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In college football, players specialize, and so do coaches. For the University of
Montana Grizzlies, Bill Betcher coaches the right side, or quick side, of the interior
offensive line, while grad assistant Dan Peters works with the centers. Both have been
extremely pleased with the men under their tutelage this fall.

Betcher talked first about the defensive ends Friday, and from all indications, he has
a strong corps with which to work.

One starter is likely to be 5-10, 195-pound senior Herb White of Ecorse, Mich., who
made a big switch from offensive guard, where he was an All-Big Sky selection for two
seasons.

"Herb has done an excellent job of making the change," said Betcher. "He reacts well,
is a tremendous pursuer, and hits hard enough to knock off some hats. He made the change
easily because he's dedicated and has the desire to play, no matter where."

The other starter probably will be junior Mike Glennon of Billings, a 6-1, 200-pounder.
Betcher said he has made marked improvement over his sophomore standing, and has the same
dedication and desire traits as White.

"Mike's a quick learner with good speed and a good response to the passing game," he
said.

Rounding out the defensive ends are 6-2, 215-pound Tim Gallagher of Kalispell, 6-2,
All are sophomores.

Gallagher, a split end in high school, made the switch as a frosh at UM, and did it

more
well. Nordstrom, a transfer from the University of Washington via Green River JC in Auburn, Wash., has been out for a week with an ankle injury, but showed great promise before being injured. Notaro was a big surprise, coming back after failing to make the varsity squad two years ago. He has a slight shoulder injury, but will soon be back in action.

Heading up Betcher's corps of quick tackles is gigantic Hawaiian Tuufuli Uperesa, a 6-3, 260-pounder from Honolulu.

"It's hard to know where to start or stop in describing Tuufuli," Betcher said. "He's our quickest offensive lineman, an outstanding blocker, and one of the best in a one-on-one situation. I'd call him a definite professional football prospect."

Backing up Uperesa at quick tackle are junior Mike McCann, a 6-2, 212-pounder from Renton, Wash., and sophomore Willie Postler, a 6-4, 240-pounder from Vancouver, B.C.

McCann, a one-year veteran, was playing guard during spring drills, but was moved to tackle for depth purposes. Betcher said he has adapted well, and will do an outstanding job when needed. Postler was described as quick to learn, fast, and very agile for his size.

At quick guard is converted All-Big Sky tackle Lon Howard, a 5-11, 230-pounder from Centralia, Wash. Betcher called him a great pulling guard, with tremendous quickness for his size. Howard is expected to handle the bulk of Grizzly punting chores as well this fall.

He will be backed by 5-11, 195-pound junior Tom Lavery of Chicago, Ill., and 6-1, 195-pound sophomore Joe Lyons of Kalispell. Lavery redshirted last season with knee and ankle injuries keeping him out, but Betcher said he is making a fast comeback. Lyons lacks experience, but Betcher said he is learning fast, and does a good job of blocking linebackers.

The center position, according to Coach Peters, is well manned, with 6-5, 245-pound junior Dave Urie of Chico, Calif., and Byron Lovell, a 6-0, 210-pounder from Honolulu, battling for starting honors. Last year's starter, Rick Sparks of Butte, is still recovering from knee surgery, and is making steady progress.

Peters said Urie has great speed to go with his tremendous size, plus he has the best snap of all the centers in a punting situation. Lovell, he said, is quick, hustles well, and is a real fireplug. He added that Sparks needs to lose weight, but continues to get the job done despite being injured and overweight.