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Montana's centennial freshman gridiron squad will make their debut Saturday in

Bozeman against the Montana State University Bobkittens.

Cub coach Jim Neilson has been running the future Grizzlies through basic drills for the past two weeks. Neilson said, "We've been trying to determine where we'll play each boy. This calls for intensive evaluation of their skills which we've been doing for the last couple of weeks."

Neilson said, "We know we have a lot of speed and size on this year's freshman team and the kids seem to have a tremendous attitude."

Among the many outstanding frosh candidates are four Butte prepsters from last year's Class AA championship team. Neilson said these four lads Glen Welch, Monty Severs, Ron Richards and Jesse Woods are going to play a lot of football for Montana if they maintain a good attitude and develop like they should.

The freshman mentor was also high on Warren "Sparky" Kottke of Great Falls. He was last year's Class AA rushing leader and Neilson feels will develop into a Grizzly great.

The Cub coach said, "It's real hard to single out players because we have so many outstanding ones on this year's team. They look good in practice and now we have to battle test them."

Assistant coach Pat Dodson praised the work of two Hawaiians--quarterback Elroy Chong and split end Yasuo Yorita, both of Honolulu. "They could develop into a great passing combination," Dodson said. "They work hard as a team and perform well."

The Cubs play a three game schedule. Two of the games are with Montana State; one this Saturday in Bozeman and the other in Missoula on Oct. 31. The other clash is scheduled for Oct. 25 against Spokane Community College in the Lilac City.

Neilson is also assisted by Jim Kelly, Seattle and Rick Sparks of Butte.

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The probable starters for Saturday's game are Randy Barrett, Elm Grove, Wisc. at center; Kim Dorland, Seattle and Chuck Painter, Billings at guards; Ron Richards, Butte and Mike MaGee, Mount Lake Terrace, Wash. at tackles; Dean Hovdey, Missoula and Glen Welch, Butte or Yasuo Yorita, Honolulu at ends; Elroy Chong, Honolulu at quarterback; Monte Sever, Butte at fullback and Warren Kottke, Great Falls, and Jim Richter, Newport, Wash. at halfbacks.

Neilson's defense looks like Bob Heinith, Buffalo, N.Y., and Dennis Falk, Hamilton at ends; Bob Elvert, Evanston, Ill., and Rod Hubner, Oaksdale, Wash. at tackles; Terry Pugh, Kalispell, Jesse Woods, Butte and Jim Leid, Waitsburg, Wash. at linebackers; Glen Welch, Yasuo Yorita, Gary Gulbrandson, Palo Alto, Calif., and Dave Leigh, Seattle at defensive backs.

Others expected to see a lot of action for the Cubs are ends Steve Fraser, Aberdeen, Wash., Mark Angelo, Los Angeles, Calif., and Carey Finn, Centereach, N.Y.; tackles Curt Kinningsen, Renton, Wash., John Peoples, Seattle and Rod Osler, Eureka; fullbacks Rick Thompson, Seattle and Kurt Van Gunten, Bay Village, Ohio; linebakcer Dan Bertus, Lewistown; halfback Joe Doll, Patterson, N.C. and quarterback Bob Todorovich, Anaconda.

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