Changes planned for MSU 1961 grid schedule

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MISSOULA--Two changes and possibly more are planned for MSU's 1961 grid schedule as a result of Denver University's withdrawal from Skyline football competition.

Athletic director Jiggs Dahlberg said Wednesday that Denver's date to play the Grizzlies at Missoula, Oct. 14, will be tentatively filled by Idaho State College. If the Idaho school can't make it then, they will meet the Silvertips at Missoula on Nov. 4.

The other switch involved the University of Utah, originally slated to play here Nov. 4. That date has now been moved forward to a previously open weekend, Oct. 21.

Dahlberg said that he and Dr. Earl Lory, faculty athletic representative, had made the arrangement following telephone calls to the two schools involved. Lory is attending the NCAA meeting in Pittsburg and confirmed the schedule shifts to Dahlberg by phone.

The Denver game on Oct. 14 had been planned as the climax to 1961's homecoming celebration. Bob Higham, alumni secretary, said that whether or not Idaho State plays here Oct. 14, no firm date could be scheduled for homecoming until spring when the alumni executive committee meets in Great Falls.

"We were lucky we could fill our schedule so fast," Dahlberg said. "Ordinarily it would have been a lot tougher to find desirable teams as most football schedules are made up three or more years in advance."