Coach Ray Jenkins announces starting lineup for North Dakota Sioux game

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MISSOULA, MONTANA---Coach Ray Jenkins has announced a partially-revamped starting lineup for Montana's home opener Saturday against the North Dakota Sioux. "Several of our younger players have won starting jobs for themselves," he commented, "and we will use these men to a greater extent than I previously had thought."


Two sophomores are on the doubtful list for action Saturday. Quarterback Tom Sullivan has a sprained ankle and guard Jerry Golembiewski suffered painful elbow chips over the weekend. Others who may be slowed down by injuries are quarterback John Schulz, sprained ankle; and Sorenson, charley horse.

A few position changes also will be in evidence Saturday. Center Tim Jerhoff has been moved to a guard post. Veteran quarterback Phil Griffin is likely to see some action at a defensive end spot, with sophomore end Jim Harris being moved to defensive safety. Standout center Jim Johnson also may be moved to guard at times.

Assessing the Grizzly odds against the Sioux, Jenkins commented that Montana will probably rate as a slight underdog. "North Dakota has an outstanding backfield and good speed up front. From an offensive standpoint (more)
they have an edge on us."

The coach hastened to add, however, that mental attitude will make or break the Grizzlies in this contest. "If we go out on the field Saturday with every intention in the world of beating North Dakota, I think we'll win the game."

"It's tough to develop this type of attitude after losing 13 games in a row. More than anything else, we need confidence."

Midweek practices showed the coach that a measure of confidence has pervaded the Grizzly camp. "We had our best four workouts Monday and Tuesday, and if the boys continue to come around in such fine fashion, we should be ready by Saturday."

Grizzly sessions were cut down to once a day on Wednesday, and Friday will be devoted to a simple signal drill in an effort to put a final polish on the Grizzly offensive machine.

The Nodaks, coached by Whitey Helling, are expected in Missoula Friday to hold a short workout on Dornblaser Field. Like the Grizzlies, they will strongly favor a multiple-type offense. Last season the Sioux captured the North Central Conference crown and had a 5-3 record overall, losing two non-conference games.