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UM Football '69 will have its first taste of game action Saturday when the Montana Grizzlies meet the University of North Dakota Sioux at Grand Forks.

Game time is 12:30 p.m. MDT. The Grizzlies, who will leave at 11 a.m. Friday from Johnson-Bell Field, will return at 10 p.m. Saturday night.

The Sioux have one game under their belts, a 26-13 victory over tough St. Cloud State at Grand Forks last Saturday.

Saturday's meeting will be the 15th between the two schools, with Montana winning eight, North Dakota five, and one ending in a tie. The Grizzlies have won the last two, taking a 19-14 come-from-behind contest in 1967 at Grand Forks and an easy 37-10 romp last year at Billings. The last Sioux win over Montana was a 30-6 runaway at Billings in 1966.

Sioux Coach Jerry Olson feels his 1969 squad has excellent morale and passing ability and an outstanding defensive secondary, although the Nodaks gave up 218 yards to the St. Cloud passing attack.

Leading performers include 6-3, 215-pound quarterback Mike Conner; flanker and second-string quarterback Dick Kampa, a co-captain; top receivers Pat Kenney and 6-7 John Sandager; sophomore fullback Jerry Skogmo, and offensive center Bruce Smith.

Defensively, top players are secondary backs Ron Schmidt, Dan Martinsen, Bob Patton and co-captain Pete Gilbert. Top defensive linemen include Greg Schneider, Wayne Giesbrecht, Arch McCord and backers Roger Mehus and Don McLean.

Montana coach Jack Swarthout said Thursday his squad can beat the Sioux with "good" football.

"They are a better team than they were last year, but we will undoubtedly meet tougher ones this year," Swarthout said. "We think we must come back with a good, solid victory to gain confidence in our new offense and defense."
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Offensive Montana starters will be junior tight end Jim DeBord, Pasco, Wash.; senior left tackle Bill Gutman, Seattle, Wash., or junior Len Johnson, Sacramento, Calif.; sophomore left guard Willie Postler, Vancouver, B.C.; senior center Byron Lovell, Honolulu, Haw.; senior right guard John Stedham, Chehalis, Wash.; senior right tackle Tuufuli Uperesa, Aiea, Haw.; senior split end Doug Bain, Kalispell; senior quarterback Ray Brum, Honolulu; junior left halfback Arnie Blancas, Sumner, Wash.; sophomore right halfback Casey Reilly, Anaconda, and junior fullback Les Kent, Honolulu.

Defensive starters will be junior left end Jim Nordstrom, Vancouver, Wash.; junior left tackle Larry Stranahan, Missoula; junior right tackle Larry Miller, Martinez, Calif.; senior right end John Talalotu, Aiea; sophomore left linebacker Bill Sterns, Stevenson, Wash.; junior middle linebacker Marty Frustaci, Los Angeles, Calif.; junior right linebacker Tim Gallagher, Kalispell; junior left halfback Pat Schruth, Billings; junior strong safety Pat Dolan, Great Falls; junior free safety Karl Stein, San Anselmo, Calif., and senior right halfback Roy Robinson, Glasgow.

Others comprising the travelling squad are sophomore quarterback Steve Caputo, Seattle; sophomore quarterback Bob Fisher, Aberdeen, Wash.; senior right halfback Mike Buzzard, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; sophomore strong safety Mick Dennehy, Butte; junior left halfback John Ochoa, Anaheim, Calif.; junior defensive halfback Robin Peters, Cleveland, Ohio.

Junior kicker Dan Worrell, Great Falls; sophomore fullback Jeff Hoffmann, Seattle; sophomore center Ray Stachnik, Chicago, Ill.; senior offensive tackle Dave Urie, Chico, Calif.; sophomore defensive tackle Gene Baldwin, Spokane, Wash.; junior linebacker Bill Hickerson, San Anselmo; senior defensive tackle Mike McCann, Renton, Wash.

Sophomore offensive guard George Atwood, Lansdale, Pa.; senior linebacker Mike Glennon, Billings; sophomore tight end Gred Miles, Seattle, and junior defensive end Wayne Hall, Westminster, Calif.