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1968 GRIZZLY GRIDDERS OPEN
TWO-A-DAY SESSIONS MONDAY

MISSOULA---

Nearly 60 University of Montana football hopefuls will romp for cameramen and sports writers during Picture Day activities Saturday afternoon before getting down to serious business Monday morning, when actual workouts begin.

Physical examinations will be given to all reporting players Sunday. Because of a new NCAA ruling, the first four days of practice will be devoted to polish and conditioning. Players will not be allowed to don football gear during the first three days.

Head coach Jack Swarthout and his four assistants will blow the starting whistle on two-a-day drills Monday morning at 8:30. The Grizzlies will drill until 10:15, break for lunch, and then return for afternoon workouts from 3 to 5:30 p.m. First scrimmage work will probably come Friday.

Swarthout has continually indicated that the 1968 Grizzlies will be "bigger, faster and stronger" than his initial 1967 contingent which won 7 and lost but 3.

However, the second-year mentor thinks other schools in the Big Sky Conference and on the remainder of the nine-game schedule also will be tougher. He thinks the element of the surprise that the Grizzlies used to their advantage last year won't exist in 1968.

"They won't be looking ahead of us when we play them this time," Swarthout said. "So we'll have to be just that much tougher."

The Grizzlies are generally considered as favorites or at least co-favorites with Montana State to cop Big Sky honors this year.

"That would be great, and it's a great tribute to last year's team," Swarthout said. "But it won't be all that easy to do."

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The Grizzlies open the season Sept. 14 in Billings against the University of North Dakota. Montana beat the Sioux 19-14 in 1967.

Heading the list of 26 returnees are 1967 offensive starters Ron Baines and Jim Kelly at ends; Lon Howard and Bill Waters at guards; Rick Sparks at center, and Roy Robinson and Rick Strauss in the backfield.

Defensive starters returning include tackle John Stedham, guard Ole Hedstrom, and backs Mace Gray, Larue Nelson, and Mick O'Neill, along with former offensive guard Herb White, who will play defensive end.

These men will be complemented by three 1967 redshirts, 12 junior college transfers and 16 sophomores up from the 2-1 Cub team of 1967.

Swarthout figures his offensive backfield is solid at quarterback, wingback and tailback, but possibly weakest at fullback. "We have speed at fullback, but may lack the faking and blocking we had there last year."

The offensive and defensive lines should be stronger than last year's, according to Swarthout, and the defensive backfield, boasting three returning starters, should be tough.

"Our overall depth is still not what we would like to have, but it's far ahead of what we had last year," Swarthout said.

The Grizzly kicking game will definitely show improvement. Sophomore Dan Worrell of Great Falls, who hit on 7 of 10 field goal tries as a frosh with a range up to 50 yards, will be much in evidence in Grizzly offensive plans as a place kicker and punter.

Grizzlies supposed to report Saturday, with lettermen in caps, are as follows:

ENDS

RON BAINES, Senior, Tacoma, Wash.; Jim DeBord, Soph., Pasco, Wash.; Jim Enos, Junior, Port Angeles, Wash.; Tim Gallagher, Sophomore, Kalispell; MIKE GLENNON, Junior, Billings; JIM KELLY, Senior, Seattle, Wash.; Al Luis, Junior, Orland, Calif.; Jim Nordstrom, Sophomore, Vancouver, Wash.; Jim Notaro, Sophomore, Tampa, Fla., and HERB WHITE, Senior, Ecorse, Mich.

TACKLES

ED DAWSON, Senior, Shelton, Wash.; Bill Gutman, Junior, Seattle, Wash.; Willie Postler, Sophomore, Vancouver, B.C.; Ray Stachnik, Sophomore, Chicago, Ill.; JOHN STEDHAM, Junior,

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Chehalis, Wash.; Joe Stoddard, Junior, Gig Harbor, Wash.; LARRY STRANAHAN, Junior, Missoula; Dennis Thrasher, Junior, Yuba City, Calif.; FRED TUBBS, Senior, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Tuufuli Uperesa, Junior, Honolulu.

GUARDS

OLE HEDSTROM, Junior, Laurel; LON HOWARD, Senior, Centralia, Wash.; Tom Lavery, Junior, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Lyons, Sophomore, Kalispell; MIKE McCANN, Junior, Renton, Wash.; BUTCH ORTIZ, Senior, Monterey Park, Calif.; John Talolutu, Junior, Honolulu, Hawaii, and BILL WATERS, Junior, Troy.

CENTERS

Byron Lovell, Junior, Honolulu, Hawaii; Joe Niman, Sophomore, Miami, Fla.; RICK SPARKS, Senior, Butte, and Dave Urie, Junior, Chico, Calif.

LINEBACKERS

BOB BEERS, Senior, Beaverton, Ore.; Sandy Cordova, Soph., Miami, Fla.; GREG PARESA, Senior, Kahului, Hawaii; RICH UNRUH, Junior, Everett, Wash., and Glen Wysel, Sophomore, Lewistown.

QUARTERBACKS

Ray Brum, Junior, Honolulu, Hawaii; Jack Cloherty, Sophomore, Chicago, Ill.; PETE MULLINS, Senior, San Francisco, Calif., and Jim Opitz, Sophomore, Missoula.

TAILBACKS

DOUG BAIN, Junior, Kalispell; Mike Buzzard, Junior, Mount Vernon, Wash.; and ROY ROBINSON, Junior, Glasgow.

SLOTBACKS

GARTHA MORGAN, Senior, Seattle, Wash., and RICK STRAUSS, Senior, Polson.

FULLBACKS

Tony Gabriel, Junior, South River, N.J., and John McBurrows, Sophomore, Englewood, N.J.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Pat Dolan, Sophomore, Great Falls; KARL FISKE, Senior, Laurel; MACEO GRAY, Senior, Baltimore, Md.; Bob Guptill, Sophomore, Great Falls; LARUE NELSON, Senior, New Orleans, La.; MICK O'NEILL, Senior, Walla Walla, Wash.; Pat Schruth, Sophomore, Billings, and John Waxham, Sophomore, Mountlake Terrace, Wash.

KICKER

Dan Worrell, Sophomore, Great Falls.