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The University of Montana freshman football team, which begins practice this week under coach Bob Beers, has scheduled two games with the Montana State frosh for this season.

The first game is at 2 p.m. Oct. 8 in Bozeman and the second is 1:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in Butte. Beers says he may try to schedule one home contest later in the season.

Practices begin Thursday afternoon (Sept. 23) behind the Field House. Beers, a former first team Little All-American linebacker for the Grizzlies, says this year's team may be "skimpy," but he does have talent to work with.

A total of 16 freshmen, 12 of them Montanans, have been working out with the varsity since practices began in August. This year freshmen can play varsity sports in the Big Sky Conference and Beers may lose one or two of his better players to head coach Jack Swarthout as the season progresses.

Buddy Walsh, 6-1, 215 lb. fullback from Butte Central, has looked good so far this year and may remain with the varsity. A couple of other Montana freshmen have caught Swarthout's eye and have played in regular games. Former Malta star Duane Walker has played at tight end and has one pass reception to his name. Big Ron Rosenburg, a 6-3, 220 lb. standout at Whitefish, plays on the varsity kicking team and has received praise for his hustle and tackling ability. Clayton Rayson, Libby's great running back last year, has also shown up for freshman ball.

Last year's freshman team was 0-3 for the season. The rookies lost twice to the first year men at Montana State and once to Boise State.

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