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Montana to play New Mexico on Saturday

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MISSOULA, MONT. — Like the old puzzle about the immovable object and the irresistible force—that will be the keynote of the Montana-New Mexico football tussle Saturday night at Albuquerque, coach Ray Jenkins said today.

Phrased in football jargon, the question is, "What happens when Don Perkins meets the Montana defensive line?"

Perkins, New Mexico's All-American halfback candidate, is generally considered to be the fastest and shiftiest back in the Skyline conference.

The Montana forward wall, on the other hand, has enjoyed notable success in stopping the offensive maneuvers of opponents this season.

So, it boils down to a simple fact: If Montana can stop Don Perkins, the Grizzlies are likely to walk off with their first victory of the season Saturday.

The real burden will fall on Grizzly ends and linebackers, Jenkins said.

"The Lobos will run through tackle and around the ends for the most part. If we can stop these wide sweeps, we'll be in good shape."

In a sense, the Grizzlies are lucky to be facing this type of attack. The ends are the only squad members who aren't nursing minor injuries.

Fully healthy are starters John Lands and Tom Sorenson, along with Pete Huri, Roy Lynn, Dale Berry and Dean Swenson.

The other positions aren't so secure. Tackles John Gregor and Charlie Moore have minor bruises, but probably will start. Guards Montana Bockman and Dale Sparber are in the same shape. Centers Jim Johnson and Rick O'Brien are limping slightly. Wingback Larry Hyers has a charley horse, and his running (more)
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mate, Matt Gorsich, still has shoulder trouble. Fullback Joe Pepe reinjured a knee in the Wyoming tussle last week, and probably will not be a starter. The biggest loss, of course, is quarterback Bruce Olson, who is out for the season with a severe shoulder separation.

Considering these minor injuries, Jenkins listed a "very tentative" starting lineup of Lands and Sorenson, ends; Gregor and Moore, tackles; Sparber and Stan Renning, guards; O'Brien, center; Phil Griffin, quarterback; Bob Everson, tailback; Henry Greminger, wingback; and Jim Neal, fullback.

Griffin and Greminger are the only changes from last week's openers. Both played top-notch ball against Wyoming.

Grizzly workouts this week were mainly devoted to defensive work in stopping the Lobo ground game, as well as polishing the offensive game. Montana lost three fumbles against Wyoming because of poor ball handling, and Jenkins is determined to eliminate this problem.

The Grizzlies will leave Friday morning for Albuquerque and return late Saturday.

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