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GRIZZLIES FACE ROUGH CHORE TRYING TO WIN FOURTH STRAIGHT

MISSOULA--

Montana Grizzly football coach Jack Swarthout figures to have a tough time this weekend when the Silvertips go for their fourth win of the season without a loss against the University of the Pacific.

The two teams will meet Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Missoula's Dornblaser Stadium. Pacific shut out the Grizzlies last year in Stockton, Calif. 28-0.

The Tigers are 1-2 for the year so far, but they've met tough competition in Idaho, Cal State at Santa Barbara, and West Texas State.

One man the Grizzlies may have difficulty containing is hard-running Tiger fullback Jack Layland. In the first three Tiger outings, Layland has gained 409 yards in 68 tries for 6.1 yards per carry. Against West Texas State, which laced Pacific 34-6, Layland came up with a 154-yard total.

The 210-pound senior has also caught four passes and scored two touchdowns.

"We know Layland is an excellent runner," Swarthout said, "and he goes well to the outside. But our defense has had plenty of experience this year against good fullbacks in South Dakota's John Biezuns and Weber State's Lee White."

The Grizzlies also have to contend with Pacific's usual aerial barrage. Quarterbacks Bob Lee and Rand Bergstrom have hurled the pigskin an average of 26 times per game, completing just under half for 460 yards.

"We know that Pacific will throw between 20 and 30 times against us," Swarthout said, "and our defensive secondary, led by Gary Smith, can expect a real workout Saturday."

Helping Smith in the defensive secondary will be Mick O'Neill, LaRue Nelson, and Mace Gray, all juniors. Smith is a senior.

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Swarthout also hopes to keep his offense, currently first on the ground in the Big Sky Conference, going as well as it has in Montana's first three outings.

"We've put together some real good drives," the coach commented, "but we haven't done enough scoring. We hope to remedy that this weekend."

Going in the backfield against Pacific will be either Gartha Morgan or Willie Jones and Roy Robinson at halfbacks, and Bryan Magnuson at fullback. Magnuson currently has the best rushing average in the Big Sky with 5.6 yards per try.

Calling signals for the Bruins will be veteran quarterback Ed Steiner, with backup help from another veteran, senior Jim Searles.