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Grizzlies going after five straight; face fifth do-or-die situation in row

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MISSOULA--

It's do or die again for the Montana Grizzlies Saturday when they face the Idaho Vandals in a regionally televised football game at Missoula's Dornblaser Stadium. Game time, usually at 1:30, has been moved up to 12:05 because of the broadcast situation.

The afternoon promises to be an interesting one.

The do or die situation is preferred by the Grizzlies, who last year faced a die or be killed situation more than once. This year, with a 4-0 record and a tie for the Big Sky Conference lead, the Grizzlies, better than anyone, realize how important the Idaho game will be.

Rated underdogs for the fifth time this season, the Grizzlies hope to offset Idaho's size advantage with speed in both line and backfield. Last week, against a University of the Pacific team which was of comparable size, the Grizzly running game bogged down against the quick Tiger defense, which stunted often because they were sure the Grizzlies would not go to the air much.

Coach Jack Swarthout may change this idea Saturday. Quarterbacks Pete Mullins and usual starter Ed Steiner have been waging a hot battle for starting honors all week, and as of Thursday no final decision on the signal calling spot had been made.

Both have thrown well in practice this week, and Steiner's biggest advantage is his ability to run with the ball better than Mullins.

Idaho, 2-2 in four starts, lost a 41-14 decision to powerful Montana State last Saturday, and the Vandals will be trying extra hard to get on the winning side again.

Their biggest running threats are 214-pound halfback Jim Pearsall, who has run for 376 yards so far, averaging 5.1 yards per carry, and 185-pound Rudy Linterman, a sophomore.

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speedster who has impressed Vandal Coach Steve Musseau with his quick running and his pass receiving abilities.

The Vandals also pack a wallop in the passing game, with quarterbacks Paul Gentle and Steve Garman both throwing well. Garman, who will get the starting nod this week, has thrown only 14 times, while Gentle has tossed 88 aerials. The Grizzly secondary defense can expect another busy afternoon.

Both teams are young, but the Vandals are perhaps younger. Their starting lineups will be heavily dotted with sophomores.

The Grizzlies hope to offset a stunting defense similar to the one Pacific mauled them with last weekend. Coaches have worked with linemen on "gap blocking," meant specifically to stop stunting, or counteract it.

Vandal victories thus far have been over Fresno State, 30-14, and Idaho State, 16-6, and the Idahoans have lost to Pacific, 6-42, and Montana State.

Starting for the Grizzlies offensively will be ends Jim Kelly, 6-0, 210, junior, and Ron Baines, 6-0, 185, junior; tackles Lon Howard, 5-11, 220, junior, and Bill Waters, 6-1, 218, sophomore; guards Ole Hedstrom, 6-0, 210, sophomore, and Herb White, 5-10, 185, junior; center Rick Sparks, 5-9, 205, junior; quarterback Ed Steiner, 6-1, 205, senior, or Pete Mullins, 6-3, 190, junior; halfbacks Gartha Morgan, 6-0, 175, junior, and Roy Robinson, 5-10, 180, sophomore, and fullback Bryan Magnuson, 6-1, 220, senior.

Vandal offensive starters will be ends Jerry Hendren, 6-2, 168, sophomore, and Gordon DeWaard, 6-2, 213, sophomore; tackles Gary Grove, 6-5, 239, junior, and Jim Thiemens, 6-5, 225, junior; guards Steve Ulrich, 5-11, 221, senior, and Karl Kleinkopf, 6-0, 216, junior; center Gary Atkinson, 6-0, 211, junior; quarterback Steve Garman, 6-1, 185, junior; halfbacks Jim Pearsall, 6-2, 214, junior, and Rudy Linterman, 5-10, 185, sophomore, and fullback Rob Young, 6-1, 205, junior.