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MISSOULA---A tentative starting lineup of 10 lettermen and one sophomore has been named by coach Ray Jenkins for Montana's home opener Saturday against the North Dakota Sioux. "We plan to use just as many players as possible, but the veterans will get first call," the coach commented.

Tentative starters include John Lands and Howard Schwend, ends; John Gregor and John Meese, tackles; Mike Emerson and John Dixon, guards; Jim Johnson, center; Phil Griffin, quarterback; Russ Grant and Henry Greminger, halfbacks; and Clyde Gossert, fullback. All but Gossert are lettermen.

Jenkins rates the contest a tossup. "North Dakota has a tough ball club, one that is stronger than many observers think. But we will have the home field advantage and that will be a break for us."

The Grizzlies will be attempting to break a 13-game losing streak in the contest. The last Montana victory was a 21-6 upset over New Mexico midway in the 1957 season.

Montana last met North Dakota in 1948, with the Grizzlies coming away with a 47-7 victory. But such a one-sided affair isn't in the cards this weekend. "We will have to go all out to win. If we can get by the Sioux, we may spring a couple more surprises before the season is over," Jenkins comments.

The Grizzlies will open their Skyline season next weekend, meeting defending champion Wyoming Sept. 19 in Billings.

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