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MISSOULA, MONTANA--Montana University will be without the services of ace halfback Hank Greminger and quarterback Bob O'Billovich this Saturday when the Grizzlies tangle with arch-rival Montana State in Bozeman. Both suffered knee injuries in the Grizzly-Colorado State game last Saturday and trainer Naseby Rhinehart says "there's no hope" that either will see action this weekend.

Despite the loss of his best passer and rusher, Montana coach Ray Jenkins says the Silvertips "are going to Bozeman to win a game." But he admits that the Montanans, who would rate as underdogs anyway, will be hampered considerably.

"We played a good game last weekend, and we were just getting to the point where our rushing game was becoming a threat again," the mentor added. Montana's passing attack leaves nothing to be desired, but the loss of Greminger could hurt the ground attack.

Quarterback John Schulz, who enjoyed one of the best passing afternoons in recent seasons last week, will be tapped for full duty this Saturday against the rugged Bobcats. Schulz, who carries the nickname of "Shoulders" because of his lean frame, completed 11 of 19 passes against Colorado State for 204 yards.

"John did an outstanding job," was Jenkins' comment.

Montana also had yeoman rushing work on the part of tailbacks Jerry Dotson and Paul Gustafson. But at the wingback spot, where sophomore Rich Birgenheier is the only uninjured player, the rushing game sputtered against the Rams.

Other Grizzlies who did well against Colorado State were Howard Schwend, guard Mike Emerson, a tough blocker throughout; and standout tackle John Gregor, who continued as the best overall lineman for the Grizzlies. End Jim Harris (more)
snagged three passes for his best afternoon of the season, and All-Skyline John Lands
c caught four to continue to lead the Conference in receptions.

Jenkins said he would experiment on player shifts to wingback early this week,
and several players may be given a shot at the job before the week is over.

Birgenheier, a capable sophomore, will be the starter.

Loss of Greminger and O’Billovich cut the squad to 31 healthy players. The
Grizzlies also are shallow at end, since juniors Dale Berry and Floyd Ayers are
still nursing injuries. Both may play against the Bobcats, however.

The 'Cats, 34-14 victors over North Dakota last weekend, will probably rate
as three-touchdown favorites. Coach Herb Agocs has a powerful running attack
sparked by Bob Rudio, Tom Molen and Rocco Perciavalle, and four quarterbacks
also have done a good job passing all season. MSC has a 4-3 season record, while
Montana's mark is 1-6.

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MISSOULA---Herb Searles of Missoula was elected president of the Montana
Century Club at the annual meeting of the group Sunday in Missoula. Other officers
of the MSU athletic booster group are Merth Thompson, Kalispell, vice president;
Kirk Badgley of Missoula, treasurer; and George (Jiggs) Dahlberg, secretary.

Club officers also commended the work of outgoing president Kermit Schwanke,
and announced that C-Club membership currently stands at 260, slightly less than
a year ago.

The meeting also featured short talks by University president Dr. H.K. Newburn
and by members of the MSU coaching staff.

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