbert	48	574	12.0	2	50		Roger Trammell	29	0	1	0	0
Tanner Bleskin	33	502	15.2	3	51		Sean Gords	29	0	0	0	0
Kyle Begger	26	253	9.7	4	23		Zach Minter	28	5	5	9	2
Orenzo Davis	15	173	11.5	1	77		John Laidet	28	3	3	2	0
Kruiz Siewing	6	111	18.5	0	27		Preston Gale	22	1	4.5	1	0
Shane Robison	7	102	14.6	0	30		Anthony Cosme-Peko	18	0	2	2	0
CJ Palmer	11	95	8.6	3	32		James Andrews	18	0	0	0	0
DeSean Thomas	7	45	6.4	1	15		Dustin O'Connell	13	1	1	0	0
PUNTING												
Rory Perez	47	1788	38.0	19	36.6	0	13	Steven Bethley	10	0	0	1
KICKING												
Jason Cunningham	42-48	10-10	7-7	1-4	2-3	20-24	55	Elvis Akpla	14	75	5.4	0
								KICK RETURNS	10	YDS	AVG	TD
								Everett Gilbert	26	637	24.5	0
								Orenzo Davis	15	256	17.1	0

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	OFF	PASS	PASS	OFF	SKS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	PASS	PASS	DEF	SKS
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	VS	TURN	TURN	STS	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	%	YPP	DEF	BY
8*	33.0	452	176	4.5	276	62.7	13.7	18	0	2010	8	25.8	383	153	4.2	230	56.6	14.8	24
5*	23.4	362	147	3.9	214	57.5	15.5	18	-6	2009	6	22.2	344	82	2.4	261	57.2	15.6	30
6	26.6	336	175	4.2	161	49.8	12.7	17	-10	2008	5	27.7	314	89	2.6	225	60.5	11.4	36
7*	24.2	353	116	3.4	237	53.0	14.6	23	+4	2007	7	21.7	367	144	3.7	223	54.3	16.9	29
5	20.1	321	95	3.2	226	54.6	16.0	31	-2	2006	7	22.0	307	120	3.2	187	52.3	13.9	32
10	25.1	375	131	3.9	244	57.0	14.8	23	-7	2005	6	22.8	332	167	3.9	166	50.7	14.6	26
5	26.9	433	115	3.5	318	54.1	16.0	22	0	2004	6	25.9	383	248	3.3	248	53.4	15.0	33

OFFENSE

MSU 2010	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
14,117	Fort Lewis	30	59-287	4.9	17-24	245	0	8	12-22	1.8	19-36	216	1	+1
26,356	at Wash St	24	30-123	4.1	26-39	284	2	17	36-112	3.1	18-29	204	3	0
13,777	Drake	27	43-247	5.7	23-29	294	2	21	34-61	1.8	24-48	225	5	0
14,207	E Washington	19	44-156	3.5	15-24	283	0	23	27-110	4.1	24-49	272	0	+1
6,311	at Sacramento St	25	40-261	6.5	26-43	385	0	27	40-260	6.5	21-37	364	0	+2
15,227	Portland St	25	49-326	6.7	15-27	206	2	19	38-248	6.5	16-27	208	2	+2
12,155	at N Arizona	11	21-16	0.8	14-32	107	4	28	41-112	2.7	33-44	300	0	0
14,217	N Colorado	29	51-139	2.7	21-33	400	3	18	32-73	2.3	20-35	364	2	-4
5,740	at Idaho St	24	33-125	3.8	29-40	402	0	14	39-14	0.4	13-23	175	7	-2
14,267	Weber St	21	26-153	5.9	23-36	325	0	23	50-190	3.8	25-37	261	3	-1
26,019	at Montana	18	44-140	3.2	11-18	138	0	19	40-259	6.5	14-26	115	0	+4
14,277	North Dakota St	19	31-135	4.4	20-38	245	5	18	46-376	8.2	5-19	56	1	-3
TOTALS		272	471-2108	4.5	240-383	3314	18	235	435-1837	4.2	232-410	2760	24	0
AVERAGES		22.7	39-176	4.5	20-32	276	1.5	19.6	36-153	4.2	19-34	230	2.0	0

DEFENSE

MSU 2010 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
14,117	Fort Lewis	30	59-287	4.9	17-24	245	0	8	12-22	1.8	19-36	216	1	+1
26,356	at Wash St	24	30-123	4.1	26-39	284	2	17	36-112	3.1	18-29	204	3	0
13,777	Drake	27	43-247	5.7	23-29	294	2	21	34-61	1.8	24-48	225	5	0
14,207	E Washington	19	44-156	3.5	15-24	283	0	23	27-110	4.1	24-49	272	0	+1
6,311	at Sacramento St	25	40-261	6.5	26-43	385	0	27	40-260	6.5	21-37	364	0	+2
15,227	Portland St	25	49-326	6.7	15-27	206	2	19	38-248	6.5	16-27	208	2	+2
12,155	at N Arizona	11	21-16	0.8	14-32	107	4	28	41-112	2.7	33-44	300	0	0
14,217	N Colorado	29	51-139	2.7	21-33	400	3	18	32-73	2.3	20-35	364	2	-4
5,740	at Idaho St	24	33-125	3.8	29-40	402	0	14	39-14	0.4	13-23	175	7	-2
14,267	Weber St	21	26-153	5.9	23-36	325	0	23	50-190	3.8	25-37	261	3	-1
26,019	at Montana	18	44-140	3.2	11-18	138	0	19	40-259	6.5	14-26	115	0	+4
14,277	North Dakota St	19	31-135	4.4	20-38	245	5	18	46-376	8.2	5-19	56	1	-3
TOTALS		272	471-2108	4.5	240-383	3314	18	235	435-1837	4.2	232-410	2760	24	0
AVERAGES		22.7	39-176	4.5	20-32	276	1.5	19.6	36-153	4.2	19-34	230	2.0	0