

Rockin’ and rollin’

After a tough start, Grizzly offense puts the hurt on SIC opponents

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

Some good things have been happening with the Rocky Mountain freshmen football program. Not only have the teams been putting together winning seasons, but they’re quickly moving kids up to the varsity.

It happened last year and freshmen coach Tim Davis expects to see it again after the Grizzlies finished 7-2 and tied for second place in the league standings.

“We put it all together,” Davis said. “We tried to establish the run, but we had such good quarterbacks and wide receivers that most of our success came through the air. We didn’t have a problem scoring – that’s for sure.”

The team averaged over 36 points per game. After dropping a pair of games early in the second, they rallied behind QBs Ryan Beard and Matt Roll and receivers Chris Reynolds and Treighton Shepherd, as well as running back Devyn Christian.

Davis said the team’s turning point came near the end of the season in a game against Mountain View.

“It was a back-and-forth game,” he recalled. “We recovered a fumble on the kickoff. With about 14 seconds to go, our QB (Beard) took off running for the end zone. He got hit at about the 5-yard line and he took two guys into the end zone with him.”

Rocky won 37-31.

The next week, the Grizzlies took on undefeated Eagle and won handily, 40-14. They finished off the season with another big win against



TOP: Matt Roll shows off his athleticism as he races toward the end zone.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Chris Reynolds watches for the ball to be snapped.

BOTTOM: The Rocky bench watches the action on a sunshine-filled afternoon.



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ROCKY FOOTBALL: Freshmen season recap



Alex Quick looks to the sideline for support as Tristan Strickland looks on in the background.

2011 results (7-2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>
Sept. 1	at Borah	W	36-20
Sept. 8	at Timberline	L	20-36
Sept. 15	VALLIVUE	L	26-52
Sept. 22	at Meridian	W	42-16
Sept. 29	Open		
Oct. 5	CAPITAL	W	48-26
Oct. 13	at Mtn. View	W	37-31
Oct. 20	EAGLE	W	40-14
Oct. 27	CENTENNIAL	W	40-14

Home games in CAPS

Freshmen roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
1	Chris Reynolds	WR/DB	44	Brandon Ferguson	LB
2	Spencer Guinard	WR	46	Sean Fitzgerald	DL
3	Matt Roll	QB/LB	47	Jordan Burelson	RB
4	Trevor Stanger	WR/DB	48	Austin Hook	LB
5	Tanner Hamilton	WR	49	Riley Krishnek	DB
6	Tyler Lamar	QB	50	Austin Carlson	OL/DL
7	Dillon Dotson	DB	51	Alex Quick	LB
8	Travis Waddle	WR	52	Tyler Esplin	DL
9	David Vail	TE/DL	53	Noah Gaul	OL
10	Treighton Shepherd	DB	54	McKay Murphy	OL
11	Ryan Beard	QB/TE	55	Trevor White	DL
12	Wyatt Carlson	QB	56	Jimmy Moriarty	LB
13	Devyn Christian	RB	57	Emir Szaferovic	OL
14	Sean Kauffman	RB	58	Quentin Duncan	DL
15	Collin Slater	WR	59	Justin Ivey	DL
16	Ryan Dempsey	DB	70	Josh Kaufman	OL
17	Jake Lathrop	DB	71	Spencer Large	OL
18	Phil Penrod	DB	72	Bryce Ravo	OL
19	Justin Quinn	LB	73	Dylan Gordon	OL
20	Renno Hook	RB	74	Jarrett Strickler	DL
21	Denver Martin	DB	75	Joe McDonald	DL
22/23	Tristan Strickland	DB	76	Noah Barsanti	DL
24	Joey Shannon	RB	77	Jordan Saunooke	TE
25	Hayden Newbold	DB	78	Conner Vrba	OL
27	Taylor Makinen	DB	79	Seth Reisbeck	OL
28	Logan Buchannan	DB	80	Braden Burrup	TE
29	Jaden Kressin	RB	81	Hayden Bradner	DL
30	Ryan O'Neil	RB	82	Jake Shriver	WR
31	Tyus Archuleta	DB	85	Emilio Gomez	TE/WR
32-/36	Jarod Sower	RB	86	Nic DeGrane	WR
33	Garret Escobedo	DL	88	Sam Mathews	WR
34	Mason Larson	DB	95	Brady Faigl	DL
35	Spencer Rich	RB			
40	Zac Carter	DB			
41	Nic Nichols	DL			
42	Sam White	LB			
43	Andrew Young	DB			

Head Coach: Tim Davis

Assistants: Joe Koga, Alex Reed, John Hardy, Brody Parrott, Ian Brown, John Knight.

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Centennial.

"I knew we had some talent coming in (to the season)," Davis said. "We had a lot of playing who are going to make a name for themselves."

On defense, Davis acknowledged Trevor White, who "had a motor that wouldn't quit and proved to be practically unblockable."

"He wasn't very big, but that was the case with much of our defense," Davis said. "Our entire defense was very good over the last five games."

Eagle went on to win the league. Rocky tied

with Vallivue, a team it lost to in the season's third game. Davis said dropped passes, special teams breakdowns, turnovers and poor tackling created problems early. Once they fixed it, nobody stopped them.

"We made some changes and put some kids in the right spots," Davis said. "That made the difference."

"Eagle was – by far – our biggest win. They might have overlooked us, but it was fun to watch what we became after we finally put it together."