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GRIZZLIES SET GAME SCRIMMAGE
FOR STAURDAY MORNING AT UM

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Montana Grizzly football hopefuls, some 60 of them left from the original 77 that turned out late in April, will hold another controlled game scrimmage Saturday morning at 9:30 on the UM practice field behind the Harry Adams Field House.

This week's scrimmage, the last of its kind for the spring, will have everything but kickoffs, and will be filmed for study by the coaching staff.

The team has been scrimmaging daily since the third day of spring drills, and first assistant Jack Elway reported Thursday that there have been very few injuries.

"We've been impressed by the outstanding physical condition of this year's group," Elway said. "They've been hitting hard, but any injuries we've had have not been too serious."

Elway indicated that battles are still going on for positions on offense and defense, and he mentioned that the defense has been looking much better in the past few sessions.

The offensive backfield combination of sophomore Casey Reilly and junior Arnie Blancas at halfbacks, and junior Les Kent at fullback looks pretty solid, according to Elway, and although Ray Brum is holding on to the number one quarterback spot, he's being pushed hard by sophomores Steve Caputo and Bob Fisher.

Elway singled out Doug Bain for his fine efforts at tight end, a position he moved into just two weeks ago.

"Doug has looked great in his new spot," Elway said. "He's picking things up rapidly, he's a fine receiver, and he's getting his blocking assignments carried out well." Bain is a senior from Kalispell.

The Grizzlies will begin their final four-day week of drills Tuesday, and will close the spring sessions with the annual intrasquad game May 31.

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