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### UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA DIAMONDMEN STRONG OFFENSIVELY, DEFENSIVELY

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Despite the fact that there will be only eight returning lettermen on the 1968 University of Montana baseball team, Coach Larry Works feels that his squad has a lot of potential in its youth.

"We could be real strong offensively and I'm not too worried about our defensive play," Works said. "Our big question mark is in the pitching department."

Only two veteran pitchers are on the squad this year, but both did fine jobs with last year's 12-11 team.

John Kidd, sophomore from Mountain Home, Idaho, and Jerry Sepich, senior from Great Falls, are the two returnees. The other four hurlers on the squad are underclassmen, three of them freshmen.

"If these younger pitchers come through and show strength, we'll be in good shape," Works added. "But it's obvious that two good pitchers can't carry the entire load."

Besides veteran hurlers Sepich and Kidd, Works will build his squad around other veterans including Dewey Allen, senior second sacker from Kalispell; Jim Kenyon, junior outfielder from Missoula; Bob Atchison, junior outfielder from Sidney; Lon Howard, junior outfielder from Centralia, Wash.; Steve Wheeler, junior third baseman from Whitefish, and Brian Cloutier, senior catcher from Libby.

Of these, Allen, Kenyon and Cloutier were regulars last season.

Works feels his outfield may be his strongest point this season. Along with Kenyon, Atchison, and Howard, he will have Tim Sampson, freshman from Disney; Bob Glasgow, sophomore from Billings; Larry Slocum, sophomore from Missoula, and Mike Heroux, freshman from Menasha, Wis.

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Rounding out the infield will be first baseman Harry Allen, Missoula sophomore; third baseman Pat Shannon, sophomore from Polson, and shortstop Mike Hoonan, sophomore from Aberdeen, Wash.

Backing up Cloutier behind the plate will be Tom Montgomery, freshman from Eureka, Calif., and Bob Galbraith, junior from Pasco, Wash.

The Grizzlies face a tough opener when they travel to the Banana Belt Tournament next weekend in Lewiston, Idaho. They're opening game is with perennial baseball power Washington State.