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AS GRIZZLIES PREPARE FOR SEASON OPENER

MISSOULA-- Fifty-one football hopefuls, including 13 who weren't in Missoula for spring drills, will greet new head coach Jack Swarthout and his staff Thursday when the University of Montana Grizzlies hit the Adams Field House practice gridiron to open fall practice.

Swarthout and aides Wally Brown, Jack Elway, Bill Betcher and Pinky Erickson admit that their toughest problem will be to mold a conglomeration of lettermen, sophomores and 26 junior college transfers into a smooth-working unit before Sept. 16, when the Grizzlies open against the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

Competition for starting slots at nearly every position should be high spirited among the 51 prospects, who comprise the largest Grizzly squad in recent history.

One of the more interesting battles should shape up among quarterback candidates, with senior lettermen Ed Steiner and Jim Searles, both of Missoula, competing with JC transfers Mark Mochel and Pete Mullins.

Fourteen halfbacks will be working hard to gain starting berths offensively and defensively, with better speed than last year promised both ways.

Top offensive halfback candidates appear to be lettermen Willie Jones, Rick Strauss and Don Molloy, sophs Roy Robinson and Doug Bain, and transfers Garth Morgan and John McBurrows.

Defensively, lettermen Gary Smith and Karl Fiske will vie with transfers Mace Gray, Larue Nelson and Mick O'Neill.

Bryan Magnuson appears a sure starter at fullback, with backup help promised from lettermen Rod Lung and transfer McBurrows.

Eleven tackle prospects will be on hand, with only one of them, Wes Appelt of Missoula, starting his senior year.

Top end candidates include lettermen Gib Brumback and transfers Jim Kelly, Ron Baines, more
Linebacking should be brighter with solid performances expected from JC newcomers Bob Beers and Greg Paresa working the inside.

Swarthout and his assistants plan two-a-day workouts, with specialty sessions evenings. Morning practice will run from 8:45 to 11:30, afternoon from 3-4:30, and evening 8-9.

The squad, with lettermen capitalized:

**QUARTERBACKS**---Jim Searles, 6-1, 175, Missoula; Pete Mullins (JC), 6-3, 190, San Francisco; Mark Mochel (JC), 6-2½, 215, Seattle; Ed Steiner, 6-1, 200, Missoula.

**HALFBACKS**---Willie Jones, 5-7, 160, Monroe, Mich.; Gary Smith, 5-9½, 175, Pittsburgh; Dewey Allen (Punter), 5-7, 160, Kalispell; Gartha Morgan (JC), 6-0, 175, Seattle; Mace Gray (JC), 5-10, 190, Baltimore, Md.; Dan Stimac, 6-0, 190, Great Falls; Larue Nelson (JC), 5-10, 170, New Orleans, La.; Karl Fiske, 5-11, 175, Lauren; Mick O'Neill (JC), 5-11, 175, Walla Walla, Wash.; Roy Robinson, 5-11, 180, Glasgow; Rick Strauss, 6-0, 190, Polson; Don Molloy, 6-0, 195, Malta; Doug Bain, 5-10, 180, Kalispell; John McBurrows (JC), 6-2, 198, Englewood, N.J.

**FULLBACKS**—Ron McGuckin, 5-10, 192, Boulder, Colo.; Bryan Magnuson, 6-1, 220, Hopkins, Minn.; Rod Lung, 5-11, 195, Sacramento, Calif.

**LINEBACKERS**—Bob Beers (JC), 5-10, 200, Beaverton, Ore.; Greg Paresa (JC), 6-0, 195, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii.

**CENTERS**—Rick Sparks, 5-9, 200, Butte; Bob Graham, 6-1, 215, San Mateo, Calif.; Ed Dawson (JC), 6-3, 210, Shelton, Wash.

**GUARDS**—Herb White, 5-10, 183, Ecorse, Mich.; Tom Lavery (JC), 5-11, 205, Chicago, Ill.; Ole Hedstrom, 6-0, 209, Laurel; Gary Freshour, (JC), 6-0, 190, McMinnville, Ore.; Rich (Butch) Ortiz (JC), 5-8½, 185, Moterey Park, Calif.

**TACKLES**—Mike Nicosia (JC), 6-2, 235, Scranton, Pa.; Lon Howard, (JC), 5-11, 225, Centralia, Wash.; Wes Appelt, 6-1½, 214, Missoula; Frank Young, (JC), 6-1, 210, Yakima, Wash.; Ell Dudley (JC), 6-1, 225, Detroit, Mich.; Bill Waters, 6-1, 218, Troy; Larry Stranahan, 6-0, 212, Missoula.

ENDS---Rich Unruh (JC), 6-0, 190, Everett, Wash.; GIB BRUMBACK, 603, 200, Walla Walla, Wash.; Ron Baines (JC), 6-0, 180, Tacoma, Wash.; Jim Enos (JC), 6-0, 185, Port Angeles, Wash.; LARRY HUGGINS, 6-2, 185, Missoula; Craig, Wilson, 6-2, 205, Missoula, Bruce Nordstrom (JC), 6-3, 230, Vancouver, Wash.; Jim Kelly (JC), 6-0, 218, Seattle, Ken Jernberg (JC), 6-2, 215, Sunnyside, Wash.

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