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GRIZZLIES WRAP UP 1968 GRID SEASON
WITH ROAD TRIP TO NORTHERN ARIZONA

MISSOULA--

Jack Swarthout's Montana Grizzlies hope to wrap up the 1968 season on a winning note following five straight defeats when they meet the Northern Arizona University Lumberjacks in Lumberjack Stadium in Flagstaff Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Northern Arizona will also be playing its final game of the year, and the Lumberjacks hope to win to stay above the .500 mark. They are currently 5-4 on the season. Last year, a 10-7 loss to the Grizzlies started the Jacks on a downward finish that left their record at 5-5 after they had been nationally-ranked early in 1967.

Both teams have been plagued with injuries. Northern Arizona sources have reported that 8 of the starting 22 players offensively and defensively have been put out with injuries.

Despite injury problems, the Lumberjacks have beaten Long Beach State, 26-20; Omaha University, 7-6; Northern Illinois, 43-14; Hiram Scott College, 37-7, and Eastern New Mexico, 35-17. The Lumberjacks have been defeated by Drake, 14-30; Weber State, 14-21; San Fernando State, 20-21; and Montana State, 15-20.

The Lumberjacks, with quarterback Olson doing most of the work, will throw about half the time offensively. Olson has completed 110 of 260 passes through the first eight games for 1,575 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Leading rusher for the Jacks had been Sonny Campbell, 220-pound tailback, with 598 yards on 163 carries. However, Campbell sustained a broken arm against Hiram Scott two weeks ago, and is a doubtful performer against the Grizzlies.

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The Grizzlies, after a tremendous 7-3 season mark in 1967, have tumbled to a 2-6 record this season after being pre-season picks to win the Big Sky Conference title. The Tips lost all four league tilts.

Injuries have struck the Grizzlies time and again in the offensive backfield, and number one rusher Mike Buzzard, already out at different times early in the season, will miss the final game with an injury sustained in the 20-16 loss to Weber State one week ago. The Mt. Vernon, Wash. junior tailback had been the running workhorse for Montana this year.

Sophomore John McBurrows of Englewood, N.J. will move into Buzzard's spot, a position in which he started early in the year. McBurrows ran hard and well against Weber State.

The offensive starting lineup for Montana will be senior tight end Jim Kelly of Seattle, Wash.; junior strong tackle Bill Gutman of Seattle; senior strong guard Butch Ortiz of Monterey Park, Calif.; senior center Rick Sparks of Butte; senior quick guard Lon Howard of Centralia, Wash.; junior quick tackle Tuufuli Uperesa of Honolulu, Hawaii; junior split end Al Luis of Orland, Calif.; junior quarterback Ray Brum of Honolulu; junior slotback Doug Bain of Kalispell; sophomore tailback McBurrows, and junior fullback Roy Robinson of Glasgow.

Defensively, the Grizzlies will go with senior left end Herb White of Ecorse, Mich.; sophomore left tackle Jim Nordstrom of Vancouver, Wash.; sophomore middle guard Larry Stranahan of Missoula; junior right tackle Ron Garske of Chico, Calif.; sophomore right end Tim Gallagher of Kalispell; senior left linebacker Bob Beers of Beaverton, Ore.; senior right linebacker Greg Paresa of Kahului, Hawaii; sophomore left halfback Pat Schruth of Billings; senior left safety Mick O'Neill of Walla Walla, Wash.; senior right safety Mace Gray of Baltimore, Md., and sophomore right halfback Bob Guptill of Great Falls.

Sixteen seniors will be lost this spring through graduation. Those not listed above in the starting lineups include quarterback Pete Mullins of San Francisco, injured two weeks ago; tailback Gartha Morgan of Seattle; defensive halfback Larue Nelson of New Orleans, La.; fullback Rick Strauss of Polson; defensive tackle Bruce Nordstrom of Vancouver, Wash.; defensive tackle Fred Tubbs of Honolulu; offensive tackle Ed Dawson of Shelton, Wash., injured before the first game, and slotback Ron Baines of Tacoma, Wash.