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GRIZZLY FOOTBALL:
THE TEAM OF THE '80s

Limited experience and an accent on youth is what University of Montana first-year coach Larry Donovan and his staff encountered Aug. 25, the first day of Grizzly football practice.

There are 11 starters back for the 1980 campaign, but of the 87 football hopefuls, only 15 are seniors. There are 43 new faces out for the team this season, and almost all of them are freshmen.

Donovan said the team needed help from some of the newcomers, nine of whom are junior college transfers, to be competitive in the 10-game schedule this year.

Montana will open its season Saturday, Sept. 13, hosting the Rod Woodward-coached Simon Fraser University Clansmen from Burnaby, British Columbia.

Simon Fraser was 3-6 last season, but first-year coach Woodward inherited 18 starters, losing just one regular off the offense. Not only do the Clansmen have good experience back, but they will have already played a game when they meet UM. They open their season Sept. 6 against the University of Calgary.

Donovan and his staff of Ken Flajole, Joe Glenn, Rick Johnson, Bob Lowry, Mike Van Diest, Mike Johnson and Lynn Rosenbach all feel that the new talent they recruited has excellent potential. They also feel that the veterans will contribute substantially.

"Only one guy out of 87 came to camp out of shape," Donovan said. "The rest of them are lean and quick, and ready to play football. This team has a winning attitude."