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Coach Rhinehart takes over the Grizzly reign

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MISSOULA--

After 34 years as University of Montana trainer, Naseby Rhinehart has been elevated to head football coach of the 1969 Grizzlies--but only for the moment.

Rhinehart, who took over as head UM mentor this week in the absence of the Montana coaching staff, is putting the Tips through conditioning drills to keep the players in shape.

The entire Montana staff is recruiting. Jack Swarthout and staff's schedule at this time of year calls for recruiting players to replace lost veterans for the 1970 squad. With the Montana bid to the Camellia Bowl in Sacramento on Dec. 13, Swarthout designated Nase coach Rhinehart while the staff finds more Tip talent.

This isn't the first time the veteran UM trainer has filled in for absent coaches. Last year during the basketball season, UM assistant basketball coach Lou Rocheleau appointed Nase as defense coach during the Idaho State clash in Pocatello, while he scouted the Weber-MSU game.

Ironically, Montana lost the ISU game 82-72, but Rocheleau only reminds Nase of the defeat in fun.

Rhinehart said, "These kids (1969 Grizzlies) are great. They don't need supervision. They work hard and are dedicated--that's why they are 10-0."

The UM trainer-coach has the undefeated Tips on a twice a week training schedule. However, after Dec. 1 when Swarthout and staff return Montana will resume normal pre-game workouts in preparation for North Dakota State. Nase will step down as coach, however in the training room, he still rules.

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