Montana Blasts ASU, 30-6

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The Montana Grizzlies spoiled Scott Satterfield's head coaching debut on Saturday night in a match up of top 25 teams at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula, MT. The Grizzlies (raniked 20th by The Sports Network), who dropped a seven-point game in Boone last fall, blasted No.12 Appalachian State (by the TSN) 30-6 in the season opener for both teams. The Grizzlies were led by running backs Travon Van and Jordan Canada. Van ran for 118 yards on 20 carrries and a touchdown; Canada ran for 112 yards on 25 carries and a score. The Grizzlies (1-0), who are 177-24 lifetime at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, led 16-3 at halftime. Th ey broke the game open with a pair of TDs in the fourth quarter.

"Give a lot of credit to Montana," Satterfield said. "We made two turnovers, had a punt blocked, and their running backs were elusive. They just beat us in every facet of the game. We made a lot of mistakes, but our players are resilient. They'll learn from this."

Montana owns a 3-1 lead on ASU (0-1) in the all-time series. The Mountaineers are 0-3 at Montana. The Mountaineers also failed to score ten points in a game for the first time since 2005, a 24-0 loss at LSU. The last time they failed to score ten points against an FCS opponent, 2004, in a 54-7 loss at Georgia Southern.

The Mountaineers return home to play North Carolina A&T next Saturday at Kidd Brewer Stadium. The contest kicks off at 6 p.m., a fireworks show will follow the contest.