Montana football players to report for physical exams and picture-taking

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MISSOULA, AUG._______"We'll use the offense that our material permits us to employ," was the evaluation offered by Montana football coach Ray Jenkins today as final plans for the start of the 1958 campaign were completed.

Forty-nine gridders will report Sunday for physical exams and picture-taking. The "head-knocking" gets under way in earnest Monday morning. "It'll be a real Labor Day for the Silvertips," Jenkins said.

Outlining his new multiple offense system, Jenkins said the Grizzlies will pass this fall -- providing capable receivers can be found.

"We didn't throw the ball much in the spring game, and I know that many fans expect us to be a running team. But we will use the pass if we can find men who can catch the ball. It all depends on our personnel."

Larry Myers, who ranked third in the Skyline in pass receptions in 1957, is the only proven Silvertip wing man. And there is a possibility that he will be shifted to wingback (right half) to take advantage of his speed and shiftiness.

Jenkins has promised "plenty of extra work" for overweight players. Each gridder has been assigned a reporting weight. "One of our main problems in spring ball was poor conditioning, and this was largely due to weight problems.

About 15 Missoula Grizzlies and other players attending summer school have been working out on their own the past week or two.

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Morning practice sessions will be devoted to working an offense, which apparently is the most immediate problem facing the coaching staff.

The new system is still somewhat unfamiliar to the spring practice veterans. And the transfers and gridders who didn't participate in spring drills are "coming in cold."

Afternoon drills will stress defensive play.

Jenkins, starting his first season as a head coach, was appointed last spring after former coach Jerry Williams resigned to join the professional Philadelphia Eagles.

The mentor was an assistant to Dal Ward at Colorado University. Others on the staff include backfield assistant Hugh Davidson, former Colorado freshman coach; end coach Don Branby, former All-American defensive end at Colorado; line coach Tom Parry, who guided Wenatchee Junior College in 1957; and Montana alumnus Hal Sherbeck, freshman coach.

Sherbeck announced that freshman football will get under way on Sept. 29. Four games are on the Cub schedule this fall.

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