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"Football already???"

It doesn't seem possible but next Wednesday (August 18) at 11:30 a.m., University of Montana coach Jack Swarthout will welcome back 58 Grizzly gridders for fall drills.

Welcoming the team also will be a group of 28 Missoula women calling themselves "GAMS" (Gals Advocating Montana's Swarthout). The group was organized by KYSS sports director John T. Campbell and is headed by Patti Brant.

Wednesday also will serve as Camera Day for the Grizzlies. Members of the media are invited to interview, film or shoot still pictures of the 1971 team.

Swarthout said the Grizzlies will go through two-a-day workouts leading to the Sept. 4 opener in Great Falls against South Dakota. The morning sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the afternoon drills start at 3 p.m. All practices will be directly east of the Harry Adams Field House on the practice fields.

Montana will have an all game regular schedule this year for the first time since 1947. That year Doug Fessenden coached the Tips to a 7-4 record.

Included on Montana's schedule are Big Sky opponents Idaho, Boise State, Idaho State, Weber and Montana State, in that order. Non-conference foes include South Dakota, North Dakota, Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo, Pacific, Hawaii and Portland State, in that order.

Boise State, Pacific, Hawaii and Cal Poly are additions to the 1971 schedule replacing Northern Illinois, Northern Arizona and South Dakota State from the 1970 itinerary.

The Montana coach will have 26 lettermen and 12 starters returning with the bulk of the veterans on the offensive unit. Graduations hit the defense hardest and in all, 17 lettermen and ten starters will be missing this fall.

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The fall practices this year mark the first time freshmen will participate on the varsity. Last winter the Big Sky Conference legalized freshman participation in football and basketball. Five freshmen will attend the fall session.

A further squad breakdown shows 17 seniors, 14 juniors and 22 sophomores scheduled to report.

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Montana will/defending its two year reign as Big Sky Champions and a 20-0 regular season record.

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