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MONTANANS SHINE ON SPRING GRID:
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Former Montana high school athletes have been doing an outstanding job for the University of Montana football team in spring drills to date, and they'll have another opportunity to improve their standings Saturday when the spring hopefuls take to the practice field for another controlled game scrimmage.

Starting time for the workout is 10 a.m.

Already mentioned earlier this week by the UM coaching staff for their showings in last Saturday's scrimmage were halfback Casey Reilly of Anaconda and defensive tackle Andy Antonovich of Butte.

Several others have cracked the starting lineup either way, or are in good position to do so later.

Senior Doug Bain of Kalispell, only recently moved from the offensive backfield to tight end, is on the first unit. Another Kalispell product, junior Tim Gallagher, is starting at defensive end, where he played last year. Another Flathead junior, Joe Lyons, is pushing hard to start at offensive guard.

Halfback Jim Schillinger of Circle, who will be a sophomore in the fall, has been tabbed as the team's best downfield blocker in spring drills, and he is also standing out in his running efforts.

Back on the offensive line, senior Bill Waters of Troy is also in the fight for a starting guard spot, and at 220 pounds, with his fine speed, he could be a strong contender by this fall.

Billings is also well represented in the spring turnout, and could boast a pair of starters defensively for the Grizzlies. Defensive back Pat Schruth, a junior, and defensive end Mike Glennon, a senior, are looking real good in spring drills.

Schruth picked up valuable experience as a sophomore, and figures to be stronger because of that this fall. Glennon is a two-year letterman.

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Senior Ole Hedstrom, from nearby Laurel, is out with a knee injury but should return to challenge at defensive end in the fall.

In other defensive backfield areas, junior Pat Dolan, who saw a lot of action last year, and sophomore-to-be Mick Dennehy, are battling hard to start at strong safety.

Dolan, one of the toughest hitters per pound on the squad, needs more work, but has shown marked improvement in spring workouts. Dennehy was a workhorse for the frosh last fall.

Another Montanan who has stood out in spring workouts is junior linebacker Glen Wysel of Lewistown, who appears destined to start next fall. Wysel is doubling up as one of the Montana's best golfers as well.

Coaches are looking forward to seeing the fleet Roy Robinson of Glasgow on the spring practice field next week. Robinson, a senior in the fall, has been concentrating on track, but will complete his running efforts this weekend during the Big Sky Conference Championships in Missoula.

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