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GRIZZLIES OPEN FOOTBALL SEASON SATURDAY

Montana's flu-weakened Grizzlies open the 1957 football season Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City against the supercharged Redskins of the University of Utah.

For the past eight days the Silvertip coaching staff has been sending the team through rugged three-a-day drills in an effort to get the squad into some semblance of condition for the coming encounter. A total of 36 gridders have been sidelined at one time or another since the influenza virus hit the team September 2.

Head Coach Jerry Williams doesn't hold out much hope for the Silvertips because of the weakened condition of his squad and the acknowledged strength of the Utes.

"We're in a pretty bad way," Williams declared, but added that "the team still is going to give Utah a good run for its money."

The game will be broadcast to Grizzly fans over four Montana radio stations: KOPR, Butte, KMON, Great Falls, KGHL, Billings, and KGVO, Missoula.

The tentative starting lineup for Montana includes Pete Rhinehart and Terry Hurley, ends; Karl Benjamin and Gary Kennedy, tackles; Bill Hand and Stan Renning, guards; Mick O'Brien, center; Earl Keeley, quarterback; Ervin Rosera, fullback; Matt Gorsich, right halfback; and Russ Grant, wingback.

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DELUCA RETURNS AS GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH

One of Montana's great linemen of the recent past, Joe DeLuca, 25, All-Skyline guard and All-America mention in 1954, returned to the Grizzly camp this fall to assist Head Coach Jerry Williams as a graduate assistant line and freshman coach.
DeLuca, whose home is in Weed, Calif., has been working with the varsity guards during fall drills but will handle the freshman line when the yearlings turn out October 2. He will begin work toward a master's degree when autumn quarter begins.

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