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MISSOULA---"If we can solve some line problems, we should have an improved season," Montana University football coach Ray Jenkins said this week in noting that fall grid workouts for the Grizzlies are just about a month in the future.

The Silvertips, 50 strong, will return to Missoula for fall practice that starts Sept. 1--a bare 10 days before Montana's opener with North Dakota at Grand Forks on Sept. 10. Jenkins and his staff will conduct three workouts daily for the first few days, then will taper off before leaving for the first contest.

"I'm not greatly worried about lack of practice for the North Dakota game, since the Sioux will have the same problem," the mentor added.

In the overall picture, Jenkins sees some room for optimism. But this must be tempered with the caution that line depth problems and unforeseen injuries could produce little improvement over Montana's 1-8 record of 1959.

The problem spot probably will be tackle, where Jenkins has two good starters but slight reserve strength. All-Skyline candidate John Gregor is a definite league standout, and transfer Ed Herber can do a good job at the other position. Although Jenkins has four other lettermen at tackle, none seem capable of doing a consistantly good job. Best bets for some help at tackle are transfer Claire Hawkins, junior Mike Thomson and sophomores Don Stevlingson and Ed Flynn.

Other line positions have a healthy balance of tested veterans and promising newcomers. End Jim Harris is not fully recovered from a back injury of last winter, but he should be available for at least part-time chores. The other starter will be senior Howard Schwend, with lettermen Dale Berry and defensive ace Glenn Sorenson in reserve. Top newcomers are Gene Moe, Bill Bouchee and Mike Trotter.

