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MISSOULA -- Montana University Grizzlies, fresh from their first opening-game victory since 1954, face powerful Wyoming Saturday afternoon in Billings, and Grizzly mentor Ray Jenkins says his men must correct a multitude of errors that cropped up in MSU's 21-14 win over North Dakota last Saturday.

"We made just about every mistake in the book last week, but still managed to come out ahead," Jenkins said.

Probably the most glaring deficiency in the victory over the Sioux was poor offensive timing. MSU fumbled six times and twice lost scoring opportunities because of lost balls. Several other plays were fouled up due to mistaken assignments. "We played a good offensive game, but could have done twice as well," Jenkins summarized.

On the plus side of the ledger, the mentor was "doggone proud" of MSU's comeback efforts after North Dakota took a 14-8 lead early in the fourth period. Despite a costly fumble, the Grizzlies scored twice in the final seven minutes to sew up the contest.

Sophomore halfbacks Pat Dodson and Terry Dillon earned the most praise for sparkling running, while veterans Jim Grasky and Gary Smith also rushed well. Dodson was the individual standout, scoring twice on 17 and 5-yard dashes.

Grizzly line performances were spotty, although veterans John Matte and John Gregor turned in good jobs. Grizzly linebacking was a strong feature, but defensive line play left much to be desired.

So far as Saturday's contest is concerned, the Grizzly coaches concede

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that the Cowpokes rate as definite favorites. "We proved Saturday that we won't fold up, and we've cleared a big mental barrier. "That should mean a 100 per cent improvement against Wyoming," said Jenkins.

Advance reports from the Wyoming camp indicate that the Cowboys can field three strong units. Coach Bob Devaney has a problem in replacing his graduated All-Skyline quarterback, Jim Walden, but otherwise has a strong letterman contingent back from his 1959 outfit that didn't lose a game in league competition.

The only injury in the NDU game was a bruised knee suffered by end Howard Schwend, but it should't keep the 200-pound senior out of action more than a couple days. Sophomore Gene Moe, who showed flashes of good form last Saturday, may replace Schwend as a starter. Other Grizzly openers will be Dale Berry at end, Gregor and Mike Thomson at tackles, Matte and Larry Beddes, guards; Jim Johnson, center; Bob O'Billovich at quarterback; Dillon and Dodson at halves, and Smith at fullback.

The Silvertips tentatively plan to make the Billings town by bus. They will return to Missoula immediately after the game to prepare for MSU's home opener Sept. 24 against Utah State.

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