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TENTATIVE GRIZZLY THREE-DEEPS

QUARTERBACK: Bob O'Billovich (172) Phil Griffin (196) Tom Sullivan (178)
TAILBACK: Jerry Dotson (185) Jim Grasky (189) Paul Gustafson (185)
WINGBACK: Hank Greminger (186) Tony Ramos (192) Rich Birgenheier (178)
FULLBACK: Clyde Gossert (193) Gary Smith (181) Gary Ekegren (192)
LEFT END: John Lands (200) Jim Harris (192) Floyd Ayers (187)
LEFT TACKLE: John Meese (204) Gary Kennedy (228) Mike Thomson (214)
LEFT GUARD: John Matte (186) John Dixon (201) Floyd Bethke (196)
CENTER: Jim Johnson (193) Gary Schwertfeger (210) Gene Jessup (193)
RIGHT GUARD: Mike Emerson (194) Jack Rudio (184) Larry Beddes (198)
RIGHT TACKLE: John Gregor (224) Dick Baker (216) Dale Schwertfeger (209)
RIGHT END: Howard Schwend (192) Glenn Sorenson (198) Dale Berry (196)

Location: Dornblaser Field
Time: 1:30 p.m. (MST)
Estimated Crowd: 5,000
Entertainment: Missoula County high school band
Radio: KFYR, Bismarck; KGVO, Missoula
Officials: Al Mercer, Palo Alto, Calif., referee; Wilbur Augustine, Great Falls, umpire; John Good, Butte, head linesman; James Wedin, Butte, field judge.

SILVERTIP SLANTS...........

The Grizzlies have had reasonable luck in opening games in the past. Of a total of 59 openers since the Silvertips started football competition (in 1897), the Montanans have won 29 and lost 30.

This is the 60th official season of intercollegiate football at Montana University. The Grizzlies did not field teams in 1918 or 1943-44 because of wartime restrictions and lack of male students.

Last opening-game victory for Montana was in 1954, when an Eddie Chinske-coached crew stopped Fort Lewis, Wash., by a 31-7 score. In 1955 the Grizzlies (more)
lost a one-sided opener to Houston University in the humid Texas city. In 1956 Arizona took the measure of the Silvertips by a 27-12 count. Utah scored opening victories, 32-13 and 20-6, over Montana in the 1957 and 1958 campaigns.

Two Grizzlies will be returning to the Dornblaser turf Saturday after sitting out the 1958 season with neck injuries. They are guard John Dixon and tackle Gary Kennedy. Neither are listed as starters for this contest, but both will provide good relief help.

In 1958 the North Dakota Sioux won top honors in the North Central Conference. Their overall record was 5-3. The Nodaks lost two non-conference tussles, one to Montana State. The only conference opponent to beat them in 1958, Augustana, will have two scouts in the stands this Saturday. The Sioux open their conference schedule next weekend against Augustana.

By way of contrast, Montana could not gain a victory in 10 games last season. Far and away the best game of the 1958 campaign for the Grizzlies was their losing 21-14 thriller against Wyoming, eventual Skyline champions, at Billings. The Cowpoke scouts also won't be idle this Saturday, since the Grizzlies and Wyoming meet next Saturday in Billings.

Of the 40 men on the current Grizzly squad, 22 are native Montanans. Best representation from any one Montana city is from Billings, which has sent four sophomores--Glenn Sorenson, Larry Beddes, Mike Thomson and Tim Jerhoff--to the Grizzly camp.

Another oddity: Twenty-six men on the current team will be playing their first intercollegiate game for the Grizzlies Saturday. Twenty-four are sophomores and two are transfers. Among the veterans, there are 11 lettermen back from last season, two lettermen who didn't play in 1958, and one non-lettering squad member.  

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