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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana will open the 1971 season with a rebuilt defensive interior.

Gone from last year's team are Larry Miller, All-American in 1969-70 at tackle, Jim Nordstrom, All-Big Sky defensive end in 1969 and now trying out with the Vancouver B.C. Lions and Larry Stranahan, a 1969 All-Big Sky tackle.

Grizzly Coach Jack Swarthout will replace the three with Leo LaRoche, a 1970 All-American defensive end at Columbia Basin; Gary Swearingen, an All-Washington tackle at Grays Harbor and redshirt Jim Leid. The only returning starter on the front four is Greg Maloney, a 1970 academic All-American.

Maloney hails from Macon, Mo., and started at right end last season. This year the 6-3 and 240 lb. Grizzly will move to the left side and could see action as a defensive tackle also. He is a 3.2 student in business administration.

LaRoche will anchor the right side of the Grizzly line this year. He is a junior from Fitchburg, Mass., and is 6-2 and 225 lbs. Swarthout said he is one of the quickest and toughest linemen he's seen in a long while.

Swearingen replaces Miller in the 1971 lineup and is from Grants Pass, Ore. He is 6-3 and 240 lbs. and adds quickness, strength and experience to the unit.

Leid, who replaces Stranahan, is 6-3 and 240 lbs. and is a sophomore. He is from Waitsburg, Wash., and Swarthout says he's as rough as they come.

The Grizzlies also have utility lineman George Atwood back. Atwood, 6-0 and 225 lbs., can play any of the four positions up front and is a senior. "You can bet he'll be in every game and is extremely valuable to this team," Swarthout said.

Montana also has three top sophomores in the lineup this year. Steve Taylor and Marc Kouzmanoff are ends and Rick Anderson is a tackle.

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Taylor is from Great Falls and is 6-0 and 200 lbs. "He isn't fast or big enough, but always gets the job done," Swarthout said.

Kouzmanoff is 6-2 and 225 lbs. and from Glen Ellyn, Ill. He is a redshirt and a solid prospect.

Anderson is from Lacey, Wash., and is 6-1 and 235 lbs. He and Taylor anchored the frosh line last year and will see plenty of action this fall.

Swarthout concluded, "We're not as experienced on the defensive line this year, but we have some real great talent there."

Montana opens its season against South Dakota in Great Falls on Sept. 4.

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